



Juniata College Class of 1971 50th Reunion

October 7-9, 2021

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Co-Chair Corner

by Pam Pollick Babick

Our reunion committees are busy.

The **Legacy Committee** is achieving goals and has great news for us! Chair Carol Ellis Paullin will tell you about it.

This is the fifth newsletter that Charlotte Houchin Kresge, Chair of the **Communications Committee**, has successfully published, and, as always, it is a triumph!

With Jane Walter Loucks at the helm of the **Social Events Committee**, interesting “classes” and fun activities are in the making, and details are being finalized. You can read more about our scheduled events on page 6.

Please plan to come October 7-9 and ENJOY!

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The Juniata Mask. It talks!

My husband and I wear ours every time we go out, and people so often come up to one of us and ask if we graduated from Juniata. When they ask my husband, he says, “No, but my wife did.” And a conversation ensues. At an antique shop, he met a late 60’s graduate of Gettysburg College, who played on their football team and said that their team always considered Juniata their toughest rival!



One day Mike was coming out of our dentist office, mask in place, and passed the Fed Ex man about to go in. The man asked the question and said that his son is there now and “loves it!” Mike didn’t get details.



I didn’t know that our dentist of many years was a Juniata grad till recently when I wore the mask. Dr. Zimmerman and I had lots of memories to share.

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20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago, we celebrated our 30th class reunion. During the celebration, classmates were invited to answer several questions.

Click on the questions below to see what they said. Enjoy!

Question #1:

What were your favorite songs?



Question #2:

What were your favorite classes?



Question #3:

What clothes from college do you wish you still had?



Question #4: What good advice have you received or given?



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When I recently went to Mom's post office in the little town of Smithmill, PA, where I grew up and Mom still lives, the Post Mistress saw the mask and asked the question. "Are you a Juniata grad?" I enthusiastically talked about our 50th Reunion. She said her son, Jared Domanick, Class of '23, is there now, and her daughter, Kayleigh Domanick, Class of 2019, now works in the Admissions Office at Juniata. Mrs. Domanick says, "We love it. We just love it!"



I had an appointment this year to take my 95-year old mom to a foot doctor, and



Dr. Hoffman was recommended in Clearfield, PA, where I live. I was wearing my mask when we entered, and Dr. Hoffman's wife, who is the secretary said, "Oh, my husband is going to be jealous of that mask!" I learned he is a Juniata grad, and while he was working with Mom, he talked all about how he loved Juniata. Dr. Hoffman, a Huntingdon native, said, "I loved it all year round, the classes and the summers. I'd do jobs in the summer. Everyone was like family to me." He's hoping his son Lief will attend.

It's a small world. And the mask brought us together.

Do you have an "it's a small world" Juniata story like this to share? Email it to me, and I'll share it in the next issue. Please take the time! profpammers@gmail.com

Reflections about the Class of 1971 and Our Years at Juniata College An Interview with Dr. Tom Woodrow

by Dehra Winters Shafer



It was a beautiful spring day for a ride to Homewood at Martinsburg PA to visit with Dr. Tom Woodrow and his wife Elouise. Dr. Woodrow was my Secondary Education Advisor and supervised my student teaching in biology. After reading Ted's interview with Mrs. Cherry, I decided to interview Tom, because he was a big influence on my decision to stay in education.

The "Science and Methods" course I took with Dr. Woodrow was my first methods class. I expected to learn what I needed to know to deliver content to high school students who probably knew little of textbook biology. Was I surprised! Dr. Woodrow introduced us to "discovery learning." He showed us the importance of structuring learning situations so that learning is personal, so that students discover for themselves what they need to know. That methodology stuck with me into my future in adult education.

(To read the complete interview with Dr. Woodrow, [click here.](#))

A Message from the Editor

by Charlotte Houchin Kresge



When Pam Pollick Babick called me to ask whether I would serve as the Chair of the Communications Committee for our 50th Class Reunion, I hesitated. I had already decided to attend the reunion, but not to volunteer to serve on any committee. I wanted to go to the reunion, enjoy the people and activities, and return home with happy memories. Period.

As I reflected on the tasks that the position would require, I came to realize that I have been a communicator all of my adult life and that Juniata had prepared me for the journey.

