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Report from the Co-Heads of School

Cynthia A. Walker and Micah Brownstein, Co-Heads of School

So far, it has been quite a year here at Olney!

We've had challenges, but we've risen above them and grown together as a community. And we've had a lot of good times and successes. Here are just a few highlights:

At the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival last September, we sold nearly 1,000 loaves of our famous pumpkin bread.

On Fall Outing, we went to Athens, Ohio, where students got the chance to tour Ohio University, visit the Kennedy Museum of Art, and spend some time in downtown Athens.

Homecoming was a great success. It was wonderful seeing so many alumni and families come "home" to spend time at Olney. The Homecoming distance run attracted a competitive crowd of alumni, students, staff, and family participants. **Eric Lundblade (Hon.)**, former faculty member, came in first. The first students to cross the finish line were **Gudi Castillo '19** and **Zora Dahme '19**. Trustees **Michael Hernandez '72** and **Melinda (Gamble) Kramer '64** brought up the rear, crossing the finish line together so both could claim the honor of being last.

As is traditional, the ninth graders hosted the Thanksgiving dinner. This year, they decided to make it an Un-Thanksgiving celebration. We had lasagna and lemonade from lemons grown in our own greenhouse (Leonard Guindon's biology class hand-pollinated the flowers!).



The tenth graders managed the December holiday dinner. They turned the dining room into a feast hall in a medieval castle. After the banquet, everyone retired to their respective dorm parlors for the traditional gift exchange and serenade.

We've also continued the tradition of February Fridays. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores all chose to go to Pittsburgh; the freshfolk went to Cincinnati. We had special campus activities every Friday, including a talk about politics by Shawna Roberts (mother of **Devra Roberts '17** and **Starbuck Roberts '21**), who's running for Congress, and a visit from a herpetologist (complete with snakes, an alligator, turtles, and a tortoise who peed on the Collection Room floor—Micah cleaned it up).

The arts have been in the spotlight all year. Students put on a short play by Moliere, *L'Amour Médecin* (Doctor Cupid), capably led by junior humanities teacher Doan Morgan Vassaf. We hosted an Olney Art Exhibition with an opening reception for the Olney community and the public. Eight students submitted paintings and photos to the 29th annual Regional Student Art Exhibition, a juried show at the Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling. Not only did Olney students have works accepted, but four won awards, and **Antonia Sigmon '18** won one of only two scholarships awarded. Erin Hall, our art teacher, worked very hard helping students prepare for these events. In February, we hosted a concert (open to the public) by a duo, Danika and the Jeb, who led a songwriting workshop for students the next morning as a February Friday activity. Students in **Roger Reynolds' (Hon.)** digital film class made a movie to enter in the Brooklyn Friends School's annual Bridge Film Festival, an Olney tradition for several years now. They filmed a scene after collection one morning, so we're all stars!

College acceptances for seniors have been pouring in—by February, our nine seniors were admitted to more than 40 colleges all over the US!

Farmers **Don Guindon '74** and **Mark Hibbett (Hon.)** continued to expand their horizons by attending conferences related to organic farming and farming at Quaker schools. Mark is working on creating an Olney organic seed vault.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you back for reunions on May 25 and to celebrating with our graduating seniors at Commencement on May 26. The academic year may come to an end then, but our work won't be done—we have to start getting ready for another new Olney year!



New Faculty and Staff

Bill Cullingford, *Chemistry and Health*

Olney welcomes Bill Cullingford as our new chemistry teacher. Bill brings a background that includes a degree in biochemistry from the University of London, a degree in music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, a California teaching credential in math and science from Mills College, Oakland, CA, and work in the fields of electronics and medical research, teaching basic through Advanced Placement high school science and math, and designing non-profit and school websites. As our new web master, he will be gradually designing and implementing changes to the school web site and welcomes comments and suggestions.



A Renaissance kind of guy, Bill also enjoys working in wood and has designed and built everything from kitchens to Celtic whistles. Most recently he has been crafting string instrument bows and relishing how much difference a good bow makes to a musician's expressive options. Bill plays music and performs with his wife **Ela Robertson (Hon.)**, who provides private cello and violin lessons at Olney. They both live with their attentive and creative cat, Celda, in Barnesville.



Adam Dyer, *Farm and Kitchen Assistant*

Adam grew up on the coast of Maine, which was also the home of his ancestors, a tribe of native Americans called the Passamaquoddies. He says, "Growing up on the coast was an amazing experience. There were many opportunities on and off the water. I was able to attend culinary arts school and work as a sous chef in one of the busiest tourist towns in the region, Bar Harbor. I also harvested seaweed for several years, worked

on an organic farm, worked for a business that bought and sold lobster, and also performed in 'The Great Maine Lumberjack Show.' Working seasonal jobs allowed me to travel this country extensively several times and spend a lot of time in some amazing national parks. I love life, I love travel, I love new experiences and opportunities. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be here at OFS working on the farm and in the kitchen."

Connecting and Reconnecting: Olney Gatherings

Co-heads **Micah Brownstein (Hon.)** and **Cynthia Walker (Hon.)** traveled to four regional alumni and friends gatherings during fall and winter. The first was to Asheville, NC, where Micah met with seven Olney enthusiasts on November 3. Cynthia went to Washington, DC, and connected with twelve alumni and friends on November 12. On December 16, faculty member **Roger Reynolds (Hon.)** joined Micah on a visit to Cincinnati for a reunion with eight Olney supporters. Cynthia and **Anne Marie Taber '79**, our alumni and development coordinator, went to Greensboro, NC, where they met with eleven alumni and friends on February 17. Spring takes Micah and science faculty member **Leonard Guindon '70** to Seattle, WA, on March 24 to visit with west coast friends. At every meeting, fond memories of Olney have been shared, tears shed, bonds strengthened, support pledged, and plans for our continuing future discussed.

Cincinnati, OH



At Community Friends Meeting House, Dec. 16, 2017

Back from left: Sue Fuson, Mary Ann Kokenge (parent of Lucy Hartsock '13), Shannon Isaacs '09, Allan Fuson '68

Front from left: Edith Starbuck '73, Lisa Cayard '72, David Fankhauser '59, Eric Starbuck '70, co-head of school Micah Brownstein (Hon.), humanities faculty member Roger Reynolds (Hon.)

