Madison’s First Class Holds Reunion

James Madison College was founded in 1967 with a vision of creating a residential college merging the best attributes of a small college with an undergraduate education focusing on public affairs and firmly rooted in the liberal arts. Madison’s first classes took a chance on the experiment, which has become a well-respected and nationally known liberal arts college. The first class of about 100 students graduated in 1971, 30 years ago this year.

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Members of the first Madison class and faculty at the 30th reunion dinner, September 22, 2001.

Back (left to right): Robert VanRavenswaay, Mark Kohl, Ronald Mauter, Scott Fairmont, Keith Ashmus, Terry Terry, Robert Banks, Lawrence Epstein, Tobi Dusbiber, Conrad Donakowski, Robert Haun, William Decker, Paul Mengel, and Bruce Miller.

Front (left to right): Tom Ferstle, Mar Sibley, Kaye Mauter, Martha Cohen, Chitra Smith, Deborah Miela, Barbara Jones Smith, and Richard Zinman.

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On September 18, 1967, I wrote to you—the then entering class of 1971—on behalf of the faculty and planning committee:

“We have been readying the program for the new college for the better part of a year... And we have received a substantial education in the process of dreaming up ideas, converting ideas into specific proposals and arguing innumerable counter-proposals. You will judge our efforts as we implement them in our work with you... but it is not contrived sentimentality to tell you that no future class of James Madison freshmen will mean more to us than the class of 1971.”

Indeed we have watched your progress over the next 34 years, as students and graduates, with great interest and devotion. Would the new college fulfill your needs and our hopes? We are not neutral observers of that outcome, but sufficient evidence has demonstrated that our faith in you was well placed.

We are proud of you and the students who followed in your pioneering work. The founding of the college was built upon what we did together, and all who followed are indebted to you.

The late Martin Diamond spoke to you at our first convocation in prescient words:

“By the name given to this college you testify that intelligence in public policy is desirable. By reaching inward and realizing your own nature you must make yourselves the way you wish the nation to be.”

Would that Martin could be with you now, and how I wish Evelyn and I could be with you in person for your commemoration. Our thanks to all of you, yes ALL of you with whom we were privileged to share in this great adventure.

Herb Garfinkel
22 September 2001
“Madison College & MSU have played such an incredible role in our lives. I regret not being able to attend…. In times of crises family & community are even more important. The timing of this gathering is meaningful…. What we accomplished in those early years still stands as an incredible testimony to a quality experiment, which has stood the test of time.”— Gary Frost

“The thing that always struck me about the first class is that we started planning this program…. in about August before the first class arrived. Based on the material people got about the program…. I can never figure out why folks came…. to engage in this kind of experience. It said we have this broad outline; we’re going to do some interesting things; it’s going to be small and intimate; we’ve got some programs that relate to social issues and problems of the day… come along and join us. And they did. And it really takes a lot of gump and risk taking…. ”— Bob Banks

“Mostly I remember the outstanding faculty that we had. Just unbelievable. People like George Will lecturing to freshmen…. Wesley Fischel, who was a palace advisor to Ngo Dinh Diem in Vietnam, teaching a twenty-student seminar to sophomores…. we just had such an outstanding opportunity to be among great minds….”— Larry Epstein

“Wow! 30 years? You’ve got to be kidding. I may not look the part, but still feel like a college student…. Let’s see… Ferstle (sometimes called ‘Fersti’) was ‘1st’ to have the most # of roommates at James Madison, freshman year (due to being 1st in snoring). 1st in James Madison to have a home-made non-electric refrigerator. James Madison College was the reason I survived the big university fears of a small town boy attempting to survive college years….

Right at the time of the Detroit race riots, we… were learning the ‘who, what, when, where, how & why’ as a core of us took up ‘Ethnic and Religious Inter-group Relations.’ The small classroom structure, the excellent instructors and the guest speakers gave us a unique opportunity to learn, as we witnessed the world turning upside down…. I had no clue, then, how important this schooling would be to me for the rest of my life, as I eventually settled into a career in social work, helping others in need…. Gee, I miss MSU, Madison, Case Hall, my ‘63 Studebaker even more than I had realized! I must repeat— James Madison College was good for me— probably wouldn’t have graduated without it.”— Tom Ferstle
New Faces and New Ideas

At the James Madison College Alumni Association (JMCAA) annual meeting on September 29, 2001, Regina Bell (PTCD ’96) and Ann Marie Raduazo (PTCD ’98) were added to the JMCAA’s Board of Directors, each for a three-year term. Bell currently serves as the governmental affairs manager in the Lansing office of Ameritech/SBC, focused on state legislative and political issues. Raduazo is a fund-raising consultant with the Lansing firm of Linder & Associates, focused on political campaigns, corporations, and state associations. On behalf of the board and the entire JMCAA, I welcome Regina and Ann Marie.

Scholarships and Roundtables

This fall, the board continues to tackle new projects. As I mentioned in my last column, we are developing at least one new Madison scholarship. Particularly in light of tightening state legislative budgets and the associated tuition increases, scholarships are an area in which the board believes it can make a significant difference for the college. The key to making this goal a success will be the support of the college’s alumni. If you are interested in helping to fund any of JMCAA’s scholarships, contact Rocky Beckett, Director of Development, at 517/432-2117.

Plans are also in the works for the JMCAA to coordinate and host a series of roundtable discussion groups in early 2002 in the Lansing area. Those discussions are expected to consider timely political and governmental issues. Alumni and other interested individuals will be invited to attend, once the programming is complete. If you, or someone you know, is interested in either attending one or more sessions or helping to develop the program for these events, contact Kim Allan at allank@msu.edu for more information.

