



EDP ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR REUNION APRIL 18-20

HOW IT ALL STARTED

During a luncheon between 30+ year friends, a seed was planted to have a reunion of college classmates. That's how it all started with just a conversation between

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McFayden '76 and Sherryl D. Weems, Ph.D. '76. They have both sat on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and they wanted to do something special before their terms were up. In November 2007 they put a call into the EDP office so we could

all start to make plans and the dates of April 18-20 were chosen because they coincided with the Black Student Union's People of Color Conference/ Fashion Show weekend.



After five trips to Fredonia and many phone calls and emails and with the help and cooperation of many people and offices, the reunion became a reality . . . and what a successful and meaningful reality it was!!!



Pictures on Page 1— ★Reunion program cover. ★1970-71 Black Student Union. Photo submitted by Don Ellis '74. ★First-year EDP students Derwin English '11 and Justin Moore '11 helped in stuffing over 700 invitations. ★Reunion Co-Chairs — Emma McFayden and Sherryl Weems.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, April 18, started with a welcome reception. Alumni then joined with current students for the BSU-sponsored dinner and guest speakers.

Saturday, April 20, events began at 10 am with a walking tour of the campus conducted by current students **Lauren Williams '10** and **Safiya Martin '09**. Many compliments were made about how beautiful the campus is and the warm, spring weather made for an enjoyable stroll while reminiscing about fond experiences. Stops were made at University Commons, Reed Library, Dods/Steele halls, and Mason hall. The luncheon was again shared with the BSU.



Alumni had a chance to rest and get ready for the evening dinner and program. Nearly 90 alumni, staff, family, and friends of EDP gathered in Café G which was filled with red balloons, red tulips, conversations, hugs, and well wishes. **Dr. Mark Anthony Neal '87** served as Master of Ceremonies. **Dr. Dennis Hefner**,



Pictures on Page 2— ★BSU dinner on Friday. ★Welcome reception on Friday — Roger Roseborough, Adelia Davis, Maurice Smith, Stephen Wallace, and Denise Scott. ★Alumni took part in the walking tour. ★Memories were relived in Dods Hall—Don Ellis, Stephen Wallace, Maurice Smith, Roger Roseborough, and David Bullow.



Fredonia's president, and **Ms. Patricia Feraldi '77**, Alumni Affairs director, gave greetings before the delicious dinner serviced by Fredonia's own FSA. Following dinner a moment of silence was given as names of deceased classmate were read and a candle was lit for each one. A roll call was taken for alumni to stand as their graduation year was called and everyone recalled how they felt when they first arrived on campus and how they felt being "back home."

Past directors were recognized for their contributions and leadership and presented with an engraved paper weight and a plaque

with an original poem—*Grateful Hearts Remember . . . A Tribute*—written by **Ms. Staci Turner '97**. **Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace '69** (director from '72-'81) gave remarks on behalf of past directors **Mr. Albert Whitaker ('70-'72)**, **Dr. Carmela Thompson '78 ('81-86)**, **Mr. Thomas Alexander ('86-92)** and **Ms. Kathleen Bonds ('92-'08)**. Also recognized was EDP Secretary **Ms. Barbara Yochym** for her nearly 30 years of service and help in getting this reunion off the ground.



After the program, alumni join the audience at the BSU's annual fashion show and then were able to enjoy some music, dancing, and more visiting back at the Days Inn hotel.

GIVING BACK

Sunday, April 20, brought everyone back to Café G in the Williams Center bright and early for breakfast. **Dr. David Tiffany**, Vice President for University Advance-

Pictures on Page 3—★Participants gathered on the steps of Reed Library. ★Alumni Roll Call was taken after dinner.



ment addressed those gathered about “giving back and remembering SUNY Fredonia.” Dr. Wallace and **Mr. Amos Goodwine '72** have agreed to chair a committee to create an endowment for alumni to contribute to.

A special feature of the reunion, and one that was to raise money for the EDP scholarship fund, was the silent auction. A huge thank you goes out to those who donated an auction item and to those who placed a bid. Over \$1,200 was raised!!

As the breakfast came to an end, it was time for everyone to say goodbye and head for home. Alumni came from Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North and South Carolina, throughout New York, and even Canada.

Since the reunion, photographs have been shared and alumni have become reacquainted. The committee thanks everyone for coming and their participation. We hope everyone will stay in touch and we'll see you again.



Additional pictures maybe found at the follow the link:
<http://www.facebook.com/n/?photo.php&pid=501135&op=1&view=all&subj=1169019082&id=514718048>

Pictures on Page 4— ★Directors honored — Ms. Otilie Woodruff, former EDP counselor/reunion committee member; Dr. Carmela Thompson; Ms. Kathleen Bonds; Ms. Staci Turner; and Dr. Jeffrey Wallace. ★Overview of Saturday's dinner.