Classes of 1967

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HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES
Dear Members of the Classes of 1967,

On this noteworthy anniversary, it is my great pleasure to welcome you back to campus for what promises to be a memorable weekend.

From my conversations with many of you and from the memories you share in the following pages, it is apparent that the social and political upheavals of the 1960s – and their expressions on campus – substantially shaped your worldviews and your lives.

Equally apparent is the collective sense of the Colleges’ impact on the way in which the Classes of 1967 navigated those turbulent times, from the attentiveness and care of the faculty and administration, to the camaraderie of the student body and the demanding nature of the coursework.

As we join in celebrating your 50th Reunion, perhaps most apparent is the remarkable success of the Classes of 1967. Through the Civil Rights movement and the Vietnam War, through the Cold War and the advent of the Internet, through the 9/11 attacks and the great recession, your classes have thrived in this changing world and helped shape it – as doctors and educators; business and religious leaders; attorneys and artists; service-members in law enforcement and the military; local, national and international volunteers; and parents and grandparents.

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, I thank you for joining us this weekend and for your many contributions to your communities, your country and your alma maters.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Gearan
President
Top News Stories
(1963-1967)

1963

- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is Time Magazine Person of the Year.
- President Kennedy is killed by a sniper in Dallas, Texas. Lyndon B. Johnson becomes president.
- Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, is shot and killed by Jack Ruby, Dallas nightclub owner.
- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers “I have a dream” speech during a civil rights rally attended by 200,000 blacks and whites in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Michael De Bakey implants first artificial heart in a human; device functions and patient lives for four days.
- Supreme Court rules no locality may require recitation of Lord’s Prayer or Bible verses in public schools.
- Washington - Moscow “hot line” communications link opens, designed to reduce risk of accidental war.
- Profumo scandal rocks United Kingdom.
- Betty Friedan’s The Feminine Mystique is published.
- There are 15,000 U.S. military advisers in South Vietnam.

1964

- Lyndon Baines Johnson is Time Magazine Person of the Year.
- Three civil rights workers -Schwerner, Goodman, and Cheney - are murdered in Mississippi. Twenty-one arrests result in the trial and conviction of seven by a federal jury.
- President’s Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy issues The Warren Commission Report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.
- Jack Ruby is convicted of murder in the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald and is sentenced to death by a Dallas jury; conviction is later reversed, and Ruby dies before second trial can be held.
- Nelson Mandela is sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa.
- The Beatles appear on The Ed Sullivan Show.
- Congress approves The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution giving President Johnson authorization to use “conventional” military force in Southeast Asia.

1965

- Gen. William Westmoreland is Time Magazine Person of the Year.
- Six days of rioting in Watts, a predominantly African-American section of Los Angeles; 34 dead, over 1,000 injured, nearly 4,000 arrested, fire damage put at $175 million.
- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and more than 2,600 others, are arrested in Selma, Alabama during three-day demonstrations against voter-registration rules.
- Malcolm X, black-nationalist leader, shot to death at Harlem rally in New York City.
- U.S. Marines land in Dominican Republic as fighting persists between rebels and Dominican Army.
- Medicare, senior citizens’ government medical assistance program, begins.
- Power failure blacks out parts of eight states in northeast U.S. and two provinces in southeast Canada.
- Ralph Nader’s Unsafe at Any Speed is published.

1966

- The Generation Under 25 is Time Magazine’s Person of the Year.
- Supreme Court decides Miranda v. Arizona, protecting rights of the accused.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation is created.
- All cigarette packets in the United States must carry the health warning “Caution! Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health.”
- U.S. has nearly 500,000 troops in Vietnam.
- 1966 Gallup Polls show the American public support changes from over 52% support for war to 37%.
- The Draft Deferment Test is started in the U.S. as a way for students to convince the Draft Board that they would serve the nation better in the quiet of the classrooms than in the jungles of Vietnam.
- Race riots in Atlanta and black power becomes a significant factor in American politics.
1967

- The continued presence of American troops increased in Vietnam; peace rallies were multiplying as the number of protesters against the war increased.
- In the summer, cities throughout America exploded in rioting and looting. The worst being in Detroit on July 23 when 7,000 national Guard were bought in to restore law and order on the streets.
- Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black justice on the Supreme Court.
- NASA launches the Lunar Orbiter 3 Space Craft.
- The first issue of Rolling Stone magazine is released.
- Muhammad Ali is stripped of his heavyweight title for refusing induction into U.S. Army.
- Public Broadcasting Act establishes the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).
- Race riots break out in a number of Cities in the United States: Cleveland, Newark and Detroit.
- 40,000 Vietnam war protesters fill the Kezar Stadium in San Francisco.
- The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) created.
- Six Day War: Arab guerrilla fighters spark heightened tensions with Israel and the brief war leads to Israel annex additional land.
- In England a model named Twiggy became a fashion sensation and miniskirts continued to get shorter and even more popular.
- The Federal Minimum Wage is increased to $1.40 an hour.
- Super Bowl I: The Green Bay Packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs.

Billboard Top 10

September 1963

- “My Boyfriend’s Back,” The Angels
- “Hello Mudduh, Hello Fadduh,” Allan Sherman
- “If I Had a Hammer,” Trini Lopez
- “Blue Velvet,” Bobby Vinton
- “Candy Girl,” The Four Seasons
- “Heat Wave,” Martha and the Vandellas
- “Mockingbird,” Inez Foxx with Charlie Foxx
- “The Monkey Time,” Major Lance
- “Blowin’ In The Wind,” Peter, Paul and Mary
- “Hey, Girl,” Freddie Scott

June 1967

- “Respect,” Aretha Franklin
- “Groovin,” The Young Rascals
- “I Got Rhythm,” The Happenings
- “Release Me (And Let Me Love Again),” Engelbert Humperdinck
- “Him Or Me – What’s It Gonna Be,” Paul Revere and the Raiders
- “Somebody to Love,” Jefferson Airplane
- “She’d Rather Be With Me,” The Turtles
- “Little Bit O’ Soul,” The Music Explosion
- “All I Need,” The Temptations
- “Creeque Alley,” The Mammas and The Pappas

Oscar Winners for 1967

- Best Picture: A Man for All Seasons
- Best Actor: Paul Schfield (for A Man for All Seasons)
- Best Actress: Elizabeth Taylor (for Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?)
- Best Supporting Actor: Walter Matthau (for The Fortune Cookie)
- Best Supporting Actress: Sandy Dennis (for Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?)

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Spouse/Partner: Nancy
Children: Robert III, Aaron, Jaime, Stephen, Meghan
Grandchildren: Landon, Sawyer, Micah
Major: American History

Work/Career History: 23 years TRW, Inc. (Northrop Grumman); Hagerstown Kitchens; U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau

Military Service: U.S. Army; 3 years active duty

Volunteer Work: Board of Directors, Parent-Child Center, Hagerstown, Md.

Memorable Travels: Australia

Interests and Hobbies: College sports, U.S. Civil War

Accomplishments of which you're proudest:
Elected judge of the Orphans Court, Washington County, Md.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Arthritis has complicated my love for golf as it led me to both knees and shoulder replacement.

What event made a big difference in your life?
Being sent into harm’s way to fight an unjust war convinced me of the importance of a strong military to maintain the peace we all enjoy.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The role of computers, the internet and social media which gives instant gratification for the knowledge of our youth; rather than the ability to research a topic and form your own conclusions.
C. Richard Anderegg

Nickname: Dick

Spouse/Partner: Jean Sutherland Anderegg ’67
Children: John, Amy
Grandchildren: Ian, Evan, Michael
Major: English
Post-HWS Education: M.S. Political Science

Work/Career History: Jean Sutherland and I married in the Colleges’ chapel the day after graduation in 1967. Also, I gained my commission as a 2Lt in the USAF the day before, and we went on active duty six weeks later. I then served 30 years on active duty. I made an attempt at a second career as a writer ... failed ... and went to the RAND Corp for a few years. My third career started when I was selected to be the director of USAF History and Museums at the Pentagon. I retired from that job 10 years later and am now back at RAND as a consultant.

Military Service: 30 years active duty and 10 years in civil service

Volunteer Work: Habitat for Humanity and several nonprofit boards.

Memorable Travels: I flew 170 combat missions in the F-4, some of them over North Vietnam. The first one was pretty memorable! During our AF years, Jean and I lived in Texas, Thailand, England, Las Vegas, Okinawa, Washington D.C., Germany, Fla., the Philippines, N.C. and Pittsburgh. Each of those has given us the opportunity to travel outward.

Interests and Hobbies: Avid hunter and golfer and a moderately dedicated gym rat.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: 1. Jean has stuck by me for 50 years! 2. Both of my children are good people who contribute to our society and culture. 3. My grandsons love golf and hunting!

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I believe every year gets better. Of course I have some nicks and dents, but the big picture is rosy.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marrying Jean.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Not much. Haircuts are shorter, but people still want the same things and do the same things.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? What all our generation thinks, sometimes secretly and sometimes openly: they have it easier than we did.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Sitting in Dean Atkinson’s office mid-way through my sophomore year and telling him that I was a piss-poor student, was wasting my time and my parents’ money and that I wanted to take a year off. He told me to grow up and get back to work.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What is the meaning of life? Answer: follow your heart and it will lead you there.
Peter J. Baish

Nickname: Pete

Spouse/Partner: Mary Alice Baish

Children: Meredith Massey, Sarah Kathryn Milin, Elizabeth Baish, Peter T. Baish

Grandchildren: Emma and Harrison Massey; Nate, Anna and Jacob Milin; Isabel and Leonard Maculo

Major: American History

Post-HWS Education: Stanford GSB, SEP 1984; Federal Executive Institute, 1987, Canisius College


Memorable Travels: Saw a man get hit by a shovel in his head in the Ukraine while working in Customs during the Serbian sanctions. Interesting time to be in Europe when Yugoslavia was breaking up. I was working to enforce sanctions against Serbia especially oil and arms, circa 1991-1995.

Worked as an independent contractor as a Customs Modernization Consultant in Egypt for 4 years growing to love that country and its people. Twice worked for the U.S. Army trying to modernize Afghanistan Customs with no tangible results. Last country I assisted was Jamaica, very pleased with the results there.

So far worked in over 20 developing countries: The best was Oman followed closely by Egypt. The worst was Dire Dawa, Ethiopia near the border with Somalia.

Interests and Hobbies: I am a voracious reader, lately succumbing to audio books that I follow while working in the house and yard and while exercising. Most of all, my grandchildren age from 4-14 are delights. Teaching (only now) the 14-year-old how to drive in early morning hours at shopping centers and cemeteries keeps the blood pumping.

Since moving to Wilmington N.C. last summer, we have been kayaking in the Intercoastal Waterway especially to the undeveloped Masonboro barrier island. About 400 acres with 9 miles of beach accessible only by boat. So peaceful and beautiful! About 15 minutes away by kayak, even for an old guy. Love the diversity of the plant and wildlife in the salt marshes. May even have to learn how to fish.

Accomplishments of which you're proudest:

My family: I grew up in a big family and so I married a sweet lady who loved babies and children with all her heart. We have four: 3 girls and a boy who have grown to be productive, happy and delightful adults. Each one has their distinct personalities, all lovely and as different as wildflowers in a meadow on a warm spring day. Everyone is in their 40's (except for the youngest, Peter, who is a youthful 38!), never caused us a spec of trouble, all graduated from college and are pursuing satisfying
careers of value. Best of all are those seven grandchildren: Amazing how a certain look, smile, walk and language will generate any number of other small recollections of their parents as children during my days as a young father.

**My life work:** My principal job as a U.S. Customs senior executive was exciting and fulfilling. Besides working in Buffalo, I held positions in Toronto, Washington, D.C., Honolulu, Los Angeles and at the World Trade Center in New York.

**My spouse:** In the fall of 1969, I visited Dave Swenson '68, in Geneva. Had a great time until I rolled my 1963 Karman Ghia in a ditch trying to race Dave to Seneca Falls. I ended up in a ditch and then a hospital with a cracked skull, broken arm and a broken foot. At the time, I was teaching 5th Grade at public school 68 in Buffalo. There I caught a glimpse of this attractive French teacher who didn’t mind a banged-up guy in crutches and casts. Probably made more attractive and gallant. Well, we fell deeply in love, and I convinced her to marry me in 1970. On March 31, 2017, we will be married from 47 years! What a lady—I lucked out! Mary Alice was a great teacher, became a super stay at home Mom until when the kids became older, then enrolled received a Master’s degree (Cum Laude) in Library and Information Science from Rutgers. Her work as a Librarian paid our children’s college education and culminated in her retirement from the N.Y. Customs House at 6 WTC from 1986-1990, I grew into admirable adults is my greatest delight.

**What event made a big difference in your life?** The birth of my first daughter in 1972 was awesome. The three that followed her were all different in personality, attitude and bearing but equally amazing. Family life and watching the kids grow into admirable adults is my greatest delight.

Also, the twin towers disaster on 9/11 was soul wrenching for me. When I was Customs Area Director at the N.Y. Customs House at 6 WTC from 1986-1990, I grew to love the area and the Customs personnel working there. Tower One fell on #6 obliterating the structure on that terrible day. Thankfully, all the Customs folks could evacuate safely although their trauma was horrendous.

Like many others, that day changed my world. On 9/11 I was in a conference at a hotel near the Pentagon. I saw the flames and smoke first hand. I am mindful of a quote by Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, in Shanksville, Pa., in 2002-- “If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate.”

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** Hard to begin because so much has changed. What comes to mind:

- African Americans are more fairly and equitably treated than ever before.
- The fall of the Berlin wall and USSR even though they appear to be entering a period resurgence.
- Donald Trump…Sure is different, eh?
- No more rustbelt and changes to our new economy.
- Health care: Astounding technical improvements coupled with my desire to see it expanded to more people.

**What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?** I sure could have used Wikipedia and the internet for my course work. Also, voice recognition software beats the heck out of carbon paper and manual typewriters!

**Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?** Oh yes: James Brown and the Famous Flames! What a dynamic and thrilling show even though the Geneva Roller Dome was hot and sweaty plus the crush of the crowd made it hard to see the action. Still, one of the best concerts ever.

**Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer:** OK, here it is: In retrospect, what would you do over at Hobart if given the chance? Easy:

- Dated more of the William Smith ladies
- Taking some Art and Music courses
- Changed my Major to Economics

**Extended Thoughts:** I attended summer school at Hobart one year and helped staff a June Reunion back then. I could interact with some spry alumni who were celebrating their 50th Reunion. I think it was the class of 1915 or thereabouts. I pondered what lay ahead of me in the years ahead and how very old the alumni seemed to me. Now Us is Them! I am mindful of a quote from one of Anne Tyler’s novels: “See, I’ve always pictured life as one of those ladders you find on playground sliding boards-a sort of ladder of years where you climb higher and higher, and then, oops! you fall over the edge and others move up behind you.” I guess we are fortunate to still be climbing!
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Post HWS Education: U.S. Army Engineer School, course in Refrigeration Equipment Repair; well-read in the field of diesel combustion.

Work/Career History: Chilton Book Co. as an automotive book editor—13 years; Chilton Company and Randall-Reilly Publishing Co. trade magazines relating to trucking 28 years; freelancer in truck journalism 4 years. Technical Director Advance Diesel Concepts, diesel combustion research small venture since 2011.


Volunteer Work: 33 years as a Rotarian, serving in all four officer positions in the Rotary Club of Wayne, as well as serving as a committee chair and treasurer of Gundaker Foundation, operated by the Philadelphia-area Rotary district. I am a Paul Harris fellow, and Guy Gundaker Fellow—Rotary awards for contributions. Also served 6 years as VP Finance, Philadelphia Section SAE. Presently member of the Board of Directors, New Sweden Centre. Have also served on the Session of Marple Presbyterian Church as an ordained elder, and for many years on the Management Committee. Wayne Area Jaycees 1970-72 including chapter president. Listed in Outstanding Young Men of America, 1971. Member SAE and ASME.

Memorable Travels: Vietnam, including a visit to Tan Son Nhut Airport near Saigon in 1968 in a post-French Colonial scene right out of Casablanca; London, 1973 with the HWS Tour (after which we had to answer to the Board of Trade, previously hated by colonists in Ben Franklin’s time, for illegally piggybacking on a Rutgers tour); Germany 1982 with Daimler-Benz; Sweden—Gothenburg, Stockholm, and other cities with Volvo Truck Corp. 1993 and 2005; Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic—2008; Mediterranean cruise including Venice; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Ephesus, Turkey; Santorini; and Athens 2009. Paris-to-Nice, 2011, Sound of Music tour of Austria and Switzerland including The Eagle’s Nest, 2012 (Honeymoon), Viking Cruise Basel Switzerland-to-Amsterdam on the Rhine, 2016.

Accomplishments of which you are proudest: Meeting and marrying my present wife, Theresa McKenna. Helping to raise two successful children in spite of divorce. Surviving the emotional upheaval relating to Vietnam and eventually coming to better understand the war and find its brighter side. Interviewing early advanced combustion
researcher Max Fiedler in 1973, believing his work was worth exploring and preserving, thus anticipating the direction advanced diesel combustion research would take. Reading extensively in the field since then, and successfully criticizing the conclusions of two prominent researchers in 1991 and in so doing likely adding impetus to development of a concept later adopted by Caterpillar. Founding Advance Diesel Concepts with 3 partners in 2011. We’ve partially developed and patented a potentially-promising advanced clean-diesel combustion system.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Got thin, later got much fatter. Hanging in health-wise with the usual suspects in the pills department. With age came self-awareness, and a tendency to prefer the past to the future in certain respects, and understand it much better than the seemingly bizarre possibilities the future holds.

What event(s) made a big difference in your life? Going to Vietnam; meeting Max Fiedler; meeting my wife, in that chronological order. Other important ones include being permitted to work in the maintenance department of the Colleges during senior year and for the summer afterward, solving problems with various kinds of HVAC equipment, with permission of the faculty. And, being hired into the truck trade magazine business in 1979.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement, the latter seemingly propelled by the former to some extent, created a sea change in society in terms of equality. The environmental movement came along for the ride. The changes fomented by these movements have been extremely positive. Yet, the history of our adult lives has been marked by a kind of 20th/21st Century anxiety on a national scale that has caused us to view much about our nation and its actions, and even its potential, in a very negative way. We have a national attitude that departed drastically from the post-World War II optimism that marked American life up until JFK’s assassination. One of the most significant aspects of American life since the Communist infiltration of South Vietnam began has been, for the first time, U.S. involvement in Third World countries where guerilla-style fighting in unconventional circumstances is the rule. Today, we seem to be involved in the world almost in the tradition of the British and other colonial empires, rather than purely for self-defense. This defies the anti-imperial advice given by George Washington in the early 1790s to “avoid foreign entanglements,” and it has shaken the original idea of America in terms of its relationship to the world to its very foundation. Thus, social discontent relating to Vietnam, Iraq, and even Afghanistan has, in my opinion, created a pervasive national malaise that has disturbed our lives, and the national sense of well-being, in countless ways.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? In addition to the above, the almost impossible-to-imagine effect of electronic technology on media, as well as human interaction.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years a HWS? Gotta mention three: Professor Griffith relating his theory that Shakespeare never played the entire play, but constructed them so he could select the acts that would appeal to each audience and keep the length within reason, and his proof from Hamlet—a profound idea if there ever was one. And, reading The Education of Henry Adams. Theorizing that history follows the law of entropy truly describes the history of Western malaise/anxiety since Darwin, the advent of the industrial revolution, and the unfolding of the Victorian age, and was the most profound observation I remember encountering during college. Among other things, the theory essentially predicted the rise of the National Socialist Party in Deutschland. And, in a related item: Dr. Schoen-Rene mentioning meeting Herr Hitler as a young man, and not liking him because of his wet-fish handshake.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What is happening today that makes you really angry and may make you feel like the proverbial “old fart?” The Vision Zero/Complete Streets movement, which consists of bicycling millennials trying to unseat the automobile, the great American freedom machine, from its pedestal. Our elders undoubtedly felt similarly about the anti-war movement and the more extreme aspects of the civil rights movement. I’ve learned to see some wisdom in this movement; however, its youthful proponents don’t understand that a left-wing, Scandinavian concept does not belong unedited in a truly democratic nation, and that a measured, balanced approach to street safety would be much more acceptable.

Extended thoughts: Cozzie’s was an HWS institution because a little alcohol mixed with leisure time spent with our professors amounted to a surprisingly significant addition to the college experience. Possible in part because Cosmo P. Fosporo, while not terribly educated, was a very bright man who could hold an intelligent conversation with anyone.
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William Bissell*
William (Bill) Morris Bissell majored in English and was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. In later years, when speaking about his time in College, Bill would often mention Kathryn Cook as one of his most influential professors.

Bill married Sylvia Witmer ’67 in June of 1969 and moved to the suburbs outside Philadelphia, Pa., where he built career as a copy writer and raised three daughters. Bill worked for Prudential and SMS before starting his own copy writing business, Copy Works in the late 1980s. Under his company name, Bill found some success as an advertising copywriter and published a monthly newsletter for a time, called the “Lakewood Letter,” which focused on the challenges of coping with obesity.

Bill was active in his church and was a frequent blood donor. His interests included spending time with family and friends, telling stories, discussing politics, writing prose and poetry, and reading to his daughters when they were young. Bill also enjoyed hiking in the Vermont woods with his family and listening to opera and classical music. He passed his love of literature and reading on to his three daughters through his ability to bring stories alive as he read to them. Bill was well-loved and respected by his neighbors, church family, close friends, and family members. In 1996, Bill and his wife moved up to Vermont to care for his ailing mother.

After Sylvia’s death in 1996, Bill remained in northern Vermont, developing strong ties with his community and volunteering his time in support of charities such as Meals on Wheels. Bill also participated actively in his church, until he moved back down to the Philadelphia region so as to be closer to his daughters. In 2011, Bill’s grandson Cole Vincent Flora was born, and brought Bill much joy and happiness. Bill battled many health challenges in his last years, but he always had a smile, a hug, and an encouraging word for his daughters, his grandson, and the many close friends he was able to keep in touch with while homebound. Bill passed away on February 5, 2016, surrounded by his family.

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Children: Benjamin, Jeremy

Major: Modern languages

Work/Career History: 1969 – Present musician, songwriter, vocalist, Blue Oyster Cult front man

Volunteer Work: Founding Director, Make-a-Wish Long Island

Memorable Travels: Fifty states, Europe, Asia and Australia

Interests and Hobbies: Film, automotive interests, gaming

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Still being here at 72

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Walking out of class and going over to Frank O’Laughlin’s Alfa parked at the curb and listening to news of President Kennedy’s assassination.
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Born in Cambridge, Richard majored in English, was the editor of the Herald, participated in Little Theatre, WEOS and was a member of the baseball team. After graduation, Richard began his journalism career at the Patriot Ledger in Quincy, Massachusetts. He quickly moved from a summer intern to become the newspaper’s city hall reporter, then the State House bureau chief in 1968. Richard then joined WEEI radio as director of public affairs and chief editorial writer in 1970. Two years later he became chief editorial writer for WCVB-TV. From 1974 to 1980 he worked for the Associated Press in Boston. He was also a part-time instructor at Stonehill College and Boston University. He rejoined the Patriot Ledger in 1982, as news editor. He is survived by his wife, Carol Goldman-Braude and son, Nicholas.

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Children: 2

Grandchildren: 2

Major: English

Post-HWS Education: Life and the road

Work/Career History: Songs and stories

Volunteer Work: Producing free community shows and concerts, in particular during the 60s and 70s.

Interests and Hobbies: Songs and stories

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Songs and Stories

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Keep a little boy in the man, Half a Century Boy, Keep a little girl in the woman, Half a Century Girl - Half a Century Boy - Les Vegas

What event made a big difference in your life? Being born into a singing and storytelling family.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The insidious nature of our revolution.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Right at the moment we seemed poised to achieve a little cultural enlightenment, we let a clown take over America.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Arriving at college for the first time at Geneva Hall, across from Seneca Lake.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Are we committed enough to pull together?

Extended Thoughts: I hope you won’t mind my saying here that I have just written about all this from Hobart through the mid-seventies, in a three volume memoir called the Lucky Monkey Stories. Including A Lucky monkey and the Soft White Underbelly, A lucky Monkey on the Road in America and Europe, and A Lucky Monkey on the Hashish Trail. (Amazon and Kindle.) We all had adventures during those years. It's my hope that these books will bring us back there.
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Military Service: USAF, General Medical Officer, Moody AFB, GA 1972-1976

Volunteer Work: Current board member Andy Caress Melanoma Foundation

Memorable Travels: While in medical school, took a 3 month exchange to study tropical medicine at University of West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.

Interests and Hobbies: Old cars, old boats and playing bluegrass music.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Marrying Lisa and doing my part to raise a wonderful family. While I never played lacrosse at Hobart, I was pleased to be part of introducing the sport to Cincinnati. In medical school we formed a club team at UC, the very first lacrosse club in the city’s history, in 1969. Later, I helped start a lacrosse program at a local high school and coached for 4 years. Lacrosse is now wildly popular here.

More recently, having fun trying to re-invent myself as a bluegrass musician. I’ve been playing the banjo now for several years and now also working on upright bass and mandolin. This is really Bluegrass Country, with lots of jam sessions and festivals, using our old 1970 VW camper bus to attend the latter!

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Are we really aging or just getting better?

What event made a big difference in your life? After applying to nearly 20 medical schools, finally getting an acceptance letter from the University of Cincinnati, starting me on the road to a stimulating, challenging and in every way enjoyable career in medicine.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? An early memory at Hobart was at the freshman orientation program in the auditorium, we all were told, “Look to your left, look to your right – one of you three won’t be here at graduation.”