Chicago Alumni Group

Off campus, a number of Chicago-area alumni are actively developing a new constituent Madison alumni group. Still in a fledgling stage, the group is considering the many ways it can further the interests of the college in the Chicago area while at the same time develop new relationships among its members. The JMCAA is grateful to all of those who are working on this project, and we encourage those in other geographic areas who are interested in developing similar groups to contact the college.

Events

The JMCAA is also continuing a number of its established programs. In September, board member Scott Settle (PE ’92) hosted our annual Detroit-area alumni reception in Novi. Approximately 40 alumni joined Dean Garnett and a number of the faculty to renew old friendships and develop new ties to the college. If you were unable to attend that reception this year, please try to join us next fall.

In early October, we hosted our annual Law Night for Madison students interested in a legal career. Amy Timmer (IR ’78), Lance Boldrey (IR ’92), Pat Corbett (JMCD ’83), Reginald Pacis (JMCD ’92), and Kristina Juntunen (IR ’00) fielded questions from approximately 30 students on issues including the LSAT, school loans, and selection of schools. In spring 2002, the JMCAA will again host our annual Lansing reception. Look for updates on time and location in future editions of the James Madison Scene and join us if you are able.

Become Involved in Your College

This is an exciting and active time for both the college and the JMCAA, and we need all of the alumni support available. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the life of the college, there are many ways to do so. Consider attending one or more of our many alumni events. Volunteer to sit on a project committee that programs an alumni event. Consider becoming a JMCAA board member. Make a financial contribution. Through those efforts, the alumni of James Madison College can help to continue a proud tradition of excellence.

Christopher J. Iamarino (JMCD/IR ’91)
President

As always, the JMCAA welcomes any ideas, suggestions, or input from our members. Further, if you are interested in volunteering with efforts such as Law Night, phone calls to prospective students, or other events, contact Kim Allan at (517) 353-3381 or fill out and return the form on the JMCAA Website in the alumni section at www.jmc.msu.edu.
1970s

Wendy (Moorhead) Adam (Urban, '74) is a fellow of the Australian Institute of Transport Planning and Management and current president of the Planning Research Centre at the University of Sydney. She did graduate work in urban planning at Harvard after graduating from Madison, and cross-registered in MIT’s Center for Transportation Studies. After graduation, she worked at MIT on a federal demonstration project in demand-responsive transport. In 1977, she and her Australian husband, Chris Adam, moved to Sydney where she worked for ten years as a transport planning consultant with a number of firms, last as principal transport planner for PPK, Australia’s largest transport consultancy. In 1998, Adam joined the State Transit Authority of NSW, which operates Sydney’s buses and ferries, where she is manager of service development. Adam played a major role in planning and delivering services during the 2000 Olympic Games and now is helping launch Sydney’s new 100 kilometre busway network. She Adam and her husband have two children, Jenny and Murray.

Vence Bonham Jr., JD (Urban ‘79) was awarded tenure as associate professor in July 2001 in the Department of Medicine, M SU Health Services Research Division. He is a faculty member in the Center of Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences at M SU and the M SU - Detroit College of Law. His research has focused upon legal, ethical, and policy issues related to the impact of changing health care delivery systems and medical technology on African Americans’ health status and access to health care. Bonham is a co-investigator on the Communities of Color and Genetics Policy Project funded by the National Human Genome Institute. He is involved in the study of the engagement of African Americans and Latinos in deliberations on the implications of genetic technologies and development of health policy. He has testified before the Secretary of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing and is on the advisory committees of various projects related to genetic technology and communities of color. He is also principal investigator for several funded research studies on the study of race, health, and socioeconomic status.

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Alumnus named U.S. Drug Czar

John Walters (JMCD ’74) was sworn in as the nation’s new National Drug Control Policy Director. Nominated by President George W. Bush, and confirmed by the Senate, Walters will have a leadership role on shaping the nation’s drug policy. Praised by Congressional leaders, he is expected to also have a role in building the nation’s ability to deal with terrorism. To read more about Walters, see the article in the Summer 2001 issue of the JMC Scene or look for the story on the JMC Website at www.jmc.msu.edu.

September 11 Symposium Brunch before the Game
February 24, 2002, 9:30 a.m.
Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Join Madison faculty, alumni, and students for brunch and a panel discussion on the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11. The panel will include Dean Sherman Garnett and Professors Mohammed Ayoob, Douglas Hoekstra, Michael Rubner, and others. Attend the MSU/Indiana men’s basketball game following brunch. Contact Kim Allan at 517/353-3381.

Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception
April 11, 2002
American News Women’s Club
1607 22nd Street NW
Washington, D.C.

Faculty Recognition and Alumni Reception
March 13, 2002, 5:30 p.m.
University Club, East Lansing

Madison alumni and faculty met in Novi, Michigan on September 5 for the annual Detroit area alumni reception.
1980s

Lynn Hoopingarner (IR ’80), president of Profitable Solutions Institute in California, has been elected as a board member for National Cooperative Bank (NCB). NCB provides financial services, including loans and deposit products, to the nation’s cooperatives and their members, as well as other member-owned organizations and nonprofit endeavors. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., NCB has offices in Anchorage, Hartford, New York, and Oakland as well as a federally chartered savings bank in Ohio.

Richard Cordray (JMCD ’81) was the recipient last year of the Michael Howard Greer Humanitarian Award from the Human Rights Campaign for his contributions to promoting greater understanding between the gay and straight communities through pro bono work on various legal matters and political issues. Cordray is an attorney as well as a professor at Ohio State University. He recently received both the Distinguished Alumni Award from the MSU Alumni Association and the JM C Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award and is a member the JM C Board of Visitors.

