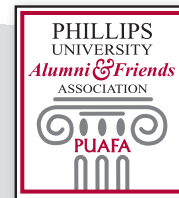


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OWN A PIECE OF CLAY HALL

Phillips University Alumni Association recently acquired the brass mailbox doors from the Clay Hall mailboxes, and we are proud to offer them to you as an Alumni Association fundraiser. These doors will bring back lots of memories—of letters received (or not received) from boyfriends, of cards and money from home, and of checking that little box every day and hoping to find mail.

The mailbox doors are brass with a glass window. The original numbers are difficult to read and were replaced with red DYMO labels at some point. If you remember your mailbox number, you may request it. Please specify original

numbers or red DYMO numbers. We will try to honor requests.



Did your mother, aunt or grandma live in Clay Hall? A mailbox door would make a great Christmas gift! Imagine her surprise when she opens her own piece of Clay Hall. She won't receive a duplicate of

this gift.

Clay Hall mailbox doors are \$15 each, plus shipping. 1-2 doors will ship for \$5.20. 3-4 doors will ship for \$10.40. An order form is on page 7 of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events Reunion 2012 June 8-9 in Enid

Phillips University Alumni and Friends Association will host our annual Reunion on June 8-9, 2012, in Enid. Planned events include an informal "meet and greet" on Friday evening. Saturday's main event will be a luncheon. Alumni will be encouraged to tour the Phillips Gallery at the Regional Heritage Center Museum. You can find details of special Club events on page 2. If you would like to plan a special event for your club, organization or sport, please contact Winnie at the PUAFA office (580-237-4433) and she will assist you with contact information.

General Assembly Luncheon a **SELLOUT**

Seventy five Phillipians enjoyed lunch together in Nashville, TN, at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Faculty and staff were honored, and alumni were recognized by decades (those 80's are a rowdy bunch!). During the week Phillipians were given Phillips University buttons to wear and were able to recognize and greet each other throughout the Assembly. Suzy Sharpe Morgan '79 and Nancy Phillips '71 represented your Alumni Association in planning and hosting the event.



Suzy Sharpe Morgan '79 with
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Craddock and
Keith Spaulding '72



Frank Everett '76, Alan Lobaugh '79,
Neil Engle '78

TULSA ALUMNI EVENT

Alumni and friends gathered at Panera Bread in Tulsa on Nov. 3. Panera not only provided us space, but also donated 10% of purchases by PU attendees to the Alumni Association (\$168). Conversation included memories, job searching, business contacts, and gathering information on mutual acquaintances. A special treat was a young guitarist who played Michael Hedges music in the background while we chatted and got acquainted or reacquainted. Those in attendance by decades - 40s: Afton Travis; 50s: Mary Randall, Dick and Tish Galusha, Dr. Nancy Ogle; 60's: Mike (& Mary) Dickey, Winnie Oliver, Durand Lugar, Tom Walker; 70's: Gene (& Jan) Warner, Deb Hughes, Jim Campbell, Deb Rose, Ralph Warner, Suzy Morgan (organizer of the event), Dana Higeons, Lisa Mitchell, Mike & Mary Wallace, Robert Hall; 80's: Jim Stansell; 90's: Amy Hilligoss, Sarah Stansell and friends, Joan Hatley & sons, Dana Lee and Mark Oliver (Morgan). Wichita is next. Where do you live? Is there a Panera Bread or similar location available? Check it out!



Deb Rose and
Amy Prochaska
Hilligoss

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CLUB NEWS ABOUT THE ALUMNI REUNION JUNE 8-9, 2012

ZONTA CLUB was founded December 1926. Trustworthy maidens from 1926 to 1998 will come together to celebrate their memories of friends, service, tradition and EYES. Who could forget the eyes? They were everywhere! Little brothers (Braves) are also welcome to join the celebration. We will gather on Saturday evening for a reception, with dinner to follow. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE- June 9. More info will be available closer to the event.

CAMELOT is celebrating our our 65th year and will host a dinner on Saturday evening. Sir Rich Dally and several squires will meet on December 10 in Enid to finish plans for the celebration. Tentative plans call for a brown bag lunch for members and their families also. Plan now to be in Enid. Look for more information in the Spring Connection newsletter, on the Camelot Facebook page, and on the Camelot website www.camelotclubpu.net.