During the composition course that we took as freshmen, I wrote many essays that were critiqued by an English professor. That, coupled with the extensive number of lab reports written over the four years, helped refine my writing skills. I was also required to give classroom presentations in several courses, and that contributed to the development of my speaking skills.

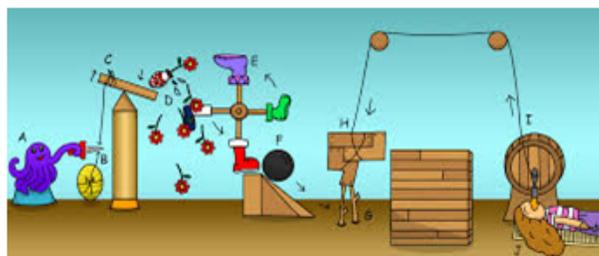
But the experience that was most influential on my abilities as a communicator was a course taught by Dr. Tom Woodrow, professor of secondary education. I had been in the pre-med program and took the education courses as a contingency plan. Ever the Girl Scout, I wanted to be prepared. However, when I stepped into the classroom, the proverbial "light bulb" went on, and I knew that I had always been destined to enter the field of education. I have been so grateful ever since.



Prior to our student teaching experience, all secondary education students were required to take a two week seminar with Dr. Woodrow. He focused on the history of education and various pedagogical strategies for effective teaching. When conducting the seminar, Dr. Woodrow modeled the communication strategies that he wanted us to try in our classrooms. He challenged us to think outside the box.

One day, he asked groups of students to report on their assigned chapters using nothing more than the items in a bag that each group was given. The contents included bolts, pipe cleaners, blocks of wood, springs, pieces of colored glass and the like. What a challenging assignment.

As my group worked together, we began to create a three dimensional representation of the key points in our chapter (i.e., the block of wood was the basic concept from which "sprung" a secondary idea, etc.) Afterward, each group was given the opportunity to explain the meaning of its creation. That was communication at its finest. Dr. Woodrow also gave us "exams without words," where no words could be used when recording an answer. It's harder than you think! I used many of his creative approaches throughout my career.



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Dr. Woodrow's manner of teaching had a profound effect on my own communication in the ensuing years--my communication with students, parents, teachers, principals, and school board members as my career path led me from high school biology teacher, to district Director of Curriculum, to Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and finally, to my current role (post retirement from public education) as an educational consultant who trains and supports science teachers. I am eternally grateful to Juniata and Dr. Woodrow for their gift of empowerment that has made such a positive impact on my life.

Of course, I accepted the position of Communications Committee Chair, and the rest is history. The newsletters have been a labor of love--finding classmates to write articles, writing articles of my own, adding links to songs and items of interest, and consolidating everything into one, cohesive document. I hope that you have enjoyed the publications and that they have inspired you to join us at our 50th.

My involvement with the Communications Committee has allowed me to reconnect with many classmates and has intensified my anticipation for our upcoming reunion. I would love to reconnect with each of you too, and I hope to see you at Juniata on October 7-9, 2021.



A Thank You from Our Legacy Committee

Dear Class of '71 Alumni,

We are so excited to be able to say, **"You Did It!"** If you got a text, email, or phone call from one of us over Memorial Day weekend, you know we were working hard to reach our 50% Participation Goal for our 50th Reunion Year! Thanks to all of you who made a donation to Juniata during the 2020-2021 giving year and helped put our class plaque on the steps of Founders Hall. We hope you will stop by the steps during our reunion celebration to snap a photo with our plaque. And a special thanks to those of you that helped us get those final 30 donations by midnight May 31!

We are also excited to share that we are over 90% of the way towards making our class project goal of \$250,000 to the renovation of Ellis Hall. It's not too late to make a donation to that project or another that touches your heart. June 1 marked the beginning of a new giving year for Juniata. Any donation made between June 1 and October 8, will be included in our Class Gift **and** will be in the count for our 2021-2022 participation goals!

With our sincere thanks,
Your Legacy Committee

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An email Message to My Daughter

When her daughter entered Juniata College as a freshman, **Jane Walter Loucks** wrote an email message to her that described life at Juniata during the four years that we attended. My how things have changed!



