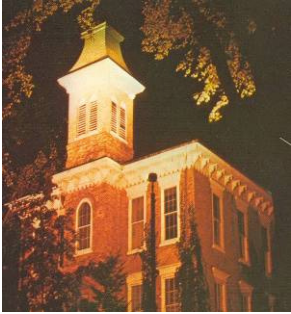


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## Students Returning to Main Hall Youth Center to Occupy Lower Level

An agreement with the new Milton Area Youth Center and the Milton College Preservation Society will bring students back to Main Hall for the first time since 1982. The youth center is geared toward youth 12 to 14 years of age and will operate from 3–6 p.m. weekdays when school is open.

A steering committee initiated by the Seventh Day Baptist Church has been toiling for three years on a plan for a youth center. This included fundraising which is the seed money for the start-up of the center. Transformation of the lower level, once used as the cafeteria and social lounge for college students, will be minimal and the potential was very apparent to Rev. Nate Crandall after visiting Main Hall in November. Rev. Nate, who had operated a center in White Cloud, Michigan, will also be the director of the center for the first six months during the start-up phase.

“There’s a whole demographic of students for whom there aren’t after-school activities,” Crandall said in a Janesville Gazette article. “We wanted a place where students can stop in and always find safe, positive things to do.”

Transferring the plans and funds to the newly formed board of community members, MAYC (Milton Area Youth Center) President Jon Cruzan said organizers hope that other community members and churches get involved to make the center a success.

Rules at the center will be simple: be kind, be polite, be safe.

MCPS President Skip Drew remarked, “I favor the youth center for the lower level. This should be a community building project and will give MCPS good exposure and perhaps plant seeds for future members.” In addition MCPS Treasurer Terry Hawkins said, “It will expose a new group of community members to Main Hall and the history of Milton. I am strongly in favor of the center.”

The center will be holding open house for the public on Thursday and Friday, March 24 & 25 and be open for students on Monday, March 28.

## Homecoming 2011: September 17

Plans are underway for the 2011 Homecoming event to be held on September 17, 2011. Reunion and introduction of the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be the highlight of the day, as well as food, fun, music and lots of conversation. **Mark your calendars and start calling your friends to come and enjoy the day.**



## Volunteers recognized at Annual Meeting

Close to 500 hours of volunteer time was logged for 2010 and many of the volunteers were recognized at the annual meeting held February 13, 2011. Volunteers serve in many capacities, including hosting the museum in the summer, archive work, clerical help, maintenance and helping with special events. Also saluting the volunteers was Fred Henry '80, who ordered smoked meats for the volunteers while MCPS provided a variety of valentine treats and drinks. A bulletin board with the names of all volunteers declared "MCPS loves volunteers" with each volunteer's name featured in a heart.

The following volunteered in some manner in 2010 which helps the running of the organization: Maxine Harris, Joe & Terry Williamson, Mark Gruetzmacher, Sam Skaggs, Jim Skaggs, Todd Hoffmeister, Chuck Niles, Mary Jones, Ken Regez, Lynn Burns, Karl Westlund, Jon Cruzan, Frederick and Gloria Murphy, Mike Terrell, Wiley Kessinger, Mark Brown, Allison Schultz, Lee Jacobi, John Knight, Scott G. Porter, Peter Scheehle, Janet Rote, Sue Schlueter, Milton Davis, Joan Heinze, Rena Martin, John Sarnow, Tom Sveum, Phil Watson, Gordon Drake, Skip Drew, and Blaine Adams.



Review of 2010 reflected a good year for MCPS with projects such as the production of the DVD, 60 research questions, close to 400 visitors, many new items in the collection, new cabinet for artifacts, media projector, successful Homecoming event and agreement with Milton Area Youth Center.

The annual report is available with a SAS envelope to MCPS, PO Box 84, Milton, WI.



**Isabelle Miller Mielke** `38 recently celebrated her 94th birthday in Harlowton, Montana. She is still living on her own and drives herself to church and shopping. Isabelle's note reads, "Thanks for the work you are doing to keep Milton College memories alive. Those were the best four years of my life."

**Tom Trichinotis** `78 was a recent visitor and new member of MCPS. Tom is currently working as a custodian in the Beloit, Wisconsin school district. Tom spent several years in the Chicago area before returning to Wisconsin.

**Daniel Trawicki** `82 won re-election as the Waukesha County Sheriff in the fall election. He has served as Sheriff since 2002 after joining the department in 1981. Dan was in the last off-campus graduating class in December of 1982 before the program was sold to Mt. Scenario.

