



ALLEGHENY

Tradition & Transformation:
Making a Difference **Report of
Campaign Gifts**

INITIATIVE:

Campus of the Future

\$28,393,083 Raised



Even first-time visitors recognize the history and beauty of the Allegheny College campus. Four years as a student—or a career as a faculty or staff member—make one appreciate that beauty and history even more. Gifts to the *Tradition & Transformation* campaign worked to preserve those striking elements while addressing the changing needs and expectations of faculty members and students. It was not simply a matter of making daily life more convenient for those on campus, but of keeping the College competitive among the top tier of national liberal arts colleges.

If you haven't visited campus recently, the transformations resulting from the campaign will amaze you.

Photographs don't adequately convey the elegance of the Patricia Bush Tippie

Alumni Center in a restored Cochran Hall—a warm and inviting home away from home that recognizes the importance of our alumni to the College. The Henderson Campus Center has indeed become the center of campus, bringing together the services and offices most important to student life. The Merrick Historic Archival Center in Pelletier Library provides faculty, students, and community members with an opportunity to study documents and other records of historical significance to the College. Light shining through the new stained glass windows in Ford Chapel is breathtaking. And music rings from the carillon in Bentley Tower—which is now also illuminated when darkness falls.

Fund-raising is nearly complete for what is perhaps the most ambitious building project in the College's history, the Vukovich Center for Communication Arts. The center will offer state-of-the-art facilities for Allegheny's strong communication arts program and pay fitting tribute to the rich tradition of theatre at the College.

These transformations celebrate the past and embrace the future. Support of the *Tradition & Transformation* campaign has demonstrated the significance of providing outstanding facilities for our students and faculty—and makes a powerful statement to prospective students and families about Allegheny College's commitment to a liberal arts education of the highest standard.

TOP: Gifts from alumni funded new stained-glass windows in Ford Chapel that re-create the look of the chapel's original side windows, which had been replaced in the 1950s. The south window is pictured above.

RIGHT: A gift from trustee Willow Brost and her husband, Gary Brost, both alumni from the class of 1974, funded the illumination of Bentley Tower. The Brosts also supported restoration of the tower's carillon, which plays the Alma Mater each evening at six o'clock.



The Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center

Tradition and transformation are nowhere more closely intertwined than at the Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center in Cochran Hall. Every alumnus has his or her own memories of Cochran Hall, which over the past hundred years has housed student rooms, the post office, the bookstore, the ever popular Grill, even a bowling alley at one time. Cochran Hall's past was lovingly and painstakingly restored through the generosity of Pat Tippie '56 and her husband, Henry. "I am happy that we finally have an alumni center—a home for alumni—like so many other colleges," says Pat Tippie. "And I think that Sarah Cochran would be very happy that we have restored her building to its original beauty." The Tippies gave \$5.7 million to support the project and to establish an endowed fund to maintain the beauty of Cochran Hall.

Over the years many aspects of Cochran Hall's fine historic architecture were obscured or simply succumbed to

the ravages of time and wear. During the restoration process, architects and contractors frequently consulted historic photographs to inspire the renovations and preserve the building's original character. Their careful planning and efforts resulted in one of the finest alumni centers at any small college in the nation.

A gift from Bill Tillotson '52 and his wife, Carol Hefren Tillotson '54, brought the dining room back to its original glory, with local craftsmen rebuilding the fireplace mantel, pillars and gallery railing using old photographs as a guide. Restoration of the library, a strikingly beautiful space for relaxation and reflection, was made possible by a gift from longtime Allegheny supporters Dr. Fernand "Pete" Parent '53 and Evelyn Koston Parent '53.

Other features of the Tippie Alumni Center include a boardroom, a gallery space, and a skylight to bring in natural light. A staircase to the second floor takes visitors past dozens of photographs depicting the men and women—beloved faculty, deans, and others—who have made Allegheny a transformative experience for generations of students.



The Alumni Lounge

The Tippie Alumni Center is rarely quiet. In addition to serving as a "home away from home" for alumni visitors, the center has hosted hundreds of meetings, events, and gatherings in just its first year of operation. It is the perfect venue for functions such as poetry readings, honor society inductions, etiquette dinners, alumni guest speakers, and other special events that require a formal setting. It has been especially important for students—Allegheny's "future alumni"—to use the Tippie Alumni Center to help broaden the understanding that they are part of a College with a long and rich history—and that Allegheny's graduates maintain a lifelong connection as involved and deeply dedicated alumni.