

Promoting Archives for Milligan's 150th Anniversary

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Milligan College and Buffalo Creek Christian Church, c. 1900
The Holloway Archives at Milligan College





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Milligan celebrates 150 years with homecoming

BY SARAH COLSON

Last Saturday, alumni cheered, classic cars cruised and a buffalo stampeded (or at least marched) down the middle of Milligan College's campus in celebration of the school's homecoming weekend—and its 150th birthday.

Some of the highlights of the parade included President Bill Greer's procession atop the famous buffalo, Cody; various alumni represented in about 10 different classic cars; and the school's numerous clubs and teams who made their own floats. Homecoming activities took place all week and included a production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," with cast members from previous school years as well as current

students, faculty and staff; a meet-and-greet with Cody the Buffalo; senior nights for volleyball and soccer; an alumni basketball game; harmless senior pranks; and more. In honor of the college's sesquicentennial and as part of the Buffalo Stampede City Art Project, Milligan College had already commissioned six life-size, artistically-decorated buffaloes that are on display throughout the community in honor of the school's mascot, Brutus the Buffalo. For more on the school's sesquicentennial celebrations, see pages 4 and 11.

Milligan President Bill Greer rode down Blowers Blvd. atop the mighty Cody the Buffalo, who visited the school from Minnesota in honor of the school's mascot, Brutus the Buffalo.

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When colleges approach an anniversary, college administrators, faculty and staff will rely heavily on their institution's archives to provide materials that document their college's history and they will want the opportunity to promote this history on campus and throughout the community.



Without the role of archives to preserve and create access to documents of years past, an institution would find it close to impossible to serve the needs and demands of celebrating an anniversary which is intended to connect their institution's heritage with campus and the community.



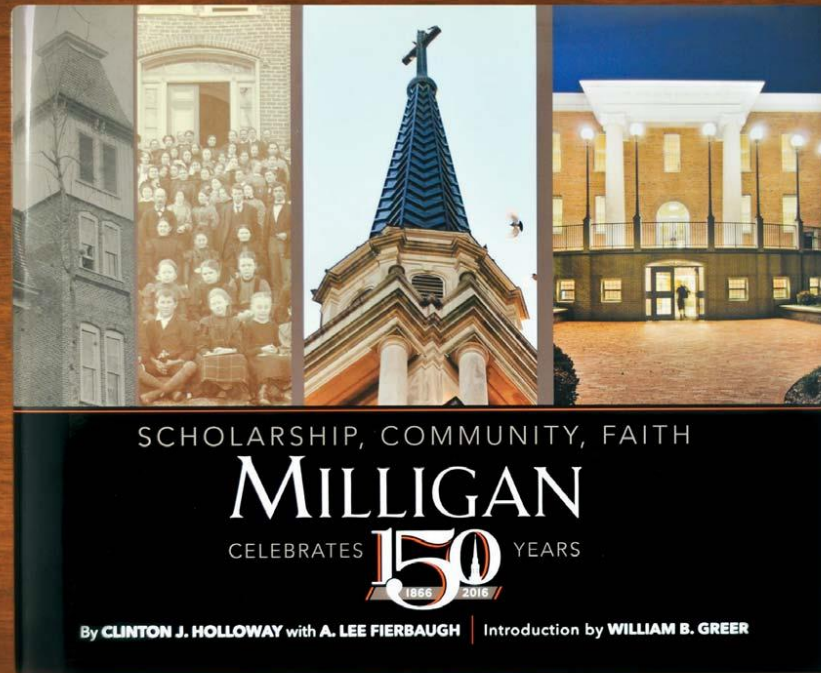
Introduction

- *Scholarship, Community, Faith: Milligan Celebrates 150 Years* commemorative book
- *Milligan Campus Scenes: Then and Now* interactive photo exhibit
- *Forward with Faith: The Milligan College Story* theater production
- *History Through the Eyes of Milligan* faculty lecture series
- Archive exhibits, on campus and digital



Scholarship, Community, Faith: Milligan Celebrates 150 Years

By Clinton J. Holloway with A. Lee Harrison (Fierbaugh)



