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Homecoming 2008 is scheduled for July 25, 26, and 27—*one week earlier than usual!*

The Eisenhower College family will gather once again on the shores of Cayuga Lake to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of this unique group. There is much to celebrate...the "baby of the family" turns 25.

It is true, the class of '83 celebrates its 25th anniversary, the class of '78 hits 30, and the intrepid members of the first class arrive at the 40th anniversary of when, for the first time, footsteps of students plodded over the Cayuga red clay of campus.

More details of the reunion weekend will follow in the spring mailing or can be found online at our website, eisenhowercollege.org.

See you at Homecoming. And remember to celebrate in '08.

Chair praises the uncommon commitment of our Eisenhower community

Merci. Gracias. Danke schon. No matter the language, the translation is the same—thank you.

Two simple, monosyllabic words, meant to convey gratitude in varying degrees, at varying times. And, in today's world, as has been my experience, two words which are often under utilized.

As I seek to convey that sentiment here, I feel compelled to embellish that message because those two words seem, somehow, inadequate. They don't appear to capture the same essence as platitudes such as "heartfelt appreciation" and "deepest gratitude," or words that speak to the importance of generosity and sustained affirmation. Yet, no matter the adjectives that I might choose to attach, at the heart of this message the sentiment remains a resounding "thank you," with the emphasis just so.

The financial support of this generous community allows us to keep alive the dream that was Eisenhower

College and to continue to celebrate its legacy. Last fall, the ECAA board announced its decision to implement a new giving structure so that we might realize the resources necessary to secure our future and fulfill our long-term commitments to you, our membership. Your response to this challenge has been overwhelming, but not surprising. (Our honor roll is posted on our website—eisenhowercollege.org.) Repeatedly, over the past quarter century, you have evidenced an uncommon commitment to our common heritage.

We cannot say thank you often enough or in enough ways to adequately convey the magnitude of the enduring difference you have made in bolstering our efforts and affirming our resolve. The reality is that, without you, we simply could not continue.

Pam Romeo Havens '78, ECAA Chair

"Impressions" of Homecoming 2007

My assignment for this season's newsletter is to write you an overview of Homecoming 2007. As a member of the board of directors, I have to do these things from time to time to justify my extravagant board salary, my nearly obscene expense account, and, of course, my use of the ECAA company jet. Believe me, if you're making your children eat peanut butter for a month just to pay your dues, you can comfort them with the knowledge that I'm worth every penny.

Truthfully, there really are benefits to being on the ECAA board, though they've never been exactly monetary. The best benefit, from my perspective, is seeing old friends from Ike several times a year at board meetings or annually at Homecoming. (A close second is the satisfaction I get from Ikesters telling us

that they appreciate our work in keeping the association running for over 25 years. Thank you—that keeps us going!) But having attended 25 years of Homecomings is the problem: I need to write you about the last one, and they all run together after a while! And the fact that I'm writing this two months after the event doesn't help either...

So this article is going to be more impressionistic, if you'll pardon the World Studies painting reference, than the usual newsletter article. The first event of every Homecoming is the beer and wine party Friday night. (We board members love this because we don't have to do any work.) In recent years, this has been held in the glass atrium of the New York Chiro-

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donor appreciation

Our donors make World Studies XI and the ECAA website, eisenhowercollege.org, possible.

Please donate to our alumni association regularly to support these efforts. A list of donors to our 2006-'07 giving year can be found on our website.

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practic College's new building, prosaically named "Academic III." It has a great view of the ponds, the phase III dorms, and the mature (!) trees on campus. You should really come see it if you haven't been back. Every year, some people come for the Friday night party and never show up for anything else—maybe in retrospect that's not so surprising.

One person who was there Friday and the rest of the weekend was my old classmate, Amos Barnes. Amos had been in my class a couple years, I think, and then disappeared. Unbeknownst to me and perhaps most of the class of '76, Amos had joined the Marines and went to Vietnam. He then came back and finished his degree. Amos went on to become a Marine Corps officer and has served his country in the Gulf War and the Iraq War. In between being called up for reserve assignments, Amos has worked as a teacher.

