

Dear Classmates,

It was only a few months ago that many of us attended our 50th Reunion. From the statistical analysis completed by Juniata and the responses of our classmates to our informal survey conducted via e-mail, two clear conclusions emerged: 1. The weekend was an unqualified success; 2. The Executive Committee for our class was to be commended for planning and implementing a memorable weekend.

In developing this newsletter we reviewed all the comments we received and, as much as possible, connected these comments with the data from Juniata. The responses we received, while limited in number, did provide an overall perspective of the weekend as well as a genuine appreciation for the programs and events that occurred. In some categories, only samplings of the comments are included. Additional comments in these areas can be found by going to the Class of 1964's 50th Reunion website at www.juniata.edu/alumni/events/alumniweekend/1964-50thReunionJournal.html. Just click "November 11, 2014" under our Annual Letters and scroll to the addendum on the last page.

Category: Thursday events/ and tours

Ratings: Golf: Excellent 100%
Pizza Party: Excellent 83%; Good 17 %
Other gatherings: Excellent 86% Good 14%

Comments: enjoyed golf; tour of campus very interesting; can understand why tuition is approaching \$47,000 a year; college transportation to the Peace Chapel was appreciated.

Category: Friday social gatherings/ weekend long events and hospitality lounge

Ratings: Friday gatherings: Excellent 81%; Good 19 %
Hospitality lounge/weekend long activities: Excellent 83%; Good; 14 % Fair 1%

Comments: Plenty of visiting time; wonderful to see everyone; happy to see specific classmates; meals with classmates; reconnection with classmates was a top priority';
Social interaction was great; if classmates were able to attend all four days, there was ample opportunity for social interaction both at events and informally
Comments related to Hospitality Lounge: like central location; opportunity to linger and socialize after events; posters and tables of memorabilia a huge asset, thanks to Rich and Dan for creating the space (additional comments in addendum).

Category: Mountain Day

Ratings: Excellent 85%; Good 14%

Comments: Fantastic; my favorite activity, could have added morning bus to see and do everything; great visiting Raystown; fabulous; well done, great job Hal (additional comments in addendum).

Category: Class of 64 Reunion Dinner and Program on Friday night

Ratings: Excellent 87%; Good 13%

Comments: Student panel interesting but way too long; nothing was said about what students would change; summer expedition to Southwest very interesting; food was fair abut had limited choices

Category: Workshops/Presentations

Dr. Gene Baten: Colors of Personality: Excellent 77%; Good; 15 %; Fair 8 %

Comments: enjoyable; should be presented as often as Dr. Baten is willing; might be more popular in a better time slot instead of first thing on Friday morning (additional comments in addendum).

Dr. Rolfe Wenner: Learning Styles and Us: Excellent 75 % Good 25%

Comments: Lots of fun: took instrument long time ago and had almost the same score; classes taught by classmates are a great idea; more workshops suggested (additional comments in addendum).

Drs. Terry Grove/Hal Yocum: Beginnings of Boy Scouts/History of Eagle scouts
Excellent – 100%

Comments: excellent program; class time not have been shortened to an hour

Boy Scout Memorabilia: Excellent; 68% Good; 26%; Fair 3%

Comments: excellent display

Category: Saturday night - President's reception, social hour and dinner

Ratings: Excellent 87%; Good 13 %

Comments: Reception at Presidents house was nice but too rushed; use of Suzanne von Liebig Theatre, Halbritter Center (addition to former Oller Hall) was great for large group activities; raffle was so much fun; thanks to Bill for figuring it out; a great conversation initiator

Category: Sunday Events

Ratings: Excellent 100%

Comments: A fine and fitting way to end weekend; inspirational with outstanding contributions from Rich, Terry, Carol and her singers.

Category: OVERALL ALUMNI WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

Ratings: Excellent 82%; Good 18%

Comments: In our survey one person rated weekend as fair; "Mission Accomplished!"; registration well done; yearbook of classmates a lot of work and effort for Bill Chew; yearbook well done and useful now; overall balance was good between events, programs and social interaction; large number attended; felt there should have been more recognition by Juniata of our class's outstanding donation to college; loved staying in dorm, loved weekend but too old to be staying in dorm; would be damn impossible to improve experience; renewed my enthusiasm

for Juniata and appreciation for the experiences which contributed to my life's journey; reconnecting with classmates was the best part. Comments about not attending included a skiing trip in France, an injury and illness. Many made special efforts to get there, resulting in nearly 50% of our class connecting with each other (additional comments in addendum).

Category: Emeriti Alumni Program/Staying connected

Juniata did not request information regarding this, but Dan O'Sullivan asked about the Class of 1964 Executive Committee continuing to connect classmates, support the class agents and assist, if requested, with the emeriti alumni program. Presidents Troha indicated his support and many of the Executive Committee agreed to continue.

There was a large response to the College's [50th reunion site](#) and a smaller response to the [Facebook site](#). Please follow the links for more information.

SUMMARY: What fun! The spirit infusing every activity and interaction was testament to the fact that Juniata played a vital part in making us who we are today. Virtually all events were ranked predominantly as "excellent" followed by a distant "good". The leadership role of Dan O'Sullivan was also noted many times.

Classmates reconnecting, professors still remembering our class with fondness, spouses and friends enjoying the activities along with us, and today's Juniata students and staff providing support and smiles all weekend were the intangible elements that contributed to the memorable weekend.

Juniata is doing some great things. Let's stay connected to our classmates and to Juniata.

Rolfe and Gwen

ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL NEWLETTER

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS SENT TO ROLFE AND GWEN FROM CLASSMATES

Category: Friday social gatherings/ weekend long events and hospitality lounge

Comments: **Hospitality lounge:** every class should have a hospitality lounge; future concept could be re-creation of Tote as future lounge

Category: Mountain Day

Comments - "Mountain Day was fantastic; Mountain Day was my favorite activity; loved Mountain Day; Mountain day was fabulous and would suggest have a morning bus added so those who wish to go to the farmhouse and boat ride and still have time to walk the nice paths and see the plants before lunch; well done Hal"

Category: Workshops/Presentations

Dr. Gene Baten: Colors of Personality: Excellent 77%; Good; 15 %; Fair 8 %

Comments: enjoyable; should be presented as often as Dr. Baten is willing; might be more popular in a better time slot instead of first thing on Friday morning; it was a lot of fun and might be more popular in a prime time slot instead of first thing on a Friday morning- non-Class of 1964 respondent; was not able to attend any classes but would suggest that a member of the traditional reunion class should support the Alumni Office by presenting a class.

Dr. Rolfe Wenner: Learning Styles and Us: Excellent 75 % Good 25% Comments:

Comments: a lot of fun; made you think and reflect on who others are and who you are; took instrument long time ago and almost the same score; classes are great idea when taught by classmates; more workshops

Category: OVERALL ALUMNI WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

Comments: In our survey one person rated weekend as fair; useful now; overall balance was good between events, programs and social interaction; large number attended; felt there should have been more recognition by Juniata of our class's outstanding donation to college; loved staying in dorm, loved weekend but too old to be staying in dorm; would be damn impossible to improve experience; renewed my enthusiasm for Juniata and appreciation for the experiences which contributed to my life's journey. Many made special efforts to get there, resulting in nearly 50% of our class connecting with each other; enjoyed all the experiences and was hard pressed to select a favorite; my husband is a Penn State grad and he had a wonderful time; all class presentation was well planned; reception of our class before dinner was fair; Executive or Reunion committee did a great job; after reading all the material from the week-end, it appears that it was very successful; it was truly a team effort