BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The alumni association board of directors met in retreat format in August to capture past successes and plan for the future. We revised and simplified our mission statement to capture the essence of what we are about.

In that vein, we agreed to revamp our operations and committee structure to reflect our three core missions - communicate, preserve and perpetuate. If a proposed activity does not fit one or more of these, then it will not be part of our program.

Several initiatives were discussed and approved informally.

We will be expanding our communications with alumni and friends and promoting opportunities for fellowship with each other.

Seizing on the desires of NOC President Evans, we will continue to explore ways to perpetuate the Phillips memory and heritage on the Enid campus.

We decided to amend our scholarship policy to be more inclusive. Although we will not solicit funds for any scholarship other than the one we award – Milburn Carey Tri-State Scholarship – we will acknowledge and support any effort to perpetuate the ideals of our beloved university.

Finally, we will explore ways to bring graduates of Phillips Theological Seminary back into the Phillips family. For plenty of reasons, the spin-off of The Graduate Seminary into Phillips Theological Seminary (with an ultimate move to Tulsa) was anything but smooth. Rather, it was a contentious process, culminating in a law suit. The board decided it was time to move beyond that, and recognize that PTS is a true legacy of our beloved university.

REUNION REPORT

The 2014 reunion was a lot of fun. Special guest, Dr. Cheryl Evans, President of Northern Oklahoma College, affirmed the special relationship with Phillips. Although we were a church-related, liberal arts university, and NOC is a state supported community college, there was, and continues to be, the commitment to educating the whole person. In addition, she acknowledged the desire to incorporate our traditions into the NOC Enid campus.

Varsity Club celebrated its many years on campus with an immensely successful reunion of its own. In the Phillips spirit of inclusiveness, all alumni and friends were invited to its banquet and concert. A good time was had by all.

Plans are under way for the 2015 reunion. The highlight will be a Phillips art show. NOC dedicated Marshall Building to us for the entire reunion weekend as a venue to display the graphic art of our alums and friends, including of course, any works by recipients of Phillips Legacy Foundation scholarships.

SAVE THE DATES

June 12 - 13, 2015 at the Phillips University campus

More Info to follow.

Contact the Phillips University Alumni Association to volunteer your art, music, or literature talents.
Fellow Alums,

This is a personal note from me, as the current President of the alumni association.

The loss of our beloved university was as much of a shock to me as it was to you. Although, it occurred over 15 years ago, the wound is still raw and festering. Like many of you, I continue to wonder what happened. Over the years, I have talked to several, several folks, and read many, many documents. As a result, I think I have a pretty good handle on the answer. I would love to think that it was mere financial happenstance caused by factors beyond our control. Sadly, I do not. Like all human enterprise, I am convinced it was occasioned by a combination of human factors, some of which were well-intended, but misguided, and some of which were pure self-interest. Many will agree; many will not.

Whether I am right, wrong, or partially right and partially wrong is of no moment. What is important is that we move forward and do our part to perpetuate the legacy of an incredible education, founded on the principle of Christian understanding and inclusiveness. It is from that perspective that I pen these remarks.

The last of our sisters and brothers walked across the stage at Briggs Auditorium 16 years ago. Most of them are now in their mid-30s. Until the last of them moves from this world to the spirit world (forbear my Native American symbolism), we are the legacy of Phillips University. We and we alone speak for our alma mater. It is through us that the efforts of Thomas W. Phillips and Eugene Briggs and Frank Marshall and Stephen J. England and Milburn Carey continue to resonate to the world. We cannot, and must not, surrender that mantel. These thoughts guide me as president.

I believe that we, as the organized body of alums and friends, must recognize, celebrate and support any effort, any initiative, any program that perpetuates the Phillips ideals. The alumni association may not control the financial assets that remain from our beloved university, but we control the spirit.

Many of my friends, some with whom I spent many hours at Zeppi’s Pizza, The Flamingo and Chuck’s Place (yes, I was a sinner), wonder why I continue to celebrate a dead university. Is Michelangelo dead? What about Beethoven? Shakespeare? Lincoln? Phillips University is dead only if we permit it to be. Until my watch ends (or you impeach me), I will continue to “declare to the land the glory of our Phillips U.” Will you join me?

