Dear Region X Alumnae and Students,

In early January 2009, President Muhlenfeld, along with other Sweet Briar staff from the Development and Alumnae offices, made a sweep through the Western states and visited several clubs. The purpose of this trip was to honor President Muhlenfeld for her years of service to Sweet Briar, and to report on all the wonderful progress on campus.

Following the event in Denver organized by Lesley Byers Bush Class of ’94, the group started down the West Coast in Seattle, Washington, where Diane Dale Reiling Class of ‘73 writes:

“We had a rather small event in Seattle but had 3 current students attend as well as getting RSVP’s from 5 prospective students. Our final attendance was 17 for a cocktail reception at my home including an alumna from Class of ’52. Betsy Muhlenfeld is certainly a hard act to follow! It was an honor to host a gathering for her!”

Proceeding to Portland, Oregon, Kate Rinehart Eskew Class of ‘98 writes of the event:

“We had a very nice visit with President Muhlenfeld. Since we are so far from the campus, it’s nice to have such a personal update and to bring all of the alums, current students and prospectives together in one place. About 15 people attended, including one original bum chum. Also, Professor Rowland’s wife Clarissa and daughter Charity attended.”

As the President and her entourage moved south to San Francisco, Penn Willets Fullerton ‘66 writes:

“We had a very successful cocktail reception here in the Bay Area on Thursday evening, 6-8 pm, Jan.15 at the Metropolitan Club in downtown San Francisco, courtesy of Anne Dougherty Hamblett ‘81. There were about 30-35 people at the reception, including spouses and other guests, and we felt that we had a very good turnout for a weekday evening. As always, it was wonderful to hear Betsy’s enthusiastic update on the college and the very exciting things that are going on. I agree that she will be a hard act to follow!! Each time we have had her here for an event she has left us feeling very energized and excited about Sweet Briar!! Our next club gathering will be attending a matinee ACT performance in March, organized by Leslie Ludwig Biros ‘80, who works with ACT in event planning. So this will be a new type of club meeting for us, and I’ll be interested to see what our turnout will be!”

Following a stop in Los Angeles, with lunch at the Beverly Hilton, President Muhlenfeld and her group arrived in beautiful, sunny Southern California. The San Diego club hosted the largest attended event with over 40 people at the Chart House in Cardiff by the Sea, organized by Robin E. Behm ’79, Rebecca Jackson ’99, and Drasi von Wiesenthal Carr ’78. The ocean views were stunning and Professor George Lenz and his wife were in attendance, as well as Elizabeth Hansbrough, accepted to the class of 2013.

The group ended their swing with a stop in Phoenix, organized by Mary Beth Miller Orson’86.

Regards,

Region 10 Chair Linda Frazier-Snelling ’75