

Laborers Together Newsletter

Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association

"For we are laborers together with God. . . " (1 Cor. 3:9)

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What Is The Opportunity Cost?

Rick Lawson

Wikipedia defines *opportunity cost* as "the cost related to the next-best choice available to someone who has picked among several mutually exclusive choices." Further, the same article illustrates the idea this way: "A person who has \$15 can either buy a CD or a shirt. If he buys the shirt the opportunity cost is the CD and if he buys the CD the opportunity cost is the shirt." Think of this concept as is applies to attending the 2011 MSOP Lectureship.

There are many things that we could do March 27 - 31, but each of us must make a choice among the many alternatives. If you choose anything other than the trip to Memphis, what is the opportunity cost? The chance to hear dozens and dozens of the soundest, most effective men in the brotherhood preach the soul saving message from Jehovah God. A high cost, indeed! The opportunity cost will also include fantastic ladies classes for wives and daughters,

socializing with old friends, seeing faithful classmates again, and meeting new brothers and sisters in Christ who we will share eternity with in the by and by.

Come learn, be re-energized, honor those who have helped you along life's path, and encourage others who are now where you have once been. There is no time on this side of eternity quite like it!

This year's theme is **The Behavior of Faith.** Brother Keith Mosher, Sr. writes on www.msop.org, "The 2011 MSOP Lectureship is dedicated to exploring the various biblical admonitions and exhortations to achieve the balanced Christian life . . . Each speaker has been challenged to be as practical as possible, so that all may go away armed to do battle with the ups and downs of living in this world."

Come join in! I hope to see you there.

ALUMNI AND CHILDCARE REGISTRATION FORMS NOW ALSO OFFERED ONLINE

Sister Sherry Brown will soon mail out the lectureship alumni registration form like she does every year. Our excellent and capable webmaster, Joey Davis, has added the form to the school website in hopes that graduates will go there and complete the form. Joey says this would save her a ton of work and postage.

Please go to the website as soon as possible and complete the form. The address is www.msop.org. Click on the lectureship advertisement on the front page. Along with

the schedule, you will see <u>Alumni Registration</u> and <u>Information Update Form</u> and <u>Lectureship</u> <u>Childcare Registration Form</u>. Child-care is offered by the MSOP student wives for children 0-5 years from 9:00 - 11:50 AM and 1:30 - 4:15 P.M. during the lectureship. If you will go online and fill those out today, sister Brown can remove your name from this large mailing. Thanks again to brother Davis for his great work. **Please take advantage of it right now!**

A LIST OF LOCAL MOTELS

You May Make Your Reservations by Calling Them at the Numbers Listed Please ask for Memphis School of Preaching Rates.

Hampton Inn, 1280 W. Poplar Ave - Collierville (901) 854-9400, King or Double \$89.00 plus tax, CUT OFF DATE: March 1st.

Candlewood Suites, 7950 Centennial Dr., Memphis, (901) 755-0877, 1 King or 2 Double \$59.00 plus tax, CUT OFF DATE: February 26th.

Holiday Inn Express, 4068 Stansell Court, Memphis, (901) 309-6474, 1 King or Double \$59.00 plus tax, CUT OFF DATE: March 26th.

Comfort Suites, 4090 Stansell Court, Memphis, (901) 309-3020, 1 King or Double \$59.00 plus tax, CUT OFF DATE: March 26th.

Hyatt Place, 9161 Winchester Road, Germantown, 888-492-8847, (Code CR53458)1 King or Double \$94.00 plus tax, CUT OFF DATE: February 26th.

Fairfield Inn, 9320 Poplar Pike, Germantown, (901)757-9100, 2 people \$82.00 plus tax, CUT OFF DATE: March 11th.

Forest Hill Youth Day – Saturday, March 26 Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. Theme: Shine, Jesus, Shine

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Mike McDaniel

Brother Liddell has graciously allowed me to assist in acquiring new volumes for the N. B. Hardeman Library in recent months. Our main interest has been purchasing books for the reference library on the first floor. For example, in the month of January, we ordered books from the Biblical Archaeology Society including the five volume set of the New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations. These new additions will be of great value to brother Dan Cates when he teaches students in Biblical Archaeology.

