

Milton College Preservation Society

NEWS

VOLUME 1 | ISSUE 2

Spring 2016



Board of Directors

- President
Doug Welch
- Vice-President
Rena Martin
- Treasurer
Terry Williamson
- Secretary
Joan Heinze
Mike Terrell
Wendell Sisson
- Skip Drew
- Becki Curler Penny

Staff

Administrator/Curator
Judy Scheehle
Office Assistant
Sue Schlueter

Museum Hours
June–August
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday
10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
608-868-2354
P.O. Box 84
Milton, WI 53563
www.miltoncollege.org
mainhall@miltoncollege.org



Spring on the College Green Parkland, (corner of Columbus and High Street) shows the thousands of scilla flowers in bloom. In the background is the former Music Studio/Administration Office which is historically referred to as the Fraser House built in the 1850's. Fraser also conducted drills on this land for the Civil War volunteers. The house was purchased by the college for President Daland in 1902 and, after his death, it became the Music Studio. After the remodeling of the "old" gym into the Daland Fine Arts Center, it became the Administration offices.

When the College closed the lot was divided into two parcels: the house and a separate lot, (Lot 3.) It was removed from the local historic district and sold again in 1986 to Mark Neuman, who planned on developing a 10 unit complex on the site.

The battle for Lot 3 finally ended when the Historic Preservation Commission borrowed \$20,000 to purchase it from Neuman. Several years were spent fund raising and when the debt was paid, the property went back into the historic district and was given to the city for parkland. Thus it became the College Green Park. An example of preservation that is enjoyed by the entire community and a welcoming entrance to the Milton College Historic District.

Willy Wildcat Now Resides in the Lower Level of Main Hall

With a generous donation from Bill Jambrek, the carpeting in the dining room was removed in February. The carpeting had been one of the first things completed when the building was purchased in 1983 and many years of gatherings and functions had taken their toll. Options for replacement were reviewed, including ease of care due to the dwindling volunteer base. After the carpet was removed (which was glued down), the cracks in the concrete were repaired, the floor was ground, a slight tint added and sealed. It was decided to do the kitchen area also and pay for it out of the maintenance budget. An added feature was the beloved Wildcat logo painted on the floor. Mainline Builders of Janesville, spent three weeks on the project with great results.

A sweep and a damp mop will keep the area clean and fresh.

Next year, the same carpet in the lounge area (Century Room) will be removed and replaced with carpet squares that can be easily replaced when soiled.



Library Update

Letters from the Milton Public Library were sent to members of MCPS requesting donations for the Milton College area of the renovation at Shaw Memorial Library. Fundraising was \$300,000 short of the 2.8 million dollars needed for the entire building. The vault area, which was MCPS's immediate need, had to have a \$35,000 renovation to bring it to code, however luckily, the high density shelving was still intact. Bookshelves, display cases, a computer, display monitor, etc are also needed for the area.

The Allen Foundation granted \$100,000 for the Milton College area in memory of Harris and Marion Allen. Harris was a long time trustee and supporter while Marion continued his support after his death. In addition, many students roomed with the Allens during their college days.

Thanks to several other MCPS members, an additional \$42,000.00 was raised.

Be proud contributors! This will be Milton College's lasting legacy!

If you haven't donated, please consider doing so soon.



2015 Annual Meeting



Volunteers present for the 2015 annual meeting. Front row: Carol Studebaker, Sue Schlueter, Joanie Heinze, Becki Penny, Judy Scheehle, Back Row: Cole Studebaker, Wes Sisson, Paul Green, Mike Terrell, Bill Jambrek. Not pictured are volunteers: Mark Brown, Lynn Burns, Gordon Drake, Skip Drew, Carol Fecht, Mary Jones, Spencer Kanable, Arlene Klug, Marilyn Meister, Lucy Mollett, Dick Perren, Scott G. Porter, Dennis Scheehle, Tom Schlueter, Jim Skaggs, Sam Skaggs, Doug Welch, Ellen Westlund, Karl Westlund, Joe Williamson, Suzanne Sauer, Jazmin Sauer, Terry Williamson, Rena Martin, Wendy Drew, Jackie Studebaker, Kent Taylor, and Peggy Taylor.

Thank you Super Heroes for making 2015 a great year!!

Financial Review for 2015

ASSETS:	Cash on Hand	56,930.00
	Certificates of Deposit-	132,139.00
	Building	75,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		264,069.00
LIABILITIES		-0-
NET WORTH		264,069.00
 Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin		
Endowment Fund		\$74,613.57

2015 Operating Budget	
Income	\$44,122.00
Expense	\$39,581.00

2016 Operating Budget (projected)	
Income	\$43,050.00
Expense	\$44,971.00

A complete 2015 annual report will be mailed to you by sending a self addressed stamped envelope.

