

Power of Friendship

I wonder how many alumni had the same reaction that I had upon reading “Forever Friends” in the September-October issue, about two freshmen who turned their random room assignment into a lifelong friendship?

So, a “shout-out” to my randomly assigned freshman roommate, Tim Cook ’66. We also roomed together as sophomores, and remained friends for the rest of our undergrad years. It’s been over half a century since we first met on a September day outside Tiernan Hall and occupied Room 202, but we’ve stayed in touch ever since, meeting most recently this summer.

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More to Muchmore

The tribute to Professor William Muchmore (July-August 2017) truly captured his remarkable personality. I, too, took his course in vertebrate zoology. A year or two after taking his course, I asked him to speak to a student group of which I was an officer. He asked what I wanted him to speak about, and I said that he should speak about pseudoarachnids (one of his research specialties).

In reply, Professor Muchmore just looked at me and said, “I didn’t think anyone cared.”

While I don’t recall his talk, I never



STUDENT ART: Muchmore identified nearly 300 species of pseudoscorpions, including *Bituberochernes jonensis* Muchmore—which was named for him, and drawn here by his student Wendy Beth Jackelow ’83.

forgot those words spoken by such a gentle and self-effacing man, free from pretense and self-aggrandizement. He set a fine example for the entire University community.

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Not ‘Just Another Award’

“It seems as if everyone thinks of the Nobel Prize as being something very special,” Nobel laureate Masatoshi Koshiba ’55 (PhD) told *Rochester Review* with unironic understatement in fall 2002, when he was named a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics. “[In 2000] I got the Wolf Prize, and I thought this would be same kind of thing—just another award.”

He soon realized that Japanese citizens, scientists, and media had a different impression, treating him as a national hero, one whose social calendar became filled with invitations to receptions featuring the nation’s leaders.

Koshiba shared one half of the prize with two American scientists for work to detect the subatomic particles known as neutrinos. When he received the prize, Koshiba was a professor emeritus at the University of Tokyo, where he’s still a member of the faculty.

He and others in Rochester’s Nobel club



PAST PAGES: *Review* introduced Masatoshi Koshiba ’55 (PhD), in 2002, when he was named a Nobel Prize recipient.

added a new member this fall, when economist Richard Thaler ’74 (PhD) was selected to receive this year’s Nobel Prize in economics (see page 6).

Altogether, a total of nine people with ties to Rochester have received Nobel Prizes, including six alumni. —Scott Hauser

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