Asheville, NC

Bruce Howells and Chris Heaney, parents of **Noah Howells '15**, hosted a gathering with co-head Micah Brownstein on Nov. 3, 2017. Attendees included Noah Howells '15, Chris Heaney, **Barbara (Barrus) Perrin '68**, Marty O'Keefe and Marjorie Ulin (parents of **David Ulin-O'Keefe '17**), and Autumn "Rey" Sadoff, prospective student, with her mother Saresa Hannah.

Washington, DC



At the home of Lars Etzkorn '83 and Gregory Hoss, Nov. 17, 2017

Back row: Lars Etzkorn '83, Clare Gamble '09, Sara (Towe) Horsfall '64, Addisu Hodes '10, Santha Bundy Farah '64

Middle: Paul Scherer (friend of Clare Gamble), Hildegard (Garve) Etzkorn '49, Mary Tipton '69, Mimi (Gamble) Kramer '64

Front: Katarina Farah (daughter of Santha Bundy Farah), Laura Henderson '77, co-head Cynthia Walker (Hon.), Cecile Taylor (parent of Adrien Taylor '16)

Greensboro, NC



At Friendship Friends Meeting House, Feb. 17, 2018

Co-head Cynthia Walker (Hon.), Anne Marie Taber '79, Micah Guindon '99, Darlene Stanley '75 holding Micah's Santi, Paul Dockery '63, Heather Brutz (Hon.) with spouse Ben Reinhart, and Deborah Shaw '74

Commencement Schedule

Friday May 25, 2018

- 3:30-5:30 **Reception** (Music Box)
Sign in, meet classmates, have refreshments
- 4:00 **Silent Auction begins** (Collection Room)
- 5:30 **Supper** (Gym) *(student sign-outs only with family)*
- 7:30 **Alumni & Friends Gathering** (Stillwater Meetinghouse)
Stand up and be counted with your class year
Welcome the class of 2018 to our Alumni Association
- 8:30-9:30 **Dessert** (Seminar Room)
- 9:00 **Bonfire** (Firepit)

Saturday May 26, 2018

- 7:30-9:15 **Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Pick-up basketball game** (tennis court parking lot)
- 10:30 **Commencement** (Stillwater Meetinghouse)
- 12:15 **Lunch** (Gym)
- 12:30-4:00 *Students depart*
- 2:00 **Silent Auction concludes**
- 2:30-8:00 **Class reunions** (optional, time & location by class choice)
- 4:00 *Dorms close*
- 5:30 **Carry-in supper** (Top Campus or Gym)



The Gym, decked out for our friends

Come Back for Commencement Weekend!

May 25-26, 2018

Olney Friends School's students, staff, faculty, and administrators would like to invite you to Commencement Day on May 26, 2018, and to the annual Alumni and Friends Gathering the preceding evening. We hope you can join us to congratulate the newest alumni and reconnect with old friends. See below for the schedule of events and list of reunion classes (come represent your year!).

For reservations and other questions contact Vicki Lowry, Office Manager and Events Coordinator, at mainoffice@olneyfriends.org and 740-425-3655 ext. 203.

We look forward to seeing you here in May!

Class Reunions:

1938	80 year class
1943	75 year class
1948	70 year class
1953	65 year class
1958	60 year class
1963	55 year class
1968	50 year class
1973	45 year class
1978	40 year class
1983	35 year class
1988	30 year class
1993	25 year class
1998	20 year class
2003	15 year class
2008	10 year class
2013	5 year class



Alumni at the 2017 Homecoming Distance Run

Olney Art Students Earn Top Honors at Wheeling Art Show

by Erin Hall, Art Faculty

Stifel Fine Arts Center recognized the artistic achievements of eight Olney students at the opening of the 29th Annual Regional Student Art Exhibition in Wheeling, West Virginia. Works by **Sara Hirayama '19**, **Antonia Sigmon '18**, and **Rachel Smith '18** won prizes in painting and photography. **Amaru Jimbo '19** received honorable mention in photography. Antonia Sigmon was also awarded a \$1500 university scholarship.

Of the 230 pieces submitted by students from 13 regional high schools, 123 were selected for the exhibit after being juried by contemporary artist Kyle Ethan Fischer. Olney Friends School had 16 pieces of artwork selected.

Prizes were awarded for Best of Show and to the top three students in four categories: painting, photography, drawing, and 3-D/mixed media. Four students received honorable mention.



Sara Hirayama '19 with her winning painting

Olney Award Winners

Painting:

Second place, **Sara Hirayama '19**

Third place, **Antonia Sigmon '18**

Photography:

First place, **Rachel Smith '18**

Third place, **Sara Hirayama '19**

Honorable mention, **Amaru Jimbo '19**

Antonia Sigmon received a \$1500 scholarship to attend West Liberty University.

Other Olney students whose artwork was selected for show:

Starbuck Roberts '21

Zora Dahme '19

Rowan Everet '19

Sophie Fisher Frank '19

The Regional Student Art Exhibition provides high school students the opportunity to display their artwork in a professional gallery, see what other students are doing in the world of art, as well as collaborate with and get feedback from art teachers, college professors, and other students from throughout the region.

The annual Regional Student Art Exhibition is open to students in grades 9-12 within a 50-mile radius of Wheeling. Dozens of students representing 13 high schools in Ohio and West Virginia were featured in the show. Participating high schools included Bridgeport, Martins Ferry, Buckeye Local, Union Local, Wheeling Park, Linsly, St. Clairsville, Bellaire, Wheeling Central, River, Olney Friends School, Monroe Central, and Spiero Academy.

Students' works were on exhibit at the Arts Center from January 11 through February 16. The show is part of Oglebay Institute's art exhibition season, which is sponsored by United Bank.



Defining the Future: A Roaring Success!

The faculty and board of trustees of Olney are delighted to announce that our Defining the Future campaign was more than successful. Our goal was to raise \$250,000 in less than six weeks—but response to our request was so enthusiastic that we exceeded this by over \$100,000. The total as of March 31 was an amazing \$360,022!

With your support, we will open in Fall 2018 ready to move forward. To that end, we are currently working with EMD Consulting in St. Louis. Their expertise is in non-profits like us, and they are helping us create a strong plan for a sustainable future.

Any private school relies on its alumni as its primary donor base. Our donor base—you—came through when asked. Thank you! Since we can't make the school run without your financial support, we will continue to reach out to you during the normal Annual Fund and into the future. The success of the Defining the Future campaign encourages us to believe that our alumni and friends will continue to contribute this much-needed annual support to keep Olney vibrant.

Please, come back to campus for Commencement—come and feel the warmth of fellowship and see the smiles on student faces that you make possible through your donations.

