Overview

Seven classmates and six spouses had a great (wonderful) time over three days (9-9, 9-10, 9-11) as they returned to The Ohio State University to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. A number of you expressed regrets that you would have to miss this reunion. The six who were present will use this newsletter to share some of the memories.

- Friday afternoon we toured the Electro Science Lab (ESL) and Dreese Lab.
- Friday evening, we enjoyed the Dean’s reception in Hitchcock Hall.
- Saturday morning brought us to the Engineering Tailgate under the outdoor atrium of Knowlton Hall (architecture).
- Then some of us went to the game and were shocked by the inability of the Buckeyes to put away the Rockets from Toledo.
- Saturday evening we gathered at Schmidt’s and had a wonderful time.
- We capped off our mutual interactions by attending Presidents Gee’s reception in the Brand New Union.

Those attending these events were:
Robert and Barbara Clegg, John and Cindy Feltz, David Fritsche, Matt and Irene Golis, Dave and Miriam Lum, Miles and Betty Johnson, and George and Kitty Smith.

Tour, ESL

Friday, September 9, 2011

ESL has a new building (Photo1) that sits in front of the old building (Photo 2, fondly remembered as the Antenna Lab). Each of us received a name tag with our picture taken while we were students (did we recognize ourselves?). The touring group is shown in Photo 3.

Dr. Jiti Gupta was our tour guide. He was very knowledgeable about the history of ESL and the current work. ESL was very instrumental in measuring aircraft radar cross sections during WWII. They used scale model aircraft.

A classmate asked, “What are the three most significant contributions of ESL?” Dr. Gupta named them as Ground Penetrating Radar, Time Division Multiplexing (TDM), and compact antenna ranges. The rolled edge parabola is a key feature of the compact range (Photo4).
Dr. Gupta displayed a large number of antenna types (Photo 5). We viewed a clean room facility that can do cold fired ceramics. This facility is used to create small antennas, like those shown in Photo 5, where the dielectric properties of the material are tailored to the specifications of the antenna design of interest.

Our five year program was compared to the current four year program.

Professor Sebo led us on a tour of the high voltage labs where we observed arcing under a variety of conditions. The touring group is shown in Figure 6. The lab conducts many experiments with materials, wet and dry, that would be used in high voltage transmission lines.
Dean’s Reception

From Dreese Lab we wandered across Neil Avenue to Hitchcock Hall for Dean Williams reception. We interacted with Dean Williams several times over the next two days. The food was excellent and the engineering college staff were very helpful.

Dean's reception --any one have photos to share

Saturday Morning Tailgate

Bright and early on Saturday morning we gathered on Neil Avenue for the Engineering Tailgate. This is an excellent venue to meet Brutus, the cheerleaders, other engineering grads, Dean Williams, and the staff of the College of Engineering.

Photo 10: The crowd. Cindy Feltz, John Feltz, and George Smith are checking in and getting their wrist band which is the ticket to the tent with three serving lines and excellent food. The price of $10.00 per person is very reasonable.

Football Game

Then off to see the Buckeyes in a nail biter as they just barely bested the Toledo Rockets. We can always be assured that we will have the best band (TBDBITL). All fans were disappointed that we did not see Braxton Miller, Freshman Quarterback take the field. We write this after viewing the loss to Hurricanes. This was in sharp contrast to our National Championship Game in 2003 and the win over the ‘U’ in 2010.

Evening at Schmidt’s

The evening at Schmidt's was outstanding. George Smith summed it up best with this statement.

We had a great time; you will want to plan for the next time we come together. It was a great 3-hour time together in our own banquet room, food was great and cost was exceedingly reasonable.
We reviewed Mod 10 graduation picture taken on the steps of Caldwell Lab. We recognize there is a chance that we've miss-identified someone, and certainly we'll not rest until we identify all of us in this photo. Mod 10 is an attachment to this email. George vows to accept changes / additions as long as they come.

Six of our classmates shared highlights from their life experiences and careers when we met at Schmidt's. A one page bullet outline of the ‘sharing’ is attached.

