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## An update from the ECAA chair

Underdogs: I have always been partial to them. And pretty much without fail, I have always rooted for them.

My Eisenhower days revolved around two things...basketball and books, in that order. The Generals nearly always seemed to be the underdog, while I felt like the underdog when it came to the battle of the books. There were struggles a plenty for both of us!

One of my enduring pleasures is recalling the friendships and wonderful memories that the former gave me. One of my ultimate regrets is that I never fully mastered the latter to the degree I would have liked. In some ways, I was too young to fully appreciate the incredible richness of opportunities surrounding me and the intrinsic value of the education I was receiving. What was hard to ignore, however, was that there was something different about this place and that something incredibly powerful was going on. This was to be my first brush with real passion.

There was a passionate person around every Eisenhower corner. People who were passionate about teaching, about learning, about achieving, about experiencing life, about growing up, and about triumphing. And yes, there were a few who were even passionate about partying! You couldn't be at Eisenhower, even for a short period of time, and not be impressed by and drawn in by those passions.

The college touted an educational concept and environment divergent from most everything else on the horizon, and in the face of daunting odds for success, evidenced an almost uncontrollable passion to not only carry on but to plan for the future as well. This communal passion often necessitated struggle and sacrifices, not always willingly made, but made nonetheless because the alternative was unfathomable. And it was within that charged atmosphere

that each of us benefited from a singularly unique experience.

Passion has the power to make something special out of the mundane, and it can turn underdogs into champions. In the intervening years since my own graduation, when I have allowed passion to inform my decisions and choices, my life has been further enriched, and I have felt immense satisfaction in

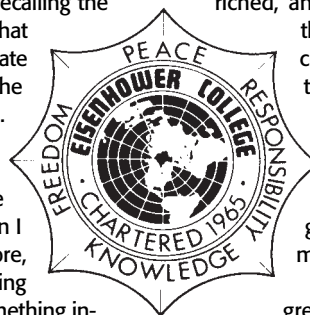
those undertakings. Again, this has not come without struggle or sacrifice, but the net gain has nearly always proven worth the trade off. This has been true

with the professional opportunities I have chosen to pursue and the volunteer commitments I have engaged in—most specifically, my involvement with ECAA.

In many ways, we who embody the greater Eisenhower College community have always been underdogs. Then and now, there have been numerous occasions when our survival seemed in question and our downfall imminent. Yet we have persevered and endured...“reinventing” ourselves, as needed along the way, in the fine, adaptable tradition that is (and should be!) the hallmark of a liberal arts education. We have struggled and sacrificed side by side and remained *passionate* about what mattered to us. We are, unequivocally, the Eisenhower College success story.

In this issue of *World Studies XI*, you will find abundant evidence of what our shared passion has helped us to accomplish recently, as well as over the past 25 years. It is my hope that this same spirit will continue to move us forward.

Pam Romeo Havens '78  
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## save *the* date

Join us on the NYCC campus (and vicinity) for our annual Homecoming reunion celebration this summer: **August 3-5, 2007**. Event details will follow in May.

'72 grads celebrate 35 years...  
'77 grads celebrate 30 years...  
'82 grads celebrate 25 years...

*Are we really all this old???*

## *A note from a grateful alum...*

Fellow Alums,

Thanks to those of you who made my 30th reunion such a memorable and meaningful experience. I was especially impressed by the active roles played by those who enrolled and graduated after me—during years that must have been very difficult.

I am also impressed and grateful to those of you, like Steve, who fought so hard to make certain that there would be a future for the ECAA. I really had no idea that that was going on. Please feel free to ask for my assistance if you need it for the future. I am going to work on my buddies from the classes of 1976-'78 for next year.

There are so many success stories among you, although I should not be surprised given the education we all received. It's that "critical thinking" so ingrained in us by the WS program and the interdisciplinary character of the faculty and the institution that really makes a difference.

I was really happy to make contact with Jamie Campbell, Don Eilenstein, Frank Annunziata, and Jim Troisi. I have also gotten in touch with Al Ossman as a result. We are sending each other our various recent scholarly publications and enjoying that thoroughly.

I guess the most memorable moment for me (other than being recognized as "that guy with the really long hair!") was during the morning tour in the library at the EC collection when Steve explained that it would all become part of NYCC because (and I paraphrase here) "it's not like ECAA is generating new members, so eventually there won't be any."

Sad as that is, of course, we all carry the EC education with us, and we have each made enormous contributions as a result that will live on.

Gordon P. Henderson

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## A review of Homecoming 2006

### **Flagpole Ceremony**

We commemorated the 40th anniversary of the gift of the flagpole given by President and Mrs. Eisenhower on December 12, 1966.

At the ceremony, ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 noted, "As the Eisenhowers did with their gift in 1966, the Eisenhower College Alumni Association wishes to acknowledge their very special and unique bond to this area and to our hosts and friends at New York Chiropractic College." ECAA presented NYCC with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on May 28, 2006, the 34th anniversary of the graduation of Eisenhower College's charter class.

### **Scholarship Recipients**

Jonathan R. Young of Seneca Falls was the 2006 primary recipient of the Eisenhower College Alumni scholarship award. His scholarship essay entry was titled "Orwell's Vision: Is Our World Becoming What We Once Feared?" Matthew B. Quinn of Seneca Falls was designated as the 2006 secondary scholarship recipient.

### **Artist and Lecture Series**

Gigi Carnes '81, ECAA archivist, traced the history of the archives through the present day outlining future needs as the project moves into its next phase. Her presentation kicked off ECAA's fundraising efforts for the archives, with an initial goal of \$7,500 for archival supplies and display materials and included a "treasure hunt" allowing alumni on hand to assist with the preservation project sorting.