Thank you, friends!

A parent says: *"My daughter learned so much more than academics at Olney. And when I hear from older alumni about the deep and powerful effect Olney had on their lives, I feel lucky we were able to give that to her. I'll continue giving to Olney so other parents can give that to their kids, too."*

A student says: *"I'm a senior graduating this year. Being an alumnus of Olney is a special thing. I'm so grateful that thanks to our donors' generosity, my underclassmen friends will be part of the legacy too....I plan to be a donor, too, even if it's only a few dollars at a time at first."*

The co-clerks of our board say: *"There is still work to be done to put Olney on the path to stability, but meanwhile the results of this campaign are heart-warming. We can only do the work ahead if our alumni and friends stay with us. Moving forward, we intend to remain transparent and to listen to all our constituents. Please join us on the journey!"*

Mid-Year Roster of Donors

Fiscal Year 2017-18

At the halfway point in the fiscal year, Olney's students, faculty, staff, and trustees thank all the school's generous supporters who have donated to the Annual Fund and the Defining the Future appeal as of March 23, 2018. We are all working hard to develop strategies that will put Olney on firmer financial footing, and your contributions are crucial to our success—now, tomorrow, and in the days to come. In the words of alumnus **Sohrab Amiri '12**, Olney is a place where students find “friends for life and . . . an education that is astonishing.” Your continuing financial support helps Olney *stay* astonishing.

MacKay (Meyer) Absher '03

Dan Adams (Hon.) & Jean Hoffman

Parks & Paula Adams

Katharine (Brutz) Adolf '04

Javier Albarran '55

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Anonymous

Ascent Medical Management

Athens (OH) Friends Meeting

Mary Lea Bailey (Hon.)

David Lloyd Bailey

Helen Baker '53

Lavona (Reece) Godsey Bane '48

Marvin Barnes

Barnesville Area Youth Soccer

Janet (Warrington) Bateson '52

Lucile (Cooper) Bauer '61

M. Rachel (Thomas) Baughn '63

Kathleen (Rockwell) '72 & James (Hon.) Beard

Manfred Bechtel

Louise Beede

Sarah Berlin '78

Fred Beshears x'70

Jessica Bilecki (Hon.)

Birmingham (MI) Monthly Meeting

Alex & Bley-Vroman

Philip Bohne

Sarah Boyer x'80

Nancy Braxton

Richard & Karen Brean

Joan Brindle

Broadmead Friends Meeting (Toledo OH)

David '69 & Ruth (Shaw) '72 Brown

Sara Brown

Ellerie Brownfain '78

Donna Browning

Micah (Hon.) & Akiko (Hon.) Brownstein

Stanley Brunn

Ruth-Maria (Peck) '79 & Philip x'80 Brutz

Heather Brutz (Hon.)

Ramona (Braddock) Buck '65

M. Marie Bundy '54

Maureen Burns

Aiden Burns '15

Sean & Amy Burns

Mary (Foster) Cadbury '41

Frank Calabrese

Cynthia Campbell

George Campbell (Hon.) & Mary Barkalow

Gwendolyn (Jones) Campbell '79

Melody Cannon

Heather Cantino

Vicki Cantor

Warren '56 & LaRue Carlson

Peter Carpey x'64

Jonathan Carr '79

Emily Carton (Hon.) & Eric Lundblade (Hon.)

Lisa Cayard '72

Sara (Smith) Chamberlain '83

Peg Champney (Hon.)
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 Chestnut Ridge Friends Meeting (Barnesville OH)
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 Jonathan Giffen '79

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 Madison Rose Glass '13
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 Chuck & Charlotte Gosselink
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 Addisu Hodes '10
 Alta Hoffman
 Marian (Hussey) Hoge '42
 Benjamin Hole
 Janet Honecker
 Charles '60 & Lora Lee Hough
 Roberta Houston '67
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 Jeff (Hon.) & Karen Howell
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 David "DR" '66 & Carolyn (Hon.) Stanley
 Emily Stanley '78 & Daniel Bailey '70
 John Stanley '71
 Peter '82 & Lizmeth (Mora-) '90 Stanley
 Rebecca (Bailey) Stansbury '79
 Allen Starbuck '67
 Edith Starbuck '73
 Judith Starbuck '60
 S&ra Sterrett (Hon.)
 Charles Stewart
 Susan (Bailey) Stickney '65
 Jane (Telfair) Stowe '59
 Richard Stratton '63 & S&ra Francis
 Stanley '53 & Charlotte (Edgerton) '53 Stratton
 Susanna Stratton '78
 Wilmer Stratton '50
 John Stuckey '70
 Ruth (Starbuck) Stuckey '45
 Joseph Stuckey '69
 Joseph Stuligross
 Joseph Sullivan (Hon.)

James Syphers	Michael Wagner
Anne Marie Taber '79 & Steven Martin (Hon.)	Beth (Loeber) Walcott '55
Debora Taber '85 & Robert Becerra	Cynthia Walker (Hon.)
Frances (Smith) Taber '47	Wayne & Gertrude Ward
Rongyi Tang '15	Allan '51 & Debora (Foster) '52 Warren
John '47 & Martha Tanner	Margaret (Sidwell) '75 & Rod Warren
Shira (Feingold) Tarrant x'81	David '74 & Barbara (Smith) '73 Warrington
Steven Tatum '66	Floyd '54 & Beth (Haines) '60 Warrington
Adrien Taylor '15	James Warrington '73
Karen Taylor	Daniel Washburn '13
Michael Taylor	Jessica Watters
Nancy (Emmons) Taylor '59	Virginia & Harold Watters
Willard Taylor '66	Mary (Otis) '49 & Roger Way
Janet (Cooper) '64 & Edgar Teets	John Webb '65
John Thomas '61	Gay (Willson) Wellman '59
Lillian Thomas	Angela White
Lowell '54 & Nancy Thomas	T. Stanley '59 & Kathryn (Sidwell) '59 White
Richard Thomas '80	Thomas Whiteman
Barbara (Autenrieth) Thygesen '44	Katharine (Mermin) Whitfield x'64
Lawrence Tjossem '47	Anita (Lang) Williams '83
Norman Tjossem	Barbarajene Williams (Hon.)
Frane Tomic	Pauline (Bedell) Wills '48
Lola (Gamble) Toot '65	Patricia (Jordan) Wilson '74
Gertrude (Bailey) Torry '52	&crew Woods
Gwen Torry-Owens '78	Wooster (OH) Friends Meeting
The Towe Foundation	Bruce Yarnall
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Julianne Trempus	Yellow Springs (OH) Friends Meeting
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Judy (Reis) Tsafir x'74	Timothy & Susan Young
Kristin (Towe) '60 & James (Hon.) Updegraff	Dana Zak '65
Marjorie Ulin & Marty O'Keefe	James Zavitz '83
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	Xiaoyi Zhang '06



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The junior class of 1917, in a familiar spot.