Recently, sister Annette Cates did an inventory of lectureship books in the library. Back in November, we sought to fill in the gaps of what we lacked so as to have complete

sets wherever possible. We have made significant progress. However, some of these books are no longer available. The following books are needed: Bear Valley (05-08), Cold Harbor Road (1999), East Tennessee School of Preaching (1992-1996 and 2001), Florida School of Preaching (1992,1993), Fort Worth (73-77, 91, 94, 95), Lubbock (2002), Power (1991-1994), Shenandoah (1995-1996, 2004), and Southwest (1984-1986, 1990). If any of our alumni have any of the following books which they would like to donate to the library, please contact sister Cates. You may e-mail her at acates@msop.org. Your assistance with this project is greatly appreciated!

Curtis A. Cates Expresses Gratitude

Mike McDaniel

In talking with brother Cates today (Jan. 24th), he desired for me to express to all of our wonderful alumni his deepest gratitude for all the well-wishes, cards, calls, e-mails, and especially prayers on his behalf.

Around four months ago, brother Cates went through a number of examinations and tests and was approved for a special clinical trial at the West Clinic. They have been doing work on his cells and infusing them back into his body so that his immune system would react more positively and that the chemo would have better effect. He is one of two to

have this procedure. The doctors say it is on the "cutting edge" in the medical field. We are happy to report that this procedure appears to have produced a favorable result. Brother Cates received his first chemo treatment two weeks ago. The results have been very positive. In fact, the word the oncologist used was "awesome!" He will be taking these chemo treatments once a month for awhile.

We are glad to say that Brother Cates is feeling much better. If fact, he said, "If I didn't know I was sick, I wouldn't know I was sick."

LETTER CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR M/M ROBERT R. TAYLOR

October 25, 2010

The Elders
Dear Brethren,
Robert and Irene Taylor will officially be retired from local work effective January 1, 2011. They will continue to live in Ripley, Tennessee, and worship and work with the Ripley Church.
The good Church at Ripley will continue to provide them the house they have enjoyed for 37 years, and allow them \$ 250.00 weekly for living expenses. Robert and Irene will continue their writings and speaking engagements along with a number of other works. The West Concord Church of Christ is proud to announce that we will support their work financially. We encourage you to join us in this great work. We will oversee and receive the collection of an additional \$ 450.00 per week (\$ 1733.00 monthly) so that they may devote full time to their work.
Brethren, please pray for this good work. Brother Taylor is diligently working to finish his work on the books of the Bible. Sister Taylor also plans to write more books.
We need your help in making this work possible. Please make your checks payable to: West Concord Church of Christ (Taylor Work), and mail them to us @ P. O. Box 3022, Hueytown, Alabama 35023.
In Christian Love,
James Pilgrim (Elder) Johnny Johnson(Elder)
Yes, we will support this good work in the amount of \$ monthly, beginning December 1, 2010.

A PROLIFIC WRITER

Mike McDaniel

As seen by the letter on page 4, the good elders of the West Concord church of Christ in Hueytown, AL, are seeking financial support for a well-known honorary alumnus of MSOP, Robert R. Taylor Jr and his good wife, Irene. Knowing that many of our alumni would be interested in doing what they could to help this godly couple who have meant so much to many of us, I desired to bring this news to your attention.

One of the greatest blessings of my life has been my association with this godly couple. The good church at Ripley, TN was one of my supporting congregations while attending MSOP. Brother Taylor and I are both from Gibson County, TN. We have attended many of the same area Gospel Meetings, lectureships, and preacher's luncheons over the last twenty-eight years. Brother Taylor and I have worked together often in television work, first as panelists on Searching The Scriptures and now on A Bible Answer which I moderate. We both serve on the faculty of the Online Academy Of Biblical Studies. We have been like-minded in many things. His advice and friendship have been of inestimable value to me.

