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TEN YEAR PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION

The year 1903 is recognized as the actual beginning for the educational endeavor in Corbin which eventually became known as Saint Camillus Academy. History tells us that forty students were enrolled in the early years, enough to justify the construction of a new school building. The Sisters of Divine Providence arrived in 1908 to handle the growing numbers of students enrolled in the school.

The new building was built and dedicated in the spring of 1914. A few years later, an addition was constructed. Through two World Wars, the Depression, the "Age of the Automobile," the Atomic age, the Vietnam Conflict, and a man on the moon, the school on the hill has stood for the highest in Christian, educational values.

As we look back at the last 100 years and as we approach the 100th anniversary of the 1914 Academy Building, it seems appropriate that we honor those who saw the need, established the school and have faithfully served over a thousand students for a hundred years.

In order to honor those who taught, it is the sincere desire of the Alumni Association to pass along to future generations the same educational opportunity. To insure the continuation of these values for children of the Twenty-First Century, the Association has under discussion a major planning effort.

The role of the Association in the future of SCA can only be determined through conversation, with those who operate the facility on a daily basis. Resources available through the Association could possibly reap an abundant supply of human contacts and financial opportunities to benefit SCA.

But first, common goals should be determined

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FIRST THINGS FIRST PUZZLE

Get Your Pencil!

The following items are suggested goals of the Alumni Association for the next Ten Years.

Number from 1 to 7 in order of importance, as you see it.

___ Endowment Fund for SCA

___ A Living 1914 Building

___ New facility for K-8 so that enrollment may increase

___ Maintain the grounds & design a master plan

___ Provide opportunities for students to excel

___ Provide religious instruction to students of all ages

___ Insure the longevity of the SCA institution

CLIP and MAIL to SCA AA!

Your input is critical to the success of the Plan. If you have suggestions or questions, please write to the SCA Alumni Association P.O.Box 1701 Corbin, Ky. 40702.

The Association will also meet September 20 at 3:30 p.m. at Dupont Lodge prior to the Alumni Celebration to discuss these issues. You want to BE THERE to voice your opinion.

From the President-

Perhaps many of our members have heard the rumor that the Sisters of Divine Providence are planning to demolish the 1914 building in favor of a new facility. I am sure that we recall several years ago the rumor about the closing of the high school academic program. The local Sisters at SCA at the time told us that it would never happen. We all know the end result. The bottom line of closing the high school meant the eventual end of our Association. That closing has served as the death certificate of the Alumni Association. There has been no movement on the part of the Sisters to indicate that reestablishment of the high school program is a possibility.

Our Director of Alumni Affairs has worked feverishly attempting to find purpose for the continued existence for the 1914 building. It appears that the Sisters have concluded the building will serve no purpose once a new facility is constructed. The potential for its future, if left up to the Sisters, appears to be history.

The Association has worked hard over the past several years to bring together members of our Association who have become disassociated with the school after the closing of the high school. I now fear that even more damage will be done when the last standing archive of our memories falls victim to the hands of those who may demolish it.

Thousands of dollars have been allocated and awarded from this Association for the benefit of St. Camillus Academy and its students since the closing of the high school. To enhance the education of students and provide for their opportunity to participate in a Christian education, in part, is the mission of the Association. The greatest percentage of these awards have been under auspices of the Sister Mary Herbert Scholarship Fund, which was created to provide scholarship money for high school students attending SCA. It logically follows that a high school association would administer and fund only a scholarship program from which its future members would be produced. Obviously, from the perspective of the Association there is something wrong with the present status quo.

Peter O. Samples

TEN YEAR PLAN

continued

and agreed upon, so that short and long term planning steps may begin. Since alumni are found in scattered locations throughout the world, communication and direction must be coordinated. The Alumni Association Office is already established as a center for communications.

In 1903, the Wright Brothers experienced their first successful flight at Kitty Hawk. The Panama Canal began construction. Teddy Roosevelt, President from 1901 to 1909, was the first President to ride in an airplane, dive in a sub-marine, have a telephone in his home, ride in an automobile, and travel outside the U.S. The awesome Titanic was built, launched and tragically sank in 1912. In 1914, the shots were fired to begin World War I. And the Saint Camillus Academy new building was finished and dedicated for students to enter.

There is no guarantee of success in our future, just as the world of 1903 to 1914 must have held fear and uncertainty for those who saw educational needs in rural Kentucky. They chose to be pioneers of the Twentieth Century. One Hundred Years later, what choices do we make?

**"TO KNOW WHO WE ARE, WE
MUST KNOW WHERE WE CAME
FROM."**

President Theodore Roosevelt



1914 Building

The grant application for Preservation funds for the Saint Camillus Academy building, filed last November with Kentucky Heritage Council was not funded due to lack of funds available to the National Park Service. Budget cuts and delays in voting a national budget were blamed for the shortfall.