MCPS Website Updated

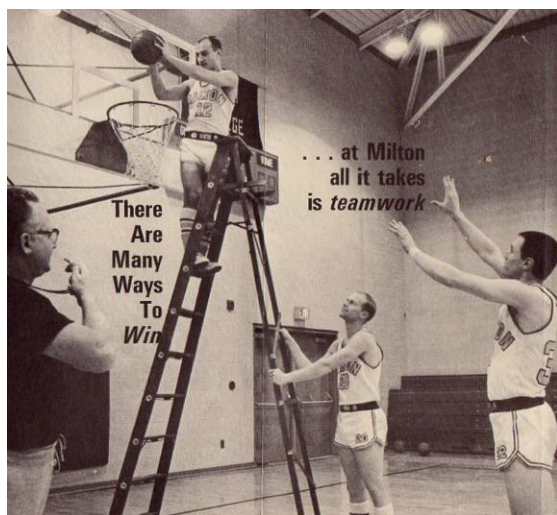


The Milton College Preservation Society website www.miltoncollege.org has been updated and will now be managed from Main Hall. For the last fourteen years, volunteer Mark Brown has maintained the site and also paid all the fees involved. Recently it has become more difficult for him to do so. MCPS is extremely grateful for all his help, not only with the website but for his tech skills. Office staffer, Sue Schlueter spent many hours on the new site and items will be added regularly and be kept up to date. If you have previously visited the site, be sure to refresh your browser to bring up the new site.

Enjoy!

A new addition to the website is the listing of those receiving honorary doctorates, such as Duke Ellington.

In addition, be sure to check out the Milton College Preservation Society facebook page for photos and current happenings.



1968 Fundraising Brochure Still Applies Today

As you review the annual statement please notice the endowment fund that currently stands at \$74,613.00. The fund was set up in 2005 with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to ensure a yearly income for the organization, where the principal is untouchable. At its current rate just under \$3,000 is received for operating expenses, far below what will be needed to continue after support is gone. So what is your will power? Please consider a donation to the endowment fund or a bequest to the fund in your will.

Archive Digging

Judy's favorite task at MCPS is answering research requests, which in the last year have ranged from information on students and staff from 1854 to 1974. Many times it is descendants of Milton College students and staff. Researchers are very grateful for the items that can be gleaned from the archives. Authors and bloggers want information on events that took place at Milton, like the Kingston Trio concert, and celebrities that visited. One inquiry was from the American Battle Monument Commission concerning student and WWI veteran, Carroll West. Transcript requests are referred to UW-Whitewater, but the student's name is always requested. Seems putting a closed college on your resume only works with colleges that do not have an organization such as MCPS. One surprise was the person that said he graduated in 1982 with a computer science degree! There was never a computer program on campus.

Makes one wonder what would these researchers do if the small group of dedicated alumni had not saved both Main Hall and the archives. There are many more treasures and stories to be told from these archives and they all involve lives of thousands of MC students, staff and events.

Campus Notes



A Gathering of Memories for **Prof. Zane Pautz** will be held on **June 12th at 2 p.m.** in the lower level of Main Hall. Professor Pautz taught Philosophy/Religion and Art History at Milton College from 1962 to 1982. The family is hosting the gathering. Friends and former students are invited to attend.

Shirley May '58 lost her home to fire on Jan 19th due to a chimney fire when the brackets holding the chimney failed. Fortunately no one was hurt, including four dogs and three cats. Shirley noted "my diploma survived, not completely unscathed but now harboring an additional memory."

Bill Mead '71 recalls **Jim Krostue '69** as "Grease" because, "he would come into a room never making a sound. It was assumed that he slipped under the door."

Jack Reed '56 was inducted into the Milton Area Athletic Hall of Fame. Jack was a star athlete at Milton Union High School and Milton College. He received the Rolland Sayre Athletic award in 1955 and is also in the MC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jeff FitzRandolph '70 and family had a book signing in March for No Stone Unturned, the family's story of the incredible journey through the Olympics and cancer.

Bruce Pearson '76 sent several Milton College T-shirts from the 1970's for the archives. Seems Bruce "can't believe I fit into these shirts, several pounds ago...I mean 40 years ago!"

