

All Alumni Meeting  
St. John's College  
July 29, 2006  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Greetings and Call to Order-** Glenda Eoyang

Glenda called the meeting to order at 2:30 in the Coffee Shop. She welcomed alumni and guests. The minutes of the All Alumni Meeting 2005 were approved.

**President's Report-** Eoyang

Glenda announced that this was her last meeting in Santa Fe as President of the Alumni Association. She conveyed her affection and mixed feelings about the end of her term. She recognized the gifts of Dr. Levan, SFGI74 and Martha and Purdy Jordan, SFGI86 for their generous gifts to the college. Dr. Levan gave five million dollars to pay for a new home for the Graduate Institute in Santa Fe, the Jordans endowed a tutorship.

**Treasurer's Report-** Bill Fant

**St. John's College Alumni Association**  
**St. John's College Alumni Association, July 2006 Meeting**

<u>Assets</u>	as of 6/30/06	as of 12/31/05
Checking Account Balance	46,178	43,345
CD	<u>30,432</u>	<u>30,194</u>
<b>Total</b>	76,609	73,539
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
New Reserves	10,000	10,000
Reserves from Prior Years	30,000	20,000
Major unbilled items	12,000	
Prior Year Expense Items	0	
Outstanding checks	<u>3,363</u>	<u>5,739</u>
<b>Total</b>	55,363	35,739
 <b>Unreserved Cash Balance</b>	 21,246	 37,800

---

**2005 Major Expenses to date**

Iglehart Gym Plaques	n/a	3,000
Blazers/Parkas gifts	1,004	1,100
<i>The College</i>	1,400	2,100
Senior dinners	3,932	2,183
GI gifts	<u>0</u>	<u>2,700</u>
<b>Total</b>	6,335	11,083
<b>Dues Paid as of 09/30/05</b>	28,575	26,920

Mr. Fant reported that the Alumni Association is in sound financial condition. Dues have been steady for the six years Mr. Fant has been treasurer, holding steady at about \$40,000-\$42,000 a year.

The question was asked whether or not the Summer Alumni Program would be able to continue and Ms. Eoyang responded that the college is currently conducting a cost/benefit analysis. This past summer the program cost the college about \$13,000 more than the generated revenue. She clarified that no finances for the Summer Alumni Program are provided by the Alumni Association, but that all are borne by the college. When asked about the relationship between the Alumni Association and the college she reiterated that the Association provided advice and recommendations to the college, but exists as a separate 501c3 from the college.

**President’s Report- Mike Peters**

Mr. Peters thanked Glenda for her work and service to the college over the past six years. He extended a welcome to all alumni. In the eighteen months since coming to the college, Mr. Peters continues to get to know the college by participating as much as possible with the students, attending seminars. He will begin his “junior year” this fall. One of the things he enjoys about St. John’s is that is on “a human scale”—he has been able to get to know individuals in the community on a personal basis. One of the benefits of the Capital Campaign is that he has been able to visit many cities and meet alumni and friends. He reminded the group of the upcoming event in New York City at the Council for Foreign Relations on October 4, 2006. Mr. Peters encouraged participation with local chapters and offer a visit from himself to any chapter that extended the invitation.

Mr. Peter's impression of the college is that it is in good shape, with a dedicated faculty, an excellent program and committed students. He observed that what happens in the classroom is truly magical. The college is endowed with a hard-working staff, a strong Board of Visitors and Governors, loyal alumni, good friends and is on solid financial footing. Mr. Peters reported on the Santa Fe Initiative which began when Chris Nelson, as interim Santa Fe President, helped the Board to understand that the Santa Fe campus had been under-invested and needed an infusion of funds and energy. The college committed four and half million dollars to split between physical construction and human resources and needs, renovating the campus to make it more inviting to visitors and usable to the community. As a result of the Santa Fe Initiative, the Evans science labs have been renovated, the upper dorms have been refurbished as well as the Coffee Shop.

Mr. Peters expressed his thrill at the announcement of Dr. Levan's gift. It helps meet the needs expressed by the Capital Campaign. The Santa Fe campus was designed to accommodate 300 students and currently it serves 450 undergraduates and about 100 Graduate Institute students. St. John's College, especially in Santa Fe, deserves to be recognized by the outside community and it is gaining momentum in community engagement. A new program, Music on the Hill, has brought about 500 local citizens each week to the campus for free music. Another way St. John's impacts its local community is through education. About 30% of alumni living in New Mexico are teachers.

Mr. Peters counts on the continued support and commitment of alumni to the college. He encouraged alumni to stay connected; to "let your light shine" as alumni in the greater community. He asked for financial support, not in a specific amount, but to aid the College by increasing the total percentage of alumni giving.

**Dean's Report- Victoria Mora**

Ms. Mora introduced herself. She has been at tutor at St. John's for 14 years. As she begins her 5 year tenure as Dean she has reflected on the two responsibilities of the Dean as outlined by the Polity: the responsibility to the Program of Instruction, and the responsibility to the well-being of the students. Eleven new tutors were appointed in 2005, and three more in 2006. Ms. Mora sees it as her responsibility to help these tutors grow into valuable members of the community.

As for her responsibility to student life, Ms. Mora is paying more attention to the student's whole experience and this has already resulted in greater student retention. Ms. Mora has observed that students are interested in expanding the culture of service both on and off campus. One of the ways she is getting to know the students is through a program she has begun and is committed to: daily Dean's walks. Ms. Mora has dedicated one hour per day to walks with students on a first come, first served basis.

**Honorary Alumna Award- Kay Harper**

Presented by tutor, Steve Van Luchene.

*Kay Harper has long been associated with St. John's College, taking Community Seminars and Summer Classics seminars for more than 20 years. Kay worked at Los*

*Alamos National Laboratories, and she has had a life-long passion in the topic of the convergence of science and the humanities. The word she has used to describe this is "consilience." Kay has spent the majority of her life embodying this idea of unifying different types of knowledge, after seeing how this sense of unity was gradually lost in the increasing fragmentation and specialization of knowledge during the rise of modern science. And though Kay's eyesight has weakened in recent years, this hasn't kept her from her studies. She has worked with her long time neighbor and friend, Birch Ault, having him read to her the text for her summer seminar so that she can continue with the dialogue that has permeated her life.*

*-submitted by Alexis Brown, SF01, SFEC*

**In Memoriam-** Carol Freeman

Ms. Freeman read a list of the names of alumni who have died within the past year. A moment of silence was observed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35.