Frankly, I was stunned to see him and hear the story of his career. For one thing, Amos was always a skinny kid at Eisenhower. (I'm sorry, Amos, you were.) I was met and greeted warmly by the unlikely sight of Amos' head on a body-

builder's torso. And, if you'll forgive me again, I wouldn't have put Amos on a top-ten list of most serious students at EC. Thirty years later, however, this Amos Barnes is as serious as a heart attack and as worldly as Dr. Hickman. For me, seeing my classmate Amos and how he has changed was the highlight of Homecoming 2007.

But the weekend didn't stop on Friday night.

The first event every Saturday morning at Homecoming is always the guided tour of campus at 11:00. (Since NYCC has put up new buildings and changed the functions of old ones, it's not entirely silly to have to have tours for EC alumni.) Without fail, every single year we get precisely four to six people who show up for this. But the tour doesn't cost the association anything, so we keep doing it. This year, we had a chiropractic student give the tour. It was kind of fun—he told us about the new buildings and programs, and we told him about the Eisenhower buildings and programs. I think he learned more than we did.

Lunch on Saturday is always a picnic in the atrium with traditional picnic food. As always, we invited the winners of the Scholarship Program and their parents to join us and receive their awards. This year, we had them read their essays after lunch. Several of us had read the essays as part of the judging process, and we were surprised at how they sounded different and

were even more impressive when the authors were able to read them aloud.

In the early afternoon, Dave Dresser gave the Artists and Lecture Series presentation on the legacy of Eisenhower College. That's being written up on the next page, so I won't spoil it by saying any more.

At the banquet Saturday night, we presented Lisa Wood '79 with the Distinguished Alumni Award for her indispensable work at Stewart Howe Alumni Service in keeping the association afloat. If I may tell stories out of school, Lisa HATES being in the limelight and rarely comes to reunions. We were quite relieved when she actually showed up to receive her award. Her husband, David St. George '78, and their daughter, Beal, were with her, probably to make sure she really showed up.

Our Legacy Award recipient was another unsung heroine, Sue Wright Schroeder '81. Sue has been our treasurer and Resident Voice of Reason during board meetings for two dozen years. As with Lisa, our very existence, not to mention our success as an association, have a lot to do with Sue's support.

So that was the most recent Homecoming—there will be another one next year, in the last weekend in July, in case you're going to be around.

I can assure you I'll be there... I may even take notes this time.

Steve Suddaby '76

a few actual scenes from Homecoming 2007



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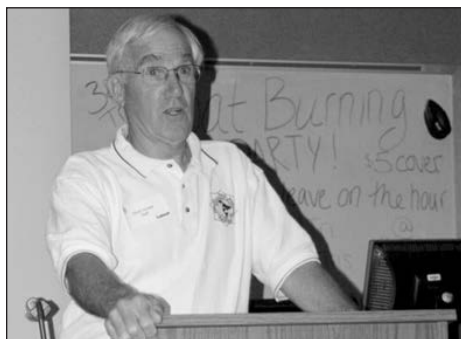
Dresser speaks on college's legacy

Dr. David Dresser, former dean of students, gave an insightful and moving Artist and Lecture Series address entitled "The Legacy of Eisenhower College."

Drawing from *Eisenhower College: Birth and Death of a Living Memorial*, his comprehensive history of the college, Dresser first distilled six key lessons from the various periods in the life of the college. In the founding of the college years (1961-1965), Dresser highlighted the value of volunteerism, as local leaders devoted extraordinary time and energy to secure the approvals and initial funding needed to begin the project.

The planning of the college years (1965-1968) showed the importance of persistence, as college leaders forged ahead to open the college even in the face of fundraising shortfalls.

In the charter class years (1968-1972), Dresser



Dave Dresser at Homecoming.

extolled the virtues of the World Studies, in concluding that curriculum is key to a higher education.

The silver dollar years (1972-1975) taught that finance is fundamental and public relations are paramount, as the decision to announce the imminent closure of the college unless additional funds were secured from the Eisenhower coin legislation, marked a turning point in the life of the college.

