

## The Answer, My Friend, Is Blowin' in the Wind

*"When I reflect on my years at Juniata,  
what I miss most is.....?"*

*.....being **young!** Oh, to be 18 and having the first sense of independence. I remember my dad telling me that my time in college would be the best 4 years of my life because I was on my own--- but he was still paying the bills. lol!*

*But since time travel is still science fiction, here are two things I miss. First, intellectual stimulation. I hope that doesn't sound "snooty." But one of my first impressions when I arrived on campus was how many smart people there were, not only in class but the people I lived with. That environment made classes more interesting, and it made those late night conversations in the dorm full of diverse perspectives and opinions. Obviously these opportunities continued in grad school and beyond, but life at Juniata helped prepare me for that.*

*Second, camaraderie with friends. Camaraderie is defined as "mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together." The perfect word to explain the friendships that developed and the close ties that knitted together over the 4 years we spent at Juniata. It started because we lived on the same hall of freshmen year or because we shared classes, sometimes because we shared the same major. And the ties deepened because of our long conversations--from class assignments (like Great Epochs of World Culture or The Nature of Man) to the meaning of life. And then there was the fun: powder puff football freshman year, fielding the first intercollegiate women's basketball team for JC, ice skating on Stone Creek, All Class Night, the Association concert and others that were to follow. I am sure each of you can add your own list of good friends and fun memories.*

*I am so grateful for my cohort of Juniata friends with whom I'm still in touch. In fact, since we retired, we see more of each other. We get together for a long weekend almost every summer, most recently for me in Charlottesville VA in 2018. (See picture in next column) Sadly Covid19 dashed our plans this summer.*

- Dehra Winters Shafer



L to R: Dehra Winters Shafer, Cindy Pile Horn, Cindy McKinney, Debbie Fay, Margie Biss Behnke, Dotti Huss, Kathy Papa Owens



*.....the "Great Epochs" class with Mrs. Cherry. That course showed me the connections between almost all disciplines, tied together by history. Music, art, geography, literature, history, and architecture, to name a few, are all connected by the themes of the time period in which they occurred. The architecture of Chartre cathedral is translated in the music, art and social mores of the time. My exposure to this concept was then reflected in my later life work in education of discipline integration. I published several interdisciplinary curriculum units and presented workshops for educators on curriculum integration. The theme of interdisciplinary curriculum became a central theme for my career, and it can all be traced back to "Great Epochs of World Culture".*

- Dotti Huss



Chartre Cathedral

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*Time.....stretching out ahead.....seemingly endless, never ending like the blue sky and ocean waves.  
Youth.....bending, stretching, jumping, running, moving without any hint of aches or pains. Any bumps/bruises  
disappearing as quickly as they arrived.*

*Having no desire to go back in time.....50 years.....content with the beautiful memories:*

- ❖ *Realizing the importance of calling a person by their name, when President Ellis met me in the receiving line of the Freshman Tea and then several weeks later said hello to me by name when walking across campus*
- ❖ *Dancing in the street by Totem Inn.....always the music*
- ❖ *10:00 mail break*
- ❖ *Brumbaugh/Oneida and "dressing up" for dinner...."Man on the hall"*
- ❖ *Moving into the new dorms*
- ❖ *Classes launching me into a lifelong career of working with young children*
- ❖ *Classes fostering a love of literature/reading as well as a pursuit of lifelong learning*
- ❖ *Walking up to the Cliffs, around Huntingdon and to the Clifton Movie Theater*
- ❖ *Playing intramural women's basketball and powderpuff football developing a lifelong love of exercise and movement.....can't forget jumping off the cliffs at Raystown Dam*
- ❖ *"Great Epochs" with Betty Ann Cherry, reading "Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres", planting a seed resulting years later in a memorable 2014 visit*



*Mont Saint-Michel*

- ❖ *Ron Hoover introducing me to my future lifelong partner on the steps of Oller Hall before the play "Stop the World I Want to Get Off"*
- ❖ *Storming the Arch and Mountain Day*
- ❖ *Friends.....oh the friends....*

*Time has flowed on and slowed down some in this unique COVID year of 2020. Time to reflect on our years at Juniata 1967-1971. I hope this has sparked some wonderful memories for each one of you. Hope to see you all next June!! Till then.....stay healthy!!*

- Peg Slaughter Over