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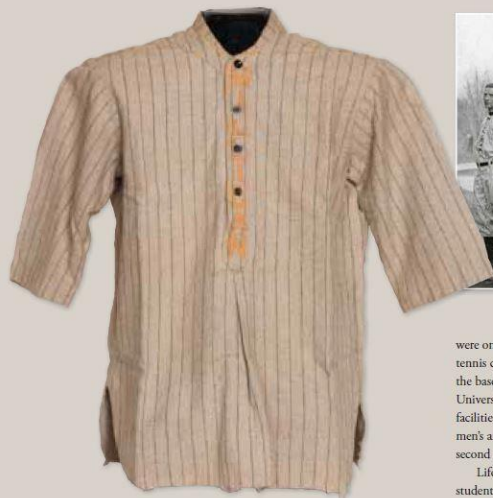
2015

- February – Archive collaboration/Selection begins
- March – Photoshoot (Krista Knudsten and Art Brown)
- March-April – Digitize at high resolution
- April – Provide scans to Art Brown for layout design
- July – Book sent for publication
- October – Book Signing at Homecoming

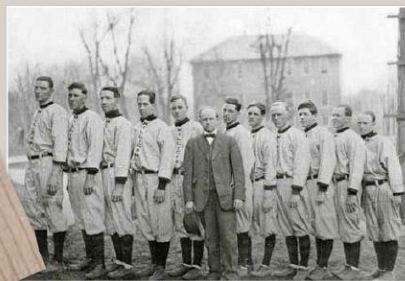


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Above: Vintage gray wool baseball jersey.
Right: Manager Willis Baxter Boyd with the 1914-15 varsity baseballers, from the 1915 Buffalo.



were once again an important aspect of campus life. A baseball diamond and tennis courts were developed below the main campus next to the creek, and the baseball team boasted of defeating the University of Tennessee and the University of Chattanooga and a tie with Vanderbilt. The first indoor athletic facilities were created when the old chapel was converted to a gymnasium for men's and women's basketball. Track was added during President Hopwood's second tenure, during which his support for athletics was renewed.

Life outside of the classroom was never dull. Literary societies provided student fellowship and gave public performances throughout the year. A band, orchestra, and quartette provided musical enrichment. Clubs and organizations, some now long forgotten, were plentiful, including the Virginia Club, the Midnight Club, the Owls, the Imps, the G's, the P.S.S.P. Club, and the L.L.L. Club, whose chief requirement for membership seemed to be men over six feet tall.

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Chapter 4: As the Years Go By...



Left: In 1943, Milligan became the country's only college completely turned over to the war effort as an officer-training school. Over the next two years, the Navy V-12 program brought over 700 trainees to campus. Since 1980, the Milligan V-12 alumni have held regular reunions.

Above: A WWII Navy blue wool uniform and dixie cup cap of the type worn by the Milligan V-12 trainees.

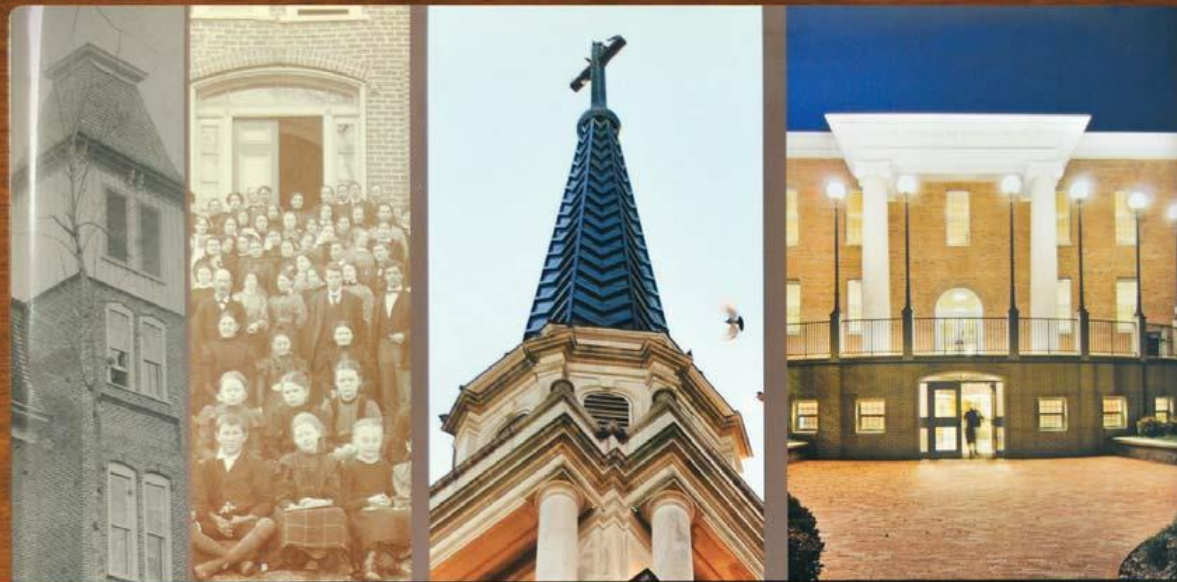
Right: Dean Guy Oakes with several Navy V-12 trainees.