TENTH MUSE is planning several special events on Saturday. We will eat breakfast together prior to the Annual Meeting. After the Alumni Association Luncheon, we will tour the Cherokee Strip Museum and possibly host a symposium for all alumni. We will conclude Saturday with a banquet. Bring your Tenth Muse memorabilia to display. Remember: SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 9! If you would like to help with planning, please contact Nancy Phillips at nickel4ou@hotmail.com. Further details will

be posted on the Tenth Muse Facebook page (search Phillips University – Tenth Muse Social Service Club).

GRIDIRON CLUB was founded November 16, 1922, making it the oldest social club on campus. Steve Owen, one of its members, is in the Football Hall of Fame, and Ev Shelton, another member, is in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Long-time professor Dr. Steve England and former Phillips President Hallie Gantz were members, as was former University of Oklahoma President Dr. Paul Sharp. Over 100 members are veterans, of whom 69 are war veterans. Two retired as generals. To honor this rich heritage, The Men of Gridiron will celebrate their 90th anniversary at the Phillips Alumni Reunion. Festivities will begin with a “meet and greet” at 6:00 on June 9, followed by a banquet at 6:30. Members are urged to bring memorabilia, especially paddles and club jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts and tee shirts. The contact is Tom Walker, class of '68—580-226-7758 or tom-walker363@att.net.

COMET CLUB needs a contact person and representatives to plan events. Please contact Winnie at 580-237-4433 or at info@puafa.org if you are willing to help.

VARSITY CLUB needs a contact person and representatives to plan events. Please contact Winnie at 580-237-4433 or at info@puafa.org if you are willing to help.

2011 Leadership Conference

Theme for the 2011 Legacy Scholars Leadership Conference was Each One – Lead One – Reach One – Teach One. Twelve scholars and fourteen alumni and staff participated in the conference at Pine Cove Christian Camp outside Tyler, TX. Keynote speaker was Brian Brandt, who helped attendees learn to understand their own strengths and weaknesses, and to communicate effectively with others. Alumnus Dick Fearnow '59 spoke with the scholars about service projects in his community, and Scholar Alumnus Kate Krumrei '06 spoke about global service. Scholars presented their Volunteer Service Projects. (Forty hours of service are required each year.) Projects included raising money for cancer research and to build a well in Africa, volunteering with a homeless ministry, and ministering to children living in poverty. Seniors graduating in May are Miriam Clark (Hiram), Danielle Cox (Lynchburg), Dalton Goodier (TCU), Judith Guy (Eureka), Rebecca Harris (Lynchburg), Maggie May (Lynchburg), Nathan Sames (Transylvania), and David Stein (TCU).



2012 Phillips Legacy Senior Class

Thanks to our 2011 Conference Sponsors

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 Lynne Bussell '63
 Pat Christiansen '53
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 Jim Strain '45
 Tom Walker '68

ALUMNI BRIEFS

O. Eugene '39, PTS '44 and Rena Anderson Moore live in a retirement community in St. Louis. They met at Phillips University. Gene's career led him to Disciples' pastorates and significant roles in regional and general church ministries.

Betty Purdy Hempstead '48 just returned from Detroit where she met her new great granddaughter. She said, "I never felt old until I realized that my son is a grandfather." Betty lives in San Francisco.

Marvin '48 and Mary Kay '51 Brown Layman live in the Tulsa area. Marvin has served as a pastor and university professor of sociology.

Boyd Hughes '49 lives in the Sacramento area. He served many pastorates, Kansas Regional Staff, National (UCMS) staff in Indianapolis, Michigan Regional Staff, and National Benevolent Association. His wife Virginia Crum '48 died in March 2007.

Roy Hughes '49 lives in the Oklahoma City area. After a lengthy career with Kaiser Industries, Inc., he went to Southern California where he formed a partnership building housing and subdivisions in Orange County.

