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
Milligan celebrates 150 years with homecoming

BY SARAH COLSON

Last Saturday, alumni cheered, classic cars cruised and a buffalo stomped (or at least marched) down the middle of Milligan College’s campus in celebration of the school’s homecoming weekend—and it’s 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 30 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 lifesize, 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.
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)
**Scholarship, Community, Faith: Milligan Celebrates 150 Years**

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
At the same time, a newly married young couple, a Union veteran and she a teacher, were searching for a place to be used in the ministry of Christian education. Josephus and Sarah Eleanor Laflee Hopwood were teaching together in tiny remote Snoddyville, Tennessee, when Samuel Shelburne, a preacher, introduced them to the idea of the Buffalo Institute. They visited the campus. The proposed arrangement offered the Hopwoods use of the school if they would pay the interest on the debt which had accumulated against the property.  

On Thursday, August 19, 1875, their first wedding anniversary, Sarah Hopwood joined her husband beside the waters of the Buffalo, beginning a 60-year affiliation with the school.  "The first school year was happy and enthusiastic," wrote Josephus Hopwood in his autobiography decades later. They spent that summer canvassing for students, traveling on horseback 20 to 40 miles in every direction, seeking students for the Buffalo Institute. Students coming from a distance meant that housing and enlarged facilities were needed, so plans were laid for expansion. Lots adjacent to the school were secured with patience and persistence. The Hopwoods bought for themselves the lot next to the school with its two-room cottage. This was expanded to include a kitchen and dining room, and, in the years to come, more rooms and a second floor were added. The Hopwood House provided student housing.

Above: The original Buffalo Institute Building.

Left: Among the 79 names listed in the 1867 subscription list to build a brick building for the Buffalo Institute is that of J.L. Nolan, a black preacher and prophet. Nolan left $100 contributed to toward the building, even though it is doubtful that any children of his race would have been allowed to attend the school.

The Story of the Hopwood Tree: On the day this Hopwood arrived on campus—their first wedding anniversary—they and Josephus knelt before God and offered a prayer of dedication for the building of their school. "Daklley Brown" (Josephus' pet name for his wife) took the black bucket that had been cut and used as a riding crop on their journey and stuck it in the ground to mark the place of prayer. Locust is a species of tree often propagated from a cutting, and the abandoned riding crop took root and began to grow into a tree even as the college grew around it. The 1860 Buffalo says: "Locust, sprung from the greatness of God's hand, a symbol of his great, eternal goodness." Trees were treasured by the Hopwoods and this particular tree was of special meaning. It is mentioned in their autobiography, and at times they were photographed in front of it. The Hopwood tree became the traditional spot where Milligan students made their marriage proposals. The original tree eventually fell, leaving behind a stump that grew again into a mighty tree, which lived on until 2002.
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Above Vintage gray wool baseball uniform. Right: Milligan Mills, cooler located at the 1931 Athletic Field.

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 boarded 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 Coolwood'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 quartet 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 PSFL Club, and the L.L. Club, whose chief requirement for membership seemed to be men over six feet tall.

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 students to campus. Since 1940, the Milligan V-12 alumni have held regular reunions. All images courtesy of Milligan University Archives. Right: Class of 1943 in uniform. Below: Class of 1943 in uniform.
Milligan Campus Scenes: Then and Now
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.
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 to 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
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

ALL SEATS $5
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MILLIGAN COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
OPEN MON, WED & FRI 8AM TO 5PM AND TUE & THU 8AM TO 2PM, OR BY CALLING 423.461.8733.
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

MILLIGAN 150
1866-2016
Sesquicentennial Celebration

HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF MILLIGAN
Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Derthick Lecture Hall*
free and open to the public

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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8-23 Founding of Milligan College and American Reconstructionism
8-30 Milligan and the Stone Campbell Movement
9-06 Navy V-12, WWII, & Post-war Era
9-13 The Cold War & John F. Kennedy
9-20 Milligan, Civil Rights, & the 60’s
9-27 Milligan & Women’s Issues
10-04 Milligan in the Providence of God (1947-49 & 1980-81)
10-11 From Honors to Humanities

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* September 6 location to be announced
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and Professor Emeritus of English | Civil Rights, the 60's & Milligan | 9-20-2016 |
| **Dr. Pat Magness**  
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| **Dr. Bill Gwaltney**  
The Joel O. and Mabel Stephens Chair  
| **Dr. Bob Wetzel**  
Professor-at-Large | From Honors to Humanities | 10-11-2016 |
History Through the Eyes of Milligan

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.

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
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Milligan and Women’s House
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You may give this form to Dr. Pat Magness after the presentation or mail to:

Lindsey Kendree, College Archivist
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200 Bowers Blvd.
Milligan College, TN 37682

Mrs. Rowena Shipley Bowers

She taught at Milligan College from 1958 until her retirement in 1986. She served 38 years teaching Physical Education and Health. She also served as Cheerleader Sponsor and enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and baseball. She has four children and three grandchildren. She is a member of the Milligan College Alumni Association and has been a member of the Milligan College Women’s Club for over 30 years.

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

May Day Festival

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Freshman Week

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Buffalo Creek

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Photo credit: Gary Daught
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.*
Photo credit: Gary Daught.
Milligan 150th Exhibits

Collections in this community

Celebrating 150 Years of Milligan History and Memory
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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