The difficult next to last years (1975-1979), with its declining enrollment, showed that leadership is essential if a college is to succeed. Finally, the RIT years (1979-1982) taught that students are essential to the survival of a college, as RIT was unable to restore enrollment to sustainable levels.

Ultimately, Dresser concluded that the alumni are the true legacy of Eisenhower College. "You are the life of the living memorial that was Eisenhower College...You have a perspective unlike that of most other college graduates, and so we look to you to make unusual and important contributions, as many of you have already made, to what we call the march of civilization. These contributions often come in small, seemingly modest, and even cumulative ways, but they are very significant, and you should not underestimate the influence that you do and can have. You are the people that prove that Eisenhower College was a success story."

The full text of Dean Dresser's address can be found at www.eisenhowercollege.org.

Ikesters send news & notes

Thomas J. White '72 writes about the Eisenhower website: "What a wonderful initiative! Many thanks. I just ran into **Susan Eisenhower** last month here in Paris, where I work, and we shared some memories of campus and her mother. I did graduate work at Princeton and entered the U.S. Foreign Service in 1978. I am currently minister-counselor for economic affairs at the American Embassy in Paris, France. I would love to hear from fellow Ikesters!" Write to Tom at PSC 116, A239, APO, NY 09777; tjphilly@hotmail.com.

Roberta M. Beary '74 won first place in the Snapshot Press 2006 Haiku competition. Her winning collection of short poems, *The Unworn Necklace*, is available from Snapshot Press UK. Roberta credits her Eisenhower College English professor **Sandra Saari** for a lifelong love of literature and the creative process. To send congratulations or to find out more, write to Roberta at 1718 Connecticut Ave., N.W., #201, Washington, DC 20009; roberta.beary@gmail.com.

"We moved to Connecticut in November 2005," writes **Kathleen Heller '74**. "Less than a year later, we adopted our third child from China. She is now 13 years old. The twins are 6. I haven't had much

time to do any TV producing, but I have been substitute teaching preschool through fifth grade—special needs and non-special needs. My husband, James, is still producing/directing at PBS, WNET New York. He's had 10 Emmy nominations and has won five. (I've only had one so far.) Anyone interested in a LaCross reunion?" E-mail her at nicoj@earthlink.net (8 Costa Ln., Redding, CT 06896).

"During sabbatical leave in 2006, I wrote a book on the United Methodist theology of mission," writes **John E. Nuessle '74**. "Expect to be published by summer 2008. Great to do research and writing after years of administrative duties!" Write to John at 3901 Independence Ave., Apt. 5D, Riverdale, NY 10463; nuessle@hotmail.com.

Neil A. Kromer '75 reports, "This past fall, I had the honor of being inducted into the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Sports Hall of Fame. (Thanks to some hard work from **Fred Bleiler** on my behalf.) I hope, this will open the door from some more Eisenhower alums who were outstanding athletes in their day!" Send him congrat-

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2007 scholarships

This year, heading the Eisenhower Scholarship Program was especially exciting for me. We chose to award six outstanding high school seniors from around New York State, two of whom are children of Eisenhower alumni.

William Finan, who was awarded \$100 for his essay on next year's presidential election, is the son of Eisenhower graduates Denise '77 and William Finan '77, of Rochester, New York. William, a 2007 graduate of Irondequoit High School, plans to study physics, engineering, and music, but had not decided what college to attend at the time of our Homecoming.

Amanda Hoyt, of Romulus, New York, a \$100 recipient, chose to write about her unsung heroes and very special friends—volunteer firefighters of Romulus. Amanda is studying marine biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Carrie Boldt, of Holland, New York, received one of three \$300 awards for her essay on next year's presidential election. She is a psychology major at New York University.

Laura Roberts, our second \$300 recipient, also plans to attend NYU and hopes to major in international relations. Laura, who hails from Westfall, New York, wrote her essay on her hero, the late John Lennon.

Ross Eyre Albright, our third \$300 recipient, brought the house to tears when he read his essay on his special hero—his grandfather. Ross, of Canandaigua, New York, is an avid lacrosse player and is attending Wittenberg University to study psychology, philosophy and music.

