



*It's a beautiful place in which to work towards understanding and wisdom.*

## postcards from the clockhouse

At left is a spread from a 1959 magazine article about Goddard and the Greatwood Campus in Plainfield. Below is an interview with Fred Small, one of the first residents of the Clockhouse.

**T**HE CLOCKHOUSE HAS BEEN THROUGH MANY TRANSFORMATIONS. It started as the creamery building on the Greatwood Farms Estate, later became a residence for Goddard students and today houses college offices.

In looking at the building's history, I spoke with Fred Small to get an insider's view. Fred and his wife, Midge, hold a special place in Goddard's history book as the first students ever to get married. They also gained some fame, and a measure of popularity, by living in the Clockhouse after they tied the knot in 1951. Today they've settled in the warmer climate of Kure Beach, N.C. Fred had these recollections about his time at Goddard....

### ON MEETING HIS FUTURE WIFE, MIDGE, WHEN SHE FIRST ARRIVED IN PLAINFIELD

Another student, Josie Miller, was asked by Goddard to show Midge around. I was one of the few students who had a car. So I took Josie, and we went down and picked up Midge at the bus station. I was very unimpressed.

Several months later, I was taking piano lessons. To get to the piano, I had to walk through a room where Midge was teaching modern dance. So every afternoon, for three

or four months, I walked by...and each time, I became more interested.

We got married at St. Paul's in New York City on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in 1951, and here we are, 57 years later.

### LIVING IN THE CLOCKHOUSE

When we moved into the Clockhouse, it became the social center of the college. Everyone dropped in, played Monopoly, cards... socialized. It was an easy place to meet.

The college was extremely active. We did an awful lot of things with our friends...Pete Reinhold and his wife, Faye, Bob Duscharme, Fraser Kellogg, Ronald and Clo Pitkin, Barbara and Robert Boyington.

I was there most of the time during my senior thesis. John Pierce was my professor at Goddard; he was the state's geologist. My major was in geology.... Then I went on to McGill University for my master's.

### FONDEST GODDARD MEMORY

Graduating.

managing editor for *Tarpaulin Sky* journal.

**Britten Traugher** (RUP '01-'02) of Moweaqua, Ill., represented McLean County and was crowned Miss Illinois Galaxy 2008. She is pursuing a master of fine arts degree in photography at Illinois State University.

**Nancy Walton** (IBA '01) of Albuquerque, N.M., began a master's degree in counseling at the University of Phoenix. She invites Goddard alums to get in touch: [waltonent@aol.com](mailto:waltonent@aol.com).

**Heather Westleigh** (IBA '08) of Bridgton, Maine, exhibited her multimedia art under the alias Zoe Newton at the Community Gallery at Café Nomad. Her work is regularly exhibited by the Western Maine Art Group at the Matolcsy Arts Center in Norway and the McLaughlin Garden in South Paris.

**Jenee Wilde** (MFAW '03) of Mt. Airy, Ga., received a fellowship to the English doctoral program at the University of Oregon. She has been an English instructor at Gainesville State College in Georgia for two years and is working on a novel.

**Brandy Woodall** (MFAW '04) of Cadiz, Ky., published a chapbook of poetry, *Living Over Caves*, in February.

**Chris Zerillo** (MFAW '06) of Hillsborough, N.H., was recently appointed campus dean at Hesser College. Her new responsibilities include oversight of academic programming and operational management of the Concord, N.H., campus.

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