bombing of Pearl Harbor and the U.S. declarations of war. By 1943, the *Siampede* ran letters from Milligan boys in the service writing back to their alma mater. Sadly, reports also began appearing of the loss of Milligan family who gave their lives in service. Ensign Chad Gillenwater of Kingsport, Tennessee, Class of 1940, was among the first Milligan men to die in World War II.³⁰

The global events of the war soon impacted Milligan. The campus environment and spirit shifted, and finances were pinched due to declining enrollments and gift funding. An opportunity for patriotic duty and a solution to the financial struggles of the college came in the Navy V-12 program. The federal government utilized college facilities, which already had dormitories, dining halls, and academicians, to quickly provide specialized officer training for both the Army and the Navy. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, in setting up the program, sought to give special consideration to smaller schools whose existence might be threatened by the war. Milligan certainly fit that bill. The Navy V-12 program was meant to be a segment within a college; however, things at Milligan were so dire, that the decision was made to dismiss all of the civilian students and turn the entire facilities over to the Navy.³¹

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By **CLINTON J. HOLLOWAY** with **A. LEE FIERBAUGH** | Introduction by **WILLIAM B. GREER**

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Milligan Campus Scenes: Then and Now



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Citizen-Times, Asheville

Interactive: Asheville iconic scenes then and now

ASHEVILLE HISTORY REVEALED

Move the slider back and forth to reveal current and historical photos from the same scene around Asheville.



Asheville City/County Plaza

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Robert Bradley

Milligan Campus Scenes: Then and Now

The purpose of this project was to capture present day photos to match originals from the Archive to create a digital, interactive photo display of past and present campus scenes to be accessed online on the Milligan Libraries website. This display is being used celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Milligan College.



Milligan Campus Scenes: Then and Now

2015

- August – Technical requirements/Select photos
- September – Introduce student to project
- September-October – Photograph campus
- November – Receive photos from student

2016

- January – David Baker creates interactive display
- February – Project live on Milligan Libraries site



Milligan Campus Scenes: Then and Now

Technical tools:

- TwentyTwenty (Interactive Slider)
<http://zurb.com/playground/twentytwenty>
- Wordpress Plugin
<https://wordpress.org/plugins/twentytwenty/>
- Wrapped it in a simple carousel to allow scrolling through different images



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MILLIGAN COLLEGE THEATRE
PRESENTS

Forward *with Faith*

The Milligan College Story



WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
ROSEMARIE SHIELDS

PRODUCED BY
RICHARD MAJOR

OCTOBER 20 & 22, 2016

7:30 PM | OCTOBER 23
2:30 PM

McGLOTHLIN-STREET THEATRE
GREGORY CENTER FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS

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Forward with Faith: The Milligan College Story

Written & Directed by
Rosemarie Shields
Produced by Richard Major



Forward with Faith: The Milligan College Story

2016

- **April** – Archive research visits / Select photos for stage design
- **May-August** – Welshimer Library closed for renovations!
- **July-August** – Script readings / history fact checking
- **September-October** – Select archive video/music
- **October**– Homecoming Weekend Performance



History Through the Eyes of Milligan



*Sesquicentennial
Celebration*

HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF MILLIGAN

Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Derthick Lecture Hall*
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Join some of Milligan's most beloved professors
and leaders and learn how the college survived,
thrived, and flourished in the midst of world
events from its founding and beyond.

