

THE KENYON COLLEGIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear friend,

As the holidays approach, the Kenyon Collegian Alumni Association is wrapping up a landmark year that brought our official establishment, nominations for a new leadership board and an exciting new fund to support *The Kenyon Collegian* newspaper. None of this would have been possible without the help and support of so many of you, and we would like to thank you for your input and generosity.

Here is a brief update on the Association's activities since we wrote you in August:

- **The Association's charter was ratified by you**, the membership. This officially establishes the organization and sets up its basic structure and guidelines, including our mission to "foster fellowship among the newspaper's alumni, connect with current student journalists and support the newspaper as an open forum of impartial journalism and independent opinion." This vote also allows the largely organizational tasks of 2007 to pave the way for planning new activities in 2008 and beyond. A copy of the charter can be found on our Web site, collegianalumni.blogspot.com.
- **A vote is under way for a new Board of Directors**, which will be elected by you to serve a two-year term leading the group. Ten members accepted nominations to seek four positions as representative to the Board, and one accepted a nomination to be Association treasurer. You can vote by mail or at our Web site, collegainalumni.blogspot.com. Votes must be postmarked or cast online by Jan. 16, 2008!
- **Efforts are ongoing to support the P.F. Kluge Collegian Fund**, dedicated to helping foster journalism at Kenyon through supporting student internships and special *Collegian* projects. The fund was established through a \$50,000 pledge earlier this year; its finances are overseen by Kenyon, while the *Collegian* advisors determine how the endowment's interest is used. Anyone who gives to Kenyon can designate their money for this fund, so you can help Kenyon and the *Collegian* at the same time!

You can learn more about these items, read the Board of Directors candidates' biographies, vote for the Board and learn how to give to the Kluge Collegian Fund in our newsletter, the *Reporter*. The second issue of the *Reporter* has been posted on our Web site, collegianalumni.blogspot.com. If you don't have Internet access or would prefer a hard copy, please fill out the form on the back of this letter and send it to us. If you requested a hard copy of the August newsletter, a December newsletter should be mailed to you without your having to request again.

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OUR MISSION

TO FOSTER FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE NEWSPAPER'S ALUMNI, CONNECT WITH THE NEWSPAPER'S CURRENT STUDENT JOURNALISTS
AND SUPPORT THE NEWSPAPER AS AN OPEN FORUM OF IMPARTIAL JOURNALISM AND INDEPENDENT OPINION.

Once you have had a chance to read the *Reporter*, please consider getting more involved in the Association! Everyone is needed to continue our growth and success, and there are many ways you can help:

- (1) *Check out our Web site* to download the *Bulletin*, and sign up to receive e-mail alerts whenever a new message is posted. (You might also have to adjust your spam filter to receive the alerts.) Also, sign up online or on the form below to be added to our new e-mail list.
- (2) *Vote for the new Board of Directors*. The Board is the central leadership within the Association, and so your voice is crucial for ensuring that it represents your ideas and priorities.
- (3) *Consider including the Kluge Collegian Endowment* in your holiday non-profit contributions. Your gift will be considered a donation to Kenyon, but the interest on the endowment will be overseen by the *Collegian's* advisors, who are also *ex-officio* members of the Association's Board. Details on how to give can be found in the *Reporter*.
- (4) *Offer your time* by volunteering to speak at a workshop for Kenyon student journalists or to advise a student considering a career in journalism, by helping organize activities or by letting us know your ideas for the Association.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Kenyon Collegian Alumni Association! If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know, and we hope you can find opportunities to use the Association and contribute to its future.

Happy holidays,



Robbie Ketcham '04

For himself and the other members of the Interim Board of Directors:

Willow Belden '07, Michael Ludders '05, Tracy Miller '02, Charlotte Nugent '07, Adam Sapp '02, Bryan Stokes II '05, Dayne Baughman '08 (*ex-officio*), Hannah Curran '09 (*ex-officio*)

I REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ACTION...

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