Bi-Annual Scattergood/Olney Soccer Match: A Highlight for Both Schools

By Jamie Zavitz '83, Athletics Director



Friends from Olney and Scattergood, at Earlham College. The elegant and esteemed QUARC Cup is in front, on the left, next to Gudari Castillo Moreira, '19.

Every two years the Olney soccer team renews its friendly rivalry with Scattergood Friends School. This now traditional pilgrimage has attained almost legendary status among players and has become an anticipated event second only to Homecoming. This year's trip to Earlham College, site of the big game, took place Friday, Sept. 15, through Sunday, Sept. 17.

Departing campus after classes on Friday, the Olneyites were chaperoned by **Leonard Guindon '70**, **Micah Brownstein (Hon.)**, and **Jamie Zavitz '83**. The trip included a dinner break and a traffic jam due to construction at the Ohio-Indiana border. The team arrived at West Richmond Friends Meeting, who had graciously agreed to host both schools. Within a few minutes we were joined by Olney alumni now attending Earlham, and the excitement grew. Eventually, the Olney contingent settled in and awaited the arrival of Scattergood, who arrived before midnight. Everyone was made welcome and, after all the buildup and anticipation, tried to get some sleep.

Saturday was set up to be a day at Earlham College. In the morning, members of the admissions department welcomed students and provided campus tours and question-and-answer opportunities. Further contact with both Olney and Scattergood alums added to the experience. And then...lunch in the Earlham College dining hall.

If you have never seen a group of approximately 30 high school students enter an all-you-can-eat dining facility, without individual chaperones, you've missed something. Most needed help deciding where to start. At some point almost every student had a moment where they shared what wonderful food they had found—with the expectation that others would be doing themselves a favor by going and getting some as well. Oh, the amazing power of ice cream!

Saturday afternoon there were two Earlham varsity soccer games as well as unstructured time on campus to explore, relax, catch up with alumni, and bond with the players from Scattergood. The Earlham games were great and the afternoon a success. Supper back at the meetinghouse was homegrown beef and other traditional cookout menu items. The evening consisted of games, music, and community.

Sunday morning both groups were up and out of the meetinghouse before Sunday services for game time. The 10:30 a.m. start time became a little after 11:00. The Scattergood team recruited some extra players from alumni, including **Lee Tran '16**. Other Olney alumni at the game were **Devra Roberts '17**, **Ipsi Castillo '17**, **Liarucha Zahnke Basuki '16**, **Julian Sun '16**, **Joe Kingery '16**, and **Jon Hull '83**.

The game itself was well played and ended in a 4–1 Olney victory.

After another lunch in the Earlham dining hall and clean up in the Earlham Wellness Center (the gym/pool facility), the two teams gathered for the presentation of the hallowed 'QUARC Cup.' For those unfamiliar with this item of inestimable worth, it was created in bygone years by former Olney art teacher and alumnus **D.R. Stanley '66**. It resides with the victorious team's school between matches. The 'QUARC' is currently displayed proudly in our collection room, placed there by team captains **Cat Owens x'18** and **Nati Gashu '18**.

The Olney soccer team recognizes the invaluable contributions of all those who made this trip possible. Thank you to:

- Donna, Crissy, Becky, and Adam in the kitchen
- The Earlham College men's and women's soccer teams and the Earlham Athletic Department, which allowed us to use their fields and facilities
- West Richmond Friends Meeting
- The Scattergood Friends School soccer team and their coach, Sam Taylor

As a final note, this year the Olney team that made the trip to Richmond was composed entirely of juniors and seniors. This means that there will be no veterans of this event for Olney at the 2019 game.

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Presents this certificate of commendation to

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This Certificate of Commendation is tendered on behalf of the people of the State of Ohio as a small token of their sincere gratitude and admiration for your exemplary work and devotion to establishing and growing a business here in Ohio. Since opening your doors, you have focused on integrating your students in all aspects of life.

You are hereby recognized for your commitment and continued service. Your unwavering adherence to excellence is a testament to your focus and determination and should serve as an inspiration to others for what can be achieved with such dedication.

As Ohio's 53rd Secretary of State, it is my honor and unique distinction to recognize and commend you on your 180th anniversary. I wish you continued success and hope this milestone is but one in a long line of similar accomplishments.



Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State
November 1, 2017

Certificate from the Secretary of State of Ohio celebrating Olney's long history, received unexpectedly December 2017. How did they know?

Olney at 180: Student Actions for Peace and Social Justice

By Dorothy Stratton Churchwell '59

Throughout Olney's history, our students have paid attention to the world and its problems with different student generations finding their own ways to address concerns. The first *Olney Current* was published in 1905, and issues ever since have told about student activities as well as those of alumni and their families. Two World Wars, the Depression, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, labor unions, segregation, environmental concerns and more have touched the lives of hundreds of Olney students. What did they do?

In 1917 and 1918 the girls were busy sewing baby garments for needs in Europe, and the whole school was raising funds to help support a teacher in China and one in Japan. During the Second World War, students were knitting, using yarn donated by one student's mother. They made many sweaters, afghan squares, and scarves to send to the American Friends Service Committee for distribution to refugees in Europe. While the girls did most of the knitting, the boys held an auction of unclaimed and unwanted clothes: "Everything from rags to sweaters was auctioned off." In addition to these actions the students arranged to sacrifice one evening meal, sending its value to "buy food for the needy children in France."

Impending war in 1917, pacifism, and government laws regarding military service were major concerns. In January 1917 two students (**William Foster '18** and **Elwood Thomasson '18**) held what might be the first-ever Peace March. For seven days they marched from Barnesville to the Winona, Salem, and Damascus area, asking for signatures on a petition against compulsory military training. They distributed 1600 peace pamphlets along their 206-mile trek. William and Elwood reported, "We found the people we met generally warm-hearted and universally curious."