Robert V. '52 and Violet Scoggin '51 Williams taught school for 39 years and have been retired 21 years. They spend winters in Chandler, AZ and summers in Staunton, VA.

Dr. Harley '52 Galusha is a semi-retired Tulsa eye surgeon. In April he and wife Mary took a cruise to Turkey and Greece. In June, he traveled to Piura, Peru, for a Mission of Eye Surgery. In July he and a grandson went to Grand Canyon to an intergenerational Elderhostel. August brought a family trip to San Diego for his granddaughter's participation in a national ice skating competition, finishing up the summer with a trip to Scotland with his wife. Dr. Galusha is the brother of Dick '54 and David '61.

Bob Gartman '52, PTS '55 remembers "some of us undergraduates, mostly Gridiron, foolishly raided Central State in Edmond one post-midnight before a basketball game, painting with whitewash. My roommate Bud Miller was captured. When we got back to Enid, it fell to me and Lloyd Lambert to tell Dean Ed Dyer what we had done and that Bud had not returned with us. In a larger university where the Dean of Students would not have known us from having been our teacher, we might have been expelled. Thanks to Dyer, Bud was recovered and none of us was expelled. We were severely chastised!"

Chet '54 and Ruth Butler '53 Johnson and Tom '53 and Linda Howard '53 Lieurance enjoy spending time together and are living in the Greater Kansas City area. They are cultivating a wildflower garden. Chet reports they are "all reasonably healthy and enjoying life!"

Lane '55 and Marilyn Crum '53 Klein live in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Martha Bauman '54 lives in Keene, NH. She reminisced about living off-campus while at Phillips. She stated, "Possibly we felt quite daring, living off campus with no dorm mother. We cooked on a hot plate and washed dishes in the bathtub."

Gene Challenner '55 lives in New Braunfels, Texas, with his wife Marilyn. He has four children and three grandchildren scattered around the country. He is retired from the hospital service contracting business, in which he worked for international companies in the US, Australia and New Zealand. He later owned his own business in the same industry serving the Southwestern U.S. In retirement he is active in Phillips University Legacy Foundation, having served as board chair from founding in 2001 through 2010, and has been a Phillips University Trustee since 1993.

Dr. Jim '57 and Kathy Hutchinson (fs) Worley spent the past summer in Washington state. They live in Oklahoma City, where Jim was a pediatrician.

Jim Ellis '69 works at Oklahoma City Community College as Director of Testing, having retired from active church ministry in 2008. Jim married Melanie Ellis in 1995. They have "parceled out parenthood to the five urchins who lived at our house. Some still do live there." Jim says, "While avoiding fame, I have also been able to avoid notoriety."

Gary Roberts '72 retired from teaching in 2001 after 29 years in the classroom. He returned to "active duty" in 2008 at the same school (Pleasant Vale Elementary near Enid) where he taught for 27 years. Gary is currently teaching fifth and sixth grade science.

Janice Kragnes Warrington '73 is now living in Venice, FL, and tutoring part-time at a boys and girls club. She "retired" from middle-school teaching in 2010. She and her husband, Tom are active in First Christian Church in Venice and travel frequently to visit children and grandchildren in Rockledge, FL, and Silver Spring, MD.

Steve Bridwell '73 and Renee Johnson Bridwell '76 live in Wichita, KS. Steve is an Intentional Interim Minister currently serving with Belmont Blvd. Christian Church in Salina, KS. Renee is an Associate Regional Minister with the Christian Church in Kansas. Their son Mike is an air traffic controller in California, and their daughter Sara lives near Pisa, Italy, where her Air Force husband is stationed. Mike and Sara have each made them grandparents.

Phil Campbell '75 is pastor of Northern Lights United Methodist Church in Juneau, Alaska. After learning a tornado had destroyed half of the town of Phil Campbell, Alabama, Rev. Campbell traveled 3,600 miles to assist in storm cleanup. Phil's wife is the former Teresa Hayden '77.

Kent Wells '76 and his wife have been in Box Elder, South Dakota, for 22 years. Kent is a Middle School science teacher, and a Lead/Master Teacher in the district. He also is active in their church as part of the Youth Staff and Praise Team and is a member of an international motorcycle ministry Black Sheep Harley Davidsons For Christ.