Then, shortly afterward, while walking across the quad from Durfee hall to the library, I was thinking, “Will I make it? Do I belong here?”
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Major: Athletic eligibility

Post-HWS Education: J.D.

Work/Career History: Attorney in private practice, last 20 years as a public defender.

Military Service: Drafted. Sp5 admin clerk, Republic of Korea


Memorable Travels: Two transatlantic crossings with family on our sailboat.

Interests and Hobbies: Sailing, reading and banging nails.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Parenthood

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I refuse to consider the aging process.

What event made a big difference in your life? Parenthood, Watergate, Trump

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Advances in civil rights across the board.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Continued need for advances in civil rights.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Sleeping at da Oaks.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Lots of questions, no answers.
Lewis S. Campbell*

Born in Geneva, N.Y., Lewis majored in math and was a member of Newman Club. After graduation, Lewis earned a Master’s degree in business administration from Rochester Institute of Technology. Lewis retired from Mobil Chemical after 26 years of service. He was one of the founders and very active member of the Special Olympics in Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates Counties. In June of 1970 he received the Al Felmet Achievement Award for Exemplary Self-Advancement Service and Inspiration to others from the United Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State. In 1972 he was president of the board of directors of Cerebral Palsy Association in New York.

Those who knew him said that he was the kind of person who touched those around him. His eulogy noted that, “he became widely known and renowned for his courage, his desire to do the normal things… [and for] his thirst to accomplish anything he set out to do.” At the time of his death he lived with his mother, Antonia Campbell.

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Work/Career History: 21 years as USAF Officer and 28 years as college professor


Volunteer Work: Habitat for Humanity, carpenter

Memorable Travels: In USAF, South Korea, RVN, Hawaii; as Clemson U. Professor 15 study abroad trips to France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, UK, Switzerland, Czech. Rep.

Interests and Hobbies: Golf, hiking, international economics

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Marrying well, raising two children, earning a PhD serving in the USAF, starting a Study Abroad program at Oxford U. in the UK.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I've been blessed with good health, a great wife and two challenging careers

What event made a big difference in your life? My marriage in 1970 and subsequent fatherhood, completing a PhD, earning a regular commission in the USAF and joining the business faculty at Clemson U.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The Vietnam War and the legalization of same sex marriage.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Widespread use of smart phones and the Internet.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Raising the American flag at a homecoming football game and later picking up my date in my grandmother’s 1965 pink Chrysler with big fins.
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Volunteer Work: Served as Hobart Alumni Council member and president. Currently, in 10th year as a member of the HWS Board of Trustees.

Memorable Travels: Been to over 20 countries; Italy 7 times; some business, some pleasure, all memorable.

Interests and Hobbies: Avid reader of fiction and non-fiction; love crossword puzzles; workout almost daily; partial season ticket holder to all four Minnesota professional sports teams; and of course my two amazing grandchildren.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I have been fortunate enough to build and then sell several of my consulting firms; have had about 100 professional articles published and have written a book on how to build and grow a consulting business in the talent development industry; served on 15 company Boards; have been named one of my industry’s thought leaders; have raised two wonderful young men; and received numerous awards for my volunteer and professional achievements.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I think it was Mark Twain who said “Age is simply an issue of mind over matter; if you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.” I have tried to live by this adage every day despite the fact that physical and mental degradation are constant reminders that it is difficult to totally discount the aging process. I have tried to stay physically active, mentally alert and eat healthy over these 50 years. And, while the 70s aren’t really the new 60s, they can be loads of fun.

What event made a big difference in your life? Going to HWS of course was instrumental in setting the course for the rest of my life. But, graduate school was the milestone that set me on my career path. My major professor and I then started a business that was sold when I was relatively young making a major difference in how I approached both my personal and professional lives from that point on. Certainly, having two children has made a huge difference, most notably because that spawned two fantastic grandchildren, which as those of us with them well know, is the real difference maker, and perhaps the main reason to have children in the first place.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Certainly, the major change that has had, and will continue to have, the most significant impact is the evolution of technology in everything we do, both personally and professionally. And, its pace continues to accelerate whether it involves advance treatments in medicine, manufacturing, sales and marketing, retail, consumer goods, etc. The second most significant change in our world has been globalization, or the ready access to the world in large part via technology. Unfortunately, not all of this has been positive as increased global divisiveness and terrorism have emerged at a level hardly seen before, if ever.
What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Although I was probably sheltered from it, and perhaps I shouldn’t be that surprised, but the large-scale divisiveness that exists in our country today I would have hoped would have disappeared, or at least dissipated somewhat. Last year’s political campaign was, and still is, clear evidence of this situation. It seems people have dug in their heels unwilling to listen and compromise with those who don’t share their beliefs and values. We went through some modicum of this when we were at HWS, not the least of which were very diametrically opposed opinions on the Vietnam War. And, let’s not forget that the Civil Rights Act had just passed one year into our college education. Seems like we haven’t moved the needle very much since then and this surprises, and more importantly, disappoints me significantly.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? There are so many, as my HWS experience was truly amazing. But, the one memory that has stood the test of time, given its impact on my career and therefore life, was the “D” I received in organic chemistry. The only grade I received in four years below a “B.” There is a long story behind it but just let’s say it was a gift from Professor Aten, ended my interest in becoming a doctor, and led me to my major in psychology. As they say, the rest is history. Okay, how could I forget that last second winning basket while playing b-ball for the Statesmen? Largely, because it never happened. But, what I do vividly remember was when I almost got kicked off the team for heaving a last second halftime shot at U of R’s War Memorial arena which was so far off target that it hit and broke the scoreboard some 30 feet above the basket. Coach Antonnelli thought I did it on purpose. If that was truly possible, I would have been able to make many more real baskets and been a star on the team.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: So many, but the answers would be better told in private. Lots of significant events I could have mentioned above which should go unmentioned for years. One I am willing to offer, however, because it is relatively unique is “where is your spouse?” The answer is simple. I don’t have one but its background is interesting. My former spouse, and mother to my two sons, thus grandmother to my two grandchildren, and I married for 11 years, then divorced, and then four years later remarried, only to get re-divorced a year or so after that. The great news is that we are very best friends today and share in almost all family events and celebrations.

Extended Thoughts: As I have mentioned, I had nothing but a positive experience while at HWS. Maybe it was because I was on the waiting list and felt self-imposed pressure not to fail, or maybe it was just the desire to show the Colleges I was worthy. Whatever the reason, I embraced all the Colleges had to offer from its academic curricula, extracurricular activities and social gatherings. I probably should have done more of the latter but I was always one of the youngest kids, having just turned 17½ when entering HWS as most of you were already 18. That one year made a huge difference on all three fronts as I wasn’t as mature as my fellow students, well at least most of them. As far as influencing events, no question that Western Civ opened my eyes, as never before, to the world of the classics; my basketball experience was instrumental in my growth; and my psychology major under the tutelage of Drs. Sandy Katz and Dwight Gardiner led me to a career as an industrial/organizational psychologist. All of these situations, plus many more, prepared me in large part for who I have become as a friend, father, grandfather and business professional. I have always felt I owe HWS quite a lot.
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7/2/1945 – 4/22/1970
Born in Hartford, Conn., Robert played lacrosse and soccer and was a member of Sigma Phi. Cothran entered the Marine Corps platoon leader program in 1965 and was commissioned in June 1967. He served in South Vietnam and Japan. Cothran died in military exercise in South Korea. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife, Diane.

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Military Service: USAF Pilot KC-135 and HH53
Interests and Hobbies: Golf

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: The men I rescued as an Air Force Jolly Green Pilot and the construction company I started in 1978 that is still going strong today with a number of second generation employees.

What event made a big difference in your life? Vietnam

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Internet and social media

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? How much more kids are shut-in today compared to the freedom I experienced growing up in the Rochester suburbs.

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Memorable Travels: Europe

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Vietnam was a watershed event for America. Regrettably, we learned nothing.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Technology has given us so much knowledge, information and power…it certainly hasn’t made us a better nation. It has exposed some of our meaner traits. America was supposed to be better than this, perhaps one day we will be.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Well, running across the arterial in just a bed sheet on Sunday morning as I had locked myself out of my apartment comes to mind.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: You must have gotten this question from the Jeff Sessions handbook on self-indictment. Was there anything you would like to add?

Extended Thoughts: Why does this exercise feel like the first draft of my obituary? At any rate here are a number of my favorite memories, and I had many; Professor Huff, to hear him lecture was pure joy, “Right, Mr. Daly?” At his retirement dinner he said that he had in later years moved away from lecturing towards a more Socratic dialogue with his students and that this made him a more effective educator. Possibly, but as a lecturer he was a pure delight. The Oaks and Dutch Venuti. KA was fine, but if they had told me I could have pledged The Oaks, I would have. Actually, Dutch came to our wedding; wonderful man. Wells College! Some great professors; Drinan, Murphy, Day But mostly it was the friends I made.

Here is a story I will share that rather sums up my semi casual approach to the college experience; senior year I decided to make a stab at the Dean’s List. I had one course with Huff which would require a good deal of work, another with Drinan which required a little less and finally art history which required just paying attention in class. I had taken the first art history the previous semester and had gotten an A so I was fairly confident that I could at least get a B which would have been good enough for Dean’s List. (And you all will remember that this is when we turned in post cards on which we would receive our exam and final grade.) The prior semester we had a wonderful older woman who viewed her task as one of trying to give a group of philistines at least a patina of culture. And she succeeded marvelously. It was a thin patina, but nevertheless. Unfortunately, she took ill and the last semester we had a substitute whose approach was less enlightened. To bring this to a close. I went home after exams, waited for those cards, saw that the Dean’s list was within my grasp until I received my Art History C! A couple of years later while in the service I ran into Tony Insonga, one of the nicest people I ever met, in an O club. My first question was, “Tony, what did Mrs. G give you in Art History? His reply, “An A, and she wrote on the card, ‘Dear Mr. Insonga, thank you for coming to class every day.’ “Jesus, who knew? Oddly enough, I have come to love art and if there was one class, one subject, I wished I had spent more time learning about, it would have been this one. Really, who knew?
Bradley M. Damon*
Born in Portland, Maine, Bradley attended Hobart for two years and during that time he was a member of the soccer team. He went on to graduate from Nichols College and had a career in banking. Damon spent most of his time in Rochester and Fairport and spent as much time as he could with the family on Fourth Lake in Inlet, N.Y. He was survived by his wife and two sons.

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Post-HWS Education: 1969-1970 Rutgers University, MBA


Memorable Travels: Our first trips to Italy in 1976 and Berlin in 2014 were game changers (see below).

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: My marriage to Maria was the turning point of my life, it made all things possible.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I still feel the same after all these years, but when, on occasion, I catch myself in the mirror it can be bit of a surprise.

What event made a big difference in your life?

Within weeks after our first trip we were learning Italian and planning our next trip. We have returned 45 times over the years. Early on, Maria went to college and majored in Italian Literature. As you can imagine, her Italian language proficiency far outpaces mine. Our stories of Italian friends, food and art would fill many volumes. Roma and Montepulciano became second homes. As we spent more time in Italy our friends started calling me Pietro and not long after I had become Pietro del Fabro, their translation of my name, Peter Smith.

The years we have lived in Italy deeply influenced my artistic life. I began as a watercolor painter but the world of

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Italy made it inevitable that I would become a stone sculptor. My last two public art projects, the American Civil War Memorial and the American Legion Centennial Memorial, gave me the opportunity to express in stone much of what I learned abroad. Research I conducted while designing the American Civil War Memorial led to the writing of a Civil War novel, Savages Station (published 2016).

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The year 1968 stands out. Only months after I graduated and joined the Army a series of traumatic events overtook our lives: January ~ The Tet offensive; March ~ President of Czechoslovakia resigns, teenager killed and 60 injured at march in Memphis led by MLK, LBJ decides not to run; April ~ MLK assassinated, riots break out across America leading to 46 deaths; May ~ Bloody Monday riots in Paris; June ~ Warhol shot in NYC, Bobby Kennedy assassinated in LA; August ~ Riots at Democratic Convention in Chicago; October ~ Hundreds of students killed in Mexico City Tlatelolco massacre 10 days before Olympics.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I will never forget the moment when learning became a pleasure. In Professor Richard Drinnon’s U.S. History class, the wonder of great teaching and academic revelation made itself apparent. The drudgery of high school instruction faded away and the pursuit of knowledge became a lifelong priority. As Michelangelo wrote in his eighty-fifth year: I am still learning. Thank you Hobart.

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Work/Career History:
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• 1998-pres. Curriculum of Medieval Studies (and Medieval and Early Modern Studies Faculty 2005-)
• 1990-pres. Professor, Department of Romance Languages, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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• 1972-70 Teaching Assistant, Department of Romance Languages, The University of Michigan

Memorable Travels: Last summer we spent time in Italy with our eldest son. The weather was glorious and he is pretty much interested in the same things we are, so we spent time exploring the Roman ruins and the town of Pompeii. Then we spent several day in Florence, where the only frustration was that the Uffizi was closed due to strike. Venice, however, made up for it. Our room overlooked one of the canals and gondola station, so every morning we would wake up to the sounds of gondoliers getting ready for business. Back in Rome, our room had a view of the Coliseum across the street. It was really a memorable trip with no business agenda.

Interests and Hobbies: Medieval studies; poetry, ideology, and court literature through the 17th century; Columbus; mythology; Humanities computing; and, in general, reading and writing.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I am a college professor, and all that entails with that job, I have experienced. I was chair from 1995 to 2003, and before that I served in all capacities as advisor or director of this or that, including being director of our program abroad in Seville, where I was resident director for a year. I am also proud of the 40 or so books that I have edited for the joint UNCPress/Department of Romance Studies series in language and literature, and of my own latest book, Carajicomedía: A Study of Parody and Satire in Early Modern Spain. Great Britain: Tamesis (Boydell and Brewer) which appeared in December of 2015.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: We are aging well. We have no health problems. The only cloud in the horizon is a possible move to California to be closer to our children. However, they live in the Bay area and that creates a special housing problem when moving from the South. Let me know if you are aware of an affordable 2,000 ft. one-level house!

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The permeation (good!) of the computers in all areas of research, publication, teaching, and living.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? How small the world has become, and how conscious we are of the effects on others of actions taken in this country. I am also concerned about the seemingly unstoppable disappearance of species.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Working with Katie Cook on my thesis.
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John R. Dyke* 1/17/1945 - 3/19/2012

Born in Springfield, Mass., John attended Hobart for two years prior to enlisting in the army in 1965. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran and recipient of the Combat Infantryman’s Badge. Following his service in Vietnam, John graduated from the University of Vermont in 1971. He started out as a social worker at the Weeks School in Vergennes and worked for New York State Life. After the close of his pawn shop in the mid 1990’s, he was a car salesman for several dealerships in the Burlington area. He was survived by his former wife Paula, two sons and three grandchildren.

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From Long Lake, N.Y., David played football and lacrosse and was a member of Theta Delta Chi. After graduation, he taught high school in Boston, St. Anthony, Newfoundland and Bridgton, Maine. David had also been in the lumbering business in the Adirondacks.
Geoffrey Fitzgerald

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Extended Thoughts:
Dear Classmates,
I decided to respond to John Baxter’s request for a contribution to our 50th reunion yearbook, even though most of you won’t remember me unless you attended the Isley Brothers concert sophomore year. I was the guy who joined the group briefly on stage. It was not my proudest moment.

I suspect I was admitted to Hobart because I was big and played football in high school. Our coach, Perry Como’s brother recommended me. Senior year I broke my leg, or more accurately two defensive linemen broke my leg. So ended my football career. Upon arrival in Geneva I discovered The Twin Oaks. Dutch explained as he tore up my fake Pennsylvania ID that the drinking age was 18 in New York. Now legal, I spent more time with Dutch than at Western Civ lectures, and as a Kerouac fan, an inordinate amount of time on the road. The road to Keuka.

I had a great time those first two years, until I was summoned to meet Dean Witte in the spring of sophomore year. The Dean informed me that I was on probation. Actually three probations: academic, social and disciplinary. I realized then that I probably would not be elected Class President. I also realized I was about to lose my Student Deferment status. It was 1965. Mom got a letter from my draft board before I made it home for summer break, which in my case became a five-year sabbatical between sophomore and junior years.

I received my call to service and to avoid any chance of getting shot at or being asked to shoot someone, I joined the Navy. I was stationed in Pearl Harbor and every so often my ship would sail across the Pacific to the South China Sea and Gulf of Tonkin. I paid visits to Guam, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The closest I came to danger while doing my best to save the world from Communism was in a bar in Waikiki, but I offered the Marine a beer and we became friends.

One summer Diane, an old friend from Keuka paid a visit. We had so much fun in paradise we decided to get married on Mount Tantalus “sky high and dreamy” as the minister, a Unitarian professor of religion at the University of Hawaii wrote on the marriage certificate. An interesting individual, he was later arrested for trying to blow up the ROTC building on campus.

Anticipating a July ’70 discharge (honorable), I reapplied to Hobart and to my surprise was readmitted. The GI Bill helped pay my tuition while Diane taught school in Newark, N.Y. I majored in English. I was about the same age as a couple of my professors. My favorite was John Lydenberg. I took every course he taught along Victor Kolpacoff’s Russian and Japanese Lit courses, and the incredible Katherine Cook’s Joyce Seminar. A classmate in that seminar pointed out that she was nine years old when I was a freshman. Those two years were a reader’s dream. It amazed me how much time I had to read now that the Oaks had lost some (but not all) of its appeal. Grilled cheese with onions and a pint for lunch was as good in ’71 as it was in ’67.

Had Dean Witte not encouraged me to take a sabbatical, I may never have cruised the Western Pacific, married the love of my life, and had the opportunity for an academically
and intellectually rewarding do-over in Geneva. With delightful symmetry Dean Witte handed me my diploma in 1972. We shook hands and I thanked him. I don’t encourage anyone to flunk out, but in my case it paid off. I would encourage anyone as ill-prepared or unmotivated to go to college as I was, to take a year or so off before jumping straight from high school to college.

Diane and I are still married, happily. We have a daughter who attended NYU’s film school and is writing screenplays and TV pilots. Diane (see above love of my life) and I joined forces and created Fitzgerald Associates Executive Search (www.fitzsearch.com) in 1989. After 28 years in Lexington, MA we are still at it, but moved our headquarters to Cape Cod in 2009.

I recently renewed the Hobart experience over beers in Maine with classmates Menihan, Burkett, Breck and Dawe. Some ties really do bind. And some things barely change except the stories get better, enhanced by a variety of alternative facts and truthful hyperbole.

I write this on the eve of my 47th wedding anniversary, four weeks into our so-called President’s only term of office, and having just read David Frum’s piece on Autocracy in The Atlantic where he wrote: “Yes the American system is also perforated by vulnerabilities no less dangerous for being so familiar. Supreme among those vulnerabilities is reliance on the personal qualities of the man or woman who wields the awesome powers of the presidency. A British Prime Minister can lose power in minutes if he or she forfeits the confidence of the majority in Parliament. The president of the United States, on the other hand, is restrained first and foremost by his own ethics and public spirit. What happens if somebody comes to high office lacking those qualities?” We shall see.

I won’t be joining you for the reunion, but will be there in spirit and wish you all the best. Remember the 60s? Resist!

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Children: Courtney B. Flanagan, Dalton C. Flanagan

Grandchildren: Max Elio, Luca Elio, Theo Elio

Major: European History

Post-HWS Education: J.D. from John Marshall Law School, Chicago

Work/Career History: For most of my career I managed portfolio managers, and for the last 10 years I bought investment management firms for Mellon. I worked for the Boston Company which was acquired by Mellon and subsequently acquired Bank of New York.

Military Service: U.S. Navy

Volunteer Work: Board President, Duxbury Free Library; Rugby referee; trustee of 2 symphony orchestras.

Memorable Travels: My wife and I have fly fished in 6 countries on 3 continents.

Interests and Hobbies: Fly fishing, playing traditional Irish music, skiing, and golf.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I never gave up on my children even when they faced addiction issues. I was a good mentor for people who worked for me. That my dad put his trust in me when he was dying.
It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have been fortunate to have enjoyed very good health throughout my lifetime. I have never stopped being a life-long learner.

What event made a big difference in your life? Seeing how our children suffered through addiction challenges and then survived successfully – both our children have been clear of addictions for more than a decade.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The rate of divorce; doing away with the military draft; wealth and income inequality in our country; the uncivil and intransigent political discourse in our country; computers.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Wealth and income inequality.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Meeting Mary (William Smith Class of 1969) stands out for me plus I got truly intellectual excited during my last 2½ years at Hobart.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Name a significant but little change that has occurred in our society? Hitch hiking – I used to hitch hike home every day when I was in high school. Nobody does that anymore.

Extended Thoughts: Sometime post Hobart I learned that I wasn’t going to get all of my dividends in life from my job. With that revelation came the realization that my liberal arts education at Hobart gave me everything I needed to enjoy a life fully lived. From history to prose to poetry to science and math I had developed an appreciation for all of these disciplines. I could appreciate music beyond the notes – I could appreciate music in a historical and artistic context. And not to be forgotten is that the critical thinking I learned at Hobart made me a more effective and successful manager in my chosen career.

At one point in middle age I enrolled at the Harvard Extension School and took ancient Greek and re-took college algebra. I think this must have been my mid-life crisis.
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Major: English


Volunteer Work: In my business it’s hard to separate paid and volunteer work.

Memorable Travels: Several trips to Denmark, where Birgitte was born. Introducing our kids to Denmark. A couple of great trips to England and Paris.

Interests and Hobbies: Banjo, guitar, mandolin: Pandora’s Box lives in my heart. Fiction writing, I’ve got a couple of unpublished novels.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Leading the Lexington parish through a process of healing after they had several years of clergy sexual misconduct. Growing up enough to be a pretty good father and husband and pastor.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: As I say above, aging has meant coming to terms with many things I wanted to run away from when I was younger. I am happier now and surer of myself than I’ve been. I’ll bet I’m not the only one of us who wouldn’t want to go back and be twenty again, unless I could know what I know now. And life doesn’t work that way. The downside is that the body doesn’t work as well, and facing up to death, the deaths of parents, the death of our much loved son in law Aaron Lamb, facing into our own deaths. Hard, and sobering and challenging to the easy beliefs and assumptions of youth.

What event made a big difference in your life?
The long and painful process of helping the parish in Lexington face its history of misconduct meant that I had to face my own fears and issues. If I’d known what I was getting myself in for I’d probably have run the other way fast, but it was life changing, a huge gift, filled with grace.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Computerization, the internet, social media.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? I don’t think I’m the only one of us who felt like we were changing the world back in the 60s. I think what surprises me most is how hard it is for us human beings to change. Things may change around us, but the problems of being human seem to me to be much the same. If we
changed the world, the world has certainly changed us, and
the changes we brought about seem to have a relatively short
half-life.

Is there one memory that stands out from your
years at HWS? Many memories, but the first one that
comes to mind is walking out of Bio Lab on November 22,
1963 and hearing the news of Kennedy’s assassination.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it
and tell us the answer: Several friends and classmates
from our time have told me how painful those years were,
and that they don’t want to remember and don’t want to
come back to the colleges. This was not my experience, but
I think it’s worth asking the question about what was painful
about those years. As I learned in Lexington, and as I age, I
think we do ourselves and our institutions a disservice if we
don’t surface the pain and the negative along with the good.

Extended Thoughts: I think I’ve told most of the
things I want to. But I do have two important memories of
my years at the Colleges that I’m grateful for. Otto Schoen-
Rene asked me one day if I’d ever considered the ministry
of the Episcopal Church. As a militant banjo player, actor, and
director I was flabbergasted and said something dismissive,
respectful, I hope, but dismissive. And Katie Cook asked me
if I’d ever considered going into elementary education; I had
the same reaction. Isn’t it astounding how these adults who
were part of the community at the colleges that nurtured us,
knew us better than we knew ourselves? That at least was my
experience and as I age I’m hugely grateful and I’ve tried to
pay those debts forward in the lives of others. I did go into
the ministry of the Episcopal Church and, if I didn’t teach
elementary school, I spent a good chunk of my working life
teaching high school.
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Military Service: 4F Rejected by Peace Corps

Volunteer Work: GEMS, Greenwich Housing Authority, Gaining Your Voice Through the Arts, Hill House, First Congregational Church

Memorable Travels: Manila, Los Angeles

Interests and Hobbies: American History, Alison’s writing, Reading Mysteries and Ann Coulter, Kayaking, Naps, Walks, Social Media, Twitter


It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: It does not exist. I take the view of Dr. Christiana Northrup that we are all spiritual beings here in physical form to learn, to grow, and to enhance our value here and in the next life.