Compulsory military service was instituted in 1918, but with the possibility for conscientious objection. Olney alumni were involved in the Friends Ambulance Unit in France and other relief projects. During the Second World War, many conscientious objectors spent time in Civilian Public Service camps. Some young men refused to register and served prison sentences. Most of Olney's families were impacted, and it was even challenging to find men teachers for the boys' dorm. In 1944 there were 27 graduates and three teachers in Civilian Public Service camps, 25 graduates in non-combatant or medical military units, and three in prison. At the Civilian Public Service camps each person had to provide all personal items such as soap, toothpaste and shampoo, and Olney students raised money to support alumni in the camps.

Student-led clothing drives around Barnesville were regular events for many years.

In 1945 they collected over 1200 pounds that were “sorted and packed into 375 boxes, using 14,400 inches of string.” For the clothing drive in 1950 they obtained free ads in the *Barnesville Enterprise*, and local dry cleaners offered to clean without cost items needing it. In 1954 the clothing drive was sponsored by the local Friends of Reconciliation group to “get people around Barnesville aware of the needs of people overseas.” That year Olney students visited nearly every home in Barnesville. They found that “almost everyone gave something and that some of the poorest gave much.” There were even some cash contributions, used for shipping costs.

In 1948 students were invited to participate in a WWVA radio forum titled “What Steps Should The United States Take Toward World Disarmament?” **Addison Tanner ’49, Muriel Wesner ’48, Eston Rockwell ’48, and Margaret Bailey ’49** presented the history of disarmament, arguments for unilateral disarmament and multilateral disarmament, and the underlying reasons for even talking about it. They also answered questions from the audience.

In 1955 the Olney Care Committee was in charge of “Dime Night” held on Monday evenings. Since 1951, Olney had been supporting Sin Young Choon in Korea by sending \$10 each month. Students donated dimes to help support this young boy with warm clothing and other items.

Many graddy essays researched topics of social justice and indicate concerns that led to lifetime work. Some sample titles:

- *The Reality of a League of Nations* (M. Isabel Connor ’19)
- *Prison Reform in the United States* (Loran Stanley ’22)
- *Progress in Labor Unions* (Ernest Herz ’40)
- *Frontiers in Medical Science* (Richard Emmons ’49)
- *Pacifism is Positive* (J. Stanley Stratton ’53)
- *The Conscientious Objector* (Ernest Hartley ’57)
- *Too Many People and Not Enough Food* (Dorothy Cooper ’59)
- *The Water Supply Problem of the United States* (Wendell Satterthwait ’63)
- *Desegregation of Schools in the US* (Margaret Conant ’78)
- *Battered Women* (Meredith Judson ’85)
- *The Montgomery Bus Boycott: A Working Strategy for Non-Violent Social Change* (Jessica McManus ’90)
- *Violence in Contemporary America* (Julie Foster ’94)

Students cared about the treatment of Native Americans, segregated schools, prison conditions, and unsafe work environments. Olney alumni trained as doctors, teachers, social workers, lawyers, and other socially concerned professions. They became missionaries, led prison reform actions, worked for the American Friends Service Committee, taught in schools on Indian reservations, and lobbied government officials for desegregation.

When the Korean War started some of the folks that had been conscientious objectors or non-registrants who had served prison sentences during the previous war

were faced with the continuing U.S. military action and compulsory draft registration. Seeking a country where they might live without compulsory military service, they learned that Costa Rica did not have an army and that the government would be willing to let them develop a community in the rain forest above the western coast of the country. The first settlers in the Monteverde community were Olney alumni and their families, among them Guindons, Rockwells, and Mendenhalls. They homesteaded and developed a close-knit community with attention to care for the land around them. Thanks to that care, the Monteverde Cloud Forest has become a magnet for ecotourism, and the Monteverde Friends School is well known in Costa Rica. Close connection between Monteverde and Olney continues today with regular student exchanges between the two Friends' schools.

Non-violent resistance to social injustice is a core principle of many Olneyites. In the summer of 1961 Olney alum, 19-year-old **David Fankhauser**⁵⁹, joined the Freedom Rides. Their purpose was to demonstrate to the nation that the South was violating federal law that prohibited segregation of interstate transportation. In Montgomery, Alabama, David participated in Freedom Ride planning meetings with Drs. Martin Luther King and Ralph Abernathy. From there, he joined an integrated group of Freedom Riders who rode a Trailways bus to Jackson, Mississippi. All eight in the group were immediately arrested as they sat in the "Whites Only" waiting room. In order to "Fill the Jails!", they refused bail. David's 42 days in Mississippi jails and the infamous Parchman State Penitentiary remain for him a potent and valuable life experience. His commitment to social justice activism has been honored by his induction into the Ohio State Civil Rights Hall of Fame and conference of the Johns Hopkins alumnus of the year award. David Fankhauser's story makes for interesting reading: <https://fankhauserblog.wordpress.com/freedom-riders/>

Students have continued their involvement in the issues of their time. Thirty-four members of the Olney community participated in a Vietnam peace vigil held at the Pentagon in 1965. The purpose was "an appeal for the end to hostilities, a witness for a peaceful settlement, and a memorial to all victims of the war." In 2002 seven students traveled to Washington, DC, for a consciousness-raising gathering on Colombia, world conflict, and globalization issues. They took part in a non-violent demonstration in support of peace in the Palestine-Israel conflict and participated in a teach-in session on the Colombian drug war, organized by Witness for Peace.

Olney students have learned much from their international peers about problems worldwide. Students from countries such as Serbia, Bosnia, Palestine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Ethiopia have helped the Olney community be more aware of challenges facing many in the world.

Expressing their international awareness through film, the 2013 digital film class won juried awards for *First World Problems*, which explored how the definition of a problem changes depending on where one lives in the world. Olney students' video *Construction Not Destruction* was a finalist in the American Friends Service Committee film festival; the festival's theme, "If I Had a Trillion Dollars," chal-



Olney students advocating for change at the recent march against gun violence in Washington, DC.

lenged students to propose alternative uses for U.S. military funding. The five filmmakers, **Aidan Burns '15**, **Kayla Kellar '15**, **Kelsi Miller '13**, **Rina Welch '13**, and **Tachwan Kim '13**, visited Washington, DC, lobbying Congress for peace.