Michael Wallace '76 is currently working as a director at Moore Funeral Home in Tulsa, OK. Mike had two hip replacements one and a half years ago, but still is coaching and running around with 16-19 year old soccer players. Mike is married to the former Mary Randall '76.

John Randall '77 is an optometrist recently retired from U.S. Public Health Service. He is at U of W Indies in Trinidad & Tobago with wife Pamela Salzmann Randall '77 and Annelise, their youngest. They will be there for the next 3 years helping to start what is practically the only optometry school in the Caribbean. John says, "We miss our Haymaker friends wherever we are called to live. Come to visit!"

Steve Wallace '81 is running a non-profit that focuses on providing education and resources to churches and congregation leaders. It does online education as well as emailing out program ideas and more. Steve is married with two kids (15 & 8) and living in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Kelly Odell '83 is now living in Sweden.

Dale McNeill '84 completed a master's degree in library science at LSU in 1985. After working in public libraries in Texas for 20 years, he's been working for the Queens Library in New York City since 2005 where he is the director of public library services. Dale says he loves living in New York City!

Mike Hunter '85 lives in Roswell, NM. He worked for the City of Roswell for 20 years and now works for the State of New Mexico, Office of the State Engineer. Andrew Hunter '86 is his brother. Mike says, "Janet is a saint for putting up with Andrew." (see below).

Andrew Hunter '86, PTS '98 lives in Farmington, NM. He is married to Janet Wehlage Hunter, '87. Andrew works for State of New Mexico, Child Support Enforcement. Janet is principal of Heights Middle School.

David Gordon '86 is Campus Director of Vatterott College, which recently started classes in a new 50,000 sq. ft. facility in Warr Acres, OK.

Ed Barnes '86 lives in Dallas, TX, area and has been with Microsoft for 18 years.

Paul Fritts '88 is a Chaplain for the Army currently assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison, Livorno, Italy (otherwise known as Camp Darby). He is the garrison chaplain and the officer in charge of the Camp Darby Chapel. His wife, the former Karen Harris '88, and daughter Kathryn are with him while son Sam is currently living with relatives in Texas. Paul writes, "We are enjoying living in Tuscany and traveling around Italy and Germany. We're planning additional trips to France, the UK, and Scotland in the coming year. Our home is in Pisa, Italy. I expect to be here for another year and would love for Camelot Club to have their reunion in Italy this year!"

Michael McHarg '89 writes he "left Enid for Indianapolis with Kelly Ingersoll, Bruce Frogge, Micki Gagnon, Kyle Harris, Kit Fuller, Tanya Gerardy and others from PU to attend Christian Theological Seminary." He married Jennifer McNeal of Asheville, NC, in 1991 and served as minister of several churches in Indiana and eastern North Carolina.

BRIEFS *continued*

Michael left the ministry in 2008 to become Director of the Wilson Business Alliance, a local business membership organization. Michael was just named Executive Marketing Director for Big Fish Digital Signs in Wilson, NC. He and wife Jennifer have 3 children: Gabby 17, Duncan 15, Dawson Claire 12.

Mark Whitehill '91-93 currently lives and works in the Kansas City, Kansas, area with his son River. River is in the third grade and enjoys math, karate, and movies, much like his dad. In Mark's spare time (which happens to be Monday through Friday, 8-5), he works for a startup software company as a quality assurance engineer.

Tom A. Taylor II, '92 Camelot has lived in Oklahoma City since graduation from Phillips University. He got his MBA from Oklahoma City University in '99, and he has worked in suicide prevention work as the Executive Director for HeartLine, Inc., a non-profit. Tom will begin a new adventure as the new CEO/Executive Director for Emergency Infant Services in Tulsa, OK, starting in October 2011.

Hope Smith '92 is a Suzuki violin instructor self-employed with the Jonesboro Suzuki Institute in Jonesboro, AR. She has been "paying the bills working as a customer service representative for about 3 years, and the teaching was a side gig. Well, with more students coming my way, I am hoping that I can get out of the rat race and teach." She has students ranging in age from 5 to 37. She says she "has been happily married for almost 7 years this coming October, and we have a dog named Shae that is part lab and part greyhound, and all wild child."