Steven Fink (JMCD ’82) visited Israel in July 2001 to participate in the 16th Maccabiah Games in table tennis—the masters division, where he was on the team that won the silver medal. He also had the opportunity to meet with former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his trip and described the experience as “enlightening.” Fink is an attorney with the firm Fink & Platz and currently resides in Cedarhurst, Long Island with his wife, Mindy, and their three sons.

Glenn Oliver (Urban ’84) is leaving his post as group executive to Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer to return to his practice as an intellectual property and civil litigation attorney.

William Rosin (IR ’84), a principal with the law firm of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC, recently spoke at the Auto Parts Industry Mergers and Acquisitions Forum in Dearborn, MI at which he addressed legal strategies in negotiating mergers and acquisitions in the auto supply industry. Rosin is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and specializes in the areas of negotiating mergers and acquisitions in the auto supply industry. Rosin is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and specializes in the areas of corporate and real estate transactions.

Kara M. Cyr (SOC ’88), formerly Kara M. Allbritten, is a senior manager with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit, MI.

Ed Farley (IR ’88) is director of international marketing for Anheuser-Busch, Inc., responsible for developing global marketing strategy and positioning for Budweiser and the company’s other beer brands sold internationally; developing the international company’s global strategy for sports marketing, media, and entertainment properties; and developing local marketing plans with region

Lily Klinger (Urban ’82) passed away September 1 of complications due to pancreatic cancer. Klinger, a native of Chicago, IL was married to Tom Brierton and worked as a development manager and grant writer for Advocate Health Care in Chicago. In the early 1990s, Klinger was employed by the Chicago Architecture Foundation and also served the city as a docent. She was completing a master’s in philanthropy at St. Mary’s University in Winona, MN at the time of her death. During her tenure at St. Mary’s, she was part of the Cohort 5 group. Klinger was an active Madison alumnus and was supportive of many of the college’s outreach initiatives. She will be missed by her friends at the college.

Alumni, students, and faculty enjoyed good food and conversation at the Madison tailgate brunch behind Case Hall before the MSU Homecoming game on October 13.
management. Farley, fluent in Portuguese and Spanish, joined Anheuser-Busch International in 1995 as the Budweiser marketing manager in Brazil, helping to establish a new sales, marketing, and distribution joint venture with local brewer Cervejaria Antarctica. Previously, Farley had worked for Anheuser-Busch’s U.S. beer subsidiary, where he worked for the Busch Media Group in Chicago and Houston developing local media/marketing plans. Before joining Anheuser-Busch, Farley worked for DDB Needham Worldwide advertising agency in Chicago. Farley is a graduate of the Advanced Advertising Studies program of Northwestern University’s Executive Education Program. He is married and resides in St. Louis.

1990s

Robert Samson (Urban ’90) was recently promoted to the position of regional business manager for Prudential Securities in Deerfield, IL. He was previously an assistant branch manager for Prudential Securities in West Bloomfield, MI. Samson received his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Lawrence (Scott) Sheets (IR/Russian ‘90) was appointed in August 2001 as National Public Radio’s (NPR) Moscow bureau chief. He is responsible for the countries of the former Soviet Union. In 1991, Sheets began working for NBC and Reuters in Moscow. From 1992 to 2000 he was the bureau chief for the Caucasus region (Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Chechnya) for Reuters. He covered all the wars in the region over that time. Sheets was a Knight Journalism Fellow, Stanford University, in 2000-01.

Christopher Tracy (JMCD ’90) joined the Board of Directors of the Lake Michigan Federation in October, the oldest citizens’ Great Lakes organization in North America. As a board member, he will set overall policy direction and oversee the organization’s health. The federation works to restore fish and wildlife habitat, conserve land and water, and eliminate toxics in the Lake Michigan watershed. Tracy, who served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, is a practicing attorney for the law firm of Fognani Guibord Homys & Roberts in Chicago. He lives with his wife and son in Chicago.

Thomas Yongo (IR ’90) will be sworn in and admitted to the Washington, D.C. Bar in December 2001. Yongo is an attorney with Arnold and Porter in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Zbytowski Belveal (IR ’92) has been elected partner to the Detroit-based law firm Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, and Cohn LLP, where she concentrates her practice in the litigation department. Belveal specializes in complex civil litigation and white-collar criminal defense. She earned her law degree from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1995, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and was a contributing editor of the Law Review.

Terry Langston (SR ’92) was appointed to the Michigan 4-H Foundation board. Langston is a development officer for corporate and foundation relations in the Olivet College (M) Institutional Advancement Office. Langston has been with Olivet College since 1996, serving previously as director of student development and youth outreach and development officer for special projects. He is currently completing a doctoral program in public administration and affairs at Western Michigan University. Langston is on the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors. He resides in Ovid, MI with his wife, Shawna, and two children.

David Lipsetz (JMCD ’92) has been awarded a DAAD/Fulbright Fellowship. Lipsetz, who recently completed two masters degrees in sociology and in city planning at Ohio State University, will be working as a research fellow at the Institute for Ecology and Regional Development in Dresden, Germany. Previously, he worked for five years in Washington, D.C. on education and labor policy for Congressman John Dingell (D-MI).