Here are a few graddy essay titles reflecting 21st-century students' concerns:

- *Feminism and Equality* (Matt MacDevitt '01)
- *Accounting Reform in the Wake of Enron* (Sarah Meyer '03)
- *Economy of Third World Countries* (Robert Mutabazi '04)
- *An Analysis of the Unjust Bias Shown Towards Palestinians in the American Media* (Musa Hamideh '05)
- *Water Pollution—Global Crisis* (Ngoc Nguyen '08)
- *National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 Legalizing Organ Trafficking* (Christian Rwayitare '12)
- *Indigenous Education in Ecuador* (Kelsi Chavez '16)

In recent years the school has participated in a variety of service projects in Barnesville, Wheeling, Pittsburgh, and Columbus, such as sorting clothes in a thrift shop and volunteering in a food pantry. In 2006 five students and two staff traveled to Pittsburgh to the Thomas Merton Center to help polish 111 pairs of boots for the “Eyes Wide Open Exhibit” sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. The shoes represented soldiers from Pittsburgh and civilians in Iraq who lost their lives in the war.

Interest in solar energy and watershed issues has led to two projects. In 2016 students from the Environmental Science class and Watershed Endeavor were invited to the Climate Change Solutions gathering in Cleveland. The leader recognized Olney, saying, “We really appreciate all the activism the Olney students have already brought to so many of our issues.” Senior **Kayla Kellar ’15** wrote her grady essay about potential solar panels on the south-facing roof of the girls’ dorm. This became a reality in 2016 when Paradise Energy Solutions installed 175 solar modules. (You can read more about Kayla’s project in the Fall 2017 issue of the *Current*.)

Given Olney’s tradition of nurturing interest in social issues, it is not surprising that many students and staff traveled to Washington, DC, in January 2017 to participate in the Women’s March. Even more recently, 30 Olney students, faculty, and parents joined thousands in Washington for the March 2018, “March For Our Lives” rally against gun violence. **Malaya Tindongan ’19**, **Sara Hirayama ’19**, **Antonia Sigmon ’18**, and **Joe Velick ’18** were featured on a Youth Radio video about the march.

Alumnus **Bojane Nesovic ’12** reflected on his education: “Olney is not just learning from books; Olney is learning from experiences, people, emotions, and nature, and this is what makes this school so wonderful.”

Ideas into action. One wonders, what social concerns will Olney students tackle next?



The preceding article can only suggest the countless ways that Olney’s fostering of engagement in social justice issues has benefitted lives and communities. Recently, trustee **Gwen Torry-Owens ’78** sent the following email to fellow board members. She included a link to a New York Times op-ed piece, written just after the mass shooting of Parkland, FL, high school students. The author, Joseph Heithaus, has been living temporarily in Monteverde, Costa Rica. Read Heithaus’s article, and then read the last line of Gwen’s email again. You will understand the connection.

Hello friends -

I read this editorial in the New York Times this morning during my train ride into NYC and thought of Olney.

<https://tinyurl.com/monteverdequaker>

This is why we do what we do.

Gwen

Scenes from Gym-Ex, March 2018



Students at Olney rely on each other for support of all types



Bringing new meaning to the term "body surfing"

She flies through the air with the greatest of ease



Olney at 180: Today at Olney

By Roger Reynolds, Humanities Faculty

It's easy to say that Olney is a special place, but harder to say exactly why. I always tell my students to be specific, so this is a little glimpse into what goes on, every day, at Olney. Here are eight things that happened, January 25, 2018, at Olney Friends School.

1. After collection, Jamie (Sophomore Humanities) asked if I saw the lights from the kids' skating party on the pond last night. I live in the Towe House, on the hill above Livezey Lake, and when they turn on the big floodlights on the back of the Music Box it lights up the whole valley, including my living room. Jamie's from Ontario and is quite proprietary about ice and snow, which I imagine is a Canadian thing. I'd been to St. Clairsville for grocery shopping that night, so I missed the lights and the noise of the kids outside in the valley. It's rare anymore that the lake is frozen enough to play on the ice, and Jamie likes to make the most of it. And a lot of our kids, like those from Rwanda and Ethiopia, have never seen anything like it!

2. I had a talk with Bill (Chemistry/Tech/Health) about the tech class he is giving this quarter. I gave him a few pointers, but mostly empathized with the trouble he's had getting his development web server set up on some old equipment I found in the AV office. Bill is working on an "internet of things" project with the kids, something that will involve fabrication, design, and coding. Perhaps a robot that could recognize faces! I really appreciate Bill's presence. This is his second stint at Olney—he taught here about ten years ago, and his willingness to serve again is indicative of the kind of loyalty and affection the place engenders.

3. When I got up to my office, I saw that student Sumeya had shared a copy of a script the film class is working on for our big movie. Every year, we enter a film in Brooklyn Friends School's Bridge Film Festival. This year's will be bigger and better than ever, thanks to Sumeya with her natural gift for leadership and getting things done. I am so grateful for her help. And the script is pretty good, too. I get to spend an hour tweaking and making suggestions prior to class.

4. I submit my payroll deduction form to the business office. One hundred percent of Olney staff members are donating back to the school.

5. In film class, we go over the script and brainstorm story ideas. It's a small class, four students—Nati, Sumeya, and Zemene, all Ethiopian and seniors, with Rowan, an all-American junior. Story conferences can be tough, but this one goes really well: everyone contributes, everyone has a role. Zemene is our star. Rowan and Nati are camera operators, and Rowan is storyboarding and directing. We generate ideas like crazy. Sumeya keeps us all in line and on task. When films go really well, there

is nothing better—maximum creativity, maximum collaboration, and maximum fun! It's been a while since I felt that, but I have a really good feeling about this group. Auditions are in a week, and a bunch of people are clamoring to be part of the film!

6. Lunch is chicken with a ginger sauce, mashed potatoes, and rice pudding with cardamom. Tables are by advisory—I mention that the color of the rice pudding would be a good wall color, and my advisee thinks I said I thought rice pudding would make a good *wall*, and the conversation shifts to speculating on which foods might make the best house, edible housing, that sort of thing. It's the type of lunch convo I like best because it is so hilarious, and everyone gets to make something up. My advisee has been struggling in Algebra, and just that morning I'd seen the email exchange between Benjamin (math teacher) and her parents, in which he offers extra tutoring on Saturdays. I'm grateful for his dedication.

7. After lunch, I have a crew meeting—I'm a weekend crew leader and we are on this weekend. Jake (Sophomore Humanities) volunteers to do a Live Action Role Play (“LARPing”) activity with the kids Saturday (what I called, as a kid, “make believe”); Erin (Art) is driving students to Wheeling to do photography; Phineas (Math/Junior Humanities) is offering a mall trip. It looks like it will be a great weekend, even if it does rain!

