

Gettysburg College Alumni Association Board of Directors
Annual Alumni Association Meeting and Class Collation Ceremony
Saturday, May 31, 2003

The Class Collation Ceremony and Annual Alumni Association meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Blavatt, President of the Alumni Association, at 10.25am in Christ Chapel.

Jeffrey recognized the Reuning Classes and returning alumni, families and friends, as well as alumni from the oldest classes: Louise Bream '25 and Robert Price '28.

Jeffrey made a tribute to Dr. F. William Sunderman, '19, who died on March 9th as (the institution's oldest alumnus at 104 years old). Sunderman's bequest of approximately \$14 million will be used to establish a musical conservatory at Gettysburg, including his collections of antique violin bows and historic musical scores.

Jeffrey introduced the alumni presenters for the ceremony: Helen Hohman '75, Joe Lynch '85, Laurie Baty '76, Phyllis Hicks Utterback '58 and Bob MacFarland '67.

President Haaland made the following remarks about the College:

- Double the applications were received this year as compared to fifteen years ago
- 675 students were preferred for the Class of 2007, but 725 replied 'yes' for this year's new class
- 40-50% faculty of our faculty are new in the last six years
- Good students and good faculty must be surrounded by good facilities. The Quarry suites' completion is a good example of progress. Upgrading academic facilities has been a focus, for example, the completion of the new Science Center. Projects for this year include renovating Breidenbaugh Hall for relocation of the English department and language labs and renovating the dining hall for the first time in 20 years. The Political Science department will move into Glatfelter Hall when the English department relocates to the renovated Breidenbaugh, making the White House available as the new Alumni House. Majestic Theatre will be renovated for a performing arts center, partially supported by a state grant. Construction is proposed for Spring, 2004, to be completed in the fall of 2005. A new athletic and recreation center is an important project for the future as well.
- Gettysburg was once again a Centennial Conference Presidential Cup winner (emblematic of athletic supremacy across all sports in the conference). This celebrates ten straight years of winning the Cup—also the ten-year anniversary of the conference. Both women's and men's teams contributed to that win equally.
- We still have unfinished work. It is not only the financial commitment we make, but also conversations we have with others, our relationships, etc.

Thanks to alumni are in order for the work we can already be proud of.

2002-03 Annual Fund Report

Brian Bennett, a Trustee and the National Alumni Fund Chair, was introduced by Gordon to present the 2002-03 Annual Fund Report.

Brian reviewed the importance of the Annual Fund. The Fund ensures the College's ongoing operations and its future. The \$100 million Campaign will be comprised of:

- \$19 million from the Annual Fund
- \$1 million from Kresge Challenge grant
- \$14 million from the Sunderman estate

We presently have \$85 million toward the goal of \$100 million for the entire Campaign. The Annual Fund goal for 2002-03 is \$3.1 million. We have \$2.7 so far in gifts and pledges, with one more month to go.

Presentation of Class Reunion Gifts

Brian Bennett presented announcements of Reunion Classes' fundraising—they have done great work. The nine classes, combined, have raised \$611,000. Each class then presented its class gift to President Haaland.

Presentation of Class Awards

Jeffrey Blavatt presented the Reunion Class awards:

- Verna A. Schwartz '13 Reunion Fund Trophy for largest Annual Fund gift by a class: Class of 1963.
- Charles W. Beachem '25 Reunion Fund Trophy for most significant increase, by percentage, in its Annual Fund gift from the previous year: Class of 1958.
- 1925 Reunion Gift Participation Award for the highest percentage of participation in the Annual Fund: Class of 1953 (68%).
- 1915 Reunion Cup Award for the largest percentage of alumni in attendance at reunion: Class of 1953 (34%).

Alumni Association Report

Jeffrey Blavatt presented accomplishments of the Alumni Association:

- 15 alumni clubs had First-Year Send Offs in 2002
- An alumni club workshop forum was held in January where Club Presidents returned to campus to share ideas and event planning
- AA Directors served as greeters at Get Acquainted Day 2003
- Six scholarships were awarded to first-years and sophomores
- The Board raised its \$500,000 goal for the Campaign
- 'Bullet Points,' the electronic newsletter, is currently emailed to 50% of alumni
- A College 'Affinity Card,' which gives the College revenue when used by alumni and friends as credit card, was introduced
- 545 graduates joined the ranks of Alumni – 22 of them Legacies.

Laurie Baty asked for approval of six nominees brought by Nominating Committee for election/re-election to the Board: Paul Hopke '87, Greg Islan '70, Barry Kain '61, Dianne Kareha '73, Tom Moore '91, John "Buck" Stahle '40.

Many seconds were heard and the vote passed unanimously.

Presentation of Alumni Association Awards

Directors presented presented the six individual alumni awards:

- Young Alumni Achievement Award for Career Development: Audrey Heist Smerkanich '88 and Jason H. Maltby '88 (presented by Bob MacFarland).
- Young Alumni Achievement Award for Service: Stephen M. Eck '88 and Cynthia Hill '90 (presented by Phyllis Hicks Utterback).
- Meritorious Service Awards: Thomas P. Gearey, III '52 (accepted posthumously by his widow) and Kristine F. Hughey '68 (presented by Laurie Baty).

Helen Hohman presented the Bob Smith Alumni Club of the Year Award to Washington D.C., accepted by Brian Zerbe '88.

Singing of the Alma Mater preceded Adjournment, led by Kathleen Zawrotniak '03.