



Alumni House Echoes

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ALUMNI WEEKEND- BACK TO JUNE

Framingham State has scheduled the 2015 Alumni Weekend for June 5-7.

THE CHIMES ARE IN...



Thanks to your donations to the Chapel Fund, new signs and a state-of-the-art carillon system are installed in the Ecumenical Center. For too long, posters were taped to the chapel doors and they were not easily seen from the street. The carillon was dedicated during Alumni Weekend 2014. FSU Interim President Martin and Former IAFSA Director Marilyn Foley spoke and unveiled the dedication plaque. The carillon features indoor as well as outdoor speakers and an extensive repertoire of songs.

IS YOUR REUNION COMING UP IN 2015? IT IS IF YOUR CLASS YEAR ENDS IN A "0" OR "5"

While FSU's Alumni Affairs staff members are running class reunions, IAFSA is happy to assist. You may use Alumni House for meetings, or lunch gatherings, or for a reunion weekend event. We also have information about past reunion planning that might be helpful.

Just give us a call or send us an email.



OUCH! ALUMNI HOUSE BILLS HURT

As any homeowner knows, maintenance is ongoing. While Alumni House is sound, upgrades and repairs need to be done to the plumbing and electrical systems. Leaks in the cellar and ice dams on the roof have taken their toll. Yearly about 30 roof slates at \$25 each need to be replaced. A volunteer mows the lawn, but a landscaper does bigger tasks like trimming the hedges.

If you have an interest in serving on the House Committee to help with maintenance decisions and seasonal decorating, please give us a call. If Alumni House holds some special memories for you, consider making a donation towards its upkeep. Thank you.



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A NEW FACE AT ALUMNI HOUSE

Colleen Maxfield '10 was hired this summer as Assistant to the Director. Colleen served in Americorps and managed an artisan gallery in Framingham before coming on board to help with serving alumni and with the many tasks that come with administering scholarships and loans, working on alumni archives, and taking care of Alumni House. With only a month on the job, Colleen manned a table at FSU's Employment & Enjoyment Fair. She handed out information about IAFSA's scholarships and our 140th Anniversary Exhibit.



2014 STUDENTS AWARD RECEPTION



Our annual student award reception was the most well attended to date! Furniture was moved, and removed. Extra chairs were set up on the verandah to accommodate the scholarship recipients and their friends and families, as well as scholarship committee and IAFSA Board members. The new FSU President F. Javier Cevallos attended and added his congratulations.

SOPHIE SAVAS MEMORIAL TEXTBOOK AWARDS

Sophie Savas, the widow of Professor James Savas, Framingham State Music Director, recently passed away. The Class of 1961 Textbook Fund received donations in her memory. The Textbook Committee decided to use the donations to award two additional memorial textbook awards in the amount of \$350 each, for a total of 7 awards this year. The additional awards were designated as "Sophie Savas Memorial Textbook Awards." Recipients Erin Tracy '16 & Emily Lyczynski '15 are shown here with committee chair Pauline Drew '61.



IAFSA ANNUAL MEETING

IAFSA's Annual Meeting on May 17th was SRO at Alumni House with honored guests the members of the Class of 1964. Pat McMahon Towle '64 was the recipient of the Touch the Future Award which honors educators. Cassandra Ferragamo '14,

was presented with the Dr. Joseph A. Previte Pre-Professional Medical Studies Award by Dr. Previte and IAFSA President Kimberly Ivers '94. Dr. Mary E. Murphy, Professor Emerita, was the featured speaker, who spoke about FSU Kennedy Connections and she had a rapt audience. The meeting concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Pat Towle and her classmates which officially opened IAFSA's 140th Anniversary Celebration Exhibit.



Putting the spotlight on Alumni: Did you write a book? Did you receive an award? Were you promoted? Are you an entrepreneur with your own company? Did you have a significant event in your life? Send photos and notes to office@alumnihouse.org.



Who was your favorite Faculty member?

Who was the most memorable faculty member?

Who was the most memorable person on campus?

Share your memories!



HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE!!!



Nestle is celebrating “75 years of baking innovation,” in reference to the cookie developed by Ruth Graves (nickname “Gravy”) Wakefield, Class of 1924. The state cookie of Massachusetts and its variations are now a very popular part of American culture. Wakefield’s innovation led to the Nestle’s chocolate morsel and ever increasing business with variations on the “chips” and what is made with them. While other alumni may have made significant contributions to life and society, none are probably more popular or as well known. Can you think of others? Let us know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO IAFSA!