8. Then, on to Senior Humanities and Harkness.* The kids have been reading Joe Jackson's book *A World on Fire*, the story of Joseph Priestley, Antoine Lavoisier, and their joint discovery of oxygen in the 1780s. The seniors want to talk about Calvinism, because Priestley was raised a Calvinist but later rejected that faith to become a Unitarian. We talk about predestination, and, as is the case with Harkness, the discussion turns to larger questions about free will, the nature of creativity, and the difference between scientific and artistic truth. Our eighty-two minutes fly by, the way they always do when the discussion goes well—what? Out of time already?—As always, we're left with more questions than we started with, more ideas to sort and to evaluate.

I know that tomorrow I'll spend a morning listening to the transcript recorded on my phone; trying to make sense of it, finding the good bits, and working out how the conversation we just had can lead into discussion in the coming week.

** Editor's note: Harkness classroom discussions strengthen skills of critical thinking and examination of ideas in a nonjudgmental, open environment. They are led by students, with teachers providing support and guidance.*

Environmental Science Class Energized to Create Dream Homes



During the winter term Environmental Science students studied energy efficiency in home construction. They visited passive solar homes (including the homes of **John '56** and **Wanda Rockwell '56**, **Rich '63** and **Mary (Hon.) Sidwell**, and **Leonard '70** and **Legenia (Hon.) Guindon**) and interviewed the homeowners. Then students designed their own dream home complete with floor plans and a scale model. Shown with their models are **Joe Velick '18** and **Antonia Sigmon '18**.



Alumni News

Please send alumni news and obituaries to Anne Marie Taber at Olney Friends School, 61830 Sandy Ridge Rd., Barnesville, OH 43713, or email them to annemarie@olney-friends.org.

Class of 1939

Marcus and Marjorie Hadley

In May 2017 Marcus '39 and Marjorie (Hon.) moved from Roseburg, OR, to Billings, MT, into the home of son Carle Hadley at 621 Shamrock Lane, Billings, MT, 59105-3041. They write, "Living in southeastern Montana is a big and enjoyable challenge for us. Even the snow is a different quality and drier than at our Oregon home. We have so much appreciation for our dear Olney Friends School."

Class of 1948: 70-year reunion class

Lavona (Reece) (Godsey) Bane

Duane Bane and I have been married for 21 1/2 years and have nine children, 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren! I have been retired as Earlham's Registrar since 1995. My activities include several committees at First Friends Meeting; on the Earlham School of Religion Advisory Board, Richmond Friends School Board, and Earlham's Community Partnership Council. I especially enjoy being a grandmother and great-grandmother!

Doris (Hinshaw) Lyon

I've lived in ten states, but now enjoy the sun in Arizona. I graduated from Olney in 1948—have six children, twelve grandchildren, and fifteen "greats"! Would love to hear from you!

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Pauline (Bedell) Wills

Hello to members of the class of 1948. Ready to celebrate my 88th birthday. My years at Olney were life changing. In 1944 I was being raised by my father and lived with my brother John, two years younger. We walked two miles to school, which was a one-room schoolhouse for the first eight grades. My father, **George F. Bedell**, was a graduate of Olney in 1915 and decided that was the best place for me to attend. My life was turned upside down, but there were others from our area who were also enrolled. A long trip from Swisher, Iowa to Barnesville, Ohio, and so many adjustments to be made. Was very homesick, however there was not a lot of free time and soon enjoyed my home away from home.

Graduated in 1948 and enrolled at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, with

others from Olney. Met my husband, Vernon G. Wills, and we married in 1949. We purchased land and built a home in Wilmington. Our first daughter, Roseanna Deborah, was born in November 1952, David Scott in April 1954, and Cynthia Faye in February 1957. Vernon was employed at Wilmington College, and I was a stay-at-home mom. David died in November 1988. My daughters live in the area so still have contact often. My husband died in September 1993.

When my children were school age I worked at a local bank, Clinton County National, for 32 years in different positions. Am still living in our home we built and enjoy life. Have six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Class of 1949

Dick Emmons

From Vashon Island in the Salish Sea, the Emmons's wrote in December: "In late February we hope to be in Driggs, ID, to stay in the 'cabin' there where we ski the lower (and easier) Targhee slopes. We 'get in shape' for that by daily walks, yard work, gardening, and sleeping later in the morning than we used to. We are trying to 'downsize' a bit by donating stuff to our local thrift store, but counter that with the Island's favorite recreation: estate/yard/garage sales. Barbara continues her great glass art projects. Dick keeps composing birthday poems for the children, grandkids, and (so far) one great-grandson, and making up rhymes to incorporate into his quirky crossword puzzles. We continue to support Olney Friends School, many other good and liberal causes, and we fervently hope for better governing in the U.S., a safer, more just and peaceful world . . . and for the best of all possible futures for you all."

Class of 1951

Walter E. Rockwell

Walter moved back to Barnesville in March 2017. He retired in 1996 from a life-long truck-driving career. He had been living in Mississippi when his wife of 20 years passed away in October 2016. He is a resident at Emerald Pointe nursing home in Barnesville. He welcomes short visits from friends and family.

Class of 1958: 60-year reunion class

Lowell D. Cope

After graduation, **Blaine "Ted" Treadway '58** and I bummed around the country [doing] wheat harvest and other jobs. I worked for Cooper's greenhouse in Middleton, Ohio. My real interest was truck driving. As soon as I turned twenty-one I drove out of Sabetha, Kansas.

In 1962 I was drafted and did my alternative service at the University Medical Center in Kansas City. I met a nurse who had just graduated and we became good

friends. We married and after my two years of service Joann and I moved to Sabetha to continue driving.

In 1969 I got a job offer at Consolidated Freightways where I drove for the next thirty years. For the last eighteen years I have driven for a small trucking company out of Gresham, Nebraska. I have driven over 5.3 million miles in tractor-trailers without a chargeable accident.

Joann and I have driven by car to all forty-eight states, Canada, and Alaska. We have been married for fifty-five years, [and have] two sons and five grandchildren.

I received many awards from state trucking associations. We have been blessed in many ways. Joann retired from our local hospital in the emergency department. I have fond memories of Olney Friends School.

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Woodard Mackie

Sixty years? Who ever expects to have a reunion sixty years after the event? But here we are, sixty years later. The main thing I can say is that, in general, life is good, but it is a long way from what it was, even a few years ago. However, if I were to say there was one thing about Olney that is the secret of goodness, for me it is my wife and fellow student, **Margaret Bedell '58**.

