



# HISTORY PROJECT CALLS FOR CMC MEMORABILIA

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## TELLING OUR STORY

Have you been wondering what to do with that winning ball from the Big Game in 1954, signed by Coach Cohn and the team? Ready to return that debate team trophy that disappeared from old Story House in 1962? Want to turn loose of the last of the 1971 anti-war posters you first used to paper over the windows at Collins? What are your plans for the 1982 costumes of that Gilbert and Sullivan production which included Dean MacLeod in drag? Read on, we have the answer.

As Dean Walker told many of us at his address to the incoming class, one promise of a great institution like CMC to its students and alumni is that of a connection which extends far beyond the four years of formal education, into a truly lifelong involvement.

This involvement, which is manifest in the network of classmates and is maintained through reunions and homecoming, is most of all reinforced and enlivened when alumni return to campus. Both alumni and the College benefit when this connection is enhanced; engaged alumni become better ambassadors of CMC. Further, student recruitment is strengthened when prospective students and their parents see that joining the College family gains them entrance to a compelling network with a rich history.

## HISTORY PROJECT

In fall 2006, CMCAA President Laura Grisolano chartered a "History Project" of alumni volunteers to continue the important work begun by the late John Allen '73, who was concerned that the time to begin developing an official College archive was slipping away with each year. The History Project Committee's purpose is to enhance the presence of alumni on campus while celebrating our history. Currently there is no real focus for alumni returning to campus, only the occasional display case featuring our heritage. Since its founding the Project has proposed a number of creative ways to provide that focus for alumni on campus, and we have seen strong support within the administration and the College's Board of Trustees, who are currently considering these options as they work through the exciting planning for new facilities on campus.

The CMC Alumni Association serves as a catalyst for the continuing involvement of alumni in the intellectual and social life of the College. As the alumni population grows it becomes more important that CMCAA engage students, our "alumni in residence," at the beginning of their CMC experience. Providing an immediate on-campus focal point for students and alumni ensures that the CMC community has consistent exposure to the Alumni Association.

As plans for an on-campus focal point come together, the History Project will promote more visibility for alumni on campus now. This will include new displays and exhibits related to alumni and the College's history located in high traffic areas of campus. History Project members also plan a Web-based wiki. The Association has a storehouse of materials for exhibits and a future lounge, but your help is needed now to round out our collection and help us tell our story. It is time to clean out your closets!

## Act Now to Contribute Memorabilia

The History Project members urge all alumni to send us the CMC memorabilia so that these pieces of our history can enrich the lives of future students and alumni by conveying the CMC story. These items can include any of the items referenced above or other items of general interest to the CMC community. Send your items to:

### CMCAA History Project

c/o Office of Alumni Relations  
Claremont McKenna College  
400 North Claremont Boulevard  
Claremont, CA 91711

The Alumni Office will store and maintain donated memorabilia under the direction of the History Project membership. History Project members will ensure that these treasures are shown in prominent ways on our campus.

Don't delay! Help us tell the CMC story in ways only you can. Send us your memorabilia.

And watch for our announcement that the History Project wiki is live.