What event made a big difference in your life? Birth on Oct. 17, 1945 at 8:10 a.m. at Millard Fillmore Hospital. Rebirth assisted by my mother on Sept. 1, 1977 at 10:20 a.m. Election of Ronald Reagan.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Trashing of western civilization and its values and losing the war initiated by Muslims over 1,500 years ago. They got held back in Europe than, now they are winning by peaceful takeover of European nations and cultures. Eisenhower warned of the dangers of a military-industrial complex. He was half right. We now have a government at all levels-industrial complex that may be irreversible. The United States is the world’s last best hope for freedom of individuals and markets. If President Trump is not successful in his battle with everyone in the establishment on both sides of the aisle, the light of freedom will be snuffed out.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Technology and social media

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Susan Shapiro in Glass Menagerie

Extended Thoughts: Alexander “Alex” Campbell was a gift as my instructor for freshman writing and in a subsequent class where he instilled discipline of the craft, love of grammar, and passion for writing. E.E. Griffith gave us theater to live and enjoy. He was Little Theater, a memorable character and friend. Dr. Kathryn “Katie” Cook was a favorite teacher who was a Shakespearean scholar. Doing well with Katie was like winning an Oscar, only better. Spent too many nights at Dutch’s Oaks Tavern and at the verboten Cost’s downtown.
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Post-HWS Education: Graduate work at Canisius College; University of Miami Coral Gables, M.S.Ed; St. Bonaventure University certifications in teaching, counseling and school administration

Work/Career History: Teacher, school counselor at Olean High – 1968-1991; Labor Relations Specialist, National Education Association and New York State United Teachers 1991-2008; Adjunct Faculty, St. Bonaventure 1987 – 2003 and Jamestown Community College 2009 - present

Volunteer Work: Board member United Way, 19 years; Board member Allegany Highlands Council BSA, 5 years; Board member local LPN school

Memorable Travels: Caribbean isles, Cancun, Hawaii

Interests and Hobbies: Tennis, reading

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Several awards for teaching, guts to change jobs after 23 years.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:
Loss of energy and stamina vs. personal satisfaction and contentment.

What event made a big difference in your life? Career change (personal), loss of both Kennedy’s and MLK, along with 9/11 (national).

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Loss of much of our manufacturing base and the polarization of social classes. Political parties that won’t work together.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Technology, especially computers and cell phones. Paying for bottles of water.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? JFK assassination and turmoil of 60s being felt on campus.
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Post-HWS Education: PhD, University of Virginia 1972; MD UVA 1974

Work/Career History: Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of South Carolina 1984 – present.


Memorable Travels: Italy, France, Spain, Portugal

Interests and Hobbies: Astronomy, teaching spin classes

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Creating of Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at USC. My children.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I am getting too old, too quickly. More difficult to stand in operating room for 10-12 hours and work.

What event made a big difference in your life? Meeting and marrying my wife Clarke – she completes my life.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? As Thomas Friedman points out in his latest book, the computer and improvements to it, have made life faster. Too fast for many of us – requiring multitasking and constant updates of our knowledge base to keep up with society. If you don’t keep up you fall by the wayside and your relevance is reduced.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The faculty of the biology department. But even more, the rapidity in which summer turned to winter shortly after the fall semester and lasted until we went home in the spring, with the exception of a few weeks of throwing the Frisbee before final exams.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What is the role of the humanities as a course of study today. It enriched my life and made me a questioning scholar. Life without art and literature is only half full yet it is hard to make a living today in the field of humanities.

Extended Thoughts: Hobart College taught me how to study, question, and enrich my life. Although I am a physician and research scientist, I learned everything about the humanities (and how to enjoy them) at Hobart.
Spouse/Partner: Marilynn S. Friedman

Children: Daniel (Hobart '03), Jeffrey (Hamilton '05)

Grandchildren: Caillum, Nathaniel (Jeffrey/Kalley); Jacob (Daniel/Lisa)

Major: Political Science

Post-HWS Education: J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1971


Volunteer Work: Rotary International; Tenafly Zoning Board of Adjustment; Merit Badge Counselor/Troop Committee, BSA; Little League and Junior Soccer Coach.

Memorable Travels: Caribbean; Provincial France; Italy; Spain and Portugal; Greece and Ireland.

Interests and Hobbies: Travel; photography. I enjoy sitting in front of two computers on a Saturday in the Fall, simultaneously watching both the Hobart and Hamilton football games (they don’t play each other anymore) on the internet, which can get very confusing.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Being married to Marilynn for over 40 years and having two terrific sons (one of them a proud Hobart graduate) and daughters-in-law and 3 grandsons. Also being appointed as an Administrative Law Judge and having one of my decisions argued (and affirmed 9-0) by the U.S. Supreme Court.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have definitely gotten older, which beats the alternative. However, it makes me appreciate the years I have had so far and think of friends we have lost along the way.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting my first job out of law school with the NLRB, beginning a 43 year career as an attorney in public service and the outstanding co-workers from all walks of life that I met throughout the years.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? A broader tolerance of minority and other civil rights since on or about the time of our graduation.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The rise of the internet and instant communications now available to almost everyone. It’s a long way from the pay phones at either end of the second floor of Hale Hall to today’s cell phones making everyone instantly available and in constant touch (perhaps a mixed blessing).
Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Too many to narrow down to one: late Tuesday nights putting the Herald to bed; friends; Great professors like Dr. Beverly Causey, David Manwaring; Dr. Maynard Smith; Dr. Huff and many others.

Extended Thoughts: I remember waking up early for Dr. Causey's 8 a.m. class on Asia in the 20th century, which was so fascinating that I even went to class on the holidays before going to services. Despite my singling out the outstanding professors noted above, I would point out that the most valuable lesson I learned at HWS, which stood me in good stead throughout my career was taught by a Freshman English instructor (Ms. Boyle), who announced that an upcoming Western Civ. essay exam would be collected after being graded for content, and that she would grade it as an English essay. As unfair as this seemed (as only our section would have to worry about grammar and style), we earned higher grades on the content (from the Western Civ. graders), because we wrote our essays more coherently and articulately, making them better to read. Thereafter, I always tried to bear this in mind in subsequent essay exams, and drafting briefs, reports and legal decisions. So thank you, Ms. Boyle.

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Post-HWS Education: Master’s - Latin American Studies

Work/Career History: UPS-Jackson, Wyoming

Military Service: 1st Cav Div., RVN 1969-70

Volunteer Work: Forest service, SAR

Interests and Hobbies: Climbing

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: SAR

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Same pant size as 1967

What event made a big difference in your life? Marriage

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Internet

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? How little it has changed.
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1/21/1946 – 1/28/1999
Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Ralph majored in political science and economics. He was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the Herald and WEOS staffs. Ralph received his J.D. from Cornell University in 1971, where he was a member of the board of editors of the Cornell University Law Review. In 1984, he opened a law practice in Frederick, Maryland and was active in community affairs. He was survived by his wife Susan, and two daughters Elizabeth and Miriam WS ’98.
David K. Graham

Spouse/Partner: Debbie

Children: Drew, Tim and David

Grandchildren: Madison (11) and Emma (8)

Major: American History with Dr. Huff and Dr. Crouthamel primarily

Post-HWS Education: I had enough!

Work/Career History: Aetna Casualty & Surety Company from 6/71 to 6/96. Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company from 9/96 to 12/08. Last 20 years, I was the Reinsurance Buyer for each company.

Military Service: U.S. Army 9/67 to 9/70. One year tour in Vietnam from 4/68 to 4/69

Volunteer Work: Club committees, election poll worker, and airport volunteer.

Memorable Travels: Frequent business travel overseas, primarily to London and Bermuda but also France, Germany and Scandinavian countries. Annual family vacation to Hilton Head (40 years and counting).

Interests and Hobbies: Golf, grandkids, yard work

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Giving back to the country with military service, 40 years climbing the business ladder, raising a great family.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Nothing but gradual with no major health hiccups. Still have my hair - just a little less of it.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marriage to a wonderful woman and raising three children. The second big event would be the business move to Charlotte 20 years ago from the Northeast.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Changing society during and after Vietnam. Age of innocence gone. Extremely mobile and connected society.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Electronic age. Info at your fingertips - both good and bad.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Never a terrific student except making Deans list spring term of my senior year (go figure!) but my three plus years as a brother of Phi Kappa Tau was memorable.
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Grandchildren: 4
Major: European History

Post-HWS Education: M Div - Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, MA

Work/Career History: Curate, Christ Church, New Brunswick, NJ – 1972 to 1978; Assistant Curate, St. Margaret’s, Princes Road, Toxteth, Liverpool, England - 1978 to 1980; Rector, St. Paul’s Church, Market Street, Camden, NJ – 1980 to 2015

Military Service: No military service, but two years in the Peace Corps teaching in Antigua in the West Indies from 1967 to 1969.

Memorable Travels: While in the Peace Corps I managed to at least touch down on most of the islands of the Eastern Caribbean, staying with families and friends of friends I’d got to know in Antigua. That is where Toni and I first met. Since she is British, we have been back and forth to the UK frequently enough that one immigration officer suggested we were like commuters.

The most memorable travels have been since retirement. With a group from Southwark Cathedral in London (where my youngest son works) we have been on two visits, one to Armenia and one to Georgia – literally half way around the world and in the borderlands between Europe and Asia.

I am about to embark on a week-long visit to Cuba with a group from Rutgers Newark Law School. I expect it might be memorable. I wanted to see Cuba before they built the first McDonald’s!

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: The parish of St. Paul’s Camden was a classic, dwindling inner city congregation in the heart of an extremely poor city – the poorest in the nation by some reckoning. The average age in the congregation was 70, the average color was white even though 90% of the city population is not. As an act of desperation the bishop asked me to take it on. Over the 35 years I was there, we managed to re-root the church in the local community. By the time I retired a large portion of the parish leadership were young Camden 30 somethings who had been raised in the church from infancy or childhood. Not only have these young people defied the odds and made something of themselves, but together they have molded a parish church community noted for its compassion, justice, and mercy – a reputation which far exceeds its size.

In early days when my children were small, well-meaning white friends would ask, “What is going to happen to your children growing up in Camden?” Who could know? Now I can answer that one has a Master’s degree from Georgetown, another a business degree from Temple, and the third working in London. What’s more important they are people of responsibility and compassion.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Aside from my rude, teenaged children pointing out that my beautiful black beard wanted the application of some Grecian Formula, or that my middle was softening, I have not had much time to notice the aging process. I suppose I’ve been blessed with reasonably good health – so far. Arthritis provides an occasional reminder though. By the time I retired my genuflections at the Altar became more of a curtsey!

What event made a big difference in your life? The two years I spent in the Caribbean were perhaps the most formative. It is there that I met my wife – though she was not a love interest at that time! It was there that I
formed two enduring friendships with two co-workers – both Brits. But mostly it was there teaching at the Boys Grammar School and being part of a lively West Indian congregation at the Anglican Cathedral and living in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the town that I really found my vocation.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? From mimeograph machines to computers technology has been a blessing and a curse. Not having a technical mind it’s been a struggle to keep ahead of the curve, though I suspect my offspring even now suspect that I have not got there! On a more serious level, the breakdown of social consensus has made it difficult for those on the struggling end of the economic spectrum. In my younger day I saw our generation as more generous and more compassionate. Now I’m not so sure.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? As in the above, it is the breakdown of social consensus. I would have thought progressive change would have been much further along the way in the illumination of poverty, racism, war, etc. Chalk that up to youthful naiveté! Truthfully, it’s not a surprise. When my kids started asking about the ‘60’s I realized that there were many versions of it – the civil rights/Peace Corps ‘60s, the Viet Nam War/anti-war ‘60s, and then there was Woodstock.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? There are way too many, but I’ll share one from freshman year. As a Saga worker we had to stay over through graduation. With work only at meal times there was a lot of free time. Eric Christiansen had brought a car back to campus and drove a group of us to Finger Lakes Racetrack to enjoy a sunny afternoon. After watching several races and doing reasonably well picking winners, I decided to actually put money on a horse that looked good to at least show in the race. With my precious $2.00 riding on his back the d**n horse never even finished! To this day I will not go near slot machines, craps tables and the like!
Patrick J. Haley

Nickname: Pat

Spouse/Partner: Bonnie Jeanne Bushong '69
Children: Kevin Patrick (1977)
Major: Anthro-Soc


Memorable Travels: Military career! Lived in Germany, Japan, Italy, Hawaii, Texas, D.C., N.C., Del., N.Y.

Interests and Hobbies: Many interests, but no hobbies.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Marriage and parenting.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Physically still pretty good. Family genes catching up with me though. Had slight heart attack in 2014. Otherwise the normal wear and tear.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marriage to Bonnie

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Our society has been bruised and abused by the conflict between our ideals and the reality of the world. We are now less optimistic and more cynical than before, making us much more like the rest of the world than we'd like to believe.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? That we didn't blow ourselves into oblivion many years ago. Gives one hope in a strange sort of way.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Aside from Bonnie, of course, looking out over Seneca Lake.

Extended Thoughts: Grateful for the opportunity to get a good liberal arts education at HWS. That sort of ‘knowledge for its own sake’ education is less valued today, which is unfortunate long-term.
Richard J. Harrison

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Spouse/Partner: Vicki
Children: Two
Grandchildren: Three
Major: American History
Post-HWS Education: SUNY Buffalo M.B.A.
Work/Career History: Primarily banking, finance and corporate governance
Military Service: Medic, Army Reserves
Volunteer Work: Many local and regional not for profits
Interests and Hobbies: Golf, reading

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Too quickly

What event made a big difference in your life? Becoming a parent

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Generally today’s youth are more capable. Aside from that, it is starting to look just like the 60’s I remember.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Too many to list.
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Post-HWS Education: Case Western Reserve University, J.D. 1973

Work/Career History: We moved to Hawaii in August 1973 and I practiced law until August 2013 when we relocated to Gastonia. Since moving I have been semi-retired but still licensed to practice in Hawaii. I have done some contract work from time to time while in North Carolina.

Military Service: U.S. Army, January 1969 to January 1972. I was a counterintelligence special agent stationed in Syracuse N.Y. and the Republic of Korea. (I have heard all the jokes.)

Volunteer Work: Boy Scouts, AYSO and Hawaii CAAP arbitrator.

Memorable Travels: The most impactful travel I experienced was probably when I was assigned to Korea by the Army. For almost all of my one year tour I worked in mufti in a low level liaison capacity with the assistance of an interpreter. I met with Koreans at all levels of society both formally and informally. I came to appreciate their work ethic and loyalty to their country as well as some of their culture. I like to think I avoided being the subject of too many “Ugly American” stories.

Interests and Hobbies: Travel, reading and woodworking.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I am probably most proud that over the years a number of my fellow lawyers have asked for my help for their personal legal matters.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have generally been in good health. Even so, I noticed several years ago that my clothing was shrinking after being laundered. Still looking into it. These days I am moving more slowly and am more willing to accept help with physical tasks. I am coming to terms with being addressed as “sweetie” and receiving a “have a bless’ day” from cashiers. Living in the South calls for some adjustments.

What event made a big difference in your life? Collectively, the birth of my children was the big difference in my life. I became an even more careful driver and more aware of the potential dangers to them. As they moved to adulthood, I had the challenge of letting go. The kids are fine. I like to think I remain a careful driver.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? I think the advances in personal computers and the internet have made society much more globally oriented. We have more ways to communicate more efficiently. Our horizons have become less limited.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Overall, I think the dangers we face in our daily life are now more front and center. Contacts with strangers now include the risk that someone may be armed. It seems that these days crime happens nearby or to people we know and not just to someone on the other side of town.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I remember fondly a course I took as an elective on Charles Dickens at the end of my senior year. It was an opportunity to study one author in detail in contrast to the “Western Civ.” approach we had for so many courses. It was smaller than Katy Cook’s popular Shakespeare courses which allowed for more in-depth exploration. It let me pretend I was an intellectual for a few weeks.
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Major: Biology

Post-HWS Education: M.D. Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia Pa.; Cincinnati Children's Hospital, pediatric residence


Military Service: USAF

Volunteer Work: Quaker Valley school board; president board SewickleyValley

Memorable Travels: Annual mission trips to Guatemala for 16 years to treat Mayan Indian children. Lived 3 years in Suffolk, England, 4 months in Naples, Italy and traveled throughout Europe, 5 trips to China, also South Korea and Vietnam.

Interests and Hobbies: Restoring antique cars, organic vegetable garden

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Raising 3 successful children, 4 grandsons; building a new library in Sewickley, Pa.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Very satisfying to reflect on the years.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Electronic communication, all my medical records are electronic/computer.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? JFK's assassination, heard about it crossing the quad.
James Walter Herendeen

Spouse/Partner: (Tian) Chevanan Tunyavongs-Herendeen

Children: Chun Heyroth Herendeen (2 years 7 months a/o March 26, 2017)

Major: English Literature

Work/Career History: Marketing Communications, Advertising, Strategic Planning, and Branding.
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- Managing Director, Dentsu, Young & Rubicam, Taiwan
- Managing Director, DYR Thailand, and Director of Indochina Initiatives, Bangkok, Thailand
- The Herendeen Group, CEO & Managing Director; Bangkok, Thailand

Military Service: U.S. Naval Reserve, CB Division, Yonkers, New York (Sea Bees); Active Duty: USS Saratoga CV 60 (1969 ~ 1971)

Memorable Travels:
- New York is my State of Mind, and always a wonderful journey

Interests and Hobbies: Newshound, literature, swimming and scuba diving, writing

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: My son. Pioneering commercial communication disciplines, models, and concepts in markets where conceptualization and creativity are fresh, new, and uncharted areas.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: The aging process seems to be going on unabated, and yet I weigh just 5 lbs. more than when I left the Colleges. I work at keeping fit with a two-mile swim every day. But, my young son challenges my aging entirely; so, I give up, I’m 32 years old.

What events made a big difference in your life?
- Assassinations of JFK, RFK, MLK
- 9/11 inside terrorist attack
- My second marriage
- Birth of my son, Chun Heyroth Herendeen – legacy of two, many-generations- long HWS families.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
- Social & economic polarization; and the lack of change in racial & gender equality – despite the slow progress.
- Loss of democratic freedoms and remarkable emergence of governmental oversight in our lives. The inexplicable passivity of the electorate and its failure to recognize threats and respond with force and conviction.
- Unchecked emergence of the oligarchs/Citizens United/ and the mind bending thought that a DJT could emerge as president of the nation.
- Loss of democracy.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? That the American electorate is passive embraces ignorance (not enlightenment & knowledge for decision-making) and has made no real social progress; is, in fact backward. I thought, at the time, that we were on a progressive march, but no.
Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? We were there at a remarkable time in modern American history and that the dialog, awareness, convictions, energy of the entire student body/the campus community – progressive and conservative – were part of the life and times of the Colleges. The environment was vibrant, energized, and open. Thanks to the Colleges for that environment.

Extended Thoughts: The Herendeen family were among the founders and first members of the Hobart College community. We founded Geneva Academy in the 17th century. My mother and two of her sisters went to William Smith (Heyroth). Every generation of Herendeen has been represented at Hobart since its founding and I hope my son will follow in the steps of his forebears, both sides.

As for me, the education and insights, the friends and personal engagements I experienced at The Colleges gave me the curiosity and courage to set out on my journey; which has been a wonderful one, indeed.
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Post-HWS Education: B.A., University of the State of New York, Regents External Degree Program


Volunteer Work: Foster parent, Rensselaer County Department of Social Services (1998-2006)


Interests and Hobbies: Boatbuilding, carpentry

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
Lead reporter for The Associated Press on Hillary Clinton’s historic run for the U.S. Senate, an assignment that kept me on the road for most of 1999 and 2000. My work on that campaign led to me being rewarded the AP’s top honor for reporting in 2001.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: We all slow down. I am no different. The hair is white instead of brown, but at least there is still plenty of it. As you age, some people think you know what you are talking about. Occasionally, they are correct.


What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
The polarization of American society.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The all-encompassing reach of the internet.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Sharing beers at Causey’s with Wilmer Alexander Jr. and then heading off to Club 86 with him as he and the Dukes kept the place rocking until the wee hours.
Anthony Insogna*
Born in Schenectady, N.Y., Anthony majored in psychology and then graduated from Naval Officer Candidate School where he then served on the aircraft carrier Yorktown as an administrative officer during the Vietnam Conflict. When he returned to Schenectady, Anthony served as acting city manager and became deputy mayor of Schenectady. After 35 years of public service, Anthony retired from New York State where he was a mediator for the NYS Public Employees Relations Board. He was survived by his wife Betsy and three children.
Alan M. M. Irving

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Grandchildren: 4

Major: History (Modern)

Work/Career: USA: Sprague Coal Int'l (Westmoreland Coal); AMI Consulting. Kazakhstan: “The Coal Project” USAID; World Bank, Access Industries (Ekibastuz, Coal). Russia: Mining Consultant


Memorable Travels: UK, Western Europe, Japan, Canada, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Russia, Finland, Uzbekistan, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Caribbean, Bermuda, Barbados USA

Interests and Hobbies: Sailing, skiing, tennis, museums, railroads

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: My family

What event made a big difference in your life? Returning (with my family) to live in the U.S., after being away 14 years (1993-2006), and having to deal with the shock of how “impersonal” computers/machines are increasingly displacing direct personal contact...

Example: To talk to a human being on the phone, you have to be screened by a computer (‘codes’) to “possibly” gain permission to talk to another human being, (and then you’re put on hold)! . This is very true today. Especially with the younger inpatient generations, and their heavy reliance on instantaneous electronic communications to “let the computer make the deal”, not lengthy face to face contact.

Before that, moving to the newly dissolved former Soviet Union to live and work, and witnessing the new republics’ various interesting attempts to transition/struggle towards allowing individual rights, developing “democracies” (Putin) and competitive economies (the Oligarchs; off-sets).. trying to make a person’s life more valuable than their job. Implementing the Rule of Law. As one Russian friend remarked, the only difference between your bribery and ours is you legalized yours.

Later in life, Dealing with my progressive lose of hearing (now 10%), as a result of Army training; Suffering from the effects of Waldenstrom’s macroglobulinemia, resulting from my exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Destroying/replacing history, rather than learning from it, political correctness.

Today we continue to lose direct face to face communication, and becoming a more and more impersonal, fragmented society, relying instead on the computer and the cell phone to provide our answers. Today’s society, in general, reacts to “sound bytes” (possibly “fake news”) of what’s happening, without even wanting to know the “hows and whys”.

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Today computer algorithms perform 90+% of the trading on the global stock markets (Dr. Who once remarked, ‘to overcome “computer logic”, you have to fight it with human illogic to succeed’; Kids today, rather than playing outside, prefer sitting inside and playing computer games.

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** The end of the Vietnam War, discovering the Universe, man on the Moon. Medical advances, the breakup of the Soviet Union, the emergence of China, ongoing turmoil in the Middle East; civil, religious, political and economic, gender intolerance worldwide; the rapid advances of the Electronic Age; attempting to balance and sustain our environment; uncontrolled obesity; preserving the social safety net.

**Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?** Graduating. After my brother graduated from Hobart 4 years after me, we both have noted the “demarcation” in our HWS learning experiences. We have both remarked about the divide between my traditional, conservative time there and the big changes during his time there: especially the liberalizing of social and moral values and traditions - the doing away of “in loco parentis”, the impact of the Vietnam War and changing of the draft to a lottery system, Kent State, Woodstock, drugs and “Tommy the Traveler”, civil rights and “equality”, balancing of the environment.

I went into the coal mining industry, while he became an environmental (land and water management) consultant!

**Is there a question we should be asking?** How to maximize access to, yet control the costs of U.S. medical care for all? Make members of government learn from having to pay like everyone else for what they legislate and/or regulate. Let Congress and the Executive Branch only have and must pay themselves for the same insurance plans, as the general public must purchase. “No special discounts!” The U.S. spends far more than the rest of the developed world combined on healthcare, yet lags behind significantly below the average success rate. Restore bi-partisanship!

**Extended Thoughts**
The Electronic Age, communicates in nano-seconds, leaves little if any time for people to rationally think things through, before having to respond. How far will artificial intelligence take us, and to where, and the human mind’s ability to control it? George Carlin once announced, “Bulletin! The world will be destroyed in 10 minutes. Details in 15 minutes!”

More... Strengthening democracy (“We the people’s” mandate vs. the government’s political interpretation); Preserving individual freedoms/rights without infringing on another’s equal individual rights. (ex. Gun control – the NRA; Woman’s right to control her own body; Clean up government, Hold elected officials represent the desires of their constituents. Restrict the “buying power” of PACs (identify the contributors), lobbyists, anonymous “vested interests”. Report the news, with just the full facts, then discuss and prompt the people think it through. Insuring the future workforce is educated and technically proficient. Restore the middle class.
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Volunteer Work: Plumas County, California - Improving Health Care for Young People in Rural California

Memorable Travels: Lived in London, 1970-71; I have had the privilege of traveling to many countries throughout the world as a Visiting Professor. A few unusual experiences stand out in my mind: The International Association of Adolescent Health Meeting during the Entebbe Crisis in Israel; Midnight hikes during the summer solstice in Sweden; Transporting a mysterious package in Greece – we never learned the contents; Catching a huge fish at Lake Taupo in New Zealand on our son's 14th birthday; Being offered a position at the University of Sydney the day Obama was elected President, 2008; Being attacked by a pacifist Water Buffalo in India; A near arrest by the police in Saudi Arabia for taking pictures of tanks in front of our hotel; Finding ourselves in the middle of the Student Uprising in Taksim Square, Istanbul and most recently learning of Trump’s election while visiting the Golden Temple in Kyoto, Japan.

Interests and Hobbies: Attending Classical Musical Concerts, Hiking, the San Francisco Giants and traveling.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Establishing the Certification Process in Adolescent Medicine and serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Adolescent Health.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: What aging process?


What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The advent of the computer.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The increasing lack of face to face communication.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? My fabulous professors that enabled me to launch my career.