Reginald A. Pacis (JMCD ’92) is an associate practicing in the Detroit law office of Butzel Long. He received his J.D. from the MSU-Detroit College of Law in 1996. He joined the State Bar of Michigan in 1997. Pacis concentrates his practice in immigration law. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

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James Madison students in the MSU Homecoming Parade

Association (AILA). He also serves as membership and socialization chairperson and as secretary of the Michigan chapter of AILA for 2001 to 2002 and is a member of the Michigan AILA Creative Writing Contest Committee for 2001.

Adrienne Rakotz (IR ’92) married Jay Honigstock on August 5, 2001, at Laurel Manor in Livonia, MI. Rakotz is the public affairs officer for the U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Program. Honigstock, a graduate of Washington University and George Washington University, is an analyst with the Department of Defense.

Andrew Knapp (IR ’95) is the acting director for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, he was the director of state government affairs, American Continental Group Inc., as well as the political director for the Republican Governors Association.

Daniel Oginsky (PTCD ’95) has joined the Lansing law firm of Dickinson Wright as a litigator.

Lesley Allen (SR ’97) is a clinical therapist for Crossroad Family Center, part of Catholic Social Services, in Grand Haven, MI. Allen received a master’s in social work from Wayne State University.


Sharon Milanowski (IR ’99) is in England at Mildenhall Air Force Base with the Special Operations Squadron of the U.S. Air Force.

Chintan Panchal (IR ’99) traveled to Budapest to take courses at the Central European University, where he studied capital markets and securities law, cyberspace law, and mergers and acquisitions in Central and Eastern Europe. While there, he began working for Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, a London-based international firm, primarily on an international commercial arbitration—the largest case in Hungary at the time. He also worked on a number of international transactions, including mergers and large loan agreements. After returning to law school at Emory University, he was given the honor of joining the Emory International Law Review, where he plans to comment about the contrasting rules of procedure of international commercial arbitration and how this contrast between the U.S. and Europe speaks to underlying differences in legal philosophy and notions of fairness.

2000-01

Jennifer Gabel (PTCD ’00) plans to complete her master’s degree through MSU’s School of Labor and Industrial Relations in May 2002. Gabel completed an internship in Charlottesville, VA with General Electric and has been offered a position in their executive human resource leadership program.

Kevin Halicki (IR ’00), 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, is in the United Kingdom, stationed at RAF Lakenheath, working as the director of intelligence for the 493rd Fighter Squadron, the “Grim Reapers.” He is responsible for all intelligence matters for the squadron with 22 pilots who fly the F-15C Eagle air superiority fighter. Halicki also supervises three enlisted personnel who work in specific areas of intelligence, such as pre-mission briefings and enemy fighter and SAM (surface to air missile) threat analysis. He graduated in intelligence training in July from the Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas.

Rachel M. Kindstrand (IR ’00) is starting her second year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Law. She joined the Law Review this fall. Over the summer and fall, she worked at the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice. One of the cases on which she assisted progressed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kindstrand also ran the Chicago marathon in October for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, for which she raised $1,800.

Judy Milanowski (IR ’00) is in Germany at Spangdahlem Air Force Base with the U.S. Air Force.

Luke Lantta (PTCD ’01) is a first-year law student at Duke University.

Jason Schoenborn (IR ’01) is a budget analyst in the budget formulation division of the U.S. Customs Service. He entered as a GS 07 under the program for outstanding scholars. The formulation division deals most directly with policy and future directions of the U.S. Customs Service.
September 11: JMC Faculty Respond

Following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, James Madison College faculty led panel discussions about the implications of the attacks on U.S. foreign policy and the likely effects of U.S.-led responses on world politics. The series included:

September 25. September 11 and Its Aftermath—A James Madison College Discussion
Panel members: Mohammed Ayoob on Islam and South Asia; Norman Graham on NATO Article 5 and coalition-building matters; Sherman Garnett on Russia and ex-Soviet Union perspectives and DOD/US foreign policy insights; Douglas Hoekstra on the presidency and U.S. domestic political considerations; and Michael Rubner on U.S. Foreign Policy, the Middle East and Israeli perspectives.

October 2. How Serious is the Threat to Civil Liberties?
Panel members: Eric Petrie and Curtis Stokes

October 9. U.S. Foreign Policy, Persistent Middle East Conflict, and a New Type of War
Panel members: Michael Rubner and Mohammed Ayoob

October 23. The Problem of Making Judgments about the Proper Relationship between Religion and Politics
Panel members: Gene Burns and Richard Zinman

October 30. How Serious is the Threat of Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons?
Panel member: Michael Rip (JMC and College of Human Medicine)

Below are responses of JMC faculty in other forums.

September 11: JMC Faculty Respond

JMC Dean Garnett Tackles Major Questions

Michigan State University held three university-wide panels addressing issues raised by the attacks that included several JMC faculty members. Below is an abbreviated version of JMC Dean Garnett's response to the discussion topic “Are We at War? Should We Be?”

In a very important sense, the questions have been overtaken by events. We are at war. Now we are faced with the question of how to understand that war.

Simply put, we want both to destroy Al Qaeda and sever its base of support in a discontented and frustrated Islamic world. Our military operations against Al Qaeda have to be informed by our political strategy, but our political strategy must also permit us to pursue and eliminate Al Qaeda or it will be a failure. This is a difficult balancing act.

There is no diplomatic compromise possible with these forces, for they demand both specific diplomatic and security steps—abandonment of Israel, U.S. withdrawal from Islamic lands, ending the sanctions against Iraq—but also a kind of civilizational retreat that is simply not in our control. They see all of us—even dissenters for the policy or conscientious objectors—as soldiers and targets. Left without our active and resolute opposition, they will attack again and again. This is, in a nutshell, the justification for the war we are in.

