while they work on community renovation projects for those in need.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) chose Pikeville College as the site for its July meeting. As part of the program, President Paul E. Patton, who serves as CPE chairman, invited the presidents of colleges serving students primarily from Eastern Kentucky to share information about the educational opportunities their schools provide.

Mission groups and churches across the region participated in Pikeville College’s annual science and math day camps, Upward Bound, and the Booth and Elite Scholars programs. Since 1999, more than 500 students have attended the Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) offered by the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. The two-week residential program provides high school students with an opportunity to learn about the medical profession.

Students in the Booth and Elite Scholars program work on a documentary for a special tribute to veterans. Their multi-media approach included a traditional class on U.S. wars and a digital video and photography class.

President’s View

Presidents View

From the Hill

Intellectual discourse and interaction is the essence of the college experience at Pikeville College, just as it is at Harvard. Proper environment and ambiance is a helpful catalyst to precipitate this endeavor. To create this environment, the administration is restoring the reception room in Wickham Hall. This room will be known as the Alumni Reception Room. For alumni who may have forgotten – or never known – the college originally had such a facility; it was the first room to the right as you entered the first floor of Wickham Hall.

Surely you remember the spacious porch of Wickham Hall which overlooks the Pikeville skyline. From that porch, it’s possible to imagine a time when life was simpler, slower and perhaps more contemplative. If you spend a few hours in Wickham Hall, the original man’s residence hall, you can begin to remember the real purpose of a college education, to transit from a child dependent on family to a responsible adult ready to face the world.

Wickham Hall looks the same from the outside but the inside is being changed to meet the needs of the changing college environment. The two top floors have been converted to hold the college’s first fraternity and sorority houses. The basement is soon to be converted into a Student Life Center but the porch will remain as is, a place for relaxing solitude and the celebration of life as it was.

But “life as it was” is not the future of Pikeville College. We are on the cutting edge of modern higher education, offering high quality graduate and undergraduate education for students from more than half of the states of America. Our restoration of a part of the campus to “life as it was” is not a signal that we are stuck in the past. It is a realization that “life as it was” had its value. The restoration will provide an atmosphere where intellectual discourse, collegial rapport and debate can occur in a pleasant and comfortable environment.

The vision is to furnish this cozy room with comfortable appointments which will provide for intimate dining, intellectual exchange and collegial conversation around the fireplace in the grandest tradition of the academy. To accomplish this, we need your help. If you have excess furniture (a dining table and chairs, wing back chairs, coffee and end tables, couches, lamps, paintings, wall hangings, decorative room furnishings or porch furniture) which will contribute to this atmosphere, why not donate it to the college?

We hope to have this room restored by the beginning of the spring semester and we want to have it furnished by then. Send us a picture and description of the proposed donation so we can choose the decor that will establish the ambience we envision.

The pursuit of knowledge is still alive at Pikeville College and your support can enhance that endeavor.

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