Marilyn Minahan Foley '58, IAFSA’s Director of Alumni Affairs, 1974-2001, and Kathleen Ryan Roberts '37, at 99+ years old, IAFSA’s oldest living past president, did the honors of cutting our 140th Anniversary Cake. Alumni, friends, neighbors, new FSU President Javier Cevallos, and many Framingham State staff and faculty attended the cake cutting and open house on Thursday, July 10th celebrating IAFSA’s official anniversary. They enjoyed refreshments and browsed our Celebration Exhibit.



THE 1812 HOUSE - A SURVIVOR



The later additions to the 1812 House are being removed and plans are for the interior to be restored, according to Framingham St. Rep. Chris Walsh, who had been actively involved in its preservation. Adjacent buildings, including a restaurant and apartment complex, have been demolished to provide more parking spaces for FSU and replace those that will be lost when a new dorm is built on Maynard Road.

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First President Cyrus Peirce closed each class with “Live to the Truth.”

IAFSA ARCHIVES FULL OF TREASURES THAT NEED TLC

Every so often we receive a call from a writer or researcher looking for information and photos of alumni. Colleen Previte, Archivist/Special Collections Librarian at FSU’s Whittemore Library refers questions to us as well as borrows items for special exhibits and publications. She, and we, keep finding things that have been tucked away in the files and cabinets. On her last visit she was thrilled to locate an image that previous searches missed. While volunteers have helped sort and file, an expert hand is needed to properly handle, store, and document the materials. An IAFSA fund, Save Our History, has been set up to accept donations specifically for preserving our archives professionally. If you want to help save materials from the earliest days of Framingham State, that’s the fund to donate to.



Join us – to help the house, to preserve the archives, to help alumni in need, to help students to pursue their dreams, Ongoing and one time projects. Limited time commitments. Volunteer according to your schedule. Be a part of changing lives and preserving our traditions.

140 Years of Service - Thanks to You!

CAPE COD ALUMNI TRIP

On August 20th Cape Cod Alumni returned to the hill to enjoy a beautiful day at the Alumni House.

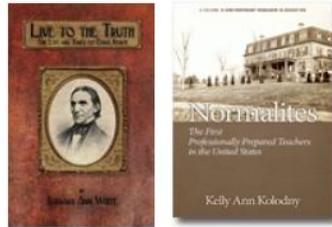
They enjoyed the 140th anniversary celebration exhibit, lunch, a special raffle, and a tour of the renovated Christa McAuliffe Center, including a presentation in the new planetarium. After their trip to the McAuliffe Center, guests journeyed over to the Ecumenical Center where they were able to see the magnificent stained glass windows that were donated by their classes and others. They were able to reminisce about their college days, learn about what was new on campus, and meet the new president of the University, Dr. F. Javier Cevallos and his wife, Josee. All too soon it was time to board the bus back to the Cape laden with gift bags for the ride back.

Of their experience, alumni describe their experience as "wonderful" and "a perfect day". IAFSA, along with a private donor, were glad to be able to provide a great experience for all those who could come.



NEW BOOKS ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS AND STUDENTS

Live to the Truth: The Life and Times of Cyrus Peirce: Crusader for American Public Education Founder of the First Public Teacher Training School in the Nation by Barbara Ann White



Normalites: The First Professionally Prepared Teachers in the United States is a new original work which explores the experiences of three women, Lydia Stow, Mary Swift and Louisa Harris, who were pioneers in the movement in teacher education as members of the first class of the nation's first state normal school established in Lexington, Massachusetts in 1839. Author FSU Professor Dr. Kelly Kolodny, who drew on IAFSA's archives when researching her book.

ANNOUNCING THE DR. IRENE M. FOSTER COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Upon Dr. Irene Foster's retirement, a new scholarship was established. Requirements will include a GPA of 2.7 and demonstrated community service, with preference given to Gold Award Girl Scouts and members of 4H. Donations may be sent to IAFSA. (Note: IAFSA also administers a Dr. Stuart Foster Scholarship Fund) Dr. Foster student Chrie Gorian '10 provided donations and help with the retrospective fashion exhibit.



Phone calls: We may call to thank you for a donation, but we do not make phone calls asking for pledges or donations.

DONNA BARRETT FONSECA- A DESIGNING WOMAN

Donna Barrett Fonseca '78, G '86 was awarded "Excellent" for her Costume Design for Moonstruck Theater Company's March production of *Our Town* at the 2014 Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theatre's Design Competition in Tewksbury, MA, held on June 29th, 2014.



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