Dr. Gee’s Reception

As the sun rose on Sunday morning we met in the New Union. The food was outstanding and table decorations were unique. The lollipops in the center piece were really a variety of pastries. Dean Williams, his wife Margie, George Smith, Cindy Feltz and John Feltz shared a table. Dean Williams assured us that the College of Engineering was well prepared for the transition from quarters to semesters. The plan gets everyone to graduate on the schedule available when they enrolled in the quarter system.

Dave Lum took at video at the event. You can access it at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYwNnbZL1wE

Dr. Gee was very entertaining. He easily transitioned from remarks appropriate for Saturday Night Live (SNL) to serious matters about the University.

Archie Griffin entertained with remarks about the Alumni Association and the impact alumni were making around the world.
Since we had such a great time, those of us who were present for this reunion have made a commitment to hold a sequel in the fall of 2013, the 52\textsuperscript{nd} anniversary of our graduation. Grab your calendars and reserve September for a return to The Ohio State University. A definite weekend will be chosen before the leaves fall in the fall of 2012.

Those of us planning for the next event would like your feedback on the following topics:

- Are you interested in attending a reunion in 2013?
- What would you like to do when in Columbus?

**Thanks**

Thanks go out to many who provided the opportunity to celebrate 50th Reunion activities with OSU, the College of Engineering, the Department of Electrical Engineering, EE classmates, the new Engineering Dean and the Dept. of EE Chair, the 'unbelievable' College support staff, Brutus, the OSU Cheer Leaders and World renowned Marching Band.

There are many special people in the College of Engineering and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. At the top we have Dean Williams and Professor Rob Lee. Specific thanks are due to Kerry Gastineau, Cherie Kipps, Lindsey and Carol Duhigg.

**Newsletter Name**

As we move into our golden years we should try to stay in touch. One vehicle would be a sometimes newsletter. John Feltz will be the editor but each of you will have the role of correspondent. Send in material and a version will come out when there is something unique or enough items have been received to fill a page or two.

Visits to Columbus could be announced and the AD-HOC committee could put together a little event for locals and visitors. The first such event is planned for the period November 16 to November 20 when Bob Schmahl will be coming to town.

What shall we call this newsletter? Name suggestions will be reviewed by the AD-HOC committee and an appropriate selection will be made.

**Finding Classmates**

If you are a member of the Alumni Association and your classmate of interest is a member of the Alumni Association, you can take the following steps in an attempt to contact said person.

Go to The OSU Alumni Association homepage: [http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/Pages/default.aspx)

Under “Alumni Connections” (top of page) choose “Classmate Search”. Click on “Online member directory” in the drop down list.

You must be registered to use this service. If you are not registered, you can do so – it’s very easy. You need
your alumni association member number. You can find this on the back page of Ohio State Alumni Magazine in the title block (number ends with I).

After you are logged in, simply enter the name you wish to search for and graduation date. If you don’t know the date, leave it blank. You get some general information and a link “Send Email”. This will send an email to the person without identifying their address to you. This is so that emails are protected until the person you are contacting wants you to have their email address.

I don’t think you’ll find everyone you want in Classmate Search – the alums have to okay that they are listed there. Some people may opt to not be listed.

Credits

Each member of the AD_HOC committee contributed generally to the successful range of reunion events. Each, also, contributed in a unique way.

- Ken Himes kicked this off early in the year and worked diligently to get email addresses for some thirty classmates.
- Bob Clegg got the ball rolling for facility tours and reserving Schmidt’s.
- George Smith took the lead in finding ‘Waldo’ in our graduation photo. Mod 10, circa 9-13-11, is one of the attachments to this email. You are encouraged to look it over and help to identify those who are as yet unnamed. Also, maybe someone is misidentified in the photo. We encourage your feedback. Send to geosmith@earthlink.net.
- Miles ‘Away’ Johnson provided many of the photos used in this newsletter. More photos can be found at the link listed here (photos are downloadable if selected):
  http://gallery.me.com/milesjohnson#100293
- Dave Lum provided an excellent video of some of the events which took place on Saturday evening at Schmidt’s. The video can be viewed at:
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYwNnbZL1wE
- John Feltz provided the What_When_Where_Who of the events.

What a team effort. None of us had worked together recently or ever. Dave Lum and John Feltz remember being lab partners once.

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