Ray '94 and Amy Prochaska '96 Hilligoss welcomed Brady Reece into the world and their family Sept. 2, 2011. Amy is the daughter of Debbie Rose '79 and granddaughter of Phillips Seminary Professor Dr. Glenn Rose and Seminary Librarian Carolyn Rose.

Erik Thomas '95 is living in Lahoma, OK. He teaches Enriched Electives and Yearbook at Emerson Middle School in Enid. Erik has 2 boys, Trenton 15 & Kaden 4. He is finishing a Masters in Secondary Education degree at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Leigh Tomlin '96 is a featured artist, displaying her pen and ink drawings of children, at the St. Augustine of Canterbury Faire in Oklahoma City on October 1, 2011.

Jason Williams '98 is serving as pastor of Mustang Christian Church. Jason received his Masters of Divinity at Philips Theological Seminary this past May. Jason is married to Mandy Megrew '98 Williams.

Kate Krumrei '06, attending American University in Washington, D.C., is an intern with an NGO called Ivorian Hope, most recently trying to raise money and awareness for the post election violence and humanitarian need in Cote d'Ivoire (West Africa). She just got back from a for-credit internship in Liberia working with Ivorian refugees

on the border between Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire. Kate will be one of our speakers at the Leadership Conference. Kate is the daughter of Dan '81 and Sue Krumrei.

Andrea Vasilio '07 started working on a new CW show called "Ringer" zat the beginning of June. Andreas says, "It's a really fun show in the mystery/suspense/thriller vein, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. I am working as the Writers' PA, so I basically take care of the writing staff's day-to-day needs. This ranges from picking up lunch and groceries to completing research and answering phones. Everyone here is really great and we are very excited about the show. We premiere Tuesday, September 13, so everyone tune in!"

Christina Everett Magiary '08 got married on October 25, 2008. Her first child, Elizabeth Marie, was born September 15, 2009. She is attending Brandman University in San Diego, CA, where she is working on her masters of teaching in special education, as well as her teaching credentials. Christina is the granddaughter of Dr. Skip '59 and Shirley '62 Hughes.

Jessi Krumrei '10 is now serving with the Peace Corps as a Community Health Development Volunteer in Burkina Faso. You can read about her adventures in West Africa on her blog at <http://peacesofburkinafaso.blogspot.com>. She is doing some amazing work in the sixth poorest country in the world. Jessi is the daughter of Dan '81 and Sue Krumrei.

Cassie Sexton '10 was engaged to Michael Riggs, son of Phillipians Graham "Skip" '62/'77 and Sue Noble '63 Riggs on August 9, 2011. Cassie is a second year seminary student at Brite Divinity School at TCU.

Kristen Thies '10 is working at the St. Baldrick's Foundation in their Marketing and Communications department. St. Baldrick's is a non-profit that raises money across the globe for children's cancer research.

Laura Davis Bryant '11 is now the Academic Support Specialist at Tulsa Community College's Writing Center. Laura is the daughter of Glenn '85 and Mary Fate '85 Davis, and the granddaughter of Lew '51 and Dorothy Armstrong '51 Davis.

Danielle Cox '12 worked as a Disciples Home Missions Intern for six weeks during the summer. She will graduate from Lynchburg, VA, in May.

Kelly Stump '13 recently received an internship with Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. Kelly is an environmental science/policy major at Chapman University in Orange, CA, and the daughter of Don '77 and Leanne Welch '76 Stump. The entire family recently came through Enid and stopped to see the Phillips University Gallery at the new Regional Heritage Center.

NEW PHILLIPS MERCHANDISE: CHENILLE BLANKET



Phillips University Chenille Blanket is red and will have "Phillips University" and a skunk embroidered in black and white in the corner. Dimensions are 62"x 48". It comes with a zippered PVC storage bag.

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~ Alumni in the News ~

Doerner Saunders Daniel & Anderson LLP, has added three new attorneys to its team: Stuart D. Campbell, David H. Herrold and Ron W. Little.