Extended Thoughts: I was challenged by many of my basic science courses at HWS but managed to succeed in these classes. Perhaps the most ironic situation was the Music Appreciation course that I took because I thought it was a sure A - instead I barely got a C. Interestingly, my wife, Nancie Kester, a music professor at Diablo Valley College teaches this course!
Curtis W. Jenkins*
6/13/1945 – 1/28/1975
Born in Jamaica, New York, Curtis was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and was a sociology and anthropology major while at Hobart. There is no information about Curtis' life after Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

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In 1975, I arrived in San Diego and started my practice in rheumatology. 42 years later I’m still at it. And loving it. Lucky me. My husband of nearly 38 years standing tall, Daniel Veale the love of my life. We spend part of the summer at that Pines on Fire Island on our bust but otherwise make our home in Rancho Santa Fe and Hillcrest neighborhood in San Diego. Or son Kevin lives nearby and his two sons are always fun to be with and my daughter Tamara has a beautiful son. So who could ask for anything more? We are always welcoming. So come and visit.
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Post-HWS Education: New York State Police Academy, commercial pilot license

Work/Career History: High School teacher in Clyde N.Y.; 1968 New York State Police (until a back injury in 1970); 1968 to 2010 Kendall Enterprises, developed subdivisions, ranging from 12 to 60 lots, in Geneva and Seneca Falls, N.Y., and in Sharon, Conn.; 1971 to present Kendall Productions, photography media productions; 2009 to present TD Bank.

Volunteer Work: Ski coach for the Windham High School Alpine Team; Corporate Member and formerly on the Board of Directors, Camp O-AT-KA, a boy’s summer camp in North Sebago; recruiter/interviewer for Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Former Chairman of the Board of Appeals in Casco. Currently, Dennen Week at Camp O-AT-KA which provides a free week of summer camping to boys.

Memorable Travels: Visiting countries in a trip around the world, trips with geo-students in Bermuda.

Interests and Hobbies: Photography, teaching skiing for past 40 years, flying

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: getting $250,000 to clean up the Blackberry River from 1959 flood damage. Working with K.A.N.T to stop the nuclear dump in the state of Maine.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: In looking back on the past just how fast time has gone by.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting married and the birth of my daughter.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
Changes in computers from the IBM 1150 at Hobart, my first apple with 16K to my current laptop. Changes in photography from my canon F1 film camera to the world of digital camera. Also, we saw the start of the civil rights movement which is still continuing today. Even with the end of the Vietnam War we still are having conflicts and wars fifty years later.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The ability to seek knowledge and communicate with individuals worldwide via the internet and cell phones.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Writing the first independent study for geology on the Tully limestone which showed that there had been uplift in the end of the bed.

Extended Thoughts: I have to be thankful to the Colleges for the liberal arts education that I received in that it prepare me for what I faced in my future.
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Robert J. Kuhn*

12/30/1945 – 10/29/1990

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Robert majored in History. Robert was a human resources director and lived in Anchorage, Ala. He was survived by a wife and two children.
Spouse/Partner: Jayne Lajti

Children: Sherie, Marcene, Jennifer

Grandchildren: Jenna, Emery, Anna, Quinn, Aaron, Zachary, Sara, Clay

Major: Did not graduate from Hobart

Post-HWS Education: Owens College; Toledo University; The Ohio State University. Graduated from Baldwin Wallace University.

Work/Career History: The Standard Oil Co.; Brown & Williams Tobacco, Burke Marketing Research, Edge Graphics (Owner), Retired and now Account Manager for Matthew 25: Ministries (www.m25m.org) Cincinnati

Volunteer Work: Various churches and schools

Memorable Travels: Temporary assignment – 9 months in Alaska on loan to British Petroleum

Interests and Hobbies: Family, sports, bocce, golf

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Purchased Edge Graphics and grew company from 21 employees to 70; overcame job displacements to raise family and grow personally.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have aged well, no physical issues and maturing well – ups and downs with career changes/biz ownership.

What event made a big difference in your life? 9/11, business expansion, major client defrauded 100% of people, forced to close our business and go through personal bankruptcy.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Technology advances, computers, personal communication advances.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Much, much smaller world. The news is at our fingertips instantly.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Struggling with all aspects of study of Western Civ! Great brotherhood at Kappa Sigma.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Question: What is your most significant contribution to society – your world? Answer: Helping others to grow personally, professionally and spiritually.
Francis R. Lane*
5/24/1944 – 10/5/2002
Born in Boston, Francis went onto Babson College after graduating from Hobart. He earned an MBA and was a business manager for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Francis was survived by his wife, Sara and three children.

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Major: Political Science

Post-HWS Education: M.S. Syracuse University

Work/Career History: Librarian, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library; Supervisor of Technical Services, Rochester Public Library; Asst. to the Manager of Building Services, Dept. of Environmental Services, City of Rochester, N.Y.

Volunteer Work: Technical Director, community theater, Jewish Center of Buffalo, N.Y.; news reader, Reachout Radio [radio for the blind and visually impaired] WXXI radio, Rochester, N.Y.

Memorable Travels: Sailing off the coast of New England; Sailing up the Rhine and Mosel Rivers to Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland.

Interests and Hobbies: Reading – mostly mysteries and British police procedurals

Accomplishments of which you're the proudest: A satisfying 36 year marriage to a wonderful woman who passed just two years ago.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The terrifying ability of anyone to publish to the immediate world his/her thoughts, no matter how nasty, obscene or hurtful they may be, with the click of a key stroke.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? My four year involvement with Little Theatre where I started on my career of acting once every decade.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Would you rather have spent 1963-1967 or 2013-2017 at the Colleges? My answer: the sixty's all the way!

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9/8/1945 - 12/31/1993
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Grandchildren: 1 (Gordon)

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Post-HWS Education: M.A. (Political Science), MLIS, J.D.

Work/Career History: Worked for the NYS Department of Economic Development for 32 years as a human resources professional. Last position, director of Human Resources Management.

Military Service: 3 years active duty, U.S. Army. 18 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. Retired LTC (USAR)

Volunteer Work: Occasional — Habitat for Humanity; Literacy Volunteers.

Memorable Travels: Most memorable was the year I spent in Vietnam (1969-1970). Most fun was a Paris vacation in 2010.

Interests and Hobbies: History and International Relation.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Helping to raise three wonderful children.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: No drama — just dealing with the slow deterioration of capabilities.

What event made a big difference in your life? Running on a regular basis was a stabilizing factor in my life and helped me to persevere.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Politically, The good, the bad and the ugly — The fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War; 9/11 and it’s aftermath; and the election of Donald Trump as President. Technologically I thought the microwave was great (hot coffee all the time). But then along came the PC and cell phone…

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? It is so much easier to get complex things done most of the time.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? From a purely personal prospective, it was the day during Spring of senior year that Dean Jahn told me that he had figured out a way that I could graduate on time even though I was 3 credits short because of a bad English Lit. experience.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Do we need more gun control laws and restriction? YES!

Extended Thoughts: I’m too old for extended thinking.
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Work/Career History: Internal medicine and gastroenterology; Academic Medicine, clinical practice; GME Program Director; Clinical Research; Chief Medical and Academic Officer; Professor of Clinical Medicine Albany Medical College

Volunteer Work: Extensive professional and community work – including service on >20 non-profit and government boards (local, regional and national) and 20 years on the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Memorable Travels: England (including six months as student in residence); Ireland; European Continent; Hawaii; Alaska; and Brazil

Interests and Hobbies: Dogs; Theater; photography; gardening; travel; intelligent conversation; cinema; birds; sailing; and (in my earlier days) flying

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Patient Care, student mentoring, administrative leadership, community service and “giving back”

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Cher has it about
right; but I would say “challenging”. In recent years, having to accept diminishing bodily resilience (and forgiveness) and scale back personal expectations – in other words, be sensible. All of that notwithstanding, it still beats the alternative.

**What event made a big difference in your life?** The loss of my parents while at Hobart.

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** Without question, the most significant has been the explosion of technology, which has given birth to the Computer Age in which we now – happily or begrudgingly – live. It has been an extraordinary evolution which has defined and facilitated scientific and social change, while at the same time testing our humanity and fundamental values.

**What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?** As a child of the ‘60s, any comparison of today’s world with the world of my youth comes up short. The impersonalization, limited concern for the many with whom we share space (and the space itself), and relative lack of selflessness which I see now is a source of sadness. I shall leave it to my classmates to analyze why I feel compelled to distinguish between “lack of selflessness” and “presence of selfishness” (there is no moral equivalency); but I will say that I am: 1) generalizing; and 2) speaking rather broadly from a societal, planetary and interspecies perspective.
Nowadays, concerns regarding social justice extend less far beyond self, family and those we know to faceless “others”, far removed (geographically, economically and culturally) and very often defined by differences – in appearance, circumstance, faith base, and/or intellect. So far in the 21st Century, this plays out most obviously – because we see it every day and must confront its reconciliation with our own very personal values every day – in our own country and its governance.

That having been said, there is reason for optimism.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The broad outpouring of support which I received from the entire HWS Community – financially, academically, socially, and spiritually; and most particularly the incredible warmth and generosity of the Schnirel’s and the Irwin’s who welcomed, nay “adopted”, me into their loving families. There is no question that this helped me enormously to overcome adversity, to heal, and to go on with my life.
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Military Service: Army Reserves

Volunteer Work: Maryland Hillel, Baltimore Jewish Federation, Jubilee Baltimore, Center for Jewish Education, and a variety of other community boards.

Memorable Travels: All of my travels have been memorable.

Interests and Hobbies: Golf, hiking, theatre, movies, reading and travel

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: 1. Being married for 45 years. 2. Raising two giving and caring sons. 3. My communal and charitable activities. 4. Bouncing back after financial adversity

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Lack of civility in behavior and discourse.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The choice I had of staying at HWS and moving back to the dorm and going on academic probation or leaving.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What is the outlook for fiscal sustainability of small, liberal arts colleges? Very challenging.

Extended Thoughts: While I certainly have memories of my year and a half at HWS, those memories are fewer than those of my classmates who spent four years. Over the ensuing years I’ve realized that my poor academic performance at HWS challenged me not only to excel academically at the University of Maryland but also to grow and mature as an individual.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Fortunately I’ve been very active physically during the past 50 years and other than the usual sport injuries I’ve been blessed to be in good health. The hardest adjustment has been the acceptance that I’m now a grandparent and the patriarch of our family.

What event made a big difference in your life? Leaving the family business

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Technology and Globalization
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Major: American History

Post-HWS Education: Suffolk University Law School 1971

Work/Career History: After graduation, I enrolled at Suffolk University Law School. In law school, I worked as a private investigator for Investigative Associates, an in-house detective agency which was part of the Law Offices of F. Lee Bailey. After a one year interruption, on active duty in the Army National Guard, I graduated from law school, and went to work for the Law Offices of F. Lee Bailey.

I worked with F. Lee Bailey for 15 years, trying murder and other serious felony cases throughout the United States. I then opened my own office. I have practiced law since 1971, during which time I have had the opportunity to try both civil and criminal cases in state and federal courts in thirty (30) different states, and numerous federal jurisdictions.

I am a member of the Massachusetts Bar, the Supreme Court of the United States, numerous Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals, and federal district courts.


Memorable Travels: I traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, and South America.

Interests and Hobbies: Fishing and antique automobiles

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
I have represented and helped many individuals in my law practice for the last 47 years. My practice included representing Sid Vicious (a former member of the Sex Pistols band) charged with murder in New York, William Flynn, the young high school student who was manipulated by Pam Smart (the former N.H. school teacher) to kill her husband. I won one of the largest lottery claims in U.S. history, for a player who was awarded millions, without having physical possession of the winning ticket.

I have also had the privilege of representing many well-known figures in sports and business. One of the most rewarding benefits of having practiced law successfully for many years, is that it gives me the ability to provide legal services to people who could not afford an attorney, and level the playing field.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:
Life is remarkable journey, and I expect most everyone understands the press of day to day activities provides scarce time for reflection. If you haven’t started, don’t wait any longer.

What event made a big difference in your life?
Getting married for the first and only time at the age of 42 to a woman who has made the last 29 years of my life great, and having two children together.
What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Over the past 50 years, I have observed with how electronic mass media has molded generations of young people. Unlike the class of 1967, where we learned critical thinking by taking the Western Civilization Course, and other courses, which at the time did not seem relevant, the young people today do all of their critical thinking with search engines, rather than looking to themselves.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The memories that stand out most for me are the four years, which started when I arrived in Geneva, N.Y. at seventeen years of age, basically knowing very little. There were many highs and lows over the years, all of which contributed my development as a person. Since my graduation, I have stayed in touch with many Hobart people. I relish the opportunity to try and recreate those carefree times.

The most significant memory I have at Hobart is learning during the first semester of my freshman year that President Kennedy had been assassinated. That singular event that made me less naïve, and put me on the road to recognizing that the world is not a perfect place.
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David G. Montgomery*
12/29/1944 – 6/1/2012
From Athens, N.Y., David majored in Political Science and was a member of the football team and Kappa Alpha. He was a frequent traveler to Western Europe and an antique dealer. David was a sculptor, a kayaker, a wild orchid enthusiast and animal lover. He was survived by his wife, Bonnie, along with several relatives to include nieces Ann-Lis Eklund Glenn ’94, Erika E. Eklund ’01, and nephew Steven A. Eklund ’96.

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**Work/Career History:** Episcopal Priest and Clinical dentist in area of high need for senior citizens

**Volunteer Work:** Volunteer Bureau, Masonic charities

**Memorable Travels:** Europe, Mexico and Canada

**Interests and Hobbies:** Core training and golf

**Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:** Wonderful marriage of nearly 45 yrs. and great daughter.

**Extended Thoughts:** I have had the privilege of living as a clergyperson and functioning as a dentist among people who depended on the welfare system and kindness of others to be able to eat properly and be nourished adequately. I am very concerned about those who have to live on the margin of society. At Hobart I lived on the margin a good deal of the time and I developed some sensitivity about those who long to be a part of something in terms of social acceptance. I work as a pastoral associate at the St.Paul’s Episcopal/Anglican Cathedral in Detroit and I have seen cases of colossal poverty and alienation in our weekly feeding program. I see this particularly among a group of homeless men who are veterans and who had little to live for when they left the military. Many have suffered the effects of addiction, many carry around empty picture frames (they may have belonged to something or somebody earlier in their history. I have met people who are my age who sleep under trucks and in ‘cardboard condos’ in the deepest cold of the winter. I often feel at a loss about what I can do for them.

**It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:** Went-by too quickly

**What event made a big difference in your life?**
Episcopal Church has grown and emerged as a socially responsible corporate effort.

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** The rapidity and media of news coverage.

**What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?** Goals of other people are “other” directed. The American Dream is another type of Dream.

**Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?** The JFK tragedy and only three pay telephones between Hale, Bartlett and Durfee on that tragic November in our Freshman Year.
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Post-HWS Education: Tufts University School of Medicine, Psychiatry Residency, Hospital of University of Penn.

Work/Career History: 1974-82 Director of Adult Out Pt at an inner city mental health clinic, 1978-1988 Director of Psychiatric Education at a community hospital, 1985-present: private practice of psychiatry with emphasis on couples, families and physicians

Volunteer Work: Mentoring, counseling, giving workshops with Lynn on marriage and family to various groups

Memorable Travels: El Salvador, Japan

Interests and Hobbies: Guitar, politics, baseball

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Marriage, family, working to help people to become more emotionally intelligent and be able to communicate more effectively at home and at work

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: The upside of mortality is that it encourages us to savor the moment (and at the same time, trying not to take myself too seriously).

What event made a big difference in your life? Marriage, discovering that I’m pretty well matched with the vocation of psychotherapy

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? More and more of an awareness of the need for social justice.

Extended Thoughts: Some memories: Being forever grateful to Professor Richard Heaton for helping me to break through my ‘pre-med’ mentality with his passion and awe for the history of religion. Also, Mrs. Heaton being instrumental in getting many of us students to volunteer at Headstart. The remarkable patience and teaching ability of Professor Lois Nellis. Professor of Chemistry Barton heroically fighting through muscular dystrophy to lecture to us. Professor of Biology Richard Ryan’s enthusiasm and ability to help us understand the beginnings of life on earth. His justified fury with me for my ‘blowing off’ Histology, immediately after starting to date Lynn. Being involved in a major way with the student government, as we dealt with the challenge and chaos of changing parietal rules (which lead to the birth of Superdorm). Years later... Our family attended the 25th reunion at HWS. Two of our children, as a result, ended up being students here. I feel so lucky to have met and built a life and family with Lynn. I am engaged in an endless pursuit of trying to be more personally and societally aware, and to try to act accordingly. Sending our children to a Quaker school (where Lynn eventually became the Head) and getting involved with the Quaker religion has had a big, positive impact on our family.
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Post-HWS Education: Ph.D. Organic Chemistry, Ohio State University


Military Service: U.S. Army First Lieutenant

Volunteer Work: Physical rehabilitation center, church ministries

Memorable Travels: China, Korea, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Europe (Austria, UK, Germany), France, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland

Interests and Hobbies: Computers, photography, golf, life sciences

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
Long-time marriage to the love of my life and the raising of 3 wonderful children. Successful professional career in chemical industry.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:
Greatly blessed to have maintained good health and worked at maintaining body weight gain of 10 lbs. since graduation.

What event made a big difference in your life?
Crushed leg athletic injury requiring graft surgery and 18 month rehabilitation.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
Digital age enabling communications to be instant and “connectedness” to have no time barrier or restriction, for example no matter how often one relocates your e-mail address need never change.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?
The trend of young adults postponing/avoiding relational commitments well into adulthood, and opting out of parenting.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?
The cold, cold January mornings walking to class in the snow and being “too cool” to dress appropriately.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer:
Do you still have hope for the future? Answer: Absolutely, yes!

Extended Thoughts:
At the risk of sounding overly sentimental, I am speechless at the reality that nearly half a century has passed since graduation. It seems like yesterday. With time and life being so fleeting, one shouldn’t squander the time they have with loved ones.
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10/31/1945 - 1/28/1966
Form Worcester, Mass., Thom was a member of Kappa Sigma and played lacrosse and wrestled. Thom left Hobart in 1965 to join the Army and had plans to finish his education after his tour in Vietnam was up. Thom was in a paratroop outfit in Vietnam and was the first Hobart alumnus killed in the Vietnam War.

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Post-HWS Education: Life

Work/Career History: President – underwriters insurance agency

Military Service: U.S. Army

Volunteer Work: New Haven Boys and Girls Club


Interests and Hobbies: Golf, reading

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Five great children and ten grandchildren (and counting).

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: It's very _____ My mind however remains locked in my 20s.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marrying a woman with three children, quite a challenge but very rewarding.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The technology revolution.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Nothing surprises me, we are living longer but the quality of life isn't as good. Money rules everything oh-and Donald Trump. How bizarre.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The Kennedy assassination. Making lifelong friends.
Andrew D. Paull*
12/2/1945 – 2/22/1977
From Framingham, Mass., Andrew majored was a member of the Corinthians yacht club, orange key society, Kappa Alpha and Echo and Pine. After graduation, he went on to study at Albany Law School. He was survived by his wife Regina, his son, and parents.

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Work/Career History: Insurance
Military Service: 11 Armored Cavalry U.S. Army Radio Operator S-3, S-2, S_1-4
Volunteer Work: Active in veteran's organizations (VVA, past President Chapter 436, Disabled American Veterans, Treasurer, VFW)
Memorable Travels: Australia on R&R, Montreal, Bermuda
Interests and Hobbies: Railroading, computers, reading and writing an occasional review

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? At my 25th the Schola mini-reunion

Extended Thoughts: Teaching classes at Sullivan County Community College during a term as education director for a large insurance brokerage and the chance to travel all around the country as a part of my job with the Insurance Institutes to tell people about our IIA and Chartered Property Casualty Designations. In writing this I remembered that I saw the World Trade Center go up and come down. During the time I worked in NYC I walked through the building for the PATH Tubes almost every day from 1969 to 1975 and again in 1979 while working as an international claim examiner at 72 Wall St. God willing, planning to be back next year for Elizabeth’s 50th reunion.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
Being your class correspondent, back then. My activities with Veterans now. VVA Honor Guard at Flyers game 3/2/2017

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Recently lost about 20 lbs. Hope to keep it off.

What event made a big difference in your life?
Getting drafted, 9/11 work with the Insurance Institutes of America

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Less (mindless) trust of government.
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Major: Biology

Post-HWS Education: MD SUNY Buffalo 1971, Internship Internal Medicine Cincinnati 1972, Residency Internal Medicine and Fellowship Infectious Disease Brooke Army medical Center 1974-78


Military Service: USAF 1972 1980. Remember Berry plan?? They got me but not bad run, did residency and fellowship and lots of good infectious disease experience as Vietnam and Laos came to a close.

Volunteer Work: Several boards, mission trips, HIV work

Memorable Travels: Love to travel mostly to visit all those kids, but surely some great cruises and camping.

Interests and Hobbies: Raising kids, visiting and playing with grandkids surely major and wonderful interest. Camping, hiking, reading, travel. Sure nice to have time now.

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: 7 kids generally happy and contended in their adult life. Governor for state of S.C. American College of Physicians. A life time of opportunities teaching medical students and house staff, hopefully adding to their skill set has been and still is a blessing.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: What a run it has been. Many aches and pains, ups and downs but would do it all again with few if any changes.

What event made a big difference in your life? Career in medicine with opportunities to get to know and help others, what an honor and of course family.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Of course we graduated in middle of Vietnam with dodgers, protesters, joiners and endless disagreement and unrest. Incredible, but yet still incomplete, acceptance of people for who they are not based on gender, race, sexual orientation, etc. We are not there yet but what a change even in South where I now live.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Rapid change in technology.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Opportunity to be ourselves.

Extended Thoughts: Been a great run. Hope and pray all of you have been as happy and blessed as I have been.
Stephen M. Pratt
From Arlington, Va., Stephen majored in European History and was a member of the International relations club. After graduation, he attended the University of Virginia, School of Law and became a partner of his own firm in Fairfax, Virginia. He was survived by his wife Barbara and sibling George L. Pratt Jr. ’76.
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Major: American Studies/Political Science

Post-HWS Education: M.S. School Administration SUNY, NY

Work/Career History: Teacher, Principal, Superintendent of Schools in Upstate and Western New York. Post public school retirement: Executive Director, Western New York Educational Service Council at the University at Buffalo

Volunteer Work: Board of Trustees, Buffalo Presidential Center; Walking Tour Docent, Explore Buffalo; Buffalo Ambassador, Visit Buffalo-Niagara

Memorable Travels: Beijing, China; visiting Mediterranean, Western and Northern European Countries, including St. Petersburg, Russia

Interests and Hobbies: Lifetime collector of political and Presidential campaign memorabilia; bicycling; gardening; live music/theater; and dancing with my wife

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: A successful career as a school superintendent and educational consultant; Publishing for the educational market; Organizing national hobby group conventions and exhibits; My two sons; Raising more than $60,000 for the Ride for Roswell Cancer Institute over a 17 year period.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Still growing, learning, loving life … despite nagging body injuries.

What event made a big difference in your life? Professionally, attending a Writing Conference in Martha’s Vineyard; Personally, meeting my wife.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The technological revolution, including its positive and negative impact; Environmental degradation

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The fervor and pace of everything

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Living in President Hirshson’s home for one year; Start of student activist protesting.

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Grandchildren: Ethan (12), Elle (9) and Evan (6)

Major: Psychology

Military Service: USAF, Captain, Navigator, Countermeasures Officer (B-52) 1968 – 1973

Post-HWS Education: M. Arch, University of New Mexico (1980)


Volunteer Work: Church vestries (4), Building and Grounds committees; American Institute of Architects; Albuquerque Chapter President; New Mexico State President; The Gooden Center (Pasadena) Drug and Alcohol Rehab facility; Construction Specifications Institute

Memorable Travels: Skiing in Germany; Rafting the Snake River; Europe with LA Phil (2); Hong Kong (resident for 16 months); Skiing in Japan; Beijing, Great Wall; Shanghai (20 commuting trips over 2 years); Hiking at Yellow Mountain

Interests and Hobbies: Skiing, Golf, Fly Fishing, Music

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
Elected Fellow, American Institute of Architects for work promoting physical accessibility in Hong Kong, and advancing technical specifications in Mainland China.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Only ‘major’ setback was rupturing achilles tendon during ‘extreme sports’ event (gardening). I feel about 40.

What event made a big difference in your life?
Marrying Elizabeth, violinist with the LA Philharmonic Orchestra.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
Developing technology has increased the speed and ease with which we communicate

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?
Inflation has increased to the point that the “cent sign” has been removed from keyboards.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?
One day in a Western Civ III discussion group I verbalized my belief in God. The room got quiet, but I was not ridiculed. The instructor quietly said that was an important observations. It was, and is.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Q: Is “white male privilege” so unique that it should be treated as dross? Is there female privilege, and how can it be used? Black privilege? Asian privilege? Other? A: Each of us has some privilege(s). How and when we use privilege, or fail to use privilege defines us more than simply having it.

Extended Thoughts: Data provides information. Information provides knowledge. Knowledge helps to provide experience. Only time can provide us with wisdom.
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Volunteer Work: Tutoring students, teaching English to immigrating new citizens

Memorable Travels: Two trips to the Artic North, Onboard QE2 29 weeks in 2008, many trips to France

Interests and Hobbies: Classical music, opera, Lionel Trains

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I still get up at 5 a.m. and work out with my trainer at 6 a.m., and at my work at 8:30 a.m. five days a week. I like my work and job.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I feel better than ever, mentally and physically. 161 lbs now, still 6’, beard and top are gray, I’m not 21 any longer.

What event made a big difference in your life? Coming back to NYC in 1973 (came upstate in 1963), still love going upstate for visits but really like living in Manhattan. Biggest new element for my life was meeting my wife in January 1975 and we’re still married and in love.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Where to start. A lot – too many – have passed with events and changes, for better and worse of our great country.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Shocked by the difference between high school and college students from our time and today. There are still some good students but that seems to be decreasing rapidly.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Being asked “Where’s my snake?” by a professor in a summer course 1964, and the snake got away in my dorm. Embarrassing then, laughable now. Professor was very nice about it. The janitors and maintenance men were very nice about it too.

