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SOS News is the newsletter of Save Our Seminary, the nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic National Park Seminary and engaging the public through education and advocacy since 1989.

SOS Programs for 2018

From a live performance to missing sculpture to 1970s medicine, SOS will present the following programs this year.

Performing Arts at National Park Seminary--Part Two

Wednesday March 21, 7:30 pm

Highlights from a few students' extensive performance activities, including a live dramatic demonstration.

Sculpture Tour of National Park Seminary

Sunday, May 6, 1 pm

Tour and history of all the varied sculpture on display, in storage, or long gone, both inside and out.

Movie Night

Saturday, October 13, 7:30 pm

Showing of 1932 Academy Award-nominated film presented as a play at National Park Seminary in 1924.

Medical Services at Walter Reed Forest Glen During Vietnam

Thursday, November 8, 7:30 pm

Army health care especially during U.S. involvement in Vietnam War.

Mark your calendars now!

Action in the Archives

SOS has been busy this winter preparing items from our archives to display in the publicly-accessible areas of NPS.

Thanks to the thoughtful and generous donations of friends and members, we have restored, framed, and hung two rare **panoramic photos** of the NPS campus dating from the early 1920s. Since these photos are difficult to show here, you'll just have to visit NPS and see them in person!

Another exciting addition to share the archives is our two **display cases** installed directly across from the ballroom entry doors, where they can be easily viewed during tours and events.



This first installation is a display dedicated to Helen Froelich Holt, a

science and health instructor at National Park College from 1938 to 1941. Her family made a very generous donation to SOS with which we were able to purchase these museum-quality cases.

SOS was fortunate to receive a box of **five scrapbooks** full of mementoes and photos from the estate of Paul Dillard Gamble, a NPS alumna from the late 1920s. These items were donated by her resourceful estate liquidator in North Carolina, who searched online and found SOS as the appropriate repository. It will be interesting to see what lies within these pages.

Special Event in 2018

As SOS has done over the past several alternating years, we are planning to hold a **house tour**, likely in September. This tour is a special opportunity to view the interiors of various historic buildings at NPS to see how they have been adapted as residences from their previous use as a music hall, classroom, or gymnasium. Watch for more information to come.

Help SOS

Do you have experience transcribing audio tapes? Are you knowledgeable about social media? If so, SOS could use your help on one of our committees.

If you like history, the **Archives/ Collections Committee** has several projects, such as transcribing oral history tapes and old letters that reveal the lives of the students, which can enhance our knowledge of that time period. These projects can be done electronically from your home.

The **SOS Communications Committee** would appreciate the assistance of people savvy with media in order to best communicate our news and events.

If you have a little time to get more involved with SOS in these areas, or to help out with the house tour, please let us know at info@saveourseminary.org or call 301-589-1715.

Statue Mystery Solved

SOS and others have always wondered why the statue of Justice on the far side of the glen near the Italianate villa had a date of 1867 on her base, since NPS was not founded until 1894. SOS recently found out the reason from a couple of researchers who have created a database of historic architectural sculpture in the U.S.

The researchers discovered not only the statue of Justice, but also the large statues of Minerva and Silva on the far side of the glen, came from the façade of the National Park Bank in New York City that was built in 1867, hence that date on the statue of Justice. (The almost identical name of the bank and the school is pure coincidence.) The statues were removed by 1905 when the bank was completely rebuilt. How the statues got to National Park Seminary, however, is still a mystery!