Stuart D. Campbell has more than 25 years of practice in transportation law, sports and entertainment law, public utility litigation and Indian gaming law. He graduated from Phillips University with a bachelor's degree in 1982 and received a juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1985.



Read more from this Tulsa World article at http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=497&articleid=20110717_46_E2_CUTLIN951536

Stone Receives Wittkamper Peace Award

Pablo Stone, a resident of Christmount and Black Mountain since 1993 received the Will Wittkamper Peace Award, which honors persons who have dedicated themselves to a lifetime of advancing the causes of peace. The award is named for Will Wittkamper, who was working for Koinonia Farms with Clarence Jordan in the 1960's when Stone met him.



Stone spent 30 years in Latin America, thirteen as a missionary in Mexico, eight of those years with The Heifer Project serving all of Mexico, seven other countries with the UN's World Food Program and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture.

Before coming to Black Mountain, he lived in Washington D.C. where he represented the Christian Church (DOC) in congressional lobbying efforts. Stone was also a representative of the task force on Latin America and the Caribbean.

He has participated in the School of the Americas Watch for seven years in Fort Benning, GA, and also in Ecumenical Advocacy Days for several years, advocating for health care and ending the Cuban Boycott and other issues.

Locally, Stone has been involved with the Sister Cities Project and the Martin Luther King Corporation that sponsors the yearly MLK Prayer Breakfast. He is a member of Western Carolinians for Peace and Justice in the Middle East and is currently on the Board of United Nations Association of Ashville, and the Funeral Consumer's Alliance. He is also on the Board of Friends of Music.

Pablo's passion for peace and compassion for those who were disadvantaged or marginalized by the powerful has been the motivation for his life's work," Jim Higgenbotham of the Disciples Peace Fellowship said.

Stone and Barbara, his wife of 47 years, had 3 children. He has four great grandchildren. He has been married to Jenean Sias Fulton Stone for 11 years. They are members of First Christian Church (DOC) in Black Mountain.

---published in the Black Mountain News

Erdner, others to be honored at banquet

By Phyllis Zorn, Staff Writer Enid News and Eagle

The assistant superintendent of Enid Public Schools and a couple involved in the schools for many years will be inducted into the EPS Hall of Fame next week.

Their inductions will be during the Hall of Fame awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at Gantz Center on the Northern Oklahoma College Enid campus.

Ruth Ann Erdner earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Phillips University. She taught at Hunter Public Schools from 1970 to 1974, then began her career with Enid schools as a teacher at Hoover Elementary School. She became principal at Cleveland Elementary School in 1978, then principal at Taft Elementary School in 1981. She was appointed executive administrator for curriculum and instruction in 1990 and assistant superintendent in 2005.

To read more: <http://enidnews.com/localnews/x1990851572/Erdner-others-to-be-honored-at-banquet>



FCC Minister Researched "Brands" of Church as a Youth

By Toni Harper The Duncan Banner

DUNCAN — Arnold Nelson describes his childhood personality as stuffy, priggish and pious. Yet, he says that changed when he went to college. Nelson, who has been minister of First Christian Church for the last four years, hopes Duncan residents find him to be as delightful as he finds them.

Ask Nelson why he made the decision to be a preacher, and he doesn't give the atypical "God told me" answer. Instead, he says he was an adolescent who knew what direction he wanted to travel. That's the stuffy trait, he says.

To read more:

<http://duncanbanner.com/features/x175566998/FCC-minister-researched-brands-of-church-as-a-youth>



Submit Your Biography!!

The Phillips Gallery in the new Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center will have a research center where pictures and biographies of all former Phillips students will be available. What will be in your biography? It's up to you! Send your biography to info@puafa.org, or by snail mail to PUAFA, P.O. Box 331, Enid, OK 73702.

It started with an urge to cross a little white bridge

By Diane Peck for the Enid News and Eagle July 6, 2011

Having lived in Enid since the mid-'70s, I'm pretty familiar with the town. I haven't been down every street, but almost. I've visited historic areas and sites, been in the "skyscrapers," played in the various parks, shopped and dined in nearly every place there is to shop and dine, and, of course, working for Enid Public Schools, I've been in every school in the district.