Extended Thoughts: I have had three careers and while I enjoyed all 3, I deeply enjoy what I do now as an advisor at Merrill Lynch. Helping people is very pleasing and stimulating for me, which means I intend to not retire what I do for a while. I like what I do and like going to my office at Rockefeller Center. I work with wonderful people.
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Grandchildren: Dominic Lanuto, Phillip Reigeluth, Xavier Gutierrez, Seelye Barnes, Joseph Hirt

Major: American History

Post-HWS Education: Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, Conn.); one semester toward M.A. in American History

Work/Career History: Reporter or sportswriter at New Haven (Conn.) Register, Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News, Waterbury (Conn.) Republican-American and Danbury (Conn.) News-Times


Memorable Travels: Europe, Canada, cross-U.S. and Canada train trips

Interests and Hobbies: Writing, railroading, golf, fishing, baseball and tennis

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Going from academic probation at Hobart to the Dean's list my senior year; AP award for National Organization of Women series; back-to-back winner of 100-year old Morgan Cup golf tournament at Fenwick, Conn.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I wasn’t aware of any aging until I reached the age of 65.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marrying my second wife, Pamela Miller Reigeluth

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The development of computers, cellphones (satellites) and cable TV. Global warming. The ability to take high school and college courses online are among the most monumental changes to me. Skyping is another development I long thought was implausible.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Changes in world-wide media brought on by websites and the expansion of television coverage (due to cable) that have rendered newspapers, magazines and other forms of print journalism all but irrelevant.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Three memories, actually: changing my major from English to American History. Again, almost flunking out at the end of my sophomore year, then coming back to make the Dean's List my senior year. My two year stint as a sportswriter and sports editor of the Hobart Herald, which helped prepare me for a career in journalism. There were no journalism classes at HWS then.

Extended Thoughts: At the end of the day, Hobart was almost too hard for me, academically. Still, it was the ideal college for me. There’s not a day that goes by that HWS does not look good in retrospect. That’s in answer to a question that one of my History professors, Dr. Ralls, asked me when I returned to campus in 1968 – a year after I graduated.
Stanley John “Jack” Regula*
Born in Greenport, N.Y., Jack played baseball during his two years at Hobart. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Southampton University and earned a Master’s in Military History from Phoenix University. Jack enrolled in the U.S. Navy after college and spent his military career as a member of the Navy’s A-6 Intruder squadron fleet. After retirement, he worked for Continental Airlines at the Norfolk International Airport. He was an accomplished musician, loved restoring old cars, an avid reader and golfer. Most recently, he enjoyed spending time with his three grandchildren. Jack was predeceased by his wife, Jane, in 2012. He was survived by his two daughters and three grandchildren.

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Spouse/Partner: Cookie
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Major: Political Science

Post-HWS Education: J.D. from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Ill.

Work/Career History: Partner in the firm of Aronberg Goldgehn Davis & Garmisa, 330 North Wabash (Suite 1700), Chicago, IL 60611 (working full time)


Volunteer Work: Past Chair of the Medical Research Institute Council of Michael Reese Hospital which is now affiliated with the Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Memorable Travels: Have travelled to all seven continents, with Antarctica being the most different because it is generally uninhabited except for penguins and other sea frequenting animals. India was probably at the top of the list because of its many ethnic cultures and religions.

Interests and Hobbies: I spend my free time playing golf, tennis, paddle, bike riding and travelling.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Cookie and I have been married almost 47 years, which, in and of itself, is a major accomplishment in our ever changing world. We have raised two wonderful children and now cherish our two grandchildren. I am also proud of the fact that I am still working, having practiced law with only two firms during my 46 years as a licensed attorney.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: While my mind sometimes tells me that I am still young and vibrant, by body tells me I am only dreaming. I have been very lucky to have been able to stay physically active while at the same time not lose all of the brain cells that got me through college and law school. However, it is now more difficult to remember details today than in years gone by. Bottom line is that while the memories remain, the details are more fuzzy than ever.

What event made a big difference in your life? The chaos in Washington makes me very fearful of our future as a democratic society.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? We have been fortunate enough to have lived during the computer generation which has significantly changed the way we live our lives. Technology directly or indirectly controls virtually everything we do in or daily lives, whether we like it or not.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? People are far less engaged with one another because they can engage themselves electronically.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The death of JFK was the most memorable (I was in French class) but otherwise generally great years in which we only had to worry about ourselves without being responsible to or for anyone else.
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Grandchildren: 13

Major: American History

Post-HWS Education: MSED Geneseo, CAS Brockport

Work/Career History: Teacher/Administrator

Volunteer Work: BOD Deer Creek Condos, Coaching Youth Sports

Memorable Travels: Europe and Morocco

Interests and Hobbies: History, travel, and golf

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: My family

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Advances in technology
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Post-HWS Education: Boston College Law School

Work/Career History: Trial lawyer – defense of personal injury lawsuits – 5 upstate counties (Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Franklin)

Memorable Travels: Patricia and I spend one month each year in the Caribbean

Interests and Hobbies: Shooting clay birds, boating on St. Lawrence River

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Numerous successful jury trials

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Just look at my picture!

Perry M. Saunders*
7/31/1944 – 1/2/2004
Born in Oshkosh, Wis., Perry majored in sociology and economics. During his time at Hobart, he was active with his fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa, the Glee Club, the Newman Club and ROTC. Perry went on to become president of Harrington Hoists Inc., where he had worked for 20 years. He enjoyed boating, traveling and the arts, and was a member of the Hamilton Club, Bent Creek Country Club and Osprey Point Yacht Club. He was survived by his wife Denise and two children.

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Post-HWS Education: Georgetown University Law Center

Work/Career History: Practiced law for 43 years, most recently with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius and Kirkland & Ellis.

Volunteer Work: Selfhelp Community Services volunteer and board member

Memorable Travels: England, France, Germany, Austria Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, Israel and Japan.

Interests and Hobbies: Art appreciation, music appreciation

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Having had a wonderful marriage for 35 years and helping to raise 2 wonderful women.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: The death of my wife 12 years ago just short of our 35th anniversary was very difficult for my daughters and me. Aside from her death, things have been fairly calm. Midlife crisis passed me by.

What event made a big difference in your life? Being fortunate enough to be married to a terrific wife.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Improvements in technology; development of the internet.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Political climate around the world.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I had many wonderful experiences at HWS and have many great memories including having been a member of Delta Chi; on the not so great side, JFK's assassination when I was a freshman.
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Volunteer Work: Habitat for Humanity; Therapy Dog participator with two registered therapy dogs providing comfort and companionship for nursing homes; shut in's and schools; Guardian Ad Lightem for Davison County in N.C., providing court appointed guardianship for abused and neglected children.

Memorable Travels: In the military, I was stationed in Greece, Italy, England and Germany and so saw much of the world first hand. As a junior in college I also got to travel with three of my ROTC compatriots across country from NYS to California. We spent six weeks taking in the wonderful sights and locations across the nation including a week in Yellowstone Park and several days in the other national Parks- e.g. Yosemite, Redwood, Custer, and Mt. Rushmore. Europe was beautiful and interesting especially from a cultural and historical perspective, but nothing can beat the grandeur and beauty of the USA.

Interests and Hobbies: Fly Fishing: I learned to fly fish while with UPS in Oregon in 1991 and have been an avid fly fisherman ever since. I've had the luck and opportunity to fish some of the best Blue Ribbon Streams in the USA to include: the Madison; the Yellowstone; the Green; the Missouri; the Bitterroot and Blackfoot; Clarks' Fork; the Snake; and all the Blue- Ribbon Streams in N.C. and Tenn.

Golf: I am an-11- 12 handicapper who tries to play 3x a week at my home course in N.C. We are fortunate to live on the 12th tee of our course which makes it convenient to get out and play.

Hunting Dogs: I train labs for hunting and hunting dog competition. My youngest lab has two passes on her way to Master Hunter certification

Hunting and Shooting: I shot skeet for the USAFE skeet team and hunt pheasants in SD for a week every year

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
First: Being married to the same wonderful woman for 50 years! Raising two great daughters whom I am very proud of.
Also: I was very proud of the two squadrons and wing I led in the USAF. We did great on our inspections and readiness evaluations, and accomplished our missions in first class fashion. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to lead so many wonderful patriots.

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I am also proud of the work I did for UPS and Ryder, successfully leading several multi-million dollar projects on-time and on-budget.

I am also proud of the help I've given disadvantaged and neglected children through the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

I am proud of the many friends I have met, made and kept throughout the years.

It's 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: In the early years, post-graduation, I was the epitome of the type A personality. I competed to win and was very impatient with lazy and/or incompetent people. I was driven to succeed and advance in rank or position. I was fit and ran half marathons and worked out daily for several hours. I worked long hours sacrificing family and friends to get ahead in my jobs. At age 55 I had to have open heart surgery and came face to face with my mortality. It dawned on me that the great advances in heart surgery kept me alive whereby 45 years prior I would have died. As I aged I became more tolerant. I listened better, got along better and was a better team player. As I aged further and entered my “golden years”, the ravages of time and athletics caught up with me. I had to have two total knee replacements and have to take medicine for heart disease and cholesterol. Recently, I was told that I have the beginning of onset glaucoma and will have to take medicine to treat that. I still enjoy walking and exercising and can do most things I did in my youth only slower and not as well. My 230 yard drives are now 185 yards, and I would be hard pressed to run a mile under 6 minutes as I used to in the AF. Still, I thank GOD for my life and being alive and on the “right side of the grass”.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting married and being on my own in the USAF at age 21.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? One of the most significant events has been the introduction and proliferation of the computer and its use in the home. In fact, one could argue that the whole computer age has changed our lives. With cell phones and computers that do “everything” and take you anywhere; social media sites; emails; internet, texting etc. it seems like our whole lifestyle has changed overnight.

I also think the advances in medicine have had a great impact on our lives. Childhood illnesses we all had have largely been eradicated; heart surgery advances have been phenomenal and kept folks like me alive; we’ve made great strides in fighting aedes and cancer and have successfully fought off plague like viruses such as Ebola.

I worry about the growing evil in our society. We lived in a gentler friendlier society. Cop killings; mass murders; radical terrorism; the attack on organized religion were not things we worried about. I also think we were a politer generation, that had better respect for our elders and teachers. We didn’t cover our bodies in tattoos; put our hair in strange configurations; wear pants that fell to our ankles, watch porn on our devises, etc. We had “pot” but weren’t exposed like kids today with heroin, coke and amphetamines. We worked hard, played hard and loved our country and had respect for the flag.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The youth today don’t know how to write or speak since all they do is “text” in their own shorthand language. The youth today spend their time on their computers texting or playing games while we played outside devising all sorts of games using our imagination. In my experience, the youth of today are more interested in the grades they get rather than really learning something. Things that we were used to working for like a car, home, promotions, etc. they think should be their birthright. I think things are easier for the youth of today than we had it and I think they are less grateful for what they have because they are given so much without earning it.

Since graduation, I have seen a major shift to the political left only recently slowed by the election of Donald Trump. Kids are taught to think socialism and communism are the way to go; that organized religion is a sham; that college education should be free, that it’s ok to take free government handouts and not work; that all old people (us) are senile and stupid. Still, despite all this I am grateful to HWS for graduating the kind of students that I would be proud to call my children.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? There are several memories that stand out for me. First, I loved playing lacrosse for Babe Kraus. He was a real gentleman and a great coach. Secondly, I have fond memories of sitting in Mr. Huff’s American History classes and being challenged to critically think and evaluate what we’ve read and discussed. Thirdly, the great friends I made primarily with my fraternity brothers at Kappa Sigma but also with my classmates and especially my ROTC compatriots. Lastly, studying Western Civ. and praying that I understood the work well enough to get a “hook” (C).
Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Was our college education at HWS worth the time and money we spent and is the cost of today's education at HWS worth it?

A resounding yes to the first part of the question and “ask a current student to answer the second part of the question.” My grandfather who was a lifetime steelworker once asked me to justify the benefit of a liberal arts education. I told him that if I hadn’t gone to HWS I would have never been introduced to the great philosophers and philosophies of western civilization; I would never have learned to think, speak, read and write critically; I would never have learned to get along with diverse members of society who were brought up in a world entirely different from mine; I would never have had the opportunities that life post HWS afforded me and so many other life experiences like playing sports and learning teamwork; learning to live and work together in a fraternity; paying for my education through proctoring and waiting on tables, etc.

Extended Thoughts: I cherish my time at HWS. My only regret is that I’m not financially able to make a big gift or grant to the colleges I love.
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Grandchildren: Devon, Alexa, Jacob
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Work/Career History: Insurance and Reinsurance Companies beginning with Liberty Mutual (recruited on campus by Hobart alum), Allstate, Merchants Mutual, American Plan, Public Service Mutual, Swiss Reinsurance, Sorema Reinsurance, PMA Reinsurance and Tower Insurance of NY. Positions held ranged from underwriter to branch underwriting manager to VP

Memorable Travels: Trips around U.S. including Arizona, California and Hawaii. The Caribbean including St. Croix, Barbados, Aruba and St. Maarten

Interests and Hobbies: Grandchildren.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Married 45 years, our 2 sons are both professionals (Mark is an attorney and Jeremy Ph.D. in criminal justice).

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Aging has happened. Not without stress but basically healthy throughout.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting married and having a family

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The world has gotten so much smaller thanks to the internet. Communication is now so fast and easy. When we were at Hobart, contacting our parents was either by a long distance phone call or U.S. Mail. Now we don’t stop to think about calling long distance or emailing or texting.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? I am not surprised but disappointed in the partisan politics that is currently going on. Our leaders used to find a way to get things done and not find a way to obstruct. We have not had cooperation since just after 9-11.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? There are a lot of memories but I can’t say one in particular. I remember a number of people that were very helpful including Dean Jahn and Miss Mosey and remember wishing Major Shorack well before he left for Vietnam.
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Post-HWS Education: Life is one a heck of an instructor.

Work/Career History: What have I done over the last 50 years? Good grief, has it been that long since college? I still don't trust anybody over thirty, and lord knows I don't understand anybody under thirty. Working through Hobart with Saga and the Twin Oaks restaurant lead me into the food/restaurant industry. After college and the Marines, I spent 8 years managing restaurants and food service locations (Cleveland, Chicago, New York, and Boston) until H.P. Hood, Inc. (a Boston based dairy/food manufacturer) hired me to start a new food service marketing division. Seven years later I bought a restaurant in Burlington, Vermont and two years later I built a second location. Shortly thereafter, Colombo Yogurt offered me better hours, travel, more money, and the ability to not worry about how the staff might screw up patrons’ dinners to move back to Boston as VP Marketing, Food service. After four years, they decided I should travel around the world as the VP; International Business Development. Four years later, I set up The Simonson Group, a business development consulting firm for food companies. In the mid-90's, I added to that business by buying (with a partner) National Food Product Research Corporation, a market research company for food companies. A couple of years ago I retired from the industry, work and business in general.

Military Service: Marine Corps

Volunteer Work: Church and town farm

Memorable Travels: My international business travel took me to many cities in Europe including 18 trips to London where I had an office. In the Americas, I spent many weeks in Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico.

For fun and vacation most of my travels have been in the USA, whether skiing, hiking, boating or swimming.

Interests and Hobbies:

Personally, Barbara (my wife a retired cardiology nurse) and I live in an old, old house in Winchester, Massachusetts with our service dog (Able). Our retirement includes house renovations, travel, hiking (now short ones), tennis (Barbara- my knees are too bad), and lots of entertaining and friends. Life has been good over the last 50 years.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:

While there were many proud moments in business including new food discoveries, process improvements, and promotions; the investment in family and friends gives me much more satisfaction and pride.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: The aging process is not a pretty process. After college I was bullet proof and in pretty good shape. Ran a few marathons, swam, biked, skied and played a lot of tennis when not working. Middle age approached armed with scalps for knees and cancer. I was told to put my hands up and drop my skis, tennis racket and running shoes. Thank goodness I was allowed to keep my bicycle. Now in my retirement years, I get to do physical therapy and be the caregiver to my lovely wife Barbara as she lives with Alzheimer’s disease.
What event made a big difference in your life? My marriage and life with Barbara has made the biggest and most positive difference in my life.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The focus of individuals seems to be ever more on self (money, prestige, selfies, etc) than on society in general. If it does not enhance the individual's life in the present or near future, it is not important. Or maybe I have just become more cynical.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The lack of civility and willingness to listen to different points of view has been a very disappointing change in society. Discussions have morphed into arguments and too often violence. “Western Civilization 1-4” has been lost in the country today.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The wonderful friends and faculty that would gather for our parties at 81 Hamilton.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: How can we stop the plague of Alzheimer’s disease in the near future? Push for more funding at all levels and say a prayer.

Extended Thoughts: May the lives of my classmates and their families be joyful and fulfilling as we ease on down the road.
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Major: Economics

Post-HWS Education: Insurance professional designations only

Work/Career History: 48 years in the commercial property and casualty insurance industry, about 1/3 as a broker and 2/3 as an underwriter or underwriting manager.

Volunteer Work: Arthritis Foundation fundraising, volunteer walker and trainer with Support Dogs, member of my employer’s philanthropy and charity committee.


Interests and Hobbies: Sports car racing (still driving), squash, skiing, golf and cycling.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: My son, David and my daughter, Megan.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: In spite of working to stay fit, I’ve experience melanoma skin cancer, prostate cancer and heart valve replacement. That said, I remain very active and don’t feel 72.


What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The growth in all areas of technology; 9/11 and the resultant wars and immigration issues; Roe v Wade; the evolving acceptance of the LBGT community in most of our society; the gradual improvement in race relations (admittedly, still a work in progress).

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The enormous growth in (electronic) communication, making our world smaller and increasing our awareness or worldwide events.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Being a member of the first Hobart Swimming Team and the excellent results we achieved in our first year as a varsity sport (1966-67).

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What do you think of the Colleges today? I am impressed and amazed by the growth in academic excellence and overall success of HWS, as exemplified by the high admissions standards and scholastic expectations of the Colleges, as well as the many semesters abroad and awards earned by graduating seniors.
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Work/Career History: Retail Management

Volunteer Work: Manchester Connecticut Senior Center

Memorable Travels: Europe, Mexico, Canada and Hawaii

Interests and Hobbies: Golf, reading and traveling

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: My children and having a quality life experience.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: It has been an interesting experience. It certainly turned out different than I would have expected, but I wouldn't change it!

What event made a big difference in your life? Retirement has given me a completely different perspective of what is important in life!

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Social networks influence in all parts of life

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The level of bigotry is as bad as ever.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Camaraderie

Extended Thoughts: My college experience at Hobart created the foundation of the rest of my life. I enjoyed and learned from all my college experiences. I look back at all my time fondly.
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Post-HWS Education: Graduate Studies in Chemistry – University of Rochester

Work/Career History: Hired by Eastman Kodak Company directly upon graduation from Hobart and spent my entire career with Kodak. Helped to build a new technology venture (Electrophotography) into a two billion dollar business. The business still remains a significant part of Kodak today. Have a number of patents in various aspects of the technology. Held various positions in the company including Chemist, Development Engineer, Research Scientist, Supervisor, and Project Manager.

Memorable Travels: Have traveled much of Europe, visited Canada, Mexico, Japan, Hong Kong and the West Indies. Have found that people worldwide are friendly, and have the same hopes, dreams and aspirations as most Americans, including a desire for peace, prosperity and stability in their lives.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
(Listed in no particular order)
• Birth of my children and grandchildren and with the grandchildren having time in retirement to help mold their characters.
• Marriage to my wife Mitra.
• Hands on building/assisting in a number of “family construction” projects over the years including a summer home in Connecticut, various decks, patios, a gazebo, a waterfall and various furniture projects.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: It is important to remember that life is a journey, not a destination. I’ve been fortunate to have enjoyed good health throughout my life. Most of the time I feel much younger than my chronological age but it has also helped to stay active physically and mentally. I currently enjoy golf several times a week, frequent trips to the gym, reading bridge, tutoring the grandkids, learning the piano, crossword puzzles, and an occasional trip to the casino and partying with friends.

What event made a big difference in your life?
College life leading to the development of confidence and independence.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The deterioration of personal responsibility in democratic societies, the growth of a feeling of entitlement in many people, and the rise in terrorism in order to advance political agendas.
What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The ability to instantly access information. Use of the internet in your own home sure beats traveling to the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, a journey I made several times early in my career to find information.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The number of books we read for Western Civilization…probably more complete books than I had read in my life up to that point. A close second was tackling Organic Chemistry, Physics, Calculus and Modern Algebra in the same trimester.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: How do we establish a mutual respect for humanity and stop the senseless violence caused by continuing war and terrorism? I wish I had an answer. Political systems create distrust and that distrust is often amplified by opinion, false information and innuendo in the media. The ability of individuals to create their own news stories (and occasionally alternate realities) and publish them on the internet further complicates the picture.

Extended Thoughts: Kudos to those of you who have read through to the “Alphabetical S’s” and are reading this.

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David B. Swan

Eugene A. Sylvester*
11/23/1943 – 2/16/1999
Born in Brockton, Mass., Eugene majored in political science and was a member of Little Theatre and the Newman Club. After graduation he earned his Master's in English from San Francisco State College and served in the army during the Vietnam War. In the early 1970's he had two plays produced in New York City, and later was the author of several books. He later worked as the editor of several newspapers and served on the Board of Registrars for the Town of Wakefield, Mass. He was survived by his wife, Joanne and two children.

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Grandchildren: 6 (adopted)

Major: Philosophy

Post-HWS Education: Graduate work in Philosophy at Ohio State University and RPI, No degree. Modern Welding School, Schenectady, N.Y.


Military Service: Drafted in 1969 and determined to be physically unfit.


Memorable Travels: Traveled just about every Amtrak long distance run, a few on Via Rail Canada and the Algoma Central Railroad.

Interests and Hobbies: Pretend farmer [T&G Lupine Hill Farm] (do all of the work but don’t make any money)

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I've got a few geriatric aches and pains but otherwise I'm in pretty good physical shape. I'm somewhat more tolerant of divergent cultures and points of view. I'm far less tolerant of jerks.

What event made a big difference in your life? The Vietnam War!

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Our society as a whole is more tolerant of divergent backgrounds, beliefs and customs.
What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The way social media seems to permeate all aspects of our lives.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Sitting in the maintenance shop on Saturday night radio watch.

Extended Thoughts: Although my time and studies at Hobart did virtually nothing to prepare me for my chosen occupation; it was invaluable for my overall edification and my initiation into our culture.

I've tried to take some pictures of myself but I look really demented in all of them. Since I don't want to scare any of my former classmates I've decided to send a couple of other pictures. The first is the view from my front window in case any of my classmates have family members who still think that New York(state) is nothing but concrete and asphalt. The second is of the bank behind my house; it shows why we call it “Lupine Hill Farm”.

If I come up with a portrait that is less scary I'll send it along later.

Christopher J. Tole*
Born in Brooklyn, NY, Christopher attended Hobart for two years. During that time, he was a member of the freshman football and lacrosse teams. Christopher was employed in retail as President of Tri-County Fence, Co., Inc. He was survived by his wife, Kandy.
David A. Tufts Jr.

Spouse/Partner: Jocelyne (divorced); Cris Dovich (partner)

Children: Stephanie, 42; Natalie, 38

Grandchildren: Kelsey, 8; Hailey, 6

Major: English Literature


Volunteer Work: Big Brothers, PENCIL in NYC, where I work with the Principal to turn around a struggling school in the Bronx.

Memorable Travels: Every year we spend a week or two on a friend’s yacht in the Med, Black Sea, the Baltic or wherever it happens to be. We sail every year with 12 friends on a chartered schooner in the Caribbean, and there is at least one ski trip with my kids and grans. I’ve been fortunate in that my partner and I both love to travel and now have the time to enjoy it now. Africa is on the Bucket list.

Interests and Hobbies: Sailing on my 40 foot Hanse in the Hamptons, skiing with my kids, old Mercedes 190 sl’s which I’ve had since I was 24, working out.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: My wonderful family first, then building a solid business with my company over a 35 year period, nurturing and grooming hundreds of professionals in the company, and leaving with my reputation in good stead in an industry which is not often held in high regard.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: My stock line is that I’m happy waking up every day on the right side of the Astroturf. I’ve always kept myself busy and I work out four times a week, which helps, but I definitely feel myself slowing down. In a moment of unwarranted optimism, I bought a season ski pass for 2017.

What event made a big difference in your life? Coming out to my family and friends at age 50.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? History is accelerating. It took man 50,000 years to learn how to fly, and then 60 years to fly to the moon. Your smart phone has a thousand times more power that the computers that sent a man to the moon. Technology and social media will continue to change everything.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? How connected we all are, and how informed we can be if we choose to be.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The Kennedy assassination.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Is all this technology beneficial to mankind....The jury’s out.
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From Fontana, Wis., Tom “Garry” majored in American History and was a member of the swim team and captain of the golf team. He was a Marine Insurance Broker for thirty years retiring in 1998 and was a member of the Lyons Club. He was survived by his wife Kathleen and two sons.

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Military Service: U.S. Army, Military Intelligence, SHAPE-NATO, Brussels’s Belgium

Volunteer Work: Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia, walking tour guide; Friends in the City, event organizer; Center City Residents Association, former Board Secretary, Preservation Committee; First Unitarian Universalist Church of Philadelphia, choir (bass) and property committee.