Of special service to myself and to the brotherhood has been his prolific writing ability. As far as teaching Bible classes is concerned, I cut my baby teeth on his New Testament class books and suggest them to first year students in my MSOP Homiletics class.

Brother Taylor has written studies in: John, Romans, Galatians and Philippians, Ephesians and Colossians (his newest), 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus and Philemon, Hebrews, James and Jude, 1 & 2 Peter, 1 & 2 & 3 John, Psalms, Psalm 119, Jeremiah & Lamentations Vols 1 & 2. He has written studies in the Bible Doctrine of: Jehovah God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, Christian Fellowship, and Final Things. He has written: Jesus Christ: The Hope Of The Home, The Elder And His Work, Sermons That Save, How Young People Get Hurt, Remembering God In Youth, A Review of 'Shall We Splinter?,' Challenging Dangers of Modern Versions, and his first book, the classic: Christ In The Home. He wrote five Gospel Advocate Companion books as well as a number of tracts, numerous articles, and contributed chapters to over 200 lectureship books. His next project is Studies in the Book of Revelation.

In addition to numerous chapters for lectureship books, Sister Irene Taylor has also written: Pearls of Poetry, Through The Eye of Joy, and My Heart Standeth In Awe of Thy Word which is a fascinating biography of brother Taylor. Surveying this lengthy list helps one to contemplate the fact that the Taylors have been among the most prolific and profitable writers ever produced with the church.

One of our alumni, Justin Paschall, is now preaching for the church at Ripley. The Taylors will continue on in their writing and speaking work, but they are in need of financial assistance at this time. As they walk together in the sunset years of life, let us do what we can to ease life's burdens for them.

When I last spoke with brother James Pilgrim not long ago, he informed me that the

West Concord church at Hueytown, Alabama has now raised around a \$1000 in monthly support of the needed \$1733 a month the elders have requested. It is my hope and prayer that you or the congregation with whom you worship and work can assist the Taylors in their important work for the Lord, so that this deficit in monthly support might be alleviated as quickly as possible.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP UPCOMING

Keith A Mosher Sr.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectures is but weeks away, March 27-March 31, 2011. We are expecting great crowds which means that many will have the privilege to hear the pure gospel preached by splendid speakers. In addition, there will be other great and momentous happenings.

This year's lectureship on *The Behavior of Faith* is a compendium of how faith behaves. The background is biblical wisdom literature. You will not want to miss this!

On Tuesday, at 4:15 PM please plan to be present at the Alumni/Friends Dinner, always a wonderful event.

Please keep in mind the Prospective Students and Supporters Seminar at 2:10 p. m. on Tuesday. This activity is designed to inform prospective students of the program, the facilities and staff, and the means of

raising their support. You are among the finest and most dedicated recruiters for your alma mater. Also, any friends who wish to learn more about supporting the School are welcome at the Seminar.

We are certain that you are making plans to be present, if at all possible. Sister Sherry will be sending you a form so we can prepare for these events. Please fill it out immediately and return it – whether or not you can be present.

You are a very important part of the success of lectureship week; it will not be as great without you. We look forward to seeing you and your family.

Please help in the advertising of the lectures and other happenings, in your bulletin, etc.

God bless your work for Him. Pray for us.











































FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP MARCH 27 - MARCH 31, 2011

GENERAL THEME:

"THE BEHAVIOR OF FAITH"