This clear military situation is complicated by three very important strategic factors:

1. This is an unconventional war between our state and a nonstate entity, a highly organized terrorist organization. There are parallels between this and previous conflicts, whether one looks to the Barbary pirates just after our revolution or various guerilla movements. It will simply not be—nor can it be—a large, old-fashioned war, such as either World War I or II.

2. The struggle against terrorists is part of a larger political strategy regarding our long-term interests and engagement with the Islamic world. We need a subtle and sustained strategy to encourage the Muslim world to see this struggle as we do, not as Bin Laden does. The key political obstacle is the large-scale discontent and resentment throughout much of the Islamic world against the U.S. Many of these regimes, even our friends, are happy to direct discontent and discouragement outward, toward Israel or the United States. Working to separate this factor from the struggle against terrorism will reshape many issues and relationships around the globe.

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3. This struggle involves the U.S. homeland. It has shattered the insulating sense many of us have had of our nation’s distance from the world’s miseries. We knew without thinking much about it that we were the world’s most powerful and richest nation. We knew we left large footprints in the world. Perhaps we even knew that not everyone liked us. These attacks reminded us that we are citizens of a particular regime at a crucial time. Not only how we respond to the terrorists but how we use our power and position in the world is a central question, especially now when the burden of that response might well fall on many of you in this room. I hope it is obvious that our political discourse can no longer be confined to “the economy, stupid” anymore.

Whatever the horror inflicted on us so far, this is still a limited war. Our enemy has demonstrated a capacity for violence but not yet for sustained and widespread destruction. In my view, Bin Laden and his associates tend to overestimate the softness or the decadence of America. They have no eye for those aspects of our culture that promote community, togetherness, self-sacrifice, and determination.

Our response will inevitably be both a sustained military, law enforcement, and intelligence effort to eliminate Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups and a renewed and much broader engagement with international affairs, especially in the Islamic world. But a full response also requires us to address deeply personal, intersecting reasons for African American invisibility. There appear to be a national preference for African American invisibility. Is it that too many whites believe there might be a drift toward examining the problem of racial inequality if blacks were invited to participate in the national conversation about Sept. 11? Note here that a major Gallup survey in July found 64 percent of whites were “personally satisfied with the way blacks are treated” in the U.S. while 60 percent of blacks were “personally satisfied” with the way blacks are treated. Consequently, the MSU community was deprived of the insights, experiences, and expertise of African American faculty.

There are several intersecting reasons why African American voices should be heard and valued on the current national crisis. Among them:

• Blacks are more than 35 million strong and were among those killed, injured, and put out of work as a result of the attacks.
• Though they make up 12.3 percent of Americans, blacks are about 25 percent of the Army and 20 percent of the armed forces.
• About 40 percent of the 6-7 million Muslims in the United States are African Americans, typically Sunni Muslims. It is estimated between 10 to 20 percent of African slaves brought to North America were Muslims.
• African Americans have extensive experience as victims of terrorism. For example, in the 1921 rampaging, white mobs in Tulsa, Okla., with the protection of the city government and encouraged by white supremacist laws and policies of the U.S. government, descended upon Tulsa’s Greenwood district, ostensibly to put out of work as a result of the attacks.

JMC Professor Stokes Poses New Questions

As college and university discussions took place and the war evolved, Curtis Stokes, JMC associate professor and director of Black American and Diasporic Studies, was struck by the absence of an African American presence. Below is an adapted version of his opinion piece that appeared in the State News column “Sept. 11 Discussions Leave Out Black Voices” with permission of the State News.

Within a couple of days following the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, I brought a copy of John Stuart Mill’s “On Liberty” to my class on African American political thought, a class with a good mix of white and black students. I read the following passage from this liberal classic: “He who knows only his own side of the case, knows little of that.”

Class discussion that day was remarkably fruitful, with the majority of students valuing the importance of an exchange of ideas about what happened on Sept. 11, why the attacks occurred, and how the U.S. should respond.

Unfortunately, the kind of racial and ideological inclusiveness reflected in my class has not been cultivated on the national level. Apart from Secretary of State Colin Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, where are African American voices on this national issue?

The elite mainstream media are notable for the absence of black intellectuals, academics, community leaders, and elected officials sharing their insights about Sept. 11. MSU provides a local example of how African Americans are easily excluded from critical and supposedly nonracial national conversations.

Shortly after Sept. 11, MSU’s administration called for an “all-university” symposium to be planned by a university-wide faculty committee. Whether by intent or otherwise, there were no African Americans on the faculty planning committee or any of the three officially sanctioned panels. This occurred at a university with about 100 African American faculty in the tenure system, primarily in the social sciences and humanities, and at a place where racial inclusiveness is an important goal.

In short, the all-university symposium was largely a white male enterprise.
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Luther King Jr. Syndrome” and thus fearful of what some blacks might say about American foreign policy? Recall the pillorying from the white political and media elite that befell King following his 1967 denunciation of U.S. foreign policy in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia as militarist, imperialist and racist.

Is it that too many whites view blacks as intellectually inferior to them and consequently have no interest in hearing black perspectives on sensitive, nonracial topics? Note here that a mid-1990s survey by the University of Chicago’s National Opinion Research Center found 53 percent of whites considered blacks less intelligent than they were. Is it that too many whites believe blacks are not sufficiently patriotic? Note here that while a number of recent surveys indicate 20 percent of blacks do not support President Bush’s attack on Afghanistan, with another 17 percent undecided, many blacks say they are patriotic. Black patriotism, however, is often colored by the memory of oppression.

