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Subject: Gone but not forgotten

I'm grateful for Bernice Swain who took the time to send the following notes about the memorial events at Nyack College/University last weekend. Thanks Bernice! So glad you could be there. bhswain@cox.net

Marjorie

I was able to make the trip to Nyack, NY. and had a wonderful time. I attended all the Friday events where they were honoring seven Nyack College Alumni who were martyred in Banmethuot Viet Nam in 1968. Below is the schedule for the day:

8:15-9:15 AM Continental Breakfast in the President's Office in Shuman Hall.

9:15-9:45 AM Dedication Ceremony for the Memorial Bench at Shuman Hall

9:45-10:00 AM Photo-shoot of relatives of the 1968 Vietnam martyrs around memorial bench at Shuman Hall

10:10-11:00 AM Founder's Day Chapel in Pardington Hall. Speaker: Admiral R. Timothy Ziemer

6:30-8:30 PM Alumni Homecoming Banquet in Boon Campus Center. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Stebbins

They will be honoring Ardel Vietti and Archie Mitchell on the 50th Anniversary year in 2012.

Most of you should have Melissa Hickey's email address.

You can request the videos and tapes that were made at all the events on October 10, 2008.

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Marjorie,

There is much more one could tell you, but I am not much of a letter writer. But since you asked, I will try giving you a few more details.

I counted at least 20 family members there to receive the posthumous recognition of their loved ones. Bear with me, and I will give you some of what I remember.

We remembered...

Leon Griswold '19 and Carolyn Griswold '49. They were represented by Carolyn's brother Bob Griswold and his wife.

Betty Anne Olsen '61. I don't think there was any relative there for her.

Carl Edward Thompson '45 and Ruth (Stebbins) Thompson '45. They were represented by their youngest son Tom (Tommy) Thompson, Thomas Stebbins and wife Donna, sister, Anne (Stebbins) Moore, Edwin Irwin. Dr. David Thompson sent a reading which Anne Moore read for him.

Ruth Wilting '48 was represented by two of her sisters and a niece...Florence Wilting, and Mr and Mrs Bowers, I don't remember the niece's name.

Nathan Robert Ziemer '41 was represented by his son Timothy (Tim) Ziemer and wife Jodi (Evans) Ziemer, Miriam Ziemer...(don't remember her married name), Bob's brother Paul Ziemer's wife and another relative a Mrs Gibbs, Jason and Elissa Drummond, Beth and Rick's youngest son and their 12 day old baby, Elisha.

I was there to support my Missionary Colleagues and their families.

The Stebbins picked me at the airport and took me to my hotel. They stayed at the same hotel...so I was able to ride over to the college with them. They even took me to the Airport on Saturday morning. They were on their way to minister at a Vietnamese Church or two in Conn. "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

I didn't talk to them, but I heard that Dave Hartzfeld was on campus as well as Carolyn (Cathey) and Jay Castelli.

Bernice Swain