**Fern Markgraf** `68 was honored on October 16, 2010 as a Pioneer Woman Educator in Hawaii by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Beta Beta State. She and fourteen other women were chosen for making outstanding contributions to education in Hawaii. Their biographies are published in the book Maker of Destiny, Hawaiian Style, Vol. III.

**Jack Blodgett** `54, part owner of Blodgett's Garden Center, lost his Fort Atkinson landmark to fire on October 20, 2010. Jack and co-owner Lauri Latch plan to rebuild and are currently running the business in a 850 square foot temporary building.

**Lisa (Hartman)** `75 and **Brad Chilton** `77 have moved back to Corinth, Texas and are negotiating a eminent domain issue with the State of Texas with their property. The property, horse and steer pastures, with a 2-lane county road, is to become a six-lane highway.

**Tom Strothoff** `67 Says "I am doing well" after having his right leg amputated above the knee in October of 2009.

**Dave Krieg** w80 will be inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame on March 26. Krieg played 12 of his 19 NFL seasons with the Seattle Seahawks and is a member of the Seahawks "Ring of Honor".

# Alumni Notes

## In Memoriam

*Condolences go out to the friends and families of these valued alumni and friends*

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wilbur Stevens        | w39                            |
| Marjorie Svere Hall   | `41                            |
| Bettie Anderson Lyman | w43                            |
| Robert Beggs          | w60                            |
| Benedict Koch         | Honorary Alumnus               |
| Scott Fladmark        | w75                            |
| Randy Perry           | w72                            |
| Peter Hackett         | `62                            |
| Richard Long          | `60                            |
| Olive Fraser          | `54                            |
| Phyllis MacDonell     | `53                            |
| James Rewey           | w54                            |
| Karin Jordan          | Education teacher<br>1975-1978 |
| Wayne Peters          | `60                            |
| Donald J. Anderson    | `50                            |



*Memorial gifts have been received for the following:*

*Ben Koch and Bettie Lyman.*



Honorary Alumnus Ben Koch spent many hours renovating Main Hall and served on the Main Hall Board for many years.

## BITS AND PIECES FROM MAIN HALL

In addition to the visitors to Main Hall, many requests are made through e-mail and telephone. These are a few of the interesting ones:

- NFL Films requested photos and articles about Dave Krieg during his Milton College years. The film clip about Krieg's career was shown on ESPN2 in late December.
- An author was writing a novel with the characters attending a small college in the 1920's. He spend many hours researching yearbooks, scrapbooks, college newspapers and asked many questions about the community at that time.
- Family research on students from 1878, 1887, 1892, 1913, 1918, 1916, and 1972.
- The glider program of 1939-1942.
- Jon Dunn, grandson of Milton College President Percy Dunn, contacted Main Hall after having a patient in his California dentistry office from the area refer him to MCPS. After looking on the website, Jon contacted the office and purchased a piece of the former Dunn Athletic Center. Jon was not aware the gym had been named in honor of his grandfather. Several photos and articles were also sent.
- A college student spent a week researching his senior paper about the role of the Seventh Day Baptist in the closing of the college. The research revealed the memorial board of the church pulled a large portion of funding from the college in 1959. "The N.C. A. examiners statement of "lack of financial strength" becomes more significant" according to the President Dunn's report to the Trustees in April of 1960
- During the renovation of Whitford Hall by new owner Eric Stockman, the blueprints and photos of the building were used extensively. See related story on page 5.
- Information on Vince Cibik, a University of Wisconsin student who coached the Milton football team to victory in 1935, was requested by a former student. Vince drove to Milton everyday from Madison and was credited with making a victorious team with members that had never played football before. Vince was inducted in the Wisconsin Coaches Hall of Fame in 2009 after a career of high school coaching.
- A Mayville State University Professor from North Dakota contacted the office asking where the football games were played for a paper he was writing. Milton played games in the local park until the 1930's when the football field was built with NRA depression program funds and then on the Milton High School field after 1968.
- Blue and Brown vs. Blue and Gold school colors research revealed that the official colors were not changed to blue and gold until 1964. However the athletic uniforms were blue and gold for many years prior as revealed in a letter from 1927 about girl's basketball "Tonight they (the girls) burst out on the floor in glory. Their suits are blue trimmed with gold, like the boys." However in a 1907 *Milton College Review* it was stated, "The baseball suits in brown, with blue caps, belts and stockings, were worn for the first time Monday April 22." The archive collection has athletic letters in powder blue and brown as well as the blue and gold letters.