### **Rededication of Punkin Park**

Punkin Park, so named in memory of Joseph Andrew Campbell, son of Jamie and Cookie Campbell, was originally dedicated in April 1979. This past summer's ceremony included the installation of a new Punkin Park plaque including the original dedication and the rededication dates.

Speakers included Dr. Frank Nicchi, NYCC president, and Jaime and Jim Campbell, speaking

on behalf of the family. The invocation and benediction were offered by the Rev. R. Byron Breese '83.

### **Distinguished Alumni Awards:**

**Richard "Rick" Fisher '81**, in recognition of exemplary professional accomplishments in the field of public policy and national security. Rick is vice president of the International Assessment and Strategy Center and director of the Center's Project on Asian Security and Democracy.

**Stephen Van Arsdale '81**, in recognition of distinguished and meritorious service to the Eisenhower College Alumni Association and for exemplary professional and community service. Steve is vice president and assistant counsel for Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.

**The Founders Award: Dr. Donald Eilenstein**, former professor of economics, in recognition of his years of dedication to Eisenhower College, its students, faculty and alumni.

**The Legacy Award: New York Chiropractic College** in recognition of nearly two decades of friendship and goodwill extended to the Eisenhower College community.

**Special Recognition: NYCC's Dr. Beth Donohue** was bestowed with the status of honorary alumna of Eisenhower College. In making the presentation, ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 noted, "(Beth) has championed our cause in both little and big ways, from behind the scenes and on the front lines. (She) has 'paved the path,' so to speak, and helped us build bridges that sustain us in the present and lead to the future. ... She has welcomed us with open arms, making a place for us in her heart and in the place that has now become her 'second home.'"

Be sure to check our website often—[www.eisenhowercollege.org](http://www.eisenhowercollege.org)—for Homecoming 2007 details.



A view of the ECAA archives during Homecoming 2006.



# It's all about passion

## *Reflecting on 25 years of ECAA and its accomplishments*

ECAA is turning 25! The passionate commitment of those early, intrepid board members, led by Kevin Smyth '78, affected the incorporation of this organization whose future must have been hard to predict some 25 years ago.

In the intervening years, we have grown and reshaped ourselves, while always remaining true to our roots and preserving the legacy and memory of Eisenhower College. It is fitting to note here some of our milestones:

- Establishment of a scholarship program, which has made awards to high school seniors throughout the Finger Lakes region for the past 20 years.

- Return of Homecoming to the Seneca Falls campus, an annual tradition since 1992.

- Institution of an awards program recognizing distinguished alumni, founders, and those who continue to help us "preserve the legacy."

- Development of the Eisenhower College Archives, including the installation of a permanent display area in NYCC's library.

- Launching of the ECAA website.

- Anniversary celebrations commemorating the College's groundbreaking and the installation of the flagpole—a gift from President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

- Rededication of Punkin Park.

A complete timeline of our quarter century of success is profiled on our website at [www.eisenhowercollege.org](http://www.eisenhowercollege.org). This timeline is a testament to you—our fiercely passionate and loyal membership.

The further development of our website and the Eisenhower College Archives are long-term commitments that have stretched available resources. In response to this, the board elected last fall to implement a new giving

structure for the first time since 1994. We ask you to thoughtfully consider these new levels as we work together to secure ECAA's future.

**Annual Dues.....\$50**

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President's Club.....\$250-\$499

Five-Star Club.....\$500 and up

And don't forget to see if your organization offers a corporate matching gift program. Corporate matching gifts are an easy way to increase the size of your contribution to ECAA.

Your encouragement and support over the past 25 years have made so much possible. Together, our shared passion can continue to enhance our legacy.

## Check out our site's new look

### EC Alumni Website Revamped

We might be "old," but we aren't stodgy—at least not yet.

Over the past several months, we've been working behind the scenes to update our website at [www.eisenhowercollege.org](http://www.eisenhowercollege.org).

In addition to the searchable database that is the basis of the site, we've put up a lot of new photos, and we've added tributes and other special sections. Over time we'll be migrating more content from the newsletter and other typically "paper publications" to the site—including a detailed alumni news section.

If you don't know your personal login information, just use the member log in link in the public area of the site to let us know. We'll get back to you as quickly as possible.



## ECAA provides opportunities for tax-savings gifts

People make gifts to the Eisenhower College Alumni Association primarily to preserve the Eisenhower College legacy—because, decades later, they still value the unique and extraordinary educational experience this tiny liberal arts college in upstate New York afforded some 1,500 students. Tax benefits are secondary, but they can make it easier to give.

Recognizing that philanthropy is a cornerstone of the free-enterprise system, Congress has enacted tax incentives that enable an individual to choose where he or she would like his

or her money to go. The following gift options are available to all ECAA donors:

**Outright gifts:** The outright gift offers an income tax advantage to the donor and is of the most immediate benefit to the Eisenhower College Alumni Association. Every contribution to ECAA is tax-deductible.

**Corporate matching gifts:** Many companies have matching gift programs and may match gifts made to the alumni association. If your or your spouse's employer is known to provide matching gifts, please check with the human re-

sources for a matching gift application.

**Bequests:** You may also elect to bequeath to ECAA either a percentage of your assets or a set dollar amount. Either way, we encourage you to contact us to learn more about this planned giving option.

**In memoriam gifts:** Donors may wish to make a memorial or honorary gift for deceased classmates, faculty members, family members, or friends. Feel free to contact us for more information about these opportunities if you are interested.

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Check out our website and this section of future newsletters to read the latest from your friends and classmates. And remember, the success of this newsletter depends, in part, on alumni participation, so send us your update today.