Jennifer Knispel of Smithtown, New York, took our top prize of \$500 with a Powerpoint presentation on her unsung hero. Jennifer also chose John Lennon. She is the daughter of Eisenhower graduates Howard '81 and Marisa Knispel. Jennifer and her parents could not attend Homecoming, but she wrote to let us know that she is attending La Salle University to study communications and political science, hoping to eventually become a journalist after graduation. Jennifer's presentation, which is available to view on our website, encourages more students to enter next year's contest.

We hope to continue getting more entries from not only New York but also across the U.S. and to receive more entries from our children of alumni. Our next essay contest is shaping up to be even greater. We have some great ideas coming in for essays, and I hope that if you have a high school senior out there looking for a little extra cash, you'll encourage them to visit our website to learn more about our contest.

For next year, someone has suggested—and it just may show up in the choices—writing about celebrities and the media.

Frances Emerson '72

EC alumni and friends send us their news

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ulations at 1020 Royal Dr., Victor, NY 14564; nakat1@rit.edu.

Janet M. Fry '76 writes, "I am sorry to report that my husband of four years, Ilan Gittlen, died of a stroke in September 2006. He was the founder and president of Balance Consulting, a tax compliance, software, and publishing company in Ann Arbor. I decided to take over the helm of the company for various reasons, so I am on a new career path or, as some of my clients would say, another personal growth experience. I continue a small private practice in clinical social work for now. Ilan was really a wonderful person in many ways, and I miss him a lot. I also lost my mother in late 2005. In the meantime, I have good friends and family members who have been very supportive, and I've managed to remain in good health. I keep in touch with **Ed** and **Harriet Hosley**. I would love to hear from any of my friends, especially from the classes of '75 and '76. I can be reached at janet@balanceconsult.com. I wish everyone well." Send postal mail to 6 Regent Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

John "J.R." Seeger '76 reports that he "has retired from federal service after 27 years and is living the 'simple life' of a pensioner in the desert." Keep in touch with J.R. at 912 Bursum Pl., Socorro, NM 87801; mgseeger@aol.com.

"I had my first book published in November," writes **Steven C. Suddaby '76**. "It is a translation of a 1939 history of French aerial bombardment in World War I. My father did a bare-bones translation and then he and I turned it into proper English. I added commentary to bring it to date historically. It is entitled *French Strategic and Tactical Bombardment Forces of World War I*. The author is Rene Martel, with Allen Suddaby, translator, and Steve Suddaby, editor. You can order it at scarecrowpress.com." Keep in touch with Steve at 8362 Glastonbury Ct., Annandale, VA 22003. E-mail him at suddaby@msn.com.

"Getting married in your 50s is different than getting married in your 20s," writes **Victoria Haskins '77**. "I got married last fall to William G. McLaughlin. We'd been dating for 15 years or so...seemed like it was safe to go ahead. We were accompanied down the aisle by our children, his—Jeffrey, Michael, and Kate—and mine—Nicole and Marissa. I gave myself away. I've always been somewhat independent. My sister, **Amanda (Haskins) Christian '80** was there with her husband, Al, and their son, Sean. **Colleen Sheehan '77** and her husband, Jack Doody, who are both professors at Villanova, were there, as were **Kate (Cornwall) Lorah '77** and her husband, David. It was a great party and a wonderful night." Send Vicky congratulations at 1523 Sunset Rd., Castleton, NY 12033; victoria1h@aol.com.

"In 2006, I was elected circuit judge of the 16th Ju-

dicial Circuit of Florida and am presiding in civil, probate, and family law cases in Key West and Marathon," writes **David J. Audlin Jr. '78**. "If any Eisenhower grads are in the beautiful Florida keys, please come by the courthouse in Key West and say hi. I suspect that you'll like the weather here better than Seneca Falls in the winter!" (502 Whitehead St., Monroe County Courthouse Annex, Key West, FL 33040; vasario@aol.com).

Rebecca (Wiant) McGinnis '80, coordinator of the Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland, writes, "The CIM was the first Confucius Institute established in the U.S.! These are 'joint ventures' between a section of China's Ministry of Education, called Hanban, and other educational institutions worldwide. Their mission is to promote Chinese language and culture. I've been at the UM for over 11 years now, but with the CIM for only one." Keep in touch with Rebecca at 10204 Haywood Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20902; rmcginni@umd.edu.