Though he was no fan of blacks, we can certainly wonder what John Stuart Mill would say were he here today.

OTHER FACULTY NEWS


Dan Bender is a visiting professor at Madison this academic year. Bender’s research interests include labor organizing and work, gender and women’s studies, immigration, and anti-sweatshop campaigns. In spring 2001, he published “Inspecting Workers: Medical Examination, Labor Organizing, and the Evidence of Sexual Difference” in the Radical History Review. In fall 2001 he presented papers at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting.

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JMC Professor Ayoob Uses National Media to Emphasize Importance of American/Indian Partnership

In a copyrighted opinion piece in the Washington Times (November 8, 2001), titled “Rocky Road to Asian Peace,” JMC Professor Mohammed Ayoob used the recent visit of the Indian prime minister to the United States to frame the war in terms of American and Indian interests. Below is a summary of the article.

Professor Mohammed Ayoob cautioned U.S. President George Bush and Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who met recently in the nation’s capital, to address not only coordinated responses to terrorism but also long-term cooperation.

Ayoob pointed out that India has been a victim of “intense cross-border terrorism” and that the sources of terrorism “are the same that brought the Taliban to power in Afghanistan and patronized the activities of the Osama bin Laden network.” It is understandable, he said, that in the context of the current war the United States would “enter into a marriage of convenience with Pakistan,” but that the role of the Pakistani military in bringing the Taliban to power and infiltrating Kashmir should be a warning.

Ayoob believes that Kashmir, the only Muslim-majority state in India, is important to keeping the extremist agenda of Hindu nationalists at bay. “Any change in the territorial status quo in Kashmir on the basis of religion is likely to play into the hands of Hindu extremists. . . .” he said. “This is the principal reason why India cannot accept a division of Kashmir on religious lines. There are 140 million Muslim citizens of India (only three percent of whom happen to live in Kashmir) whose security and well-being cannot be jeopardized for the sake of redrawing lines in a remote corner of the subcontinent to suit antediluvian religio-political agendas.”

Ayoob cautioned that Prime Minister Vajpayee must be assured “that the United States has no desire to meddle in this issue in any way that may give the impression of even the slightest support to redrawing the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.”

More important, however, said Ayoob, is that the United States and India stay in tune regarding China, a country that has strategically courted Pakistan to curb Indian capacities beyond the subcontinent. He pointed out that “China is truly America’s strategic competitor in Asia and beyond. China’s self-perception of its role in the international system assumes the revival of bipolarity . . . in which China would constitute the second pole of power.”

After noting that Japan and Russia, both apprehensive of China, are “hobbled for psychological reasons in the case of Japan and economic ones in the case of Russia,” Ayoob concluded by advising President Bush and Prime Minister Vajpayee to meet the threat “jointly, even if they do so only behind closed doors.”
Social Science History Conference, and the American Historical Association Annual Meeting. He was also appointed to the academic advisory board for an exhibit on sweatshops at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum of New York.

He is currently working on the book *From Sweatshop to Model Shop: Anti-Sweatshop Campaigns and Languages of Labor Organizing, 1880-1930* and co-editing a collection of essays called *Sweatshop USA: The American Sweatshop in Global Perspective*.

**Neil DeVotta** has joined the Madison faculty as a postdoctoral fellow. DeVotta received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas. His areas of focus are international relations and comparative politics with specialized interest in Third World security issues, ethnicity and nationalism, and conflict resolution. His regional specialty is South Asia, although his work on ethnicity and nationalism deals with Africa and South East Asia. His is co-editor of the forthcoming book *Understanding Contemporary India* and has written a number of articles in journals such as *Pacific Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Journal of Democracy*, and *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*. In addition to finishing a manuscript on Sri Lanka’s ethnic conflict in comparative perspective, he is also researching democracy and security issues in South Asia.

**Mark Elder** is a recipient of a 2001-02 Lilly Teaching Fellowship. The fellowship program is designed to provide junior faculty with opportunities to improve their teaching skills. Fellows participate in on-campus instructional improvement activities and attend off-campus seminars. Each fellow is responsible for a personal teaching and/or curriculum development project. Fellows also supervise undergraduate and/or graduate students. Elder, who joined the faculty in 1998, wants to use the Lilly fellowship to explore the use of case studies and the case study method in his courses and evaluate their effectiveness in the teaching environment on the political economy side of the international relations fields and the political economy specialization in JMC.

**Sherman Garnett** has served as an expert commentator around the state of Michigan in response to the events of September 11. He has appeared in the Lansing State Journal, *M SU’s State News*, the Detroit News, the Oakland Press, and on Fox 47-TV – Lansing, WJIM radio, WWII radio – Lansing, WCHB radio – Detroit, and WOOD radio.

**Rod Phillips** presented the brief lecture “An Ecological Reading of Alfred Hitchcock’s The Birds” in September as part of the MSU Library Friday Night Film Series. A chapbook of his poems, *Bullheading on the Looking Glass*, was published in November 2001.

**Bryan K. Ritchie** has joined the faculty as assistant professor. Ritchie received his Ph.D. in political science from Emory University. He delivered the paper “Innovation Systems, Collective Dilemmas, and the Formation of Technical Intellectual Capital in Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand” at the American Political Science Association meeting in San Francisco in September. His research and teaching focus on the political economy of development, with a particular focus on innovation, technological development, and skills information. Although interested in these topics generally, his research centers on Southeast Asia. His most recent publications include “Innovation Systems, Collective Dilemmas, and the Formation of Technical Intellectual Capital in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand” (forthcoming in Business and Society); “Political Preferences and Increasing Returns: the Boon and the Bane of Technological Development in Southeast Asia” (2001); and “Economic Crisis and Technological Trajectories: Hard Disk Drive Production in Southeast Asia” (with Richard F. Doner, forthcoming). In 2000-01, he was a Fulbright-Hays/Social Science Research Council fellow and visiting researcher at Thailand Development Research Institute, the National University of Malaysia and the National University of Singapore. He also has extensive experience in the computer industry including management and consulting roles for numerous firms.