Still, there are interesting spots around our great city I've never taken the time to stop and check out. With my summer bus route just over, I decided it was time to visit some of these sites, and I decided to start with that quaint little footbridge leading to the old Phillips University dormitory for young women, Clay Hall.

Early one morning, late in June, I strolled across that 30-foot concrete bridge just south of the intersection of East Maine and South University, nestled in a grassy valley between Northern Oklahoma College and the long-abandoned Clay Hall. The narrow tributary beneath the bridge (Sawyers Creek, I'm told) runs south to University Lake.

The still-sturdy bridge, wide enough for two or three close friends to cross shoulder-to-shoulder, has steel railings running through three painted concrete pillars on each side. The white paint is quite weathered now, and any plaques or signs that once adorned the large middle pillars are gone, along with any light fixtures housed in the empty recesses at either end of the bridge.

I stood there, in the warm, early morning breeze, imagining the decades of students (mostly girls!) happily crossing the bridge between their beloved university and the dorm on the hill. Huffing and puffing on up the walkway to Clay Hall, I decided to take a closer look at the boarded up dorm. I'd heard the "haunted" stories — sounds of laughter, singing, and piano-playing — but I sensed no ghosts of the past. All I could hear was the chirping of birds in the trees and the faint sound of traffic drifting over from Garriott.

Counting the windows, I figured there must have been close to a hundred rooms in those three stories. I've always had a fascination with dormitories. Having been a commuter during my brief stint in college, I've always felt a bit cheated for not getting to experience dorm life.

Boarded up and graffiti-covered, the yellow brick building is still structurally sound enough to be sold and renovated for what they're calling "affordable apartments for seniors age 62 and over." An awesome venture, I say. I just might get my dorm experience yet!

It wasn't Clay Hall I had come to see, though, and as I turned to make my way back over the little bridge that had been the subject of my curiosity, I had to pause and marvel at the panorama before me. Maybe it was the four towering columns I hadn't noticed earlier, standing along the banks of the lake to my right, or the top of the Marshall building, towering above the trees on the NOC campus to my left. My trek to visit the little white bridge suddenly turned into something else.

"Oh yeah, I've seen those columns from the golf

course," my husband offhandedly replied when I asked him about them. "But, I know nothing about them."

Not good enough. I had to know more. I called my good friend, Al, who grew up in the neighborhood and had attended Phillips in the late '50s. What resulted was the longest, but most delightful, "short" version of the history of the area I'd ever heard. And when he concluded with, "and now the columns have been moved to the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center," I was a bit confused, having just seen them standing by University Lake the day before!

Stepping into the coolness of the museum I had been meaning to tour since its reopening, I asked the kind lady in the reception area just where the old Phillips University columns would be displayed.

"Oh, they're right out there in back," she said, gesturing toward a bank of windows behind her. "You can take the stairs or elevator down to the back door, if you'd like."

Through the windows facing Government Springs Park, I could see the four majestic columns in all their glory.

"But, I just ... I mean, they ... just yesterday ... how?" I sputtered.

The gal got the message and quickly explained: "Oh, we were going to move those, but they were too fragile. The columns out back are replicas."

I was disappointed at first. I don't know why I was so set on them being "the" columns. But once I made my way downstairs and out the back, I changed my mind. They are very nice replicas. (A

time-lapse video back in the museum shows their construction.)

Between the middle two columns is a square area paved with bricks bearing the names of individuals, service clubs, businesses, and organizations associated with Phillips University.

The largest of the bricks is inscribed with the words: "These Corinthian columns, replicas of the originals which grace the lawn of University Lake, symbolize the four facets of the Phillips University Education: Physical, Spiritual, Social, and Intellectual. May we be worthy and hold ever high the standards of our Phillips U." I nearly cried.

There's more. After that moving experience, and thinking back to all I saw gazing back toward campus from Clay Hall, I simply had to pay tribute to the landmark known as the Marshall Building, the building my sons have always called the "Batman Building" for the spires that give it the look of Batman's horned cowl. Always considering it the first sign we were close to home, I took a drive out U.S. 412 to see just where it is the Marshall Building first comes into view when nearing Enid from the east.