It appears that 2003-2004 may be the last "school year" for the old building. The Sisters have moved into their new residence, and a new addition to the '73 school building is under discussion. Permission to re-apply in June for other funds was not granted to the SCA Alumni Association by the Sisters of Divine Providence, owners of the property.

Your Alumni Association stands on the premise that preservation is the first avenue to be explored. Preliminary architectural inspection of the structure indicates that re-design and re-use of the building is possible. However, the Sisters believe that current needs for space would be better served by new construction.

If efforts are concentrated on the construction of a new addition, the question then becomes what future for the 1914 building. Demolition? Maybe. The Alumni Association will continue to seek creative solutions and input from experts in preservation.

To this end, a nomination to the "Most Endangered Structures" List of Kentucky has been submitted to Preservation Kentucky Inc., in hopes of generating preservation assistance. "Some History Doesn't Repeat Itself" is their motto.

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JAMES EDWARD MILLER
1947-2002



Passed away December 6, 2002. Teaching and coaching was his life. If you would like to honor his memory by gift or contribution, you may write the SCA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1701, Corbin, Ky. 40702. Be sure to write "Miller Fund" on your check. If you have memories of Coach Miller that you would share, please send them also.

IN MEMORY

Patricia Ann Garland, '74, donation given by
Joann Pace

Florine Dolcini Berlucchi, '39, passed away
November 28, 2002
Royal Oak, Michigan

If you have news of a birth, death, graduation, wedding or new career, tell us about it. Your friends are hungry to hear from you and old friendships never die!

Write to me, Peggy Smith, Director of Alumni
at P.O. Box 1701, Corbin, Ky. 40702

ONE OF OUR OWN

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Lt. John Buckley Selected to WAR COLLEGE

The United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania has announced the selection of Lt. John Buckley to attend the prestigious, 100 year old military institution for leadership studies. Lt. Buckley, attended SCA from 1973 until 1976 when his family moved to Texas. He graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas with an English major in 1984. As a 2nd Lieutenant, he has served in the 1st Gulf War, in Bosnia, Germany, and at several U.S. posts. Presently with the Battle Command Training Program at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and just returned from Korea, Lt. Buckley and his wife, Lorraine, with their seven children will be stationed in Pennsylvania for at least one year.

The purpose of this college is "not to promote war, but to preserve peace by intelligent and adequate preparation to repel aggression...to study and confer on the great problems of national defense, of military science, and of responsible command," in the words of founder Elihu Root. Students chosen to attend War College embody the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless-service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

"I will attend this college to prepare myself for future strategic leadership positions that will require me to work for politicians or U.S. ambassadors, and alongside of Army and other U.S. military forces, national agencies, and with other nations' military and political leaders striving to preserve peace," writes Lt. Buckley.

With such high aspirations to leadership, he will surely succeed. We will follow your career, Lt. Buckley, with great pride and continue to pray for your safety throughout the world.

Look for this young man on CNN.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Kevin Prevatte, '89, and his wife, Renee, welcome the arrival of their son, Andrew Charles, on January 3, 2003. Kevin is employed with Cincinnati Bell as a Systems Analyst, having earned a Masters of Mechanical Engineering degree from University of Louisville.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

to the bride, Su-Jean Seo, '91, who wed in Philadelphia among friends and relatives on April 19, 2003.

Su-Jean also receives this month her combined degree of Medical Doctor and PHD from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Two years ago, she received her PHD in Immunology.

She has been accepted to pursue her residency in Dermatology at Harvard Medical School beginning in June.

WEDDING BELLS

U.S. Navy Commander Michael Murphy '79, wed on October 11, 2002 and is now stationed in Iceland with naval intelligence.

LAW DEGREE

Michael Brophy '91, obtained his law degree from Northern Kentucky University, and currently lives in Las Vegas, Nevada where he manages a nightclub in a Casino.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Melissa Kliethermes Watson '93, earned her degree in Public Communications from Butler University in 1997 and is currently Public Relations Director for Walker Racing team in Indianapolis.

RETIRED

Joanne Strickland Harris, '62, is adjunct professor in the mathematics department of Griffin Technical College, Griffin, Georgia.

MEDICAL RESEARCHERS

Su-hun Seo '89, now working in cancer research lab at University of Chicago, will return to medical school this fall at University of Pittsburgh.

Sean Brophy '95, is working as a Molecular Biochemist for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in St. Louis, Missouri, after graduation from Washington University.

AIR FORCE FAMILY

Sara Ann Buckley Taylor '77, with her husband Randy, a retired fighter-pilot, and four children are now settled in Texas after a military career traveling the world.

EYE SURGEON

Benjamin Mackey '90, is now a practicing ophthalmologist in Corbin, Ky.

SOUTHERNER

Marow Cox, '62, sends his greetings and a generous contribution in appreciation to us from Alabama.