**Michael Rubner** published “U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy in the Post Cold War Era” in the MSU-DCL Journal of International Law (Summer 2001). In response to the tragic events of September 11, Rubner has appeared as an expert commentator on a variety of media programs and in newspapers around Michigan, including WILS-TV Lansing (NBC); WHLS-AM radio, Port Huron; Michigan Talk Radio – broadcasts on NPR around Michigan; the Lansing State Journal; and other papers in Michigan.

**Michael G. Schechter** delivered the paper “The Evolving European Security Architecture and its Implications for People Living in the CEECs (Central and Eastern European Countries) in Transition” in November at the International Studies Association, Midwest meetings. He will also be chairing and serving as a paper discussant on the panel “International Norms and the Role of International Organizations.”

**Ken Waltzer** offered the talk “Picturing Flint Jewry at the Sloan” at the Sloan Museum in Flint, MI in October. He chaired a session at the Midwest Jewish Studies Association meeting in Chicago on “Saving Jewish Children in France” featuring the film *The Children of Chabannes* in October. He repeated the presentation at MSU sponsored by Jewish Studies. He was also a participant on a panel of historians at the Social Science History Association meeting in Chicago on “Holocaust History and Its Problems.”
DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Is Madison Still A Great Place?

Madison alumni have fond memories of the college. Each person I talk with believes he or she received a great education. Whether they came in the fall of 1967 with the first class or are new graduates in 2001, their comments are similar.

The summary of these stories is very positive and I spend a significant amount of time sharing them across generations. I also hear many questions. Most are about professors and the college today. Some frequently asked questions are:

- Is professor __________ still at Madison?
- Is Madison still a great place?
- Do you remember saving the college?
- Does MSU support Madison?

After Thanksgiving, I was speaking with a 1983 graduate who lives in California and has had no contact with the college or MSU for years. All four of those questions where asked during our conversation. I assured her that Dr. Schechter was still teaching and writing letters of recommendation for students and alumni. I shared stories with her about the students who have been nominated for or won prestigious scholarships, the success of the Madison students on the debate team, and JMC student leaders across campus and on the MSU Homecoming Court. She was reassured that the college she knew was still alive and well.

Then she recalled the threat to close the college two decades ago. I have several stories to explain how times have changed and that Madison is held in high esteem. Two of my favorites are based on events of this fall. The JMC Library dedication drew a large turnout, including MSU President Peter McPherson, Provost Lou Anna Simon, and seven of the eight MSU trustees—the strongest showing of trustees I have seen at a dedication. The other example was our fall Founders Circle Luncheon, for which President McPherson and four trustees changed the schedule of a committee meeting to attend the entire conversation with David Broder.

Space does not allow me to paint the full picture I gave to the inquiring alum. Let it suffice that she was convinced that the current MSU leadership understands the great contribution Madison makes to MSU and is equally grateful that it was not sacrificed during budget cuts of times past.

Rocky Beckett
Director of Development

MSU Scholarship Program to Benefit Children of those Killed in Terrorist Attacks

Michigan State University has announced that 11 young people whose parents were killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C., will be able to attend MSU on full scholarships.

The September 11 Scholarship Program was established “in tribute to the spirit and courage of the American people,” Board of Trustees Chairperson Colleen McNamara said in announcing the program, and is consistent with MSU’s land-grant mission.

“Many parents from all walks of life were killed in the terrorist attacks and rescue efforts on September 11, 2001,” McNamara said. “In light of the fact that so many parents will not be present to provide for their children’s education, it seems particularly appropriate for universities to offer scholarship support.”

MSU’s Honors College and Office of Admissions and Scholarships will administer the program. Scholarship candidates will meet the university’s usual admissions standards, and preference will be given to those with financial need. University officials expect to offer a few scholarships each year until the total of 11 have been distributed. Currently about 60 students each academic year attend the university on full tuition-and-fees, academic-based scholarships. Tuition and fees for an out-of-state student total about $11,000 per year.

At the September 21, 2001 Board of Trustee’s meeting, the board also passed a resolution honoring the victims and heroes of the attack, commending the efforts of President Bush and members of Congress who have worked since the attack to help victims and to bring the terrorists to justice, and thanking other world leaders for their response and support.

Thanks for Your Support

On behalf of James Madison College thank you for your financial support during this past year. The growing number of annual contributors is putting the college in the spotlight. If you have any questions about your contributions, or you wish to make a gift, please contact the development office at (517) 432-2117.

— Rocky Beckett

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Remarks by Dean Sherman W. Garnett at Dedication of Renovated Library
James Madison College
September 21, 2001

We are gathered to re-dedicate our Madison Library and to recognize MSU Trustee, the Honorable David Porteous, and Mrs. Joan Porteous for their generous support and leadership on behalf of the college. Their generosity and the generosity of a record number of alumni, friends and supporters have led to what is but the first of a series of projects designed to improve the look of the college, to bring the way the college looks in line with what it does. The library will also permanently recognize David and Joan Porteous for their leadership and commitment to James Madison College.