Here's what I discovered: While you can catch a brief glimpse of the big grain elevators just before the dip and curve near Bear Creek, it's on the small rise between the roads to Fairmont and Breckenridge that the Marshall Building first comes into view. By the time you hit the railroad tracks near Farmland, you can begin to make out the spires. From there, on into town, the Marshall Building sits squarely in the middle of your windshield, a majestic welcome to our great city.

Wow, I do have a lot of time on my hands these days. And now, if you'll excuse me, I have a long-awaited construction site to visit at the corner of East Elm and 7th Street. Stay tuned. *Diane Peck is a local mother and grandmother who works in Enid Public Schools. She can be reached at peckaroonie@yahoo.com. Article reprinted with permission of author.*



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DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
BRASS MAILBOX (from Clay Hall)		15.00	
		SUBTOTAL	
Oklahoma ONLY		SALES TAX	8.35%
ADD'L SHIPPING for 3 or more is 5.20 per order of 1-2		SHIPPING & HANDLING	5.20
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP	INDIVIDUAL \$25 COUPLE \$45		
		TOTAL	
SPECIAL REQUESTS: (original #'s, specific #, red labels)			
<i>Feel free to ask questions about availability of requests.</i>			
METHOD OF PAYMENT:			
AMOUNT \$ _____			
CHECK: (#) _____			
OR			
CREDIT CARD: (#) _____			
(exp. Date) _____			
Is shipping information same as credit card? If not, please provide correct information			
Name (as it appears on card) : _____			
Address (where bill is mailed) : _____			

In Memoriam

	Class of	Deceased		Class of	Deceased
Winfield, Floyd Eldon	1952	10/2011	Yates, Carlyle	1946	07/12/2011
Aebi, Linda (Herbert)	1980	10/2011	Richardson, Jr., George H	1973	06/2011
Von Stetten, Arthur E.	FS	10/2011	Willis, Gary Jack		06/30/2011
Mitchell, Dennis L.	1975	10/2011	Evans, Conrad Leon		06/23/2011
Clover, Phillip Raymond	1975	10/23/2011	Bamburg, Hellen M. (Unruh)	1975	06/10/2011
Kriethe, Jack	1968	10/02/2011	Crowl, Patricia Ann (Vandersall)	1946	06/06/2011
Richey, Hershel Larry	1968	09/2011	Shearer, Steven Tim	1969	06/05/2011
Engman, George Hunter	FS	09/29/2011	Simonson, Elizabeth L. (Duke)	1933	05/31/2011
Harwell, Joyce Ann (Wilfred)	1980	09/17/2011	Weese, James A.	1958	05/24/2011
Cottom, Gerld	FS	09/09/2011	Brown, Leo Earl	FS	05/22/2011
McBride, Paul Patric		08/2011	Dowell, Mary K. (Davis)	FS	05/13/2011
Cummins, Wilma Jeanne (Anderson)	1948	08/21/2011	Dowell, Harry E.	1950	05/08/2011
Chelf, John	FS	08/18/2011	Kimball, Rosemary (Adams)	FS	04/2011
Schultz, Betty (Wharry)	1951	07/19/2011	Theimer, E.C. "Gene"	1953	04/28/2011
Shirley, Shera	1978	07/15/2011	Bilinski, Aleksander	1959	04/13/2011



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From the August 1, 1908 Catalogue:

1. Where is Oklahoma Christian University located?

Ans. Oklahoma Christian University is located at Enid in north central Oklahoma. Enid is an excellent railroad center, having eleven outlets by rail, making it readily accessible from all parts of the country.

The University is a little less than two miles from the center of the city and is connected with the city by street car line, giving good service. Students arriving at any depot in the city can take street car for the University.

2. What is the general elevation?

The elevation is approximately 1200 feet, thus giving splendid bracing atmosphere.

3. Have you good water?

Excellent water is found from thirty to fifty feet.

4. Is Enid considered a healthful place?

The health of the city is very good, and the location of the University is such as to remove it from any source of contamination or disease. There is no more healthful place in the country.