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SUNDAY, MARCH	27, 2011		6:30-7:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		
9:30-10:20 A.M.	The Work of Patience	David Sain	7:00-8:00 P.M.	"The Height of Humility"	Tom Holland	
10:30-11:30 A.M.	Jesus: The Servant Leader					
5:30-6:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		WEDNESDAY, MAR	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011		
6:00-7:00 P.M. "Thanks to Calvary; I'm Not The Man I Used to Be"Paul Sain		8:30-8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL: How Establish Bible Authority -			
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8:30-8:50 P.M.	CHAPEL: How Establish Bible Authority -		10:00-10:50 A.M.	"Enthusiastic Song Leaders	Stephen Sutton	
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10:00-10:50 A.M.	"Do Not Judge By Appearance" "Enthusiastic Members"	James Meadows	11:00-11:50 A.M.	"The Course Vest A sether Charge"	Tagon Laskson	
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	(Women Only) "The 'Slave' of Christ"	Jane McWhorter	11:50-1:30 P.M.	LUNCH		
11:00-11:50 A.M.	"The 'Slave' of Christ"	Jimmy Clark	1:30-2:20 P.M.	"The Wisdom From Above"	Mark Reynolds	
CLASS*	"I Left the Church Because"	Denton Landon	LADIES**	"A 'Natural ' Love"		
11:50-1:30 P.M.	LUNCH			(Women Only) "Phariseeism: The Result of a Disjointed Heart'	Carla Moore	
1:30-2:20 P.M.	Relativism; Pragmatism:		2:30-3:20 P.M.	"Phariseeism: The Result of a Disjointed Heart	Wade Webster	
	Is it Right or Does it Just Work? "A 'Biography' of a Preacher's Wife"	Tony Lawrence	CLASS*	"Shall We Blame God?"	David Johnson	
LADIES**	"A 'Biography' of a Preacher's Wife"		3:30-4:15 P.M.	"Prayer: From Head and Heart"	Ronnie Hayes	
	(Women Only)	Irene Taylor	4:15-6:30 P.M.	INTERMISSION		
2:30-3:20 P.M.	(Women Only)	Brent Arnold	6:30-7:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		
CLASS*	"The Hearer in Front of a Mirror"	Roger Comstock	7:00-8:00 P.M.	"What About The Heads And Hearts		
3:30-4:15 P.M.	"Giving: From the Head or Heart?"	David Powell		Of Young People?"	John Moore	
4:15-6:30 P.M.	INTERMISSION					
6:30-7:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		THURSDAY, MARC	H 31, 2011		
7:00-8:00 P.M.	"We Need Heart Surgery!"	Dan Winkler	8:30-8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL: How Establish Bible Authority -		
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TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011			9:00-9:50 A.M.	"The Christian Use of the Tongue"	Johnie Scapps	
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9:00-9:50 A.M.	"Implication" "Hypocrisy!" "Enthusiastic Preachers"	Chuck Mahetan	LADIES	(Women Only)	Corinne Elkins	
10:00-10:50 A.M.	"Enthusiastic Procedure"	Pills Pland	11:00-11:50 A.M.	(Women Only)	Carland Elkine	
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11:00-11:50 A.M.	Christian Decisions: Head or Heart?"	Gary Hampton		"I Have Been A Christian for 50 Years: But!"	Jerry Keynolds	
CLASS*	"Faith: Idle or Ideal?"	Barry O Dell	LADIES**	"Be Careful: It's My Heart"	TI-L CI-L-	
11:50-1:30 P.M.	LUNCH			(Women Only)"Be Not Conformed to this World"	Iish Clarke	
1:30-2:20 P.M.	"My Heart in My Home"	Jeff Jenkins	2:30-3:20 P.M.	"Be Not Conformed to this World"	Joey Davis	
LADIES **	"Willing Hearts Willing Hands"		CLASS*	"The Word Can Change My Heart"" "Turning Hearts Toward Heaven"	Barry Kennedy	
	(Women Only)	Teresa Hampton	3:30-4:15 P.M.	"Turning Hearts Toward Heaven"	Gary Colley	
2:30-3:20 P.M.	"A Man After God's Own Heart:	Jack Openshaw	4:15-6:30 P.M.	INTERMISSION		
CLASS*	(Women Only) "A Man After God's Own Heart:" "The God Who Thinks And 'Feels'"	Rob Whitacre	6:30-7:00 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING		
	SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS		7:00-8:00 P.M.	"The Father of Lights"Re	obert R. Taylor, Jr.	
	AND SUPPORTERS (MSOP CHAPEL)					
3:30-4:15 P.M.	3:30-4:15 P.M. "Their Hearts Are Far From Me"		* Men	's Classes meet in the School Building in Room	405	
4:15-6:30 P.M.	ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER					
	(FELLOWSHIP HALL)			Ladies Classes meet in the FELLOWSHIP HALL		







































ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

Queensland Flooding

From Patrick Swayne (05), "Hello friends and brethren, Happy New Year! . . . Several of you have written asking about the floods in Australia. Although we have had many rainy days, our home and for the most part the Melbourne area have been unaffected by flooding. However, many brethren in Queensland have been deeply affected and some have lost a great deal. To get a better idea of what's going on up there and how you can help, please contact Chris Herd: preachChrist@hotmail.com. Chris is not only my father in law, he is a faithful, full time worker for the Lord in Queensland and will be able to direct you as to how you can assist and for what to pray. God bless all of you!"

Illness

Brother **Riley Nelson** (87) forwarded me the following: "Randy Vaughn's mother, Martha Bachelor, has just been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is being sent to the hospital in Jacksonville, FL . . . Please keep Martha and family in your prayers."

Forest Hill elder **Jim Crowe** is now home and is improving daily following a heart attack and double by-pass surgery. Once they regulated his medication he started making good progress.

Nominations Closed

The period for nominations for the MSOP Alumnus of the Year has now ended. The selection committee is made up of past winners of this prestigious award. Ballots were sent out to each member on January 26th.

Please fill out your ballot and return it today to Rick Lawson. Please e-mail him at bibletoter@hotmail.com.

Moves

Justin Paschall (07) has moved from the Demopolis, Al to preach for the Ripley church of Christ in Ripley, TN.

Jim Murrell has moved back to Munford, Al from Philadelphia, MS. His new address is 2890 McElderry Road, Munford, AL 36268.

Deaths

From recent graduate, **Gordon Wells** (10) of South Africa, "Hello brethren. Please pray for us. My mother-in-law passed away on Sunday (Jan. 16th). God bless!"

We regret to inform you of the death of **Rob Key** (**96**) who passed away at worship on January 24th. He was preaching for the Houser Grove church in West Kentucky. The funeral was held on January 26th at the Spring Creek church of Christ in Hickory, KY with Keith A. Mosher Sr. officiating. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. While brother Key was disabled, he died doing the Lord's work to the best of his ability. That is a credit to him and inspiring to all of us. Please remember his family, the Houser Grove church, and the Spring Creek church in your prayers.

Brother **Dale DuVerney** (97) has informed me that brother Don Finney, 1976 graduate of MSOP, lost his wife of 51 years on December 31, 2010. Her name was Ann. Don lives in Mio, Michigan next door to

brother DuVerney's mother and father. He has preached in Michigan for many years, serving various congregations up until about four years ago. He has since retired and fills in for congregations as needed. Don has been very ill of late as well, so please keep him in your prayers. Don's address is: Donald Finney, 1005 W 10th St., Mio, MI 48647-8300.

Wayne Smith (84) writes, "brother Wayne Coat's daughter, Jeannie Coats Harwell, passed Jan. 2nd at age of 60, precious lady, loving daughter. Keep Wayne and Elaine in your prayers, and Jeannie's husband, Ken."

Arlo Dean Gittings, Jr. (80) passed away on December 21st in St. Louis, Missouri. Memorial services were held on December 23rd at the church building in Collinsville, IL. Being a veteran of the Navy, Dean's ashes were spread over the sea from Florida by the Coast Guard. Memorial services were conducted by his son-in-law James Jones and Eugene Jenkins. He is survived by three children, Tabetha, Arlo III, and Edith Ann, and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, on March 15, 2003.

Carroll (73) and Louise Beardain of Eads, TN (both age 83) along with sister Beardain's sister Annie Wood (age 86) and brother-in-law Hulet Wood (age 89) of Memphis died from injuries received in an automobile accident near Clinton, AR on Monday, Dec. 6th. They were on their way to Branson, MO to visit family. Brother Beardain preached for many years at the Arlington church of Christ in Arlington, TN. During that time, he also served as one of the elders.