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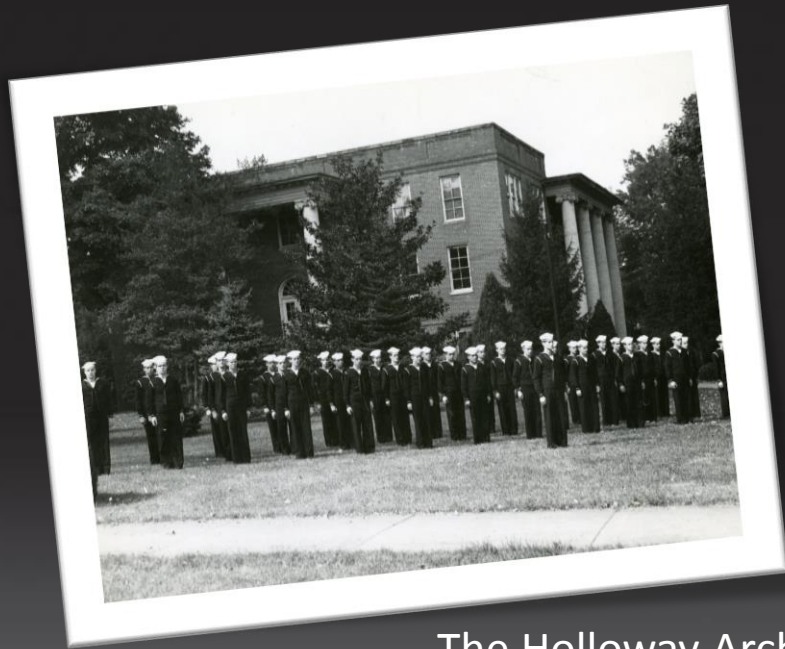
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| 8-23 | Founding of Milligan College and American Reconstructionism | Dr. Lee Fierbaugh Harrison |
| 8-30 | Milligan and the Stone Campbell Movement | Mr. Dennis Helsabeck |
| 9-06 | Navy V-12, WWII, & Post-war Era | Coach Duard Walker |
| 9-13 | The Cold War & John F. Kennedy | Dr. R. David Roberts |
| 9-20 | Milligan, Civil Rights, & the 60's | Dr. Jack Knowles |
| 9-27 | Milligan & Women's Issues | Dr. Pat Magness |
| 10-04 | Milligan in the Providence of God (1947-49 & 1980-81) | Dr. Bill Gwaltney |
| 10-11 | From Honors to Humanities | Dr. Bob Wetzel |

* September 6 location to be announced

	PRESENTER	TOPIC	DATE OF LECTURE
	Dr. Lee Fierbaugh Harrison <i>Vice President for Marketing and Enrollment Management</i>	Founding of Milligan College and American Reconstructionism ↗	8-23-2016
	Mr. Dennis Helsabeck <i>The Henry and Emerald Webb Chair Emeritus of History</i>	Milligan and the Stone-Campbell Movement ↗	8-30-2016
	Coach Duard Walker <i>Professor Emeritus of Human Performance and Exercise Science</i>	Navy V-12, WWII, & Post-war Era ↗	9-06-2016
	Dr. R. David Roberts <i>Professor Emeritus of Christian Ministries</i>	The Cold War and John F. Kennedy ↗	9-13-2016
	Dr. Jack Knowles <i>The George and Janet Arnold Chair Emeritus of Humanities and Professor Emeritus of English</i>	Civil Rights, the 60's & Milligan ↗	9-20-2016
	Dr. Pat Magness <i>Professor Emerita of Humanities</i>	Milligan and Women's Issues ↗	9-27-2016
	Dr. Bill Gwaltney <i>The Joel O. and Mabel Stephens Chair Emeritus of Bible</i>	Milligan in the Providence of God - 1947-1949 & 1980-1981 ↗	10-4-2016
	Dr. Bob Wetzel <i>Professor-at-Large</i>	From Honors to Humanities ↗	10-11-2016

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Navy V-12 Program



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History Through the Eyes of Milligan

MILLIGAN MEMORIES

We invite you to share your memory of influential women at Milligan.
This form will be deposited into the Milligan College Archives and Special Collections.