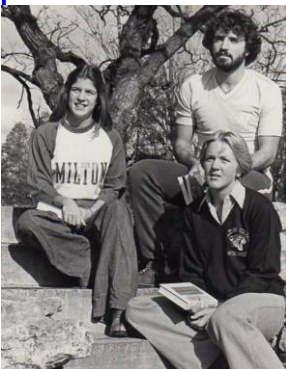
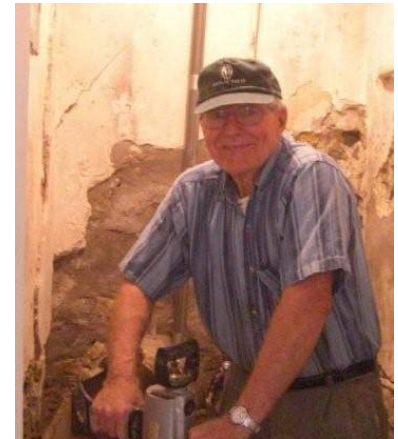


Photo by Al Feuling in 1978 shows the apparel available at the bookstore. Tammy Habberman on the left has a shirt similar to what Bruce Pearson donated. Others in the photo are Tony Gatuso and Patty O'Connor.

Paul Green '55 retired from the MCPS Board of Directors after coming from the dissolved Alumni Association Board in 2005. Paul helps with museum hosting and the continuous upkeep of the landscaping. He was also responsible for the transferring of choir music to CDs.

Nancy Bell Douglas, art instructor at Milton College, was featured in a lengthy article in the April 27, 2016 Janesville Gazette. Nancy taught art from 1965 to 1971 and has been active in the arts in the area.

MCPS Board Member **Gordon Drake '58** passed away after a heart attack during a car accident. Gordon served over 10 years on the Board of Directors and repaired many areas in Main Hall, including new doors and reinforcing the lower level wall.



Gordon Drake completed many major repair jobs in Main Hall.

In Memoriam

"w" denotes with class of

- Helen Gessert Clawson** w57
- Patrica Mary Marx** '52
- Jim Krostue (Grease)** '69
- Bette Kumlien Bussewitz** w44
- Len Griffith** '50
- Gordon Drake** '58
- Craig Ladd** '72
- David Knutson** '57
- Marilyn Mueller Schneider** w55

Memorials Gifts for
Bette Bussewitz
Jim Krostue
Gordon Drake
Helen Clawson

Currently there are over 90 members that are **not** up to date with their memberships.

Your envelope will have 16 after your name if you are current in your dues.

Dues are used for yearly operational expenses.

Thanks you!

2016 Membership Form

Make check to MCPS and mail to Box 84, Milton WI 53563

- ___ 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 is named 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

My Additional Funds for the Endowment _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail (optional) _____

___ Yes, make my address available.

(MCPS cannot give addresses to others without permission)

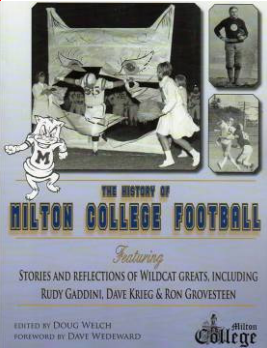


Amounts over \$25.00 are tax deductible. Request tax letter for amounts under \$250.00.

Books still available :

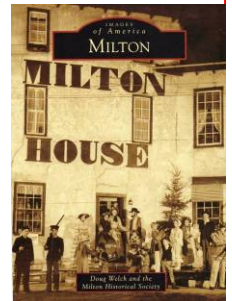
The History of Milton College Football

\$15.00 MCPS members (\$20.00 for non-members) plus \$6.00 for shipping and handling.



Images of America: Milton

\$21.00 plus \$6.00 Shipping & handling.



Your book order may be sent to MCPS P.O. Box 84 Milton, WI. 53563

Questions: contact MCPS at mainhall@miltoncollege.org or 608-868-2354.

Mark your calendar! Schedule your vacation!!

Homecoming 2016 Saturday, September 17

Cindy Kahl is looking for people to golf that weekend. If interested contact her on facebook.



Batteries, copy paper-Lee & Barb Jacobi
Stamps-Harold & Gretchen Petraske
Annual meeting refreshments-Fred Henry, Suzanne Sauer

Wish List: Gift cards to Ace Hardware or any big box store, stamps, acid-free archive sleeves (available at Sam’s Club), self-sealing #10 envelopes, copy paper, plastic banquet tables, 6 or 8 foot, volunteers for summer weekend museum hosting.

Volunteers Wanted-Everyone Qualifies!

From the 12-5-1947 *Milton College Review*

”It can’t be true—but it is! Burr did bite off the pickled frog’s leg in lab. What a gourmet.”