Due to numerous health problems the last few years, he had to retire from preaching and had just resigned recently from the eldership.

Charles Miller of Jacksonville, Florida passed away on November 20, 2010. He was an honorary alumnus of MSOP and a great friend of the school. He was the grandfather of **Kevin Graves** (05) and the great-grandfather of **Brandyn Graves** (09).

Not long ago Alumni Association President **Rick Lawson** (99) suffered the loss of his mother, Polly Ann Boaze (age 60). She was found murdered in her home on Monday, October 25th in Escambia Farms, Florida by a man who was a tenant and who had been asked to leave. The murderer committed suicide. She had worked as a machinist and caregiver and was a first responder with the Blackman Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the church of Christ. Her funeral was held on Saturday, Oct. 30th, in the chapel of Brackney Funeral Service with David Williams and Mike Ray officiating.

Mission Work

Tim Wilkes, II (06) is prayerfully entering into full-time mission work with his wife, Rachel, and son, Titus. They will be working with the Open Door Ministry, traveling to several countries throughout the year, establishing congregations, bringing souls to Christ, and strengthening the brethren. They humbly request prayers and consideration for financial assistance in this endeavor for the Lord. Tim also plans to teach the Fishers of Men evangelism training course and is interested in working with a congregation on a limited basis, as he will have to do a great deal of traveling. If the

congregation where you work/attend is interested in Tim working there or teaching FOM, please contact him (870-275-3575). Coldwater Church of Christ (Coldwater, MS) is Tim and Rachel's overseeing congregation in this work. See Coldwater's website for more information about this work. http://coldwatercofc.com/opendoorministry.

Eugene Jenkins (80) writes, "Luvenia and I are presently in Grand Cayman. There are two established congregations on the West end of the island; West Bay and George Town. We are working with them to establish a new congregation in the East End community (in the East End District), on the eastern end of the island. We had our first worship services on Sunday, January 23, 2011. We had only five present, including Luvenia and me, but two of them were visitors. One has already agreed to a Bible study. Luvenia is already teaching Bible lessons to the first and second grade classes in the local primary school. I talked to the principal this morning about me getting on the rotation for giving devotionals to the whole student body. On the evenings of February 6-8, we will have street preaching in the middle of town. Much of our time will be spent knocking doors and trying to set up Bible studies. We return home on March 24th. just in time for the MSOP lectures. Your prayers are appreciated."

From **Jeff Brown** (03), "I arrived in Buenos Aires Costa Rica, Friday night (Jan. 21) at 11:30 P.M. Saturday was VBS in the town park. It was attended good by the locals. Also we passed invitations to the Gospel meeting. Before I arrived there were 2

baptism, and several restorations . . . Today (Jan. 24th) was a good day here. We have been knocking doors and conducting Bible studies today. Attendance has been good at all of the worship services . . . We had 10 baptisms for the week. We fly back to the states on Friday. Continue to pray for the work here and for those who are traveling to Costa Rica for a campaign in the northern part of the country next week. Pray for us as travel back to the USA on Friday!"

Voluntary Alumni Dues

As you all know, the more resources that are at our disposal the more good we can do. If you haven't paid your \$25 dues this year (or in a while), send brother Mosher a check: MSOP Alumni Association c/o Keith Mosher, 3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125. As always, the dues are voluntary and greatly appreciated.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the MSOP Alumni Association which is comprised of our elected class representatives is scheduled to meet in the second year classroom on Tuesday, March 29th, at noon. All class representatives should attend that their class may be represented. Brethren, to be on campus yet fail to attend or to fail to ask your alternate to attend if you have one, is to fail in your responsibilities to your class as a whole. For the most part, our attendance has been splendid for the last several years. The term for the current representatives will conclude following this meeting. New class representatives will be elected at our dinner this year which will be conducted by President Rick Lawson.