Dear Alumni and Friends:

Would you be willing to help the College to restore a very important part of its early history? We hope that your answer will be "yes" when we tell you more about historic Sweeney Hall.

When you enter the LeMoyne-Owen College campus from its north entrance, the majestic Sweeney Hall stands as a monument to the contributions made by one of the College's earliest leaders, President Frank J. Sweeney. The building was erected in 1936 in its current Colonial Revival style as one of the signature buildings on the campus and was dedicated as the residence of then President Sweeney. Sweeney Hall has continued to stand as a landmark through many of the most memorable years in LeMoyne College history (prior to its merger with Owen College in 1968) and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the late 1960's, the three-story structure was configured for use as administrative office space to accommodate the needs of a robust and growing College campus. Over the years, few repairs were allowed due to concern that the original design of the building might become impugned. Unfortunately, the time came when Sweeney Hall could no longer be repaired by minimum "nips and tucks." The building has had to undergo major renovation in order to repair and preserve its architectural integrity.

So, we hope that you will help us to preserve this valuable and historic treasure which has been a part of the College's history for nearly half of its 146-year existence. You can help by participating in the Sweeney Hall Brick Drive campaign which allows alumni and friends of the College to make a small investment in Sweeney Hall by purchasing one of the bricks that will make up the walkway that leads into the historic building. Your name, the name of your favorite organization or perhaps your business name may be etched onto a well-placed brick on this walkway.

The cost ranges from $200.00 for two lines (up to 18 characters per line), $350.00 for three lines and $500.00 for up to five lines. The deadline for participation in this campaign is September 15, 2008. Please contact Ms. Frankie Jeffries in Alumni Relations at (901) 435-1530 or visit the College's website: www.loc.edu for additional information. Did I mention that renovated Sweeney Hall will also be home to the new Alumni Center?

On behalf of President Johnnie B. Watson (Interim) and the entire LeMoyne-Owen College family, thank you in advance for your generous support of this effort.

Sincerely,

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