Jane has graciously shared that message with us. So sit back and remember--perhaps laugh--as you read this endearing email from Mom to her daughter! [Click here.](#)

Thanks Jane!

Important Reminders



The Class of 1971 webpage, www.juniata.edu/classof1971, is up and will have new information added as it becomes available. In early August, we will send a post card and an email to share important information about when and how to register for our reunion. The deadline to register is September 17. Juniata has secured room blocks with local hotels. There are also numerous opportunities for airbnb/guest house accommodations in the Raystown area. You might want to take the opportunity to gather a group and extend your stay in Huntingdon. More information on lodging options is available at www.juniata.edu/classof1971.

Reach Out, We'll Be There

Join us on our Facebook page: "[Juniata College Class of 1971](#)"

Check out our website [here](#).

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Reminder:

Update your information at Juniata College [here](#).

Make a gift to Juniata [here](#).



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Patio of Fifty

by Becky Valigorsky Bricen

At our age, retrieval from the memory bank can be a challenge. Have you considered why some memories are vivid, some are easier to remember, some are just plain lost? At the recollection forefront, repetitious events can compete with events which happened only once. For instance, from our first fall at Juniata, do you recall the President's tea? The whole class was invited to a sort of "meet and greet" at the home of President and Mrs. Ellis. Wearing our Sunday attire, we walked up to the beautiful home between the campus and the cliffs. I recall a flagstone patio. In any case, it was a warm welcome for all of us, even if it was a sort of "passing through style" open house. Perhaps you can fill in the details of whether there was really tea or refreshments.

Surely, it is easier to recall dinner hour during our Freshmen and Sophomore years. After a day of scattered classes or an afternoon lab, you might have looked forward to meeting up with a lab partner, a special someone or just good friends for dinner. From Leshar, North, Cloister, we headed to Founder's to walk through the basement hallway to wait in the crowded, but cozy, gathering space. Dinner was at six; tables of eight. It was a family style meal and just like family, we caught up on the day's events and planned for the evening of study or for the upcoming weekend. How we were all able to fit in Oneida, I am not certain, though some students lived off campus, some students worked the dinner hour and then, of course, the football team had an after practice special seating.



If you ever shared this college dining scenario with friends who attended larger schools, they were likely in total disbelief. Their response might have been, "You wore TIES to dinner?" or "The WHOLE college ate together?" or "There was only ONE menu of the day"? These disbelievers were used to what became our new norm as we transitioned into Ellis dining. It was convenient, but not nearly as fun.

Read the rest of the article by [clicking here](#).

50th Reunion Event Highlights

Start the reunion off with fun and casual events on **Thursday, October 7**.

- Golf Outing (starting at noon at the Huntingdon Country Club) The outing will include foursomes for all four of our reunion classes, i.e., '70, '71, '75, '76.
- Class of '71 and Class of '70 50th Reunion Welcome Gathering (6:30-10:30 p.m.) The Class of 1971 and the Class of 1970 will kick off reunion festivities with a casual buffet dinner and time to reconnect with classmates and friends.

On **Friday, October 8**, there will be plenty of free time to attend a variety of Alumni College classes led by Urtha Lenharr '71, Jane Maskas Stoutland '71, members of Juniata's faculty, and others. There will also be opportunities to visit the Class of 1971 Hospitality Lounge, take part in campus tours, and, of course, catch up on life with friends. The day will also include:

- Picnic on the Quad (11:45 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.)
- Class of 1971 Reunion Events (starting at 4:30 p.m.) The College will honor 50th reunion classes with an evening of special activities, starting with individual class gatherings, followed by dinner.

On **Saturday, October 9**, join classmates and friends for a field trip to the Cliffs or to the William E. Swigart Jr. Antique Automobile Museum. Then come back to campus to enjoy these additional activities:

- Ordinary Faith, Ordinary Science (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Hear from Nobel Prize Winner, William D. Phillips '70, Ph.D., as he leads a discussion and Q&A that invites attendees to explore the connection between science and faith. A special dedication ceremony will immediately follow his presentation.
- Farewell Luncheon (1:15 – 2:30 p.m.) The Class of 1971 and the Class of 1970 will gather on the Quad to cap off the reunion and bid each other a fond farewell.