Memorable Travels: Egypt, Turkey, Morocco, Argentina, Chile, China, Southeast Asia, Switzerland, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, England, Cuba

Interests and Hobbies: Photography; old house restoration; a cappella singing; civic involvement

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: In the 23 years that we owned The Queen Victoria Inn, we took four buildings, former rooming houses, that in their day were summer-only operations employing a handful of teenagers at minimum wage (if that) and gradually transformed them into a year ‘round inn that employed 23 professionals earning decent wages, health benefits, pension plans, paid vacation, educational benefits and more. Now I know that when I meet Saint Pete, I am going to have a tough sell, and I am hoping that this story will trump all my other transgressions.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Isn’t it great that we live in an age of replacement parts! It has allowed me to do a lot more travelling than my parents did.

What event made a big difference in your life? 1983 when our daughter Elizabeth was born.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Though the 2016 election casts a cloud on this view, on this, I am pleased with the globalization taking place worldwide, with trade, travel and immigration (Trump allowing). I am also pleased with the greater inclusivity of culture, race and gender issues that occurs today (again, Trump allowing).

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Technology! Routinely I carry in my pocket more computing power than put a man on the moon. What a difference that has made on our lives: commerce, communications, information gathering, and finding our way.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? There sure is: In part because I had such troubles learning French (same problem in high school), I could see the shadow of the Dean’s boot, and in 1966 withdrew from Hobart to join Military Intelligence. See extended thoughts.
Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: Question: Is there someone from HWS you would like to honor? Answer: Yes, two people: Patrick McGovern, Economics Professor – He was great fun, to learn from and be with. I loved his crazy interlocking graphs. And Al Baretta – when I returned to college from my military stint, he hired me as his assistant. He was a down-to-earth sort of smart, and a great friend.

Extended Thoughts: There sure is: In part because I had such troubles learning French (same problem in high school), I could see the shadow of the Dean’s boot, and in 1966 withdrew from Hobart to join Military Intelligence. As it happened, some soul in the Pentagon saw my record and said, “Let’s send this fellow to the Defense Language Institute for 6 months of torture.” Well it turns out that the Military teaches language differently, and I did well. Well that same soul apparently thought it would be fun to put icing on my torture and then send me to a French speaking country, Belgium apparently came to his mind. Well I went, immersed myself into the local international culture, and came out with a pretty good fluency in French! So in 1969 I went back to Hobart to plead re-entry to the Dean, he said OK, then I marched immediately over to Professor Murphy’s house (he and his wife were two of several who tried to drill me in French), he was in and immediately we launched into a conversation about my exploits, all in French. His wife walked in, seeing me blabbering on in French, and both bags of groceries she was carrying dropped to the floor. They said that if I took one French lit course, they would give me a minor in French!
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Children: John III (Jay), Erin, Bryan

Major: Biology

Post-HWS Education: M.D. SUNY Buffalo

Work/Career History: 40 years as a general radiologist

Volunteer Work: Local meals on wheels, Faith in Action

Memorable Travels: Many – New Zealand (southern island), Lake Como (Bellagio), Cotswolds, Mani, Gstaad Switzerland, Tuscany, Scotland, Ireland

Interests and Hobbies: Tennis, golf, swimming, biking

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Marrying my wife June, who transformed my life and being the father of 3 wonderful children. The home my wife and I build and live in now. Forty year career as a radiologist. State of Virginia singles champion ages 50 and 65. Converting to being a left handed tennis player 2000-2003.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Just now starting to “feel my age” (particularly after strenuous tennis). Like everyone, I’ve had significant setbacks and its how you handle those that make all the difference.

What event made a big difference in your life?Because it would have affected my life so adversely if it hadn’t happened, it has to be the evening in 1981 when my older son saved my younger son from drowning (ages 10 and 2).

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Terrorism. It was even recognized as an entity in 1967. Now it affecting much of what we do.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The political division in our country. The media and most all institutions of higher learning (Hobart undoubtedly included) are ridiculously liberally biased and don’t welcome or tolerate a conservative viewpoint.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Walking the quad after a night of studying and wondering what the future held for me – I’ve been blessed with a wonderful life.
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Major: Sociology

Post-HWS Education: Phila School of Textiles and Sciences

Work/Career History: 30 years President of Stanley Woolen Co, 15 years President of Wheelock Textiles - 2 years of teaching school in Phila - Green Street Friends School, and Germantown Friends School

Volunteer Work: Audubon Society

Memorable Travels: Costa Rica, Alaska

Interests and Hobbies: Bird watching, bird banding, tennis, fishing

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Starting Young Birders Club in MA, Ranked #2 in NE tennis for age group 60's, keeping the family woolen history alive

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Been very fortunate in being very healthy - one minor prostate cancer treatment [successful], but play tennis singles weekly, lead Audubon trip throughout NA, and work 6 days a week - in excellent health.

What event made a big difference in your life? Raising a family

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Drugs and computer usage
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Post-HWS Education: Graduate Physics and MBA

Work/Career History: 37 years at UTRC (United Technologies Research Center) working in the areas of laser science (holography, laser materials processing (welding, cutting & heat treating), combustion sciences, and clean coal.

Volunteer Work: Windsor Library Association and coaching

Memorable Travels: France, China, Ireland, Austria

Interests and Hobbies: Woodworking and furniture building

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Raising two happy, healthy, and successful sons and five grandchildren.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: So far, so good… I’ve acquired a few spare parts like 2 new knees, a 6-way heart by-pass, and cleared up cataracts, but am doing reasonably well.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
I feel that the development of computer technology across the entire spectrum of our society has been the most significant change in our society since our graduation.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Surviving living on the same campus with George Rufner, Dirty Mike Denning, Shad Way, Milt Long, and Mike Silipo.
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David A. Willis*
From Rochester, N.Y., David majored in history and English, was a member of Beta Sigma Tau, a member of the Interfraternity Council, on the men's soccer team, was an actor in Little Theatre and sang with Schola Cantorum. David received his M.A. in drama from Syracuse University in 1972 and his ABD in theatre from N.Y.U. in 1977. For 10 years he was the editor of The Chronicle, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester newspaper. He was also a member of the Wakan-Hubbard Masonic Lodge. He was survived by his wife and 4 daughters.
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Grandchildren: Cole Fillpot, Riley Fillpot

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Post-HWS Education: Cornell University, M.A.


Volunteer Work: High Point Mobile Patrol 2009- Present

Memorable Travels: 7 trips to England (including living there for 6 months in 1988), France, Sweden, Denmark, Italy

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, baking and cooking, crosswords

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Life in Phi Sigma Kappa. Activities as a saga waiter at Comstock dining room. Western Civ, any class with Bob Huff.
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Beginning as a classroom teacher, mentor teacher, school site administrator, Principal, program manager, district administrative coach, consultant on High School reform for the U.S. Department of Education. (California and Arizona Public Schools)

Volunteer Work: My volunteer work has allowed me to continue contributing to my community and work for social justice and youth opportunities.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the Oakland YMCA for the past six years and also served as the Chair for the annual fund raising project at the Y for three years. At the Y I have also had the opportunity to mentor high school youth in our Youth and Government programs.

In 2015 I was honored as the Difference Maker of the Year for my volunteer community work by the Oakland YMCA.

I continue to volunteer in our local public schools. I serve with Reading Partners, a tutoring program for students who need extra support in reading. I also serve on the Oakland School District’s Truancy Intervention panel, providing guidance and mentoring to students and families struggling with school attendance.

Memorable Travels: Being married to a woman who is a true adventurer has given me the chance to travel extensively. Canada, Mexico, Italy, France, England, Germany, Israel, Vietnam, Cambodia, Australia, and Ecuador have been great adventures. A 10 day rafting trip in the Grand Canyon is a highlight.

Interests and Hobbies: An avid tennis player (despite two hip replacements), I remain very physically active every day as a spin instructor and hiker. Music still fills my days and staying politically informed keeps me grateful for a very satisfying life. Traveling, friends and family keep me focused on what matters in life.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I received this Facebook message from a former student of mine a few weeks ago which sums it up for me. “One of the greatest teachers of them all was Jerry Wolfe. You were really tough on me, which I knew showed you cared about
me and my learning. Over all you always helped everyone in our school. You’ve always been down for us at Frick Junior High School”. She is a student from 20 years ago and I get messages like this often. So my proudest accomplishment, being able to have a positive impact in the lives of so many young people and families.

Proud that I have had a vision and belief system that I have held onto for all these years.

Being clean and sober for 26 years is a gift I have been granted and am proud of each day.

Marrying my wife!

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I think of it as the gift with rough edges. Physically aging has been both humbling and empowering. Being fortunate to reach our 50th reunion and still being healthy and fit. I am aware that the body is not designed to last. The aging process has also led me to realize what is truly important in life: family, friends, values, gratitude, and the simple things. Approaching 70 has allowed me to realize that as complicated as life can be, as I grow older it also gets simpler, the things to treasure and value are what makes life rich.

What event made a big difference in your life? There are many turning points that directed my life. Getting clean and sober at the age of 44 has allowed me the opportunity to enrich my life beyond my expectations.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Technology and access to information have impacted society and the world in ways I never could have foreseen. The period since 1967 has been marked (and thankfully so) with an explosion of human rights, social justice and the struggles of peoples worldwide for full inclusion economically and politically. We now live in a global society with both the benefits and challenges that carries with it.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Shocks me would be a better term. That in 2017 my country has fallen prey to such hatred, divisiveness and the election of a President so devoid of compassion, empathy and concern for others. I came of age in the time of the Kennedy brothers, Martin Luther King, Malcom X and others and was moved by their vision of what American could be. That vision is now blurred.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I will limit this to the ones that are printable. The friends that I made, many of whom are still a part of my life. Dancing on the mantle at my fraternity, Phi Phi Delta.

On the humorous side two memories. Both involved being called into the Dean’s office. Once I was advised to have our pledges stop stealing silverware from Saga. The other was being called in again and told to stop the frats members from bringing marijuana on campus. Needless to say we stopped one of the two (we ate with our hands).

My four years at HWS were a life molding experience. I arrived In Geneva shortly after my 16th birthday and graduated at 20. The friends and relationships I made at HWS have continued for 50 years. Learning how to critically think and interact with people from such different backgrounds are things I am grateful to HWS for.
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Grandchildren: Jackson, Tessa
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Volunteer Work: Mentoring at risk high school students, dentistry for the disabled
Memorable Travels: Rafting the Grand Canyon, Alaska, Peru, Iceland
Interests and Hobbies: Snowboarding, mountain biking, kayaking, hiking, reading
Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Having 4 independent children, all educated with great jobs.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Feeling great, still very active with 2 knee replacements.

What event made a big difference in your life? Second marriage to my present wife.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The way technology has transformed our daily life.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? How everybody has to always be connected.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Mass for President Kennedy

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: How do I look back at my time at Hobart? Enjoying small college life with the liberal arts education.

Extended Thoughts: The last few years I’ve been taking many university courses. I wish that while I was at Hobart, I appreciated the value of the liberal arts courses being offered.
Jack A. Wolford*
8/20/1945 - 12/16/2005
Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Jack studied English Literature at Hobart College and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, where he completed his Doctorate studies in Archeology A.B.D. Jack published over 30 research articles in various archeological journals relating to the creation of flint tools and spears. He worked for the State of Maine's Archeology Department, Historical Division. In the late 1980s, he spent four summers in Colombia, where he participated in archeological digs. He loved the new world culture and spoke fluent Spanish. He had a Scarce and Rare Books Antiquary business, and was a lifelong poet, active in Pittsburgh poetry circles.

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Work/Career History: Dentist, Construction and Maintenance

Volunteer Work: Board Member of Community Association

Memorable Travels: England, Italy, Spain, Germany, Hawaii, Florida

Interests and Hobbies: Fishing, reading

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: My 3 kids

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:
Happy to be alive and well.

What event made a big difference in your life? A person who
steered me to apply to college.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or
changes in society since graduation? Dawn of the electronic age.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted
with the world of our youth that surprises you? Lack of societal harmony.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Meeting my wife.

Extended Thoughts: College was a much different and more amazing experience than I expected.
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Grandchildren: 7

Major: American History

Work/Career History: 32 years in graphic arts/printing sales for national firm. 26 of those years were commuting from Princeton, N.J. to my New York City office. 10 years in Hotel/Hospitality sales for a resort hotel in Vail, Colo. Retired from business in 2009 and then worked three years as a part-time ski instructor for Vail Resorts.


Volunteer Work: Tutor to middle school children in need of extra help with academics.

Memorable Travels: Italy, Austria, Croatia, Switzerland and France for skiing and hiking

Interests and Hobbies: My wife Nancy and I enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities that the Vail, Colo. area offers. Including skiing, hiking, fly-fishing, backpacking and golf. Our other passion is spending time with our children and grandchildren. We are fortune in that they all live only two hours away in the Denver area. Nancy and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on June 17th.
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Major: American History

Work/Career History: Flew 133 Vietnam combat missions in the F-105D “Thunder chief”. Also flew F111D and F-4D/E/G stateside, Korea and Germany. Served as School Commandant, Squadron and Group Commander

Military Service: USAF, retired with rank of Colonel

Volunteer Work: Researcher for AMHA – museum and archives housed at my great, great, grandfathers homestead.

Memorable Travels: Thailand, Korea, Germany, Spain, Turkey, France, Italy, Austria, skiing the Swiss Alps

Interests and Hobbies: Golf, skiing

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Commanding an air support operations during “Desert Storm”. Deployed 425 airmen from Germany to Saudi Arabia into Iraq and Kuwait and safely back to Germany.

What event made a big difference in your life? Dean Atkinson giving me a second chance after a disastrous sophomore year.
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Children: John married to Michele and Amy married to Troy McLawhorn

Grandchildren: Ian Anderegg, 18; Evan Anderegg, 15; Michael McLawhorn, 11

Major: Political Science

Post-HWS Education: Certificate in non Profit Management from the University of Pittsburgh

Work/Career History: My career for the last 50 years has been as a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, daughter and daughter in law. I've also been a volunteer, leader, mentor, innovator, student, manager of the family and person who holds down the fort, picks up the pieces, plans the next steps and executes the strategy. I've had a full and rich life!

I have earned a real salary for my work as the manager of Paul Brent's gallery in Panama City and as the Director of Development of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, but my time earning money has been much briefer than my time making a difference as a volunteer.

Military Service: Proud Air Force Spouse for 40 years.

Volunteer Work: Whenever our community needed someone to lead something or start something new or fix something that wasn't working I seemed to be the one who got the job. Girl Scout leader before I was even a mother, Red Cross Volunteer and manager, founder of a location where military families who lost everything in Hurricane Andrew came to restore their lives and replenish their homes. Add to that soccer coach, manager of numerous fundraisers, leader of organizations to support military spouses, active board member and church volunteer doing behind the scene jobs that nobody else wants to do. I have learned so much about people and how to accomplish big things with just a “please” and “thank you!”

My most recent volunteer job as the chair of the AFOSC Arlington Committee was my most rewarding opportunity ever! Members of the committee are the remarkable Air Force spouses who represent the Chief of Staff and AF family at the funerals of airmen being buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Since 1948, this group has attended over 28,000 funerals ensuring that a member of the Air Force family is always present to be the family or thank the family when one of our own is laid to rest in our nation's most sacred soil. It is an immense honor and privilege to be an Arlington Lady.

Memorable Travels: My dad was in the army so I came to William Smith from Monterey, Calif., which was the 11th place I had lived having called 4 states, Germany and Belgium home at one time of another. My family went on to move two more times while I attended William Smith and my parents were almost prevented from attending my graduation, Dick's commissioning and our wedding because of the 6 Days War in 1967. When Dick and I married we moved to Laredo Texas to begin our AF life together. Since then we have moved 13 more times and established homes in five states the UK, Germany and the Philippines. Dick has served by himself in remote locations 2 times. We have been blessed by our opportunities to explore our nation and our world but so far, my favorite places to visit have been Florence, Prague and Israel. My passport is current and we are not done traveling!

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Interests and Hobbies: I still love to observe political processes! In my down time I play Mah Jongg, read, work in my garden and enjoy life with family and friends.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: No accomplishment tops being a mother to two bright articulate, contributing members of society and grandmother to the most wonderful grandchildren in the world!

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I wish we could see what is really important in the world and in life when we are younger. It seems that the wisdom to know how to live life with real joy comes later in life when our years won’t permit us to live it with gusto!

What event made a big difference in your life? The best event in my life was the day I married Dick Anderegg in the chapel at Hobart College on June 12, 1967. Since then I’ve had so many life changing experiences! My husband, father & brother all served in the Vietnam War at the same time making me braver. Our car tumbled off a snowy road and rolled down a mountain in Austria, which reminded me that accidents happen. We experienced a massive earthquake and then the eruption of the volcano, Mt Pinatubo in the Philippines, which showed me that mother-nature is fickle but God is merciful. I’ve survived cancer not once but twice which has proved to me that science is powerful but the human spirit is amazing. And most glorious of all are the small moments as wife, mother and grandmother which made me understand that love shared is the greatest experience of all.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Every day I am struck by the fact that today it is so easy to gather information and so hard to know if what you’ve gathered is true!

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? When I was young I don’t think I had an appreciation for the cultural differences that unite the nations of the world and divide them so dramatically. I was a student of history and human nature and science and politics but hadn’t yet really grasped what it meant to actually live in the world. There is a big difference between reading about something and actually living it.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I came from California so my first Geneva winter is still pretty vivid! My best memory, however, is of our wedding at the chapel followed by our reception at Hillcrest House. It was 99 in the shade! All our friends stayed one extra day after graduation to help celebrate our marriage. The reception consisted of a keg of beer and a wedding cake where the top layer nearly slid off the bottom because the frosting melted in the heat! We had a receiving line and my favorite picture is of my dad resplendent in his uniform with Miss Van who had been our housemother in Comstock. She insisted that we have a vase of lilies of the valley on the mantle, for a long and happy marriage. I think it worked!

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Major: French

Post-HWS Education: Grad studies at SUNY Geneseo/Oswego; Syracuse University

Work/Career History: Geneva High School: French Teacher and Foreign Languages Dept. Chairperson for over 35 years HWS: Arabic Instructor for SILP

Volunteer Work: St. Michael’s Church and various charities in Geneva, N.Y.

Memorable Travels: Led numerous student trips to France, Switzerland, Italy and Quebec City

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, cooking/baking, traveling

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Immigrating to the U.S. with 2 years of credits from the University of Damascus, Syria then completing my degree in French and Education from HWS in 1967.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: The most important thing is to keep one's self both mentally and physically active.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Advancement of civil/human rights and the increased role/influence of women in all aspects of society.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Having attended a Catholic girls school as a teen in Syria, I felt very satisfied and content with my world... today’s youth seem restless and unfocused.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I will always remember the helpfulness and kindness shown to me by the entire HWS community.
Myrna Wayne Beck

Maiden Name: Myrna Mae Wayne

Spouse/Partner: Paul Mitchel Beck ’66

Children: Daniel and Jonathan

Grandchildren: Jordan, Brady, and Bridget; Esther, Sarah, and Talia; ranging from 19 to 9 years

Major: Psychology

Post-HWS Education: Master of Science in School Psychology and 6th Year Professional Diploma in School Psychology, both from Southern Connecticut State University


Volunteer Work: Connecticut Association of School Psychologists, Beth El Hebrew Congregation (Alexandria, VA.), INOVA Fairfax Hospital

Memorable Travels: Israel- with our sons in 1986, and again with friends in 2000; trips to National Parks in the U.S.; travels in England, Europe and China and Russia. Particularly memorable: a wine tour in South America with friends, and an annual vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico with family. Paul and I share an interest in planning and exploring places that we first learned about in college...

Interests and Hobbies: Knitting and crocheting, quilting, baking; volunteering and learning new skills (bridge), meeting people.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Nurturing and helping to educate two sons, now married with families and each pursuing successful careers in law and banking; working with school-age children for 30 years in both regular and special education, where I was involved in helping to diagnose and remediate their developmental, learning and emotional problems.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have watched and cared for family members whose lives were impacted by smoking, heart disease, and obesity. Exercise and a healthy diet mitigate my physical complaints. Volunteer work provides regular satisfaction.

What event made a big difference in your life? My marriage to Paul. We met at Temple Beth El on Main Street my sophomore year and married in August 1967. Together we have watched our family grow and mature, we have faced various problems along the way, and we have learned from each others’ strengths and weaknesses.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
1) 9/11/2001. The horror of this event continues to impact our lives every day.
2) Communication via the internet and mobile devices. We can ask and answer questions by pressing a few buttons... but what has happened to eye contact and listening to others?
What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? There is an overwhelming focus on “self” as opposed to caring about the impact of words and actions on others.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Having grown up in Brookline, Mass., a busy suburb of Boston, I found the open space and the tranquility of the campus very peaceful. Long walks became a way of life. After my freshman year I lived in Folwell House, a cooperative residence, where I learned to plan meals, shop, and cook, gratefully guided by others... it was a life-changing experience.

Extended Thoughts: I traveled to my interview at William Smith by plane and bus alone from Brookline, Mass. in the fall of 1962. My parents wanted me to have experiences that they had missed, and they encouraged this adventure which would require scholarship support. The next four years were very challenging but also enlightening. I am grateful to them for that opportunity which impacted the rest of my life.

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Sylvia Witmer Bissell


Sylvia majored in Spanish and spent her junior year in Madrid, Spain where she lived with three Spanish women; in later years, Sylvia would refer to her three “Spanish Sisters” when sharing stories with her daughters of her time in Spain. Sylvia made friends for life with most people she met, and her Spanish Sisters were no exception.

Sylvia married William (Bill) Morris Bissell ‘67 in June of 1969 and relocated from her hometown of Webster, N.Y. to the suburbs outside of Philadelphia, Pa. While raising her three daughters, Sylvia built a successful career as a high school Spanish teacher, touching the lives of her students with her love of the language, her endless compassion for those who passed through her classroom, and her infectious laughter. In the mid-1980’s, Sylvia earned her Master’s Degree is Spanish from West Chester University.

Sylvia volunteered her time and talent to volunteering in her church, joining the League of Women Voters, and participating in activities of the Philadelphia chapter of the William Smith Alumnae Association. In the early 1990s, Sylvia welcomed a high school Spanish exchange student into her home for a semester as a member of the family, building and nurturing a close relationship between her and her daughters that remains strong to this day. Perhaps Sylvia’s biggest legacy was that she brought love, compassion, and a smile to everyone she met.

In 1996, Sylvia moved with her husband, Bill, up to northern Vermont to help take care of her mother-in-law. Not long after she arrived in the small town of Johnson, Sylvia started working as a Spanish teacher at Johnson State University. Sylvia passed away suddenly on December 26, 1996; at the time of her death, Sylvia was survived by her husband, Bill and their three daughters, her parents, Marian Costello Witmer ’32 and George Robert Witmer, and her three brothers.
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Born in Amityville, N.Y. Joan attended William Smith for one year. She went on to receive a nursing degree from Community College of the Finger Lakes and earned a degree from Empire State College. She was an advocate for Planned Parenthood, education, PBS, music and art. She worked at Sylvania Electronics and later at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, where she retired in 1995. She was also a breeder and groomer of standard poodles.
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**Grandchildren:** 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild  
**Major:** Religion  
**Post-HWS Education:** Syracuse U, '69 MA

**Extended Thoughts:** I loved my years at HWS. Staying up all night to put out an edition of *Gleek*. Being told that William Smith ladies wear white gloves to go into town...we arrived in 1963 wearing nicely pressed shirtwaist dresses and left four years later wearing jeans and tie-dye. Having the room at McCormick with a door to the outside. Inter-house sings. Protests and the NSM. Having Dean Heath say, “Why is it always Mary?” (that’s what she called me), whenever there was a “problem.” Parties and dances and friends. Such great friends. I have been a teacher, a social worker, and for 36 years a special education mediator. I am mother to 4, grandmother to 7 and great grandmother to 1. The one thing that has shaped my life most in the past 5 decades is parenting 4 Black children in this world, this country. If I start writing about it I won’t stop.

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Children: When I married John, I was blessed with a ready-made family that included his son David, daughter Karen, and son-in-law Russell. Our family has since expanded to include our daughter-in-law Lorraine and five grandchildren.

Grandchildren: Brendan, Noah, Caeli, Joshua, and Nathaniel

Major: Psychology

Post-HWS Education: M.A. in Communication from Fairfield University, 1983

Work/Career History: I worked for 32 years for the State of Connecticut, 23 of those years as Communication Officer for the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities. Throughout my career, it was my amazingly-good fortune to do interesting work with great people.

Volunteer Work: In retirement, I have been blessed with opportunities to meet some wonderful people by participating in projects that I find meaningful, enjoyable, and challenging. I have become active in church work, serving on and chairing committees in my local United Methodist Church and also at the district level. I have become a certified lay servant, which enables me to preach in different churches in our district. For the past 16 years, I have been able to volunteer at a soup kitchen almost every Tuesday.

Memorable Travels: The longest trips have been the most memorable. Japan, Hawaii, Alaska, and Europe are places I will never forget.

Interests and Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with our grandchildren, taking fitness classes, reading, and going to the beach.

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: I have no inventions or major awards to my credit, but I have had a happy life, and I hope I have been able to spread some of that happiness to others.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: The older I become, the more I enjoy life and treasure each moment. I am blessed with excellent health and surrounded by wonderful people. I have survived the inevitable challenges and mistakes of younger adult life and emerged with a strong faith and the confidence to face new challenges with equanimity, while continuing to make mistakes and learn from them. Our biggest challenge in recent years has been my husband’s uncomfortably bad back, which limits his mobility and has changed the pattern of our partnership. We stay closer to home these days, and here I focus on offering him the support he needs, while remaining actively engaged with family, friends, church and community.