"My entire life has undergone several major changes in the last four years," writes **Allison Alleyne-Hibbert '83**. "In 2003, my husband, Phillip, daughter, Kristin, and I relocated from Marietta, Georgia, to South Glastonbury, Connecticut. At first, it was difficult getting used to the Northeast again, but we soon grew to love Connecticut. In 2005, Phillip's employer relocated us back to Georgia to help run one of their offices here. Through all of this, we had decided to try to have one more child. In February 2006, three donor eggs were transferred back to me and two implanted themselves. After a very difficult pregnancy, we were blessed with two wonderful little boys, Andrew and Christopher. Our boys just had their first birthday in August and they keep their big sister and all of the family very busy." For an update on the Alleyne-Hibbert family, write to Allison at 4505 Chartley Cir. NE, Roswell, GA 30075.

Peter R. Sutliff '83 reports that he and his wife, Sharon, live in the Detroit metro area and are teaching human anatomy and physiology to nursing, pre-med, and dentistry students at Wayne County Community College. They are both chiropractors and have two children, ages 7 and 12. He writes, "I gained a new level of respect for General Dwight D. Eisenhower after seeing footage of him in an obscure documentary I got from Netflix, titled *Why We Fight*. What an insightful man!" Write to Pete at 3957 Berkshire Ave., Warren, MI 48091; petesut@wowway.com.

"I currently work for immigration and customs enforcement under the Department of Homeland Security as a special agent out of the Milwaukee office," writes **Salvatore L. Patricolo '84**. "I have been here now for five years and am about ready to celebrate my 13th anniversary in the service. It's amazing to me to think I will be starting my 24th year of federal service this August! I love the newsletter, keep in touch with fellow Iesters, check out the website, and own Dr. Dresser's book.

I miss that school and the gang and hope to make it out that way for one of the reunions." Write to Sal at 3350 S. Stonegate Cir., Apt. 201, New Berlin, WI 53151. E-mail him at gehrig_4@msn.com.

Howard E. Knispel '81, whose daughter, Jennifer, took top prize in our scholarship competition (see page three), writes, "In addition to my law practice, I have recently been appointed to the Town of Smithtown Board of Ethics. My wife, Marisa, and I celebrate our 20th anniversary this year. Our daughter is going to attend La Salle University in Pennsylvania in the fall." Write to Howard at 497 Veterans Hwy., Smithtown, NY 11787; hekesq@optonline.net.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Paul Curtis writes, "I have been keeping in touch with **Joe Molnar '74**, and I thought you might like to see this e-mail I received from him. By the way, Joe recently sent me a copy of his new book, *Nutrition and Wound Healing*, which has received some excellent reviews. 'On June 30, I leave for about two weeks in Japan. This will be my third trip to Japan in the last three years. I will be giving a lecture at the Japanese Society of Burn Injury and helping to teach its second advanced burn life support course. The World Studies education I had helps me immensely to enjoy traveling to these places. I still remember enough of what I learned to enjoy what I see and discuss things reasonably with the people I meet. I find myself comfortable adapting to customs of bowing, etc. I know enough about their religion to not sound stupid. I remember enough history to know why the rest of Asia holds animosity toward the Japanese. As a result, I have several longstanding friends in Japan and gain more each time I go to Japan. Too bad such a good educational system did not survive. I mourn its loss, as I would have liked my children to go to Eisenhower College. In any case, I am indebted to all of those who helped teach me."

Edward H. Hosley (P.O. Box 940, Spirit Lake, ID 83869; ehosley@gmail.com) writes, "My wife, Harriet, and I are doing well and enjoying retirement in the Idaho panhandle—though this area is popular and growing fast. We will probably make another move in a year or two and let someone else care for our five acres. You've done an excellent job with the alumni website!"

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We regret to announce the deaths of:

Andrew J. Goodpaster
May 16, 2005

Robert "Shecky" Shulman '73
November 16, 2006

Dorothy ("Dixie" Dougan) Widmer
May 13, 2007