Prof. Jones - the most stimulating & delightful inspiring professor. Her American history classes were tough but always excellent. Had she & Lois Hall took credit as matchmakers for Donno & I too.

Bill Hall - as Regent and American literature professor, she had a stern facade, but because I knew her at church (Evans, 1st Christian), & because she respected Donald & I as former Dean and high school principal in Evans she was a softie.

Sadie Kintous - she was dean mother for Bill Hall, & she was like a drill sergeant for rooming ladies. Her LPM she considered herself capable of curing all minor ailments, and her Methodistist moral for one threat was highly effective.

Florence Pitt - the "diction" and captain manager who ran a tight ship. She sat at the doors students carried trays from serving lines & realigners and changed 10¢ cash for a second milk glass. For those who didn't want ice tea & had a empty glass in a pre-iced to go out to the lobby they'd water from a fountain.

Please fill out below if you are available to be contacted for a possible follow-up interview.

Your Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone Number _____

Dr. Pat Magness
Professor Emerita of Humanities
Milligan and Women's Issues
Sequicentennial Lecture Series: *History Through the Eyes of Milligan*
Fall 2016
Milligan College

You may give this form to Dr. Pat Magness after the presentation or mail to:
Lindsay Kenderes, College Archivist
Milligan College Archives and Special Collections
P. H. Welsher Memorial Library
P. O. Box 600
200 Blowers Blvd.
Milligan College, TN 37682

Mrs. Rowena Shipley Bowers taught at Milligan College from 1958 until her retirement in 1986. She served 28 years teaching Physical Education and Health, she also served as cheerleader sponsor and enjoyed having Susan Walker, Coach Walker's daughter, on the squad.

Rowena had 3 jobs before retirement and new appraisal for one of them. She was asked by a School Board member to teach at her alma mater Boones Creek High School. She taught PE and Health there two years. The second job was a late night conversation which led to a four year position at Virginia Intermont which then was an all girls college. The third and final position was due to a Mrs. Stahl visiting Rowena's home, selling Childcraft Encyclopedias. During the conversation, Mrs. Stahl asked Rowena if she would like to teach at Milligan. A day or so later, Rowena talked with Dean Oaks and Coach Dural Walker. She joined the staff

History Through the Eyes of Milligan

The faculty lecture series was created and organized by Garland Young, Tim Dillon and Burt Allen and was a great way to connect retired faculty back to campus and allowed them the opportunity to share their institutional history and memory with our community.



Archive Exhibits

- *Where the Buffs Roam: Milligan's Campus through 150 Years*
- *“Christian Education, the Hope of the World”: An Early History of Milligan College*
- *Celebrating 150 Years of Milligan History and Memory*





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Where the Buffs Roam: Milligan's Campus through 150 Years

May Day Festival



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Freshman Week



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Where the Buffs Roam: Milligan's Campus through 150 Years