It is appropriate that we begin our efforts to renovate the college with the library, for it has served for more than three decades as an intellectual center of the college and a place for reflection on the public policy challenges of the day. In light of last week’s terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, this re-dedication also serves as an appropriate way to re-dedicate ourselves and the college to these challenges. What better response to a politics of hatred and narrow mindedness than a library? Ours is of course but a small action in what must be an enormous set of individual, community and national actions to respond to the president’s call for unity, calm, and constructive action. But Madison College has been making such small but steady contributions for its entire history.

Indeed, when I listened last night to President Bush’s call to action, I realized that there will not be any aspect of the national response—whether military operations, diplomacy, the work of intelligence services or law enforcement, efforts to promote calm and tolerance in our local communities or to define the proper balance between security and our treasured civil liberties—that will not have some concrete and personal contribution from Madison College through its small but determined group of alumni.

I think especially of students I have taught just in the last two years who have gone into military service and intelligence work, students who will likely find themselves in harm’s way in the next months and years. Madison College was brought into being to make contributions of this kind, to fulfill MSU’s overall land grant mission in just this way.

We are indeed fortunate that Madison has attracted a special group of public spirited students year after year and that the college has won the loyalty of a faculty of great vision and sense of purpose. As this gathering demonstrates today, we are also fortunate to have the unwavering support of the leadership of this university, President McPherson, Provost Simon and the Board of Trustees. We are no longer an experiment but a successful institution that has come of age. This library dedication is a reminder of that, but it is also a pledge of the future the college has before it and of the many contributions still to come from its students to our public life.
Madison Students Nominated for Top Scholarships

Three James Madison College students have been nominated by MSU to compete in three major scholarships. Sarah Zagata (IR) and Aaron Payne (IR, English) are competing for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Sarah Schnable (IR) and Sarah Zagata (IR, ANR) have been nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship, and Aaron Payne has been nominated for the Mitchell Scholarship.

The Fulbright Program is designed to give recent graduates research and study opportunities in a variety of countries for an academic year. The Rhodes Scholarship sends students to the University of Oxford in England for two years of graduate study. The Mitchell Scholarship provides funding for one year of graduate study in any discipline in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Madison Students Take Top Honors for MSU Debate Team

The Michigan State University Debate Team, led by four James Madison College students, is setting the standard for success in the debate circuit this year by winning its second major tournament.

The sophomore duo of Greta Stahl (IR) and David Strauss (IR) won nine two-hour debates to capture the Capital City Debate Tournament hosted by Catholic University in Washington, D.C. On the road to victory, Stahl and Strauss defeated teams from Emory University, Harvard University, and Wake Forest University. This is the second consecutive tournament where the duo has surpassed MSU’s previous highest finish at that particular tournament.

At the previous Kentucky Round Robin Tournament, held in October, the team of senior Austin Carson (IR) and junior Calum Matheson (SR) also earned a first-place finish, with Matheson taking home the top speaker award as well.

All College Party Leads JMC Student Senate Events

Last year’s successful Charity Ball inspired the James Madison College Student Senate to continue its string of successful events this year.

The All College Party, triumphantly resurrected at Tripper’s Sports Bar, led the way, drawing more than 150 people. Students and professors paid two dollars to enjoy all the pop, mozzarella sticks, and chicken wings they could want. Better yet, partygoers enjoyed each other’s company in a more relaxed social atmosphere than Case Hall and created a real sense of community among all the Madisonians who attended.

Other fall events hosted by the Senate were plentiful: a Madison t-shirt sale, candy distribution along the MSU Homecoming Parade route, haunted-house events at Glencairn Elementary School and Oldsmobile Park, and a November Red Cross Blood Drive. Senators could also be seen at the James Madison Library rededication and the Alumni Homecoming brunch.

Not an organization to rest on its laurels, the Senate is now planning the annual Charity Ball, holding another t-shirt sale, and assisting the college in faculty searches.
2001-2002 Outstanding Alumni Awards

Nomination Deadline: January 30, 2002

The James Madison College Alumni Association (JMCAA) Board of Directors invites nominations for two annual awards that acknowledge those individuals who have positively represented or significantly contributed to the college.

Distinguished Alumni are nominated by fellow alumni and members of the college faculty and administration. JMCAA accepts nonalumni nominations for its Honorary Alumni award. Award recipients are chosen by a selection committee appointed by the JMCAA Board of Directors. The awards are presented at the college spring commencement.

Award Selection Criteria: Distinguished Alumni must be alumni of James Madison College; must have achieved prominence in their fields; and must have demonstrated service to James Madison College through its alumni organizations, academic divisions, committees, or in other capacities. Honorary Alumni are non-graduates of James Madison College whose efforts have significantly contributed to the progress and development of the college.

Past Award Recipients

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Michael McConnell, 1997
Bryce Sandler, 1998
Paul Long, 1999
Richard Cordray, 2000

Honorary Alumnus Award
Herbert Garfinkel, 1997
Gordon Guyer, 1998
David Porteus, 1999
Dixie Platt, 2000

Designate category in which this nominee is placed:
___ Distinguished Alumnus
___ Honorary Alumnus

Nomination Deadline: January 30, 2002

Nominee Name: _____________________________________________________
Home Address: ______________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: ______ Zip Code: _________________
Home Phone: (______) _____________ Work Phone: (______) _____________
E-Mail: ________________________________
Employer/Occupation: ____________________________________________

Please include a letter of nomination that outlines the professional accomplishments of your candidate. Identify special honors and recognition received by your nominee and indicate why you think this person should receive the award. Include your name, address, and phone number.

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