-Tom Walker
RETURNING TO CAMPUS

This is what Jay Krahmer had to say about her trip back to Enid "You may have known me by J. Krahmer or baby J or curly baby J or J birdie...I was at Phillips University from 1980 to 1984. By the time I left Phillips I told my friends that I couldn't wait to see Enid in my rear view mirror. Well 30 years later I was ready to go back to see the campus, the building and the town. It was wonderful to see all the sights and to find out most of my memories were correct. I was afraid that I had forgotten much. The trip brought back memories I had not thought about in 30 years but mostly it brought back all the closeness of friendship made there. There is nothing else like the relationships one makes in a dorm when you are eating breathing and sleeping with your friends. The most wonderful thing was seeing our old dorm and my old room with the girls I lived there with and on the same hall with.

I walked the campus numerous times, went in all the building I could and found a small prayer room in the Marshall building none of the group I was with knew existed. I would love to see more of the inside of the buildings and spend even more time walking the campus. Many pictures and lots of video were taken.

It was a great weekend for which I am thankful and blessed and I know in my heart I will visit again someday."

Phillips University may have closed but the campus is still there and the love, friendships and memories we made there are still there. I encourage you to find you way back to Enid and the campus and share your memories with the friends you made while at Phillips and meet others who attended Phillips during a different time.

- Carla Kelman

THE ZONTA THREE

Three Zontas were recently together for the first time since our days at Phillips in the mid '60s. Linda Meisenheimer Mitchell, Priscilla Woody Wright and Ginger Walling Blockcolski had a reunion at Pris' terrific apartment on the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Ginger brought the old yearbooks, Linda flew in from Kansas City and Pris was the most-excellent hostess.

A bit of wine flowed and there was indulging in food--just like days in the dorm, but tastier (but not the wine part. We couldn't have faced Mrs. Barcus.) The prevailing feeling was love; the prevailing activity was laughter.

If you get a chance to do this, we strongly recommend that you act fast. Don't wait until you might regret the procrastination.
DENVER MEET UP

Alums gathered at Panera in Denver: Suzanne Barslund, Kay Elliot, Mark Pumphrey, Maarit & Gerhard (& Senja) Kaaihue, and Winnie. It's always great to share time with PU alums and put names with faces.

“Would love to hug all these people! It’s been too long!”

PHILLIPIAN FRIENDS

Group from 1950’s Phillipian Friends
What began as suite mates at clay hall has been a reunion about every 2 years over the last 20 years. This year was at Christmount, NC and Wayne and Mary Jo Taylor Moss headed up the arrangements. Don and Barbara Danforth Angle, Jack and Jeanne Piper Baird, Betty McEver Curtis, Pat Beam English, Ed and Lou Swaney Michael, Wayne and Mary Jo Taylor Moss, and Polly Jones Sevnson and Pablo Stone attended.

We toured the Biltmore Mansion, ate at Mt. Pisgah Inn for a spectacular view of the mountains. We traveled the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway, took a partial tour of the Christmount campus to view Raphael Guastavino sites. We journeyed to Asheville to view Basilica of St. Lawrence and we visited an arts and crafts show and then we went back to Black Mountain to get chocolate at Kurwins’s Yummy.

REMOTE REUNIONS

A small reunion was held on October 9, 2014 at the home of Todd and Lori (Wilson) Moore in Olathe Kansas. Those that attended Deba Langston Brant, Bette Parish, Jeana Bailley, Vicki Bradley Engle, Suzanne Bradley Smith and Sue Wiley and Nikolaus FA Englen. Suzanne Bradley Smith posted on Facebook “had a great time with some old college friends tonight” and Bette Parish posted “we laughed all evening. It was such fun.” Those that attended had a great time and many people posted on Facebook that they wished they could be there. Dana Chisum Cargill said “Would love to hug all these people It’s been too long!” and Lauren Buck Medeiros said “Me toooooooo.”

The Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association Inc knows that not everyone can return to Enid for reunions. We are seeking people who are interested in setting up regional gatherings for alums to gather. If you are interested please contact Winnie Oliver by email at info@puafa.org or at 580-548-2236.

The alumni and Friends Association is also seeking any individuals who would be interested in remembering our beloved professors, staff from Phillips and maybe some of our older alums. Maybe a birthday card, a get well card, a post on social media so others may send a card, pay their alumni dues, consider paying their travel or lodging to reunions or gatherings. If interested please contact Winnie Oliver.
ALUMNS IN THE NEWS

JUDGE MEGAN SIMPSON IS FIRST WINNER OF NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA PIONEERING WOMAN OF INDUSTRY AWARD

Megan L. Simpson, Harper County associate district judge, was named the first Northwest Oklahoma Pioneering Woman of Industry, an award sponsored by the Woodward News. The award seeks to honor women living and working in northwest Oklahoma who have given themselves to their industry throughout their lifetime.

Simpson was appointed by Gov. Mary Fallin as Harper County associate district judge on June 28, 2012, and became the first female district court judge in the Oklahoma Panhandle. She was sworn in on Aug. 1, 2012. She was raised in Enid, graduating from Enid High School in 1986, and attended Dartmouth College, Phillips University and University of Denver Sturm College of Law as a Chancellor’s Scholar.

DENVER BREAKING NEWS

Joe Strain attended Phillips University and met his wife. They have been married 61 years and she can verify every game he coached as she was present. Even when her son played on the opposing team she was there but rooting for her son’s team.

Father and son faced each other six times.


Strain bio
Born: Nov. 15, 1930, in Denver
High school: Denver South
College: Phillips University in Enid, Okla.

Family: Wife Jeanette, daughters Jeannine and Joan, son Joe
Hobby: No surprise, watching sports
Favorite teams: His grandkids'

MISSION STATEMENT

The Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association speaks as the voice of alumni and friends: communicates, preserves, and perpetuates the heritage of Phillips University.
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Call the Loyal and True
Calling the Loyal and True
Reunion 2015 - JUNE 12 & 13
THE MARSHALL BUILDING IS THE OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE 2015 REUNION

Today’s Date

Name(s) ___________________________________________ Graduation Year(s) ___________________
Name(s) ___________________________________________ Graduation Year(s) ___________________
Address ___________________________________________ City __________________ State_________ Zip________________
Phone ___________________________________________ Email Address __________________________________________________

☐ Alumni Association Annual Membership Dues:  ☐ Individual $30  ☐ Couple $50  $__________
☐ Donation (optional)  $ ________

REUNION OPTIONS:
OPTION #1 (PAY ONE FEE FOR ALL EVENTS)
☐ YES, I will attend  ALL EVENT FEE  ☐ Individual $35  ☐ Couple $60  $__________
NOTE: Fee includes all events / admissions and Saturday dinner.

OPTION #2 (PAY FOR ONLY THE EVENTS YOU ATTEND.)

FRIDAY
☐ YES, I will attend Marshall Building  6:00 – 7:00 pm  Vespers
7:00 – 9:00 pm  Meet and Greet
Art display throughout Marshall Building
Light appetizers/desserts/beverages

SATURDAY
☐ YES, I will attend Marshall Building  9:00 – 10:00 am  Art display throughout Marshall Building
10:00 – 11:00 am  Annual alumni meeting
Box Lunch
12:00 – 1:00 pm  Various music/art performances by
1:00 – 2:00 pm  alumni and faculty

☐ YES, I will attend  507 S. 4th Street  1:00 – 5:00 pm  $10.00  $__________

☐ YES, I will attend Marshall Building  6:00 – 7:30 pm  Dinner/ Talent Show
7:30 – 9:00 pm  Club Tables /Club Circles – Farewells

Grand Total: $ ______________________________

Checks payable to: Phillips University Alumni Association
Check #: ______________ Check amt: $ ______________

Please charge my:  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard
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Cash $ ______________________________ (only at time of event)

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