

Shimer This Week 1.12.07



Oh, to be in England...

Shimer Provost David Shiner (left) headed off to England this week to direct the Shimer at Oxford Program for spring semester. His successor, who will be filling the newly-created position of Chief Operating Officer, is Director of Information Technologies, Marc Hoffman.

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New Faces of 2007...

Welcome back to a busy 2007 here at Shimer. Staff and faculty spent time reflecting on what happened in 2006 and what needs to in 2007, new students arrived for orientation as others left for Oxford, England and alums gathered to plan a spring reunion. The weather stayed mild and the afterglow of holiday found all wishing each other - and you - A Happy New Year!



Alan Rosenberg(left), Bill Rice and Elisabeth Buchanan (via phone) led today's alumni discussion.

ALUMNI GET INTO GEAR for reunion, admission, stewardship

They are in a hurry. We're talking about the Shimer alums and staff who met today to discuss a wide range of issues, foremost of which is reconstituting the association and planning for a reunion this summer in Chicago.

Helping lead the new alumni initiatives are Alan Rosenberg and Elisabeth Buchanan. Other topics on the agenda included support of admission and development, and using Shimer's web site to improve communication.

Shimer President Bill Rice lauded the role of alums in helping the school in the past and stressed the importance of Shimerians in insuring that the college succeeds in its new Chicago incarnation.

Here are some of the action items the group agreed on: incorporating, calling local alums to get them involved in the reunion, bi-weekly teleconferences, asking alums across the U.S. to meet with prospective students in their community and setting up a membership program. All



All of a sudden they were here. Four new transfer showed up on Wednesday to begin their studies at Shimer.

The smiling faces included (from left): sophomore Will Robinson from Glen Ellyn, IL; Paul Beisner, a sophomore from San Francisco, CA; Heath Iverson, a sophomore/junior from Wheeling, IL; and Vitoria FullbrightWoods, a sophomore/junior from Blue Springs, MO.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mark Sheldon is an assistant dean at Northwestern, in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, and also a member of the Philosophy Department in the College and the Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program in Feinberg School of Medicine.

Eileen B. Trost is now a partner in the Chicago law firm of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd. Her practice is in the area of estate planning and administration.

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agreed that the Shimer website will be an important tool. Stay tuned.

Staff Retreat Focuses on Admission Growth



Among those participating in the Shimer staff retreat this week were (from left): Admission director Elaine Vincent, Faculty member Ann Dolinko, Librarian Colleen McCarroll, Finance Director David Glover and Faculty member Albert Fernandez.

The questions facing Shimer faculty and staff at this week's retreat were two: "Where are we at?" and "Where do we need to go?"

The goal in 2006, said Provost David Shiner, was getting the college moved (from Waukegan to Chicago). The goal for 2007, he went on, is to get the college to work. And that translates to adding new students and being successful in development with The Campaign for Shimer in Chicago.

With 25 students expected to graduate this year, all agreed on the importance of recruitment in the months ahead. With substantial work underway to bring in new students there is general optimism that Shimer can achieve its goal of 45 new students, though staff were encouraged to take an active role in helping bring in new students.

Other topics discussed included student life, new teacher training initiatives through the Hutchins Institute, faculty outreach in the community, and increasing weekend enrollment.

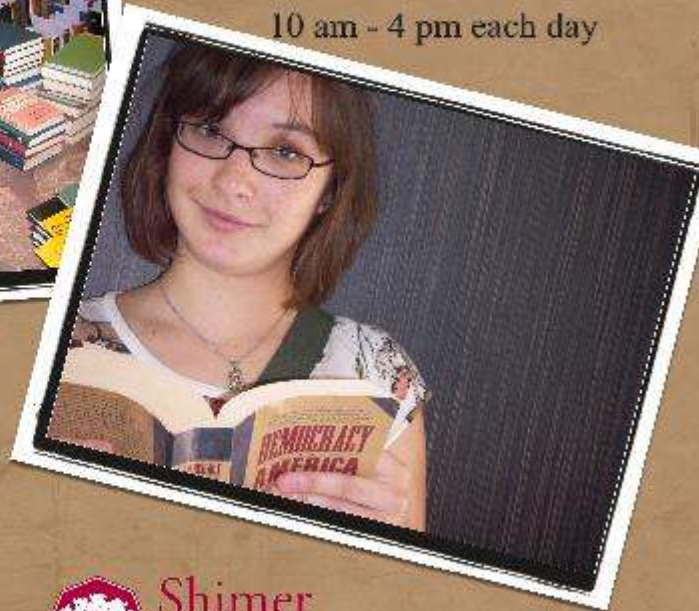
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