## From the Archives

Canute R. Matson, one of Milton's sons, formerly sheriff and coroner of Cook County, Ill., passed away Jan. 14th, 1903 at his home in Chicago. The cause of his death was heart disease.

Mr. Matson entered Milton Academy in the winter term of 1861 and remained until he enlisted as a private in Company K, thirteenth Regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteers. His home was at Cambridge, Wis., where his parents had located, coming from Norway in 1846. He served four years with the army of the Cumberland and was mustered out as lieutenant in December 1865. Soon after, he located in Chicago where he held a clerkship in the Chicago post office for two years. As a Republican, he entered active politics in 1869, and was for four years clerk of the Harrison street police station. Then for five years he held the position of justice of the peace on the West Side. In 1880, he was elected coroner and served two years. He was then elected sheriff of Cook County and during his term as sheriff the ringleaders of the anarchists who stirred up the Haymarket riots in 1886 were hanged in the Cook County jail. At the time of his death he was senior member of the law firm of Matson & Edwards, and superintendent of the Lincoln Park postal station.

*Milton College Review 1903*

## Whitford Memorial Hall Sold: Now Athletic Fitness Center

Whitford Memorial Hall has been transformed into an athletic center with an apartment for owners on the 3rd floor. The first phase created living space on the 3rd floor. All lath and plaster were removed, new electrical and plumbing were installed, the walls insulated and covered with new drywall and plaster. The beautiful maple flooring has been refinished and returned to its original condition after 50 hours of sanding. The apartment now has a very large studio style open space in the back with a large kitchen, dining area, and living room. The middle area is a large bedroom, and the markings on the wall for the "Oyster Feed" record still exist! Future plans include adding a master suite and office in the front.

The back halves of the first and second floors underwent the same rigorous facelift and now house a group fitness area occupied by Extreme Fitness. Extreme Fitness offers strength training, personal training, and group cardio classes for beginners through advanced athletes with mixed martial arts and boxing workouts and training for adults and children.

All work done to the inside of the building was to get the business up and running. This summer a handicap accessible ramp and bathrooms will be installed in a portion of the old library. No plans have been made as to what the library will be used for but the hope is to find someone interested in owning a small coffee shop or deli. Exterior renovation will include washing the building and the replacement of any rotten wood.

New owner Eric Stockman said "We are excited to be a part of the Milton College history and welcome any photos of the building inside or out, which we plan on hanging along with a copy of the original blue prints. If you are in the area give us a call at 608-931-2272 and we would be happy to show you around."

Please check your mailing label. Paid members will be marked "ll" after the name.

## MCPS 2011 Membership

*Dues help cover the yearly operating expenses to keep MCPS and the spirit alive.*

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|--|-----------|
| ___ Academy—foundation of Milton College established by Joseph Goodrich in 1844      | \$ 25.00  |
| ___ Charter—obtained as Milton College in 1867 under President Whitford              | \$ 50.00  |
| ___ Century—Lounge in Main Hall bears this name for the 100th anniversary in 1944    | \$ 100.00 |
| ___ Shakespearean—dramas at Milton College began in 1903                             | \$ 250.00 |
| ___ Faculty— dedicated to the students, the college and the community                | \$ 500.00 |
| ___ Leadership—element needed for the preservation of the "Spirit of Milton College" | \$1000.00 |


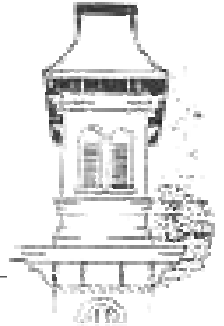
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Yes, I want my name made available to other alumni Check box



Non-profit bulk mailings have caused many headaches for the mailing of the newsletter. In addition to stringent rules for the mailing, it has not been delivered in a timely manner. Some members report three weeks delay or not receiving it at all. MCPS feels its members are valuable and newsletters and other notices will now be mailed with first class postage. This also means that members not current with their dues will be dropped from the mailing list, so please check your mailing label. It will list the last year your dues were paid after your name. If this creates a hardship notify the office.

Wish List: kitchen trash bags, postage stamps, wand page scanner (contact office for specifics), blue and yellow copy paper, and summer museum hosts.

**THANK  
YOU**

Steve Gaeth and Barbara Pautz for postage stamps and Fred Henry for office supplies and refreshments for the annual meeting.