What event made a big difference in your life? The event that made the biggest and best difference in my life was marrying my husband John on April 26, 1986.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? I think the biggest changes have come from the development and widespread availability of communications technologies that enable people from around the world to be in direct and immediate communication with one another.
What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? I could not have imagined the technological changes we have seen. When I was a senior at William Smith, the colleges acquired a computer that took up a good-sized closet in Lansing Hall. Now I walk around with an I-Pad that brings the world to my fingertips.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I have many happy memories, yet perhaps the single most unforgettable event was hearing the news of President Kennedy’s assassination.

Extended Thoughts: Because of the aforementioned challenges with my husband’s bad back, I will not be at our 50th reunion. I will be with you in spirit and would like to convey my good thoughts and best wishes to all my classmates. Please post lots of photos.
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Children: 3 Sons all married with children:
Bill Clough ‘90, Sigma Chi, age 49, son and daughter;
Anson Clough - Bates, age 46, son and daughter;
Jaques (Jakes) Clough - Middlebury, age 40, 3 daughters

Grandchildren: 7

Post-HWS Education:
• Attended 1 semester of Cornell NY Hospital School of Nursing intending combine 3 years of William Smith to earn B.S. in Nursing
• Studied Decorative Arts at The Isabel O’Neil Studio Workshop from fall of ’75 thru to fall of ’91 and Taught Marbleizing and Tortoise for several years there.
• Various courses at Monmouth University
• Graduated from Thomas A. Edison State College with a B.A. in Humanities in spring 1990, finally, before eldest son graduated from Hobart!

Work/Career History: I began my self-employed decorative arts business in 1983 for residential and commercial clients while still living in Rumson, N.J. Also I held part-time positions in newspaper advertising and public relations while there. I continued my business: Susan Beekman Decorative Surfaces in Lancaster, which was especially rewarding because Headquarters for Armstrong World Industries was there and their advertising was active through the ’90s, several Interior Designers recommended me to their clients then the grapevine spread the word from Maine to Florida and lots in between. I was a part-time receptionist and office assistant for three and a half years for The Groffs Family Funeral Services until my faux art business picked up again.

Because of an active life in sports, keeping up with my sons and crawling around marbleizing floor moldings or climbing ladders to paint murals or faux-finishes on walls plus carrying crates full of paints and supplies to job sites the aches & pains caused a detour. I need to update my website: www. susanbeekmanfauxartist.com because my main focus now is Restoration in my Studio. Gold Leaf was always a part of my repertoire; additionally I began studying Water Gilding through my membership with The Society of Gilders during the past six years. Restoration of antique gold frames and other gilded objects usually involves Water Gilding to be authentic. Restoration includes a variety of other painted items too. Currently I am refreshing a client’s sixteen year old 8’ X 3’ Floorcloth.

The best would be adding a part-time position as a receptionist or office assistant because I didn’t plan well enough to retire by now!

Volunteer Work: I was on the Conservation Board for six years, active with my GCA Rumson Garden Club and volunteered a lot for my church during the 27 years living in Rumson, New Jersey. I was on Planned Parenthood Board here in Lancaster, helped transient 2nd graders with their Reading, active in my church and volunteered for our Hospital benefits including contributing decorative painting for three different Show Houses.

Memorable Travels: I joined a friend and fellow Isabel O’Neil artist to ski a few days in St. Moritz, Switzerland, while taking train back to Geneva to fly home, I visited Frank
and Helen Elliot Schroeder, both 1965 Grads, in Lausanne and we spent a lovely day cross country skiing

A mother of 3 sons, I became active in Peace efforts and through my church I was involved in NJ Bridges for Peace. We exchanged with BFP Russians from Volgograd. I was responsible for our three visitors when they came to Rumson so when it was our turn to visit there, Fall 1990 the year after Perestroika, my church gave me the trip to fly to Moscow then to Volgograd for 11 days. We each stayed with a family, not speaking English or I Russian made for interesting pantomimes. It was an incredible experience especially how much it meant to them to meet us, Americans, especially learning about the pivotal Battle of Stalingrad (Volgograd’s name in WWII), making dear friendships with people we had been taught were our enemy was the very best part! Then before returning to U.S., I was able to visit St. Petersburg for a few days on my own.

Those two were Highlights, otherwise a Vermont Bike tour to Bordeaux France, different Islands or London were special trips mostly Maine is my favorite spot although I have not been there in about six years.

Interests and Hobbies:
- My dogs: now Lucy a beloved 13 & half year Corgi.
- Gardening is a favorite joy. During my time in NJ with the Rumson Garden Club, I even became a Daffodil Judge!
- I needlepoint with 3 older women every other Sunday afternoon that was thanks to Ellen Arnold Groff’s invitation- she was our 5th until her death. Biggest projects were the three Jumbo needlepoint stockings for Jaques’ 3 girls.
- Aside from my commissions I enjoy painted projects for my family and friends. Reading, time with friends, museums, walking, anything involving water views – difficult in Lancaster though we do have the Susquehanna! I am very Pro-Choice so support Planned Parenthood, dignity of all people and environmental issues all impact how I vote.
- Obviously my 7 grandchildren are my key delight just hard since Bill’s in Fair Haven, N.J.; Anson’s crew in Marblehead, Mass. and Jaques’ group in New Canaan, Conn. I’m lucky if get to see all a couple times a year. Time to move just can’t figure out where!

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
- Raising my 3 sons
- Representing my church in Bridges for Peace trip to Volgograd, Russia
- Murals of water-life I painted for my Lancaster General Hospital’s Pediatric Floor
- Winning Blue ribbon in Terrarium Class (in long necked bottle) at the Philadelphia Flower Show back when I was a young mother and new garden club member!

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Well I’m almost bionic after 2 low back surgeries with pins and both hips replaced- but I’m fine, feel mostly great even after shoveling from last snow and am energetic! My hair has been white for years- it’s so easy that way! I still ignore those AARP membership invites! I miss the days of biking, canoe trips, tennis and paddle or skiing but hesitate to say they are over and would like to pull out my x-country skis if we ever have proper snow!

Aging offers a mellowing for me although I wish I knew what I do now when I was much younger. Even though I act plucky I do miss sharing my Life with a good man especially now. I wish I had enjoyed and contributed to a sustained relationship. To those of you who have a special mate, I do congratulate you for this Best of Life Gift!

What event made a big difference in your life? My advisor at William Smith was Dr. Kenneth Carle, Chemistry Department Chair. When it was time to declare my major I asked him, “Dr. Carle I have a C average in Chemistry, may I major in it?” He looked at me and said, “Susan, chemistry is really hard, wouldn’t you rather have more fun? Why don’t you major in English or something easier?” IT HORRIFIES ME every time I think of it. I was fresh from Boarding School and certainly needed an Advisor to encourage me to focus in an area I was serious about versus sending me off to play and have fun when I already

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had that tendency! What a waste of an education. Small solace that today no professor would be hired who spoke to a woman like that.

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** I’d guess I’d have to say technology

**What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?** My belief that things would always get better.

**Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?** Walking out of Western Civ as a freshman, Nov. 22, 1963, and learn that President Kennedy had been shot. We automatically walked into Chapel for a service for him. School was closed and I went to a friend’s in NYC before resuming Thanksgiving plans.

**What part of Life at The Colleges on the Seneca made the most impact on you?** When I think about my 3 years at William Smith College, our sophomore year at Houghton House imprinted the Lake Seneca view. During all our walks to and from campus that varied view instilled my love of or thirst for water views. Can you recall those misty, raw gray or sunny views? It made such an impact that it inspired my continued passion for environmental causes. I believe water is our most demanding issue: having enough and keeping it pure. I so hope that one of my grandchildren will work towards saving our Oceans!

**Extended Thoughts:** I learned to play lacrosse in my Virginia High School, but it wasn’t offered here. A few of us got together and persuaded Miss Morgan, gym teacher, to start girls lacrosse. She did, and nicely I was the 1st Captain and now I believe the Herons are Division III Champions – or they have been! Glad to have helped contribute something to the Colleges plus my son Bill Clough, Class of ’90!
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Post-HWS Education: MBA-Simmons College

Work/Career History: A VISTA volunteer in Little Rock, AK following graduation; anti-poverty / community programs for 8 eight years. 22 years as a financial manager at Xerox Corp.


Memorable Travels: Europe on $5/day the summer after graduation; numerous trips to Europe and Canada; now starting to explore South America and the national parks.

Interests and Hobbies: Theater and classical music; pottery (basic); yoga (senior); bridge (beginning); travel to new venues.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I was awarded a Xerox 6-month social service leave to initiate a middle school ‘self-esteem’ program for Alexandria girls. This program received a grant(s) to continue for a number of years.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I was able to take early retirement from Xerox at 55 which allowed me to ‘smell the roses’. No longer was work all consuming and I was able to try new things including tap dancing! Now I am enjoying yoga, gardening, bridge, reading, traveling and valuing friends and family thanks to good health.

What event made a big difference in your life? My first husband died when I was 40, and I met my current husband (30 years) in a hospice grieving group. It taught me the value of respect and care for others and the importance of being flexible no matter what life has in store.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The role of women in work, family and society has greatly expanded for the good. We are no longer a ‘first’ in many (not all!) business roles or elected positions. Hooray!

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? It is instant communications (good and bad) made possible through the internet. I remember when we had to find change to use the pay phones in the dorms and check out our mailboxes.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? During Thanksgiving break my sophomore year, I was in a car accident. For twelve weeks, I was on crutches in a full-length leg case. The support and help I received from classmates, faculty and administration reaffirmed that the college was the right choice for me.
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Volunteer Work: Lots and lots, mostly in Church and in Diocese at present

Memorable Travels: Mission trips for both Hospice and church to Zimbabwe, South Africa and Madagascar plus many tourist trips abroad.

Interests and Hobbies: Ministry, entertaining, travel and grandchildren

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Being awarded both the Clinical Service Award by the NY State Hospice Association and being named Employee of the year by Mercy Care.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Clark and I have been very blessed with good health, wonderful family and friends and challenging and rewarding volunteer work in retirement.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marrying my wonderful husband two weeks after we graduated.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Growth of IT, computers and internet.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The tragic increase in terrorism.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Being able to live out at Houghton house for two of my 4 years with dear friends as we learned, and grew and played together.
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Work/Career History: I taught Spanish for 17 years. I currently teach piano.
Volunteer Work: Choir
Memorable Travels: Galapagos, Kenya, Dominican Republic, New Zealand
Interests and Hobbies: Piano, flute, handcrafts
Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Producing two great kids.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I pretty much do the same things but find I tire more easily.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting married.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Social media and the devices which accompany it.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The rapidity of changes.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Sill House and the girls who were there when I was.
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Volunteer Work: HWS Trustee 1989-1997; Auctioneer at local library annual fundraiser

Memorable Travels: Italy

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, cooking, entertaining, design

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: My role in conception and construction of award winning library buildings.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Changes in technology.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Lowering of the level of civil discourse.

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Memorable Travels: Italy x 3, England x 2, France, Southwest USA, Seattle x 5, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Montana, Idaho.
Interests and Hobbies: Photography
Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Managing – being the bread winner for 2 – raising a child alone (I was widowed young, the child was just a few weeks old).
It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I’m getting older. Planning for the next stage – visiting retirement communities – I don’t want to garden, cut grass, rake leaves or shovel snow in my 80s (or pay to have it done).
What event made a big difference in your life? Having a child, getting married (especially after 23 years alone) death of husband #1, getting married again, moving and buying cars!

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The Internet.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? How much dependence on computers surprises me. How the “world” is viewed as dangerous, kids aren’t allowed to go outside. This is different.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Living in Brent House next to the President was different. I remember borrowing a picnic basket from the President, (who was in his bathrobe) on the first gorgeous spring day so I could pack up lunch for my boyfriend. The President put a bottle of wine in the basket on a dry campus!

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: I like the questions you did ask.

Extended Thoughts: The class that made the biggest impact was building a delta in geology class. That was awesome. A friend from college unpacked my life significantly. My decision to major in math, split with philosophy was big (I didn’t know it then). But it has been amazing.
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Born in Geneva, N.Y., Shelly majored in math was on the Dean's list, was a member of the Newman Club, Herald staff, Echo and Pine staff and student council. Shelly worked for Eastman Kodak Company as a systems analyst. Shelly is survived by her husband of 43 years, a daughter and grandson.

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Work/Career History: GS Accounting Services, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands (Japan) 1967-68; Massachusetts Audubon Society, teacher/naturalist 1976-86; Early Childhood Educator, Nashoba-Brooks School of Concord (Mass.) 1988-2010

Volunteer Work: Community activities, library and school literacy volunteer; environmental outreach education (I even had a permit to carry skunks, raccoons, and owls in my van.)

Memorable Travels: I have been fortunate to have many varied experiences. The summer after graduation, Bill and I went to Okinawa, complements of the U.S. Army. If it hadn’t been war time, I would say that it was a wonderful, but surreal experience - new country, new language, new marriage, new job, new travel in that part of the world. During Bill’s business career, I traveled often with him to Europe - work for him and a tourist’s delight for me. Following my passion for environmental education for young students, I co-led Mass Audubon multi-generational adventures with Bill to Alaska, Costa Rica, and Kenya. Working with Bill to build positive experiences for children and families made the outcomes very rewarding for me. Other special travels included two sabbaticals to Belize as well as personal trips to several Central American countries and Australia.

Our family travels now include our 15 year old granddaughters. A joy! Then of course, as Thoreau said, “I have traveled far in Concord,” and I did, teaching there for 22 years.

Interests and Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, nature studies, reading, being with friends, opera … but no more historic house renovations – enough of that.

Accomplishments of which I’m proudest: Through love, hard work, conducive circumstances, and lots of luck:

• maintaining a meaningful and loving relationship with my spouse of 50 years,
• raising two smart, sensitive children who are great parents and educators,
• helping with granddaughters - 15 year olds who are navigating the pitfalls of adolescence, and younger ones who delight in the innocent joys of the world,
• teaching 300+ kindergartners with the hope of instilling in them an enthusiasm for learning.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Aging started the day I was born. New ideas, new challenges, and new opportunities arrive at every stage of life. At this writing, I have an active mother who lives alone and plays golf and bridge better than I ever will. She’s 96, so what’s 71 in the aging process? I live in the present and am grateful for every healthy and meaningful day.

What event made a big difference in your life? When the acceptance letter arrived in the spring of 1963, I chose William Smith. My life would have been very different had I not said yes. I would have missed the love of my life and the family we share, the deep friendships I developed, and the educational excellence offered.
What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Amazing innovations in technology continue to change the world and our place in it. On a human level, there has been progress, however slow, in the areas of social justice - civil rights, women's rights, and LGBTQ rights.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? It surprises me that there has not been more progress in the area of social justice. In the '60s, singing along with Bob Dylan's *The Times They are a Changin*', we had a feeling of empowerment. Since the recent election, however, I feel like we are going backward. There may be hope. Our granddaughters and their fathers joined thousands in the Women's March in Boston.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? It is hard to pick just one.
- arriving at William Smith as an only child and discovering a wonderful sisterhood of women,
- being greeted by my roommate Ellen Arnold, dearly beloved and greatly missed,
- being the only female in most of my economics classes,
- encountering new ideas, new possibilities, lost innocence - JFK’s assassination,
- checking out my blind date (my spouse of 50 years) from the 2nd floor of Houghton.

Extended Thoughts: Fifty years ago! How young I was back then. I loved my years at William Smith and the experiences that helped me grow into the person I am today. I was given the gift of time to explore, to learn, and to make mistakes.

Ellen Arnold Groff

3/31/45 – 7/28/12

Born in Newburgh, N.Y. Ellen majored in English and was active in student council, art shows, a Dean’s List member, played field hockey and lacrosse. Ellen met her husband Robert F. Groff Jr. in 1976 and they shared 36 years of marriage. Ellen and Bob lived in Lancaster, Pa. Ellen worked as an artist, and freelance designer. In 1980, Ellen joined her husband at Fred. F. Groff, Inc., where she served as a vice-president until her retirement in 1999.

Ellen received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Franklin and Marshall College in 2008. Amongst all of her community involvements, Ellen is a trustee emeritus and former board member of Franklin and Marshall College, and four-time past President of the board, and recently-named trustee emeritus of the Fulton Theater. She served on the boards of Actors’ Company of Pennsylvania, Lancaster County Community Foundation, Leadership Lancaster, the Museum of Archeology and Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, and Warfel Construction Co. She was also founding member and president of the Cultural Council of Lancaster County, and former board President and life trustee of the Lancaster Museum of Art.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, where she served as Senior Warden of the Vestry, chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, and Co-chair of the present Capital Campaign. She was also a member of the Healing Arts Commission of Lancaster General Health, the de Tocqueville Society of the United Way, Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of Colonial Dames, the Lancaster Country Club, and the Hamilton Club, where she served on the Art Committee.

Ellen is survived by husband, six children and 10 grandchildren.
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Post-HWS Education: Graduate work at SUNY Oswego

Work/Career History: Middle school math teacher 11 ½ years; Parish administrator 15 years.

Volunteer Work: Church treasurer, master gardener

Memorable Travels: Greece, Caribbean, U.S.

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, gardening

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: My three daughters

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Having children in my 30s kept me young and active.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting married; having children and a granddaughter; retiring to Webster, N.Y.; losing my husband

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Space travel and the electronic age

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Instant communication

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Being house manager at Sill House
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Saskia was born in Berlin, Germany and immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of 10. She completed her degree at William Smith in three years and went on to earn her M.D. at the University Of Nebraska College Of Medicine. Saskia treated patients in Liberia during a foreign fellowship in West Africa and served her country as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy as a Staff Radiologist at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego. Her textbook, coauthored with Dr. David Edwards, Practical Pediatric Radiology (2006) is in its third edition and currently taught in medical schools.

She was a Clinical Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics in the Department of Radiology at the University of California San Diego. She was awarded for her work as a Visiting Professor at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio and for her service to the detectives of the City of San Diego Police Department in child abuse cases. While Dr. Saskia Hilton's passion for the protection of children was expressed in her professional life as a Pediatric Radiologist, it was at home where she shined even brighter as she showered unconditional love on her family and friends. She was happiest during big dinners at her dining room table surrounded by her children and extended family; there was always room for one more at her table. She loved orchids, jogs in her beloved Point Loma neighborhood, sailing on Silhouette, good food, classical music and lavender bubble baths. She delighted in her grandchildren. She had an extraordinary characteristic of seeing the best attributes in a person. Her optimism was contagious, and her laugh was a roar. Her smile was electric. She had a fighting, rebellious spirit that carried her through all of life's trials. Among her many accomplishments in life, loving and being loved was Saskia's noblest and greatest achievement and she did so passionately, unfailingly and joyfully.

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Post-HWS Education: University of Louisville School of Medicine


Volunteer Work: Serving meals at the local homeless shelter in Charleston, S.C., Traveled to Guatemala with WOGO, Women's Orthopedic Global Outreach, to provide total knee replacements to local people in need.

Memorable Travels: Two month long trips to Rwanda to work in a local mission hospital and had the opportunity to hike in the park and see the silver back gorillas. Sarajevo the year after the Olympics were held there. A cruise from Chile to Buenos Aires and calm weather to go around Cape Horn. Venice, Alaska and my first helicopter ride.

Interests and Hobbies: Travel, cooking, have learned to play cards again since I retired.

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: I'm proud that I had a long career in medicine and was able to raise 3 wonderful children who have given me 3 spectacular grandchildren. 46 years of marriage.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I've been blessed with good health. We stay active, which I think helps, I refuse to believe or act like I'm 70. Having a gym in our condo building helps, means I don't have any excuses.

What event made a big difference in your life? Meeting and marrying John while I was in Medical school. He's been my rock and soul mate for the last 46 years.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? When I started Medical school, women were in the minority, I think there are more opportunities available to women today and that they are able to become leaders on all fields. Women have stepped ahead. Unfortunately I think that society as a whole has become a people who want and expect instant gratification, instant access, instant answers, instant healing and instant news. We have forgotten how to stroll and always run.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The changes in technology across the board and especially in medicine could not even be imagined in the 60s. Pharmaceuticals have increased our life span and eliminated diseases around the world. Cell phones have made keeping in touch available almost anywhere.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I still remember being on the quad when we heard that JFK had been shot. On a happier note, the camaraderie of living in Sill House, bridge after dinner, and the spring tea bring smiles.
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Memorable Travels: Lots of the USA, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Australia

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Water aerobics is terrific.


Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Yes: Learning the value of reading original sources.

Extended Thoughts: The thinking processes I learned studying mathematics helped me write better in English.
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Children: 3 adult children

Grandchildren: 11 grandchildren

Major: Psychology

Post-HWS Education: Law School: Northern Illinois University College of Law

Work/Career History: Managing shareholder and senior attorney of the St. Charles, Illinois office of Wessels Sherman Joerg Liszka Laverty Seneczko P.C., Have been practicing employment law with the firm since 1989 and is a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. I provide strategic advice and counseling to employers on all aspects of employment law, with a particular emphasis on independent contractor versus employee legal controversies. I assist employers and accountants with Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) audits and hearings.

Memorable Travels: Ireland, British Virgin Islands, Iceland, Russia, Austria

Interests and Hobbies: Sailing – Lake Michigan

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Wrote a published book on “Independent Contractor Status” (my legal field).

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have lost a lot of weight and feel so grateful to be much more active.

What event made a big difference in your life? I have been married to a wonderful man for 48 years.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Technology - internet

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Technology - internet

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? The beauty of the campus; the richness of the Western Civilization courses.
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Post-HWS Education: Master’s in Education, Master’s in Urban Studies and Planning; various classes at Columbia University, San Francisco State, Stanford University, New School For Social Research


Volunteer Work: San Francisco Childcare Planning and Advisory Council, Board of Supervisors delegated member, chair; Children’s Council of San Francisco, Board member; Erickson Learning Institute, Board Member; Founder, Board Member and Treasurer San Francisco Childcare Provider Association

Memorable Travels: England summer of ’65 finding Marsha Carlson Gette, Lynn Grant and Ginnie Blanchard in Paris, England Adventure Playground research 1972, Majorca summer 71, Italy with all kids and grandkids 2014

Interests and Hobbies: Music (play mandolin, violin and learning piano; listening to all types of music: husband is classical guitar teacher) photography, fundraising and grant writing, advocacy for families and children, flower arranging and gardening.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Growing a family with Norris, learning to play the mandolin, and advocacy work on behalf of children and families leading to positive legislative changes in San Francisco, starting and taking leadership roles in two non-profits are some of my most rewarding accomplishments.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: As I age, being attuned to nature and the environment, cherishing friends and family and pausing more to appreciate these things has become more important.

What event made a big difference in your life? Being present at the March on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King remains a significant event that raised my awareness of issues that I have confronted by working in jobs that address social justice.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Technological changes and global interdependence that has increased due in part to changes in technology have been major changes from my point of view.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? I never would have guessed that technology could have had both a positive and negative impact on society in the areas of intercultural relationships, globalization and environmental science.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Working with my advisor Dr. Helmut Wagner on my Sociology of Knowledge independent studies class and learning about his work in sociology, both in Germany and at the New School For Social Research in New York City was a memorable experience.
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Karen J. Maskell

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Children: Rick Wallace and Jonathan Wallace (stepchildren)

Grandchildren: Jenny Wallace (16), Xander Wallace (8 months), McRae Wallace (12), Eliza Wallace (10), Wells Wallace

Major: Sociology

Post-HWS Education: MSW University of North Carolina School of Social Work 1969

Work/Career History: I worked in the field of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for 33 years. My first 4 years were in a North Carolina State institution and the next 29 were in a county program.

Volunteer Work: I served for many years on the board of directors for Mecklenburg Group Homes. I was also a “big sister” for the same child for 8 years in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. I was even a bridesmaid in her wedding.

Memorable Travels: Each year for the last twenty years we have spent two weeks in Trinidad Tobago on the island of Tobago. We have taken cruises to the Caribbean, British Isles, Alaska, Panama Canal and Canada. In addition we spend considerable time at our second home in North Myrtle Beach.

Interests and Hobbies: Besides travelling, I enjoy cooking, reading, playing words with friends, and caring for our two standard poodles.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: I am proudest of my 30+ years working with families of individuals with developmentally disabled. I am proud that I was able to retire at age 57 with two homes and a defined retirement benefit which allows us to do the things we enjoy.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I have been blessed with good health. I still have all my original parts where many of my friends have knee or hip replacements.

What event made a big difference in your life? I think the event that made the biggest difference in my life was my marriage to Richard in 1978 and then becoming an instant stepmother.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The most significant changes in society has been technology. Everything is faster now. Communication especially.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? It surprises me how informal the world has become.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I remember dinners in the Comstock dining room. Everyone having to wear a skirt or dresses to the dining room. The afternoon teas with Miss Van are also a special memory. Both of these things influence my life even today.

Extended Thoughts: It amazes me to run into people who are also grads of HWS. I think of us being a small group but recently I ran into a William Smith grad on a cruise and then a Hobart grad in Tobago.
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Post-HWS Education: Various work/business courses


Volunteer Work: Various local and school service activities. Parish Council and Albany Roman Catholic Diocese “Called to be Church” Program delegate.

Memorable Travels: Eight weeks driving tour of Europe post-graduation 6/67. Phoebe Dobbins Noyes and I picked up our graduation gift cars in Frankfurt and accompanied by Robin Robinson Pulver and Jane Trice, put 5600 miles on our cars driving around Europe and the UK. 1991- one month across and around the USA trip with children in our conversion van. Travel to Italy, UK, Spain, France and the Caribbean.