Buffalo Creek



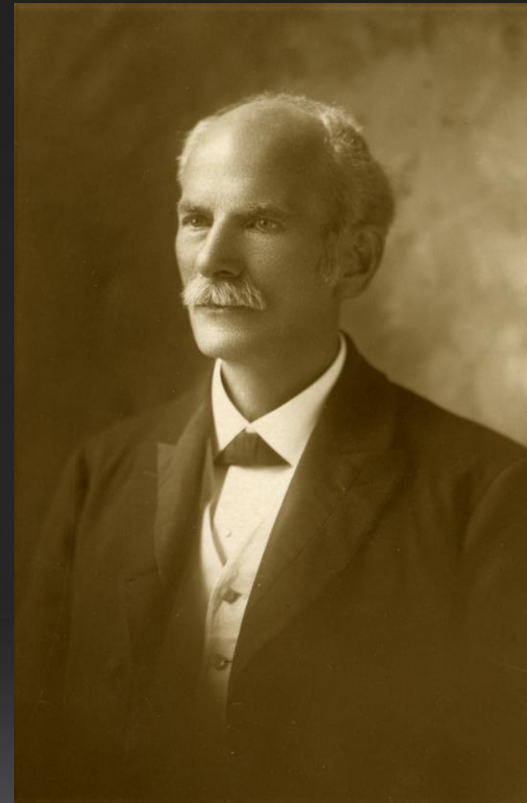
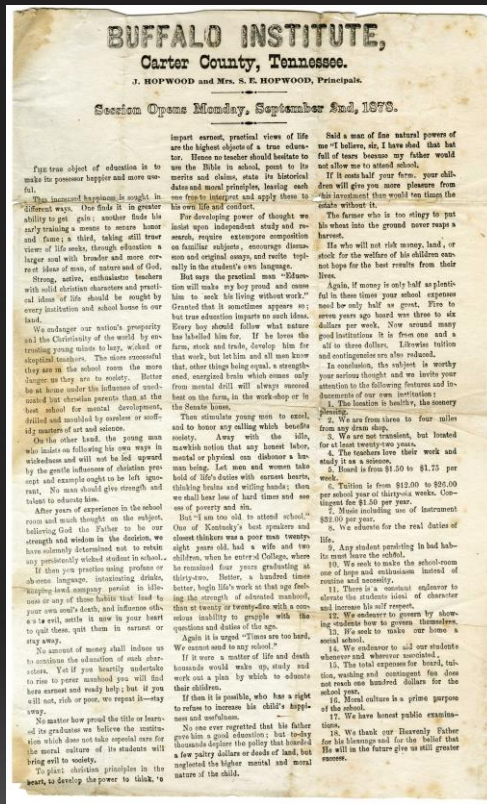
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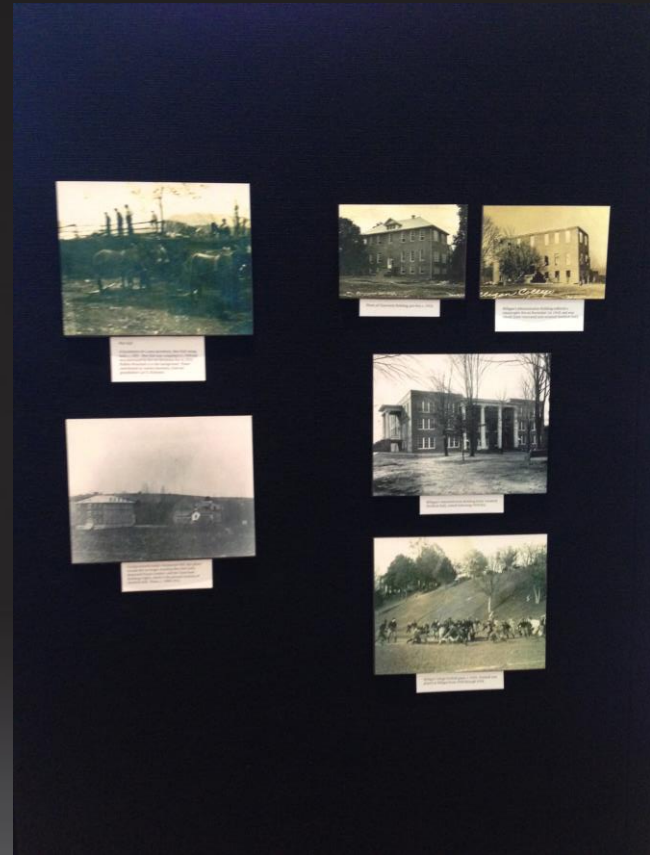


“Christian Education, the Hope of the World”: An Early History of Milligan College



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Celebrating 150 Years of Milligan History and Memory



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Rosemarie Shields (right), Writer and Director of *Forward with Faith: The Milligan College Story*.

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This exhibit was created for "Forward with Faith: The Milligan College Story" and displayed in the lobby of the Gregory Center for the Liberal Arts during Homecoming week 2016.

[Christian Education, the Hope of the World: An Early History of Milligan College](#)

This archival exhibit from the College Archives showcases historic deeds and documents relating to the founders of the Buffalo Male and Female Institute and Milligan College, including the 1867 subscription list of 79 ...

[Where the Buffs Roam: Milligan's Campus through 150 Years](#)

Photographs from the Milligan College Archives and Special Collections and the Helsabeck Archives displaying campus scenes from Milligan's 150 years.



Promoting Archives After 150th

- Milligan Oral History Program
- Teaching with Primary Sources
- TIMH Historical Timeline
- Continue building Archive access in MCStor, Milligan's Digital Repository



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