Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that the former Nazareth College Alumni Association has incorporated as an independent nonprofit charitable corporation as of January 1992! A great way to start the new year! Our new name, NAZARETH ASSOCIATION, was chosen to better reflect the fact that our new association will include not only alumni, but also all those who are and have been closely associated with Nazareth.

Upon the decision to close the college, we took immediate steps to plan for the future. The "Reaching toward the Future" All-Class Reunion was a tremendous success. Alumni throughout the weekend helped to define goals and plan for the continuation of the association. Questionnaires that were mailed out in August, 1991 were read with care and produced an impressive list of alums ready to volunteer their time and ideas.

Marian Hankerd '37 is working diligently to develop a Regional Organization Plan, Kate Seymour Rosevear '64 has established a Class Representatives Program that was already called into action to contact class members about the reunion, and a Leadership Conference is being planned for the near future.

The All-Class Reunion also provided enough seed money to begin to carry out the association's plans. We are very grateful for the generous contributions that we received and hope that we can count on your continued support as we face the many challenges ahead.

Keep in touch with us as we will with you.

Sincerely,

Phylis Davis Williams '68

Nazareth College
The future grows out of our past.
All-Class Reunion a Success!

by Jo Weil Phebus ’72

The All-Class Alumni Reunion “Reaching Toward the Future,” which was held October 12-13, 1991, far surpassed all expectations. It was the most successful reunion ever held at Nazareth College. Over 400 alumni, faculty, and friends returned to campus to renew old friendships, walk down memory lane, take pictures, and join together as a family—sharing their sadness, their love, and their hopes for the future.

On Saturday afternoon, Nazareth College Alumni Association Board members Phyllis Davis Williams ’68 (president), Kate Seymour Rosevear ’64 (past-president), and Judith McMorrow ’77 updated alumni on recent events, summarized the responses to the alumni questionnaire, and provided a framework for goal-setting for the future.

A reception in the Georgian Room welcomed alumni, faculty, and guests with soft candlelight and wonderful music provided by Jim Woodman ’73, on the piano. Over 70 former faculty members were present for the special occasion. As honored guests, each was presented with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Nazareth College Alumni Association. Other special guests included former college presidents Sister Mary Bader, Dr. John E. Lore, Dr. Jack Hopkins, and current president, Dr. Oliver Evans.

After dinner, alumni and guests were delightfully entertained by Judy McMorrow ’77 and Mary Allen Jasiak ’76. They artistically helped us reminisce by recalling memories from the thirties through the eighties. Alice Pratt Herber ’59, accompanied by Jim Woodman ’73, led guests in a rendition of Nazareth’s school song from the seventies. Alumni from the seventies and eighties, in response, stood up and sang what they always thought was the school song. What fun! In memory of Dr. George McMorrow, Donna Weiss Hill ’61 sang Danny Boy, which was Dr. McMorrow’s favorite song. We couldn’t forget George!

As the events drew to an end, members of various classes could be found in the fishbowls, the G.R.T., or at the new Radisson Hotel, where many were staying.

Liturgy, on Sunday morning, was celebrated in Holy Family Chapel, with Father Mike Howell as celebrant. A special hymn, Ave Maria, was sung by Donna Weiss Hill ’61. During brunch, a raffle was organized by Flo Fisher Kliber ’44. Kate Seymour Rosevear ’64 was recognized for her dedication, generous contributions of time and effort, and commitment to Nazareth College and the Alumni Association. Alumni had an opportunity to purchase Nazareth College memorabilia thanks to the efforts of Marian Hankerd ’37 and Michael Coleman ’91.

As alumni departed, many took a walk across campus with cameras in hand. While there was a sense of sadness in the air, there was also much warmth and love and anticipation. One alumna expressed it this way, “Nazareth is not bricks and mortar built. It is the spirit that is in each of us—wherever we go.”

Jo Weil Phebus ’72, Chair of the Reunion Committee, and most recent Director of Alumni Relations, was honored with a special gift for her many contributions to the alumni association.

From the Registrar’s Office

We have had many calls from former students asking about transcripts. If you need a transcript, we will be able to respond to your request through December 20, 1992. The request must be in writing; include your name, your name when you attended Nazareth, your social security number, and where you would like the transcript sent. The cost is $3.00 per transcript.

In the next issue of the Association News, alumni will receive official notification regarding where and how to request transcripts after December 20, 1992.
Celebrating Our Past and Future Together

by Rosemary Kenarny, SSJ '61

Several events celebrating what Nazareth College has been to its alumni, faculty, staff, and friends during its 68 years will take place during the weekend of April 25-26, 1992. Each of you and your families are invited to be with us.

The celebration will begin at 8:30 p.m. on April 25 with a candlelight vigil in front of Nazareth Center to thank the Sisters of St. Joseph.

At 10:30 a.m., Sunday April 26, a “Celebration Liturgy” will be held in Holy Family Chapel.

At 1:30 p.m., April 26, there will be a program in the Sports Center during which Dr. Oliver Evans, President of Nazareth College, will present the symbols of the College to Sister Helen Battle, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and to Phyllis Davis Williams, President of the Nazareth Association. This event will be followed by refreshments and visiting.

If you can be with us for any or all of these events, please return the form below.

If you cannot make it back to the events April 25-26, we would like to invite you to mail a picture of yourself to be included (by class year) in a display. Please mail your picture—name and class year on the back—to the Nazareth Association office. We will be glad to have you with us in spirit!

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Nazareth College Sweatshirts For Sale!

The Nazareth Association has received many requests for Nazareth College sweatshirts and we are pleased to announce that they are now available!

The sweatshirts are light grey with the Nazareth College seal and “Nazareth” printed in blue on the front and can be ordered in the following sizes and prices. (Add $4.00 for postage and handling.)

- Large $35.00
- Extra Large $35.00
- Extra Extra Large $38.00

Nazareth College Prints 8-1/2” x 11” on parchment, suitable for framing (sample on front page), are also available for $6.00 (includes postage and handling).

Please make check payable to Nazareth Association. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Return to:
Nazareth Association
P.O. Box 224
Nazareth, MI 49074-0224

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Sweatshirt Order Form

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I plan to attend:

_____ April 25, 8:30 p.m. Candlelight Vigil
_____ April 26, 10:30 a.m. Liturgy
_____ April 26, 1:30 p.m. Program

Number of persons in my party: ______

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Add $4.00 postage & handling for EACH sweatshirt

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Nazareth Association
Office Opens

by Darlene Pullano Mosher ’62

Good news! As of March 1, 1992 the Nazareth Association has an office. Many thanks to Sister Helen Battle, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who responded so generously to our request for office space at Nazareth Center. We are very pleased to be located in the area that was formerly part of Nazareth Academy. We are also grateful to Dr. Oliver Evans, President of Nazareth College, for providing ongoing support during this time of transition.

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We look forward to hearing from you. Send news of yourself and we will include it in our next publication. In all correspondence, indicate your class year and maiden name if you are an alum; and indicate if you are a former faculty or staff member. We will be updating our records on a regular basis, so let us know of any change of address or phone number.

There is much work to be done and many hands will be needed as we develop our new self-supporting association. Please let us know what you can do to help.