Interests and Hobbies: Travel, reading, music, puzzles and spoiling my grandchildren.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Perhaps not an accomplishment, but I am proudest
of my family and especially my three children whose accomplishments now and in the future will dwarf any I may have. I am proud to have taken my education to work for our Nuclear Navy at KAPL and United Nuclear Corporations and in industry, at GE’s Gas Turbine Division. I am also proud to have reinvented myself to operate my own business through which I learned an entirely new set of skills.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I enjoy generally good health but as with most of us, “The spirit is willing” but the body has slowed down thanks to arthritis.


What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The advent of the Internet and the resulting rapidity with which “information” is disseminated as gospel, regardless of source or factuality. This can prove very dangerous for all society has achieved and hopes to achieve. The cellphone and portable computers have eliminated “regular working hours” and negatively impacted family/leisure time. The level of stress created and the choice of electronic over actual personal interaction may, in the long-term, to undermine families and the family life we treasure.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? There is fear for personal safety and especially fear for the safety of children. Children are rarely out unaccompanied, even in their own yards. They must be met at the school bus even if the stop is at their driveway. Even children in cities are bussed to schools that are in their own neighborhoods.

As a 5-year old, I walked to school with classmates about ½ mile, picking up other classmates along the way. We walked home for lunch and back for the afternoon session and then back home again at 3 p.m. when school let out. This was the case for me right thru 8th grade. I cannot ever remember fearing for my safety as a child and right through college. As a result, I always felt comfortable wherever I travelled.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? My Dad died suddenly in March of my sophomore year. My Mom told me that my Dad would want me to stay at William Smith and so after a week at home for the funeral etc., I returned to campus driving Dad’s car which Dean Heath agreed I could have on campus to allow me to get home more often. Returning, I remember my wonderful friends and falling back into the arms of William Smith, my studies and friends, at times feeling like Dad’s death was a bad dream. Dean Heath had me visit at her office from time to time until summer and took it upon herself to call my Mom and reassure her that I was ok. Being back at William Smith was truly what allowed me to absorb my loss and keep my life on course.

Among my fondest memories of my time at William Smith is singing after dinner by the living room piano in Hirshson and later Blackwell with anyone who felt like singing. The piano player varied by who was willing and the songs were usually show tunes, but it was a time (maybe 20 minutes or so) that we enjoyed and it allowed us to postpone getting back to the books or the library for just a little while. The camaraderie and pure enjoyment of singing together, regardless of whether the group was large or small is something I always treasured.
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Children: 3 Boys

Grandchildren: 5

Post-HWS Education: After I left William Smith, I went to Denison University in Granville, Ohio and graduated in 1967

Memorable Travels: Germany, France, Switzerland, England

Interests and Hobbies: Poetry, pottery, pastels, gardening, flute and piano

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Memorable Travels: Exploring the west coast of Norway on a Hurtigruten ship

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, white water rafting and travel

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
Technology
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Post-HWS Education: M.Ed (Boston University, University of the Arts (Philadelphia) and PA Dept. of Education)

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Volunteer Work: Many committees within Quakerism – Peace and Social Justice, Education, etc.; Delaware Valley Cleft Lip and Palate Support Group; Board of Trustees, Clerk, Media-Providence Friends School; CASA – Central American Sanctuary Alliance; FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, D.C.)

Memorable Travels: During the war waged by the U.S. in El Salvador, we traveled there to accompany workers and religious leaders (Jesuits) who were fighting for social/economic change and to learn enough to lobby in the U.S. for a stop to the war. Went to Paris on our 30th wedding anniversary.

Interests and Hobbies: Painting, mentoring young teachers, gardening, and grand-child care.

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: Being married almost 50 years; energy to take on the challenges of working in public, university, and Quaker education for many years; energy and figuring out how to be creative in raising three children; continuing to learn.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: It’s just that gravity thing… But political activity, grand-child care and gardening helps me keep moving.

What event made a big difference in your life? Marrying Bill Oberfield; being open to new political realities and trying Quakerism, a far cry from my Episcopalian upbringing. As well, I had little idea that attending a women’s college would have such an impact. At the time of my attending William Smith, we were subtly and intentionally immersed in the ideas that women could lead, be academically rigorous, and generate new institutions, but I didn’t know that the rest of the world didn’t have that view. We were lucky to spend those years “swimming in the soup” of respect for women’s contributions, and that provided the infusion into our lives of the possibilities of leadership.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Over the last 40 years, there is a much greater openness and exposure to a broad range of people, ideas, and possible constructs for change. Though we still live in restricted ways, we are aware of and appreciate far more perspectives on history, a more diverse population, and a sense of global citizenship and responsibility. And, of course, there is the iPhone and electrically warmed car seats.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? The richness (I didn’t really know) that exists in cultures, stories, music, art, theater, and possibilities for living.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Moving Up Day – the solemn, respectful sense that many have gone before us blazing trails in women’s education and that we had a responsibility to push for more.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What might we work for from now forward? For me, a more open mind and pushing for systemic changes to some of the economic realities in America.
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1/18/46 – 12/24/09

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Kathy majored in both English and French. During her time at William Smith she was involved with Campus Chest, a Phi Sigma Iota member, on the Dean's list and Brent House manager. After graduation, Kathy completed two M.A. degrees; one in English at Indiana University and another in Measurement and Statistics from the University of Iowa. She then completed her doctoral work in English and in Measurement and Statistics, earning two Ph.D.s from the University of Iowa. As a member of the American Educational Research Association and the National Council on Measurement in Education, she authored numerous publications related to educational measurement and assessment.

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Volunteer Work: Church: Elder; Assistant Treasurer; Music Librarian; Choir Member. Previously, Recording for the Blind; Mill River Watershed Association
Interests and Hobbies: Singing, mainly, and also opera, birding, walking & hiking (ran for 14 years), reading, touring and exploring.
Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:
Supported myself my whole adult life: starting in a time when expected women’s roles didn’t seem a good option, I was able to build a good career and a good life. Others include: learned to sing well enough to join auditioned choirs and take some minor solos; ran the New Haven Labor Day 20K twice; came to understand my mother; enjoying a happy marriage.

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I like the silver in my hair.

What event made a big difference in your life?
Attending William Smith, 50 years ago. My father couldn’t see why a woman would need a college education, given her future. Later my father asked if college had been worth it, and I was able to tell him how important it had been. At William Smith, I was taught how to think and to learn; the coursework expanded my mind; and I gained vital skills. All this gained me respect from others, and still more important, it gained me self-respect.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
The far greater appreciation and respect for women, in particular. At my first programming job interview, the manager said three times that he’d rather hire a man, and I could do nothing. At the time, I didn’t even resent it. (Thankfully, his assistant kept noting I had the highest aptitude test score.) It’s a lot different at work now. Over time we developed professionalism and became integrated into the company, shaping the workplace culture to make it more collaborative.
I also love hearing and seeing women deliver serious news, which at the time I was in college I couldn’t imagine.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? There is the increasing opportunity for women to be respected and take their place in society. While it’s still limited in too many ways, I’m amazed and grateful that it’s happened, and that I was able to work hard and benefit from the new opportunities.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?
A three-way tie is singing in the Chapel Choir, my tiny room in Miller House, and Western Civ, with others close behind.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: My husband thought this meant, “What question should all of us together be asking?” Ok. I ask it, and my answering question is, “How can we cultivate in people an attitude of respect for others?” In my own life, when I decided having respect was vital, things got better. We are always encouraged to love, but you can’t love unless you respect.
Robin Pulver

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Spouse/Partner: Don Pulver, allergist/immunologist

Children: Nina (39), landscape architect and sustainable urban planner; David (36), day hab worker and volunteer; Seth, son-in-law, mental health social worker.

Don't you want to hear about the dogs? Sadie, a labradoodle, and Poppy Louise, a bichon. Grandpups: Icelandic sheepdog, Nissa, and Shiba Inu, Noket

Major: French

Post-HWS Education: Newhouse School of Journalism

Work/Career History: Dept. Secretary Sociology, U of Rochester; Public Relations, PNTI Insurance Co., Portland, Oregon; Newspaper columnist, Ashton, Idaho; Potato sorter, Ashton, Idaho; Free-lance writer; Children's book author; Speaker at school assemblies and writing conferences

Memorable Travels:
- Europe on $5 a day summer of '67 with Phoebe Dobbins (Noyes), Rosemary Bielecki (Monaco), Jane Trice
- California Zephyr train from Chicago to San Francisco with Sharon Garland.
- Lived in Portland, Oregon, during Don's medical internship and residency. Camped every available weekend! Much cross-country travel.
- Lived in Zambia for a year while Don was a volunteer doctor at a bush hospital in the Eastern Province. Walking safari in Luangwa Valley. Hitchhiked and camped in Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya.
- Lived in Ashton, Idaho, while Don was in Public Health Service.
- Lived in Cincinnati for seven years, then moved to Rochester, N.Y.
- Traveled to Australia and New Zealand, Russia, Italy, Ireland, Costa Rica.
- Platte River, Nebraska, for the sandhill crane migration.
- A few years ago, we joined a small group of students from the biology class my brother teaches (U. of Wyoming) on a trip to the Galapagos.
- Our daughter and son-in-law took us on an off-the-tourist-track trip in Iceland, for our 70th birthdays. (Best trip ever.)

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, movies, theater, too much Facebook, hiking, xcountry skiing, swimming, birdwatching.

Accomplishments of which you're proudest:
25+ years of traveling to schools and presenting assemblies as a children's book author. (learned to enjoy public speaking!). Married 46 years, and with Don, raised two very different, terrific kids.

Persisted after countless rejections and nevertheless published a couple dozen books and various magazine articles and stories.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: As for most of us, it’s been about learning to accept struggle and disappointment, starting over, growing in unexpected ways, constantly waking up to new realizations and realities, and being surprised by joy. Now I look back at chunks of life that seemed at the time to be “how things are,” yet more than ever I know it’s all ephemeral and precious. From now on, aging will be about memories and not remembering, staying curious and tuned in. And keeping up with medical appointments.

I felt the oldest when I turned 40. Son David had just been diagnosed with developmental disabilities. No services. Cincinnati school district didn't want to recognize his existence. Don had been diagnosed with possible MS (turned out to be severe effects of giardia.) Daughter Nina had
pneumonia. We were moving from Cincinnati to Rochester for a new job for Don and support for David. Nearer our parents who had health problems. I couldn't imagine finding strength or spirit to make new friends in new place.

But in Rochester, I took a night class in short fiction writing. Began to get published in magazines. Helped start a Special Sitters training program. So much at-home-with challenged-and-challenging-child-time allowed me to write and study. David received autism diagnosis at age 12, which helped us understand the extent of his complicated problems. At 18, he moved into a group home near us. More of life opened up for him and for me, so then, maybe I aged backward a bit.

The past two/three years brought the agony of watching our son (who had settled into a well-adjusted and rewarding life) suffer the onslaught of severe mental illness and a years'-long search for treatment that would help instead of make things worse. There is an awful lack of service and health professionals for adults afflicted with mental illness atop their developmental disabilities. Finally, before Thanksgivings, David was referred for ECT—electric convulsive therapy—which has enabled him to rediscover interests.

Don has not retired and still jogs every morning. Yoga and writers’ groups and birds at my feeders keep me sane and alive. I'm lucky and happy to attend this 50th! Reunion.

**What events made a big difference in your life?**

Here are three:

1) Reading Betty Friedan's Feminine Mystique in grad school and designing a survey research program based on it. Friedan woke me up to women's issues and choices.

2) Having children, who widen our experiences and horizons in different ways:

2a) The birth of our son, who has multiple disabilities. For years I felt stuck, scared, and isolated, but I also learned empathy, patience, and insight into other challenging lives. Thanks to David's "special ed" classmates and group home staff and housemates, we have come to know and love people from Sudan, Nigeria, refugees, all socio-economic levels and backgrounds. They all enrich our lives.

2b) To back up, our first-born, daughter Nina: When David was diagnosed, doctors told us she would grow up to be an extra-sensitive, compassionate adult. She did! She and Seth are permanent residents of Canada, on the path to citizenship, and they are involved in helping Syrian refugees. When they married, Nina converted to Judaism. (I never knew a Jewish person until I went to HWS. I came from a small upstate town.) Their closest friends are Iranian and Israeli. We have celebrated Shabbats and Hanukkah with them. They too enrich our lives and bring the wide world closer.

3) Publication as a children's book author. Thanks to the worlds of children's books and education, I've gotten to know many kind and caring, open-minded, funny, sensitive, intuitive, empathic authors, librarians, and teachers. Not to mention the school children!

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** Well, now we have Trump, and I think we're moving backward fast. Citizens United changed things for the worse; now this. Some progress in race relations, but lately the underbelly of racism is more exposed. Many more opportunities for women. (Still, we must persist.) LGBT rights and marriage equality. (May the progress continue.)

**What are two things about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?** All the technology, of course. I resent it and resist it. The first computer I encountered (in 1970) filled an entire room, but computers have evolved rapidly and made a difference in being able to write and revise and edit without having to make carbon copies and rewrite again and again. I had a Hermes typewriter in college. Before that, in high school, we copied long term papers over by hand. Aching wrists! These years later, it's carpal tunnel.

Also, the climate! I worry for the next generations and the planet as a whole about the persisting denial of climate change and its causes. The new administration is turning back hard-won progress.
Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Marsha Carlson coming into the women’s bathroom at Hirshson and exclaiming that the President had been shot. Then on to a quiz at math class, where somebody knocked on the door and told us Kennedy was dead. Students drifting to the chapel like zombies. Horror and shock.

Also: Getting swamped during canoe lessons on Odell’s Pond. Playing piccolo with the visiting RPO. Hiding out in the clothing racks at McCurdys when we spied Dean Heath…because we were wearing pants. Four feet on the floor. French professor Eugene Murphy and his glorious classes. The huge stack of books for Western Civ. Enjoying Ned Robertson’s humor during WC lectures. Comstock dining (waiting in the tunnel to be admitted; waiters!) Finally completing requirements and being able to take studio art and creative writing as a senior! My writing prof told me, “I won’t tell you to keep writing, because you will have to.” That was the same day Phoebe, my roommate and fire captain at Blackwell, decided to test the fire escape and suffered a horribly broken finger.

Extended Thoughts: I’ve been forever grateful for the rich grounding of those two years of Western Civ., even as details are lost to me.

I drive past HWS on my way from Rochester to my writers’ group that meets at the home of another alum and children’s author, Cynthia DeFelice ’73, on Seneca Lake. I’m always astounded by the number of student cars that line both sides of Seneca Street.

Driving past Merritt, I recall the long walks from Hirshson to French classes. Also to an 8 a.m. history class in winter, wearing my red wool culottes (aka pretend skirt) and knee socks under a long coat. (Does HWS still have 8:00 classes? I know some colleges have abolished them.)

I often dream that I’m back at William Smith. E.g, I refuse to let the cleaning woman come in to Phoebe Dobbins’s and my Hirshson House room because it’s such a mess. (My fault, Phoebe) And: I’m living at Blackwell with so many roommates, we walk atop the beds that are wall-to-wall. No room for desks.

A gray-haired man in my gentle yoga class wears a William Smith T-shirt. Says his daughter is a graduate and had a “fabulous” experience. FYI!

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Lindsey Jewel Robertson*
Lindsey majored in both Russian and German, played basketball and was involved with Schola Cantorum. After graduation, Lindsey went on to earn a Master’s degree from the University of Buffalo. Lindsey taught foreign language at Cleveland Hill High School for 11 years and worked for 17 years at East Aurora High School.

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Volunteer Work: Provide schooling for children in Africa

Memorable Travels: Two safaris in Kenya with family; many trips to the UK, Europe. Walked the Swiss Alps, the Cotswold Way, the Dales Way

Interests and Hobbies: I have a tree house on top of a small mountain on Orcas Island, reading, writing

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Working globally with organizations and individuals to transform the conversations central to their success and happiness

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: I am fortunate to be healthy. My epiphany that while no single conversation is guaranteed to change the trajectory of a career, a company, a relationship or a life - any single conversation can.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? The election of Obama made me proud, gave me hope. That we had two questionable candidates to choose from this last go around was frustrating. The election of a man with zero emotional intelligence, who appeals to our basest fears and prejudices and who intends to legislate an agenda of narrow self-interest made me ashamed of and embarrassed for our nation. At least we are talking, passive people are active, those who were “asleep” are awake. I believe good will come of this debacle.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Fixing endless rounds of cinnamon toast at Sill House the night before an essay was due or a test was eminent. Watching DeeDee LaDage knit a complicated sweater while playing bridge! Sneaking out late at night to meet my boyfriend. Practicing modern dance with my roommate Faye Scott. Renting a live turkey during the Thanksgiving holiday and turning it loose in the President’s office. Sipping sherry with Dean Heath in her office after yet another one of her scolding’s (skirt too short, chewing gum, refusal to wear the freshman beanie). Studying for Western Civ!!

Extended Thoughts: I realize that my comments about Trump may anger some people but I believe it’s important to voice our perspectives AND be willing to respectfully listen to opposing views. In my work around the world, I have learned that a careful conversation is almost always a failed conversation because it simply postpones the conversation that wants and needs to take place.
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Volunteer Work: Various over the years - was a VISTA volunteer right out of college, local food bank, local humane association, etc.

Memorable Travels: Alaska, Italy, Paris, Caribbean cruises

Interests and Hobbies: My dogs over the years, reading, crocheting, beadwork, taking classes on wide variety of subjects.

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: I've survived! I've worked hard and I've played hard and now I have the most wonderful memories and a very mellow life.

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: It's been “fascinating” as my body is falling apart the rest of me has been getting better…head, heart and soul in a good place.

What event made a big difference in your life? Being a VISTA volunteer working with Native Americans gave me a whole new perspective. Falling into HR work opened up my career.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Technology!

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? While some things like technology have changed people’s lives, other things remain the same.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? So many memories I can’t pick only one! Dean Heath – couldn’t wear jeans/pants unless the snow was hip high. Couldn’t carry a cigarette walking around campus (wish I had never started smoking as I’m now on oxygen 24/7). And I could go on and on.

Is there a question we should be asking? Ask it and tell us the answer: What would you tell to your college self? Relax and enjoy!
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Sherrill Grace Thompson*
2/11/1944 – 9/8/2015

Born in Plainfield, N.J., Sherry majored in math and was a member of Canterbury Club. By profession, she was a Recruiter at Randolph Community College and went on to get her Master’s degree in Career Counseling from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In 1994, she moved to Asheville to become the Career Counselor at Haywood Community College in Clyde, N.C., later to become Director of Career Counseling at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. In addition to career counseling, Sherry had many passions. She had a lifelong love for the mountains and the peace and serenity they offered. She also loved photography, making scrapbooks of trips she took with family and friends, and giving back whether it be to the church or a charitable organization. Sherry was an inspiration to so many. By nature, she loved to laugh, was incredibly understanding and perceptive of the world around her. Her personality was both infectious and engaging. She was an individual who loved life and helping other people. Sherry is survived by two daughters.
Jane Martha Trice

Major: Mathematics

Post-HWS Education: In-house training as a computer programmer at AT&T; training for missions work with Youth With a Mission; Mandarin language study in Taiwan and China; university ESL teacher

Work/Career History: computer programmer 1967-1974; missions 1975-2010

Volunteer Work: ESL tutoring

Memorable Travels: 1971 overland trip from Norway to India; traveling in South Africa; traveling in Asia up to present

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, hand embroidery, history, decorating, hiking, staying involved with people

Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Speaking Mandarin; mentoring others

It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:
Living outside the U.S. for 41 years is what helped me most with the aging process because my daily life was very active. Because of the amount of walking, climbing stairs and carrying heavy loads, my muscles were kept in good condition. Also the limited preservatives in the food and exposure to yearly flu, kept me in good health.

After living in the US for not quite 7 years, I have noticed a deterioration in muscle tone and have gained weight. Probably my 70th birthday was the most difficult because I finally had to admit that I was getting old!

What event made a big difference in your life? On Palm Sunday 1972 I gave my heart to Jesus. That decision has made the biggest difference in my life.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?
The increased variety of careers available. The advances in communication technology that both encourages and limits relationships. The loss of integrity in most parts of society.

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? There is a general pessimism about the future.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? I spent much of my senior year spring semester in a body cast after a toboggan accident. During that time I attended a small band concert. It was the only time I have both heard and felt a drum solo. I was sitting in a place between the drums and the speaker which caused the cast to vibrate.
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Linda Nystrom Welman*

3/13/1945 – 12/8/2015

Born in Hartford, Conn. Linda, “Lyn”, majored in math and was a member of the field hockey team and Schola Cantorum. After graduation, Lyn worked as a systems engineer for IBM for several years, spent the next 20 years raising a wonderful family, and was pleased to finish her working years at Jo-Ann Fabrics in Nashua. Lyn’s greatest joy came from raising her children and spending time with her family. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved baking, sewing and especially quilting. She was an avid Boston Celtics, Red Sox and Bruins fan and also liked watching the U.S. National Soccer teams. In addition, she was a member of the Happy Scrappers Quilting Guild and also enjoyed playing bridge. While Lyn’s life was not always easy, she lived it to the fullest and made the lives of those around her brighter. She had a big heart, a great sense of humor and will be dearly missed. She is survived by her husband Thomas A. Welman ’67, three children and two granddaughters.
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Major: English

Post-HWS Education: MAT Colgate; J.D. University of Connecticut School of Law

Work/Career History: English teacher, Oxford School, Hartford. Assistant Attorney General, Connecticut Attorney General’s Office; partner LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; partner, Pullman & Comley LLC (presently)

Volunteer Work: Greater Hartford Legal Aid; Hartford Symphony; Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame

Memorable Travels: France, Ireland, China, Czech Republic, Austria

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, knitting, classical music, banjo

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 31 years (so far) practicing law in Hartford.

What event made a big difference in your life? The births of our sons; receiving a law degree at age 40
Meredith Atkinson Williams*
1/22/1946 – 1/2/1971
Born in Syracuse, N.Y., Meredith was a member of Phi Sigma Iota, the Alliance Francais, and spent her junior year studying in France. She graduated cum laude, with Phi Beta Kappa honors. In 1968, she received her Master’s in teaching French, from Wesleyan University. Meredith was a high school French teacher at Malden High School in Massachusetts, from September of 1968, until she was taken ill in October of 1970. At the time of her death, Meredith was survived by her parents (her father was Benjamin Atkinson, former Dean of Hobart College and Professor Emeritus of Hobart and William Smith Colleges), and husband, John B. Williams ’67.

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Major: Mathematics
Post-HWS Education: MAT in mathematics
Work/Career History: Math teacher, office manager, real estate manager
Volunteer Work: Board Member and Event Organizer for Child Advocacy Center, Association Treasurer, School Volunteer, Church Fundraiser
Memorable Travels: England, Italy, Spain, Germany, Hawaii, Florida
Interests and Hobbies: Grandparenting, Hiking, Designing, Fashion, Computer Organization
Accomplishments of which you're proudest: Three great kids!
It's been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Amazingly little physical or health effect and a greater appreciation of life.

What event made a big difference in your life? My mother's early death that shocked me into a stronger person.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Computers and electronic capabilities

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Reduced goal orientation and work ethic.

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Exposure and appreciation of the arts from acquaintances.

Extended Thoughts: College showed me my academic talent was practical science/math.
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Grandchildren: 8

Major: English Lit.

Post-HWS Education: Ph.D., Cambridge Univ., UK

Work/Career History: Professor, Social Anthropology

Memorable Travels: Lived in Africa and UK, travelled in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America

Interests and Hobbies: Reading, gym classes, gardening

Accomplishments of which you’re proudest: University Teaching in Uganda; graduate teaching at Univ. of San Francisco

It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life: Divorced and remarried; lived abroad for 7 years; my husband and I just retired from busy careers.

What event made a big difference in your life? Getting my doctorate, living in Africa, having children and grandchildren.

What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation? Women’s rights

What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you? Donald Trump as President (ugh)

Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS? Living at Blackwell, heavy snow storms
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**Major:** English

**Post-HWS Education:** M.Ed University of Maine at Orono. MSW Syracuse School of Social Work, M.Div Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

**Work/Career History:** Taught, Counseled, Preached

**Memorable Travels:** On a trip to Venice, flew over the Alps. Joined the Ithaca Community Chorus on a trip to St. Petersburg and Moscow to sing the All Night Vigil

**Interests and Hobbies:** Writing and quilting

**Accomplishments of which you’re proudest:** Two kind and compassionate adult children.

**It’s been 50 years. Tell us about the aging process in your life:** It takes me a lot longer to remember a person’s name. I am more like my mother than I ever thought I would be. I think I am beginning to qualify as a grown-up.

**This part of my life sees me less interested in my personal accomplishments and more attentive to the rest of the world.**

**What event made a big difference in your life?** I spent seven years as the owner of a children’s specialty toy store. I found my inner sales woman and my love of nurturing children.

**What, in your view, have been the most significant events or changes in society since graduation?** The gradual overtaking of my individual vote by people and companies who effect the outcome of elections with their money.

**What is the one thing about the world today as contrasted with the world of our youth that surprises you?** Many things that used to be experienced as a group are now experienced privately, even when in public. For example movies and music, games, sports events and even classes.

**Is there one memory that stands out from your years at HWS?** Lots of good memories but the top of the list is the last day of my junior year. I was leaving to go to my summer job as a camp counselor and I got a letter from a boy I had written to, a boy I had been matched with by Operation Match. Fifty years of marriage later that is still my outstanding memory.