After marriage, we schooled at Earlham College. What to do, what to become. After majoring in philosophy, religion and history, Margaret and I both became teachers, but we still kept looking. At this time in the late 60's, Margaret's parents, Florence and Clarence Bedell, started their school for special needs children in Apache Junction, Arizona. We decided to join them, partly as a way to get advanced degrees at Arizona State University, and intending to stay only a couple of years. The few years turned into nine, and then federal law changed, so that special education became mandatory and our private school would lose students. This was fine with everyone since Clarence and Florence wanted to retire and we needed to get into better paying jobs.

We did some research and moved to Las Vegas to work for Clark County School District where all kinds of new facilities and programs were being offered. I realize that some Friends might think that Las Vegas would not be a suitable place for an Olneyite to be, so I will point out two things. One, there is more wilderness and National Park land close to Las Vegas than any other major city. Measure it by driving time—under an hour, or go two hours or go three hours and there are major areas from Death Valley to Zion Canyon to Lake Meade to the Grand Canyon to the Mojave Desert Preserve. Two, (hang on to your chair now) there is a Quaker meeting, and I became the clerk for two years before moving back to Arizona.

So now, ten years after our 50th reunion, I can only say that I feel fortunate, but I still recognize that the many declines in balance, hearing, and arthritic pains amount to a reluctance to travel long distances. I think that one's peer group is the

main group of people that are accessible and easy to communicate with. I do wish we could be at Olney at this graduation.

Margaret (Bedell) Mackie

Some pleasant memories of my time at Olney: staying up late to publish the *Olney Times* using a manual typewriter and an ancient mimeograph machine, bingeing on cinnamon toast with classmates **Marlene** and **Lucie**, running up and down the hockey field in brisk weather, spending Spring Breaks with Uncle Cliff and Aunt Dorothy Guindon and their family. Of course, the highlight was falling in love with Woodie our last semester.

We married in July 1959, graduated from Earlham, and moved west. I got my teaching certificate and taught third grade in Hemet, California, for several years. In 1969 we moved to Apache Junction, AZ, to work in the residential school for emotionally handicapped children established by my parents. When the school closed we moved to Las Vegas in 1979.

During the 1980's I took a break from teaching and worked in the Accounts Payable office at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas. During that decade computers were streamlining the tasks and the staff dwindled from seven to three. The pay was poor so I refurbished my teaching credential at UNLV and found teaching in the Las Vegas school district rewarding. The Special Education program was strong and well supported. Over time, the range of my students was from mildly to profoundly disabled, physically as well as mentally. No two days were the same. Never boring.

Being retired is great. No need for an alarm clock since the fall of 2004. During the Obama years I became fascinated with politics. Now, not so much. My sense of outrage is becoming blunted from over-usage. I tune out a lot more than before.

We walk our beagle Lucie daily and emphasize plant-based food in our meals. A serving of kale at lunch mixed with berries and almond beverage, for example. A big change of perspective compared to 60 years ago regards the passage of time. The clock moves faster now. The future looks limited rather than endless. All the more reason to feel grateful for each day.

It was fun talking with friends at our 50th reunion. Now, traveling such a distance seems too daunting.

Class of 1959

Brenda (Bowdish) Ponzani

In 2012 we sold our business of 50 years, Ponzani Florist and Nursery Greenhouses. In 2016 we built a home on the outskirts of town in the country. We have been blessed with our new home and location. We also welcome those who are in the Barnesville/St. Clairsville area to stop! The welcome mat is always there. We are landline listed under Dan Ponzani. "Olney" a fond memory of years past!

Jane (Telfair) Stowe

I'm living with my husband Peter in Richmond, Indiana, near our alma mater, Earlham College. He has a vascular dementia (CADASIL) so I'm a caregiver. I have macular degeneration but still read, drive, and am politically active with FCNL, Indivisible, and local Democrats.

Class of 1968: 50-year reunion class

Dean Hartley

Wow, time has flown. Fifty years since I and classmates got our diplomas. A milestone in life. A lot of life and experience, some good, some bad have passed under the bridge.

Right after commencement I went to work for the summer for **Roy Joe Stuckey (Hon.)** and family on their dairy farm. This was prior to my enrollment at Wilmington College in the fall. The summer would have been better had it not been for my mother's passing away in July following commencement. (Dad passed away in 1990).

I attended Wilmington College from the fall of 1968 to June of 1973. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with a minor in Spanish.



The Olney class of 1921 at their 50th reunion

Written on the back of the photograph:

"Ruth Warrington, Lydia Standing, Alfred Hartley, Mrs. Hartley, Oliver Bailey, Rebecca Bailey, Wilford Hall, Ethel Hall, Bertha Pollard, Amy Haworth, Elsie Edgerton, Cecil Haworth, Ethel Cope, Chalkley Cope"

I took the Winter Quester in 1970 off to work at Rough Rock Demonstration School on the Navajo Reservation in northeast Arizona. **D. R. '66** and **Caroline (Hon.) Stanley** also were teaching there during the same period. I took another term off, Winter Quester 1972, to participate in a study-abroad program. I and other students (and Dr. Neil Snarr) went to study at Ivan Illich's school in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.

In July 1976, I went to Bolivia for voluntary service with Mennonite Central Committee as a rural community development worker and agriculture extension agent for two and a half years working along side of 50 colleagues predominantly from North America. We worked with small, rural, marginated villages attempting to improve public health, public education, empowerment of women, and work with small farmers emphasizing appropriate improved technologies. The area was the hot, humid subtropical to tropical region of eastern Bolivia.

I returned after a three-month furlough for a three-year contract doing follow-up and to coordinate the MCC Heifer Project, Inc. (now called Heifer International). The program deals with small community committees of ten to 50 members where ten heifers and a bull are placed with members who have children. Those members pay back the committee with their first heifer calf until all members have received a calf to raise, primarily for milk for the children. In some 40 years of my working career, I found this to be the most rewarding, even if it was voluntary service.

After I returned from Bolivia in March 1982, I moved to northern Indiana (south of South Bend). I have had a number of different jobs: dairy farming; making fiberglass auto and boat parts; working in a feed mill bagging minerals and mineral mixes for animal feeds; and finally working for a car dealership group as a parts delivery driver. I am now retired. I have never married.

I very much appreciate the education I received at Olney. I enjoyed my education and the fellowship with other students, teachers, and staff with whom I interacted. Favorite subjects were Ancient History, American History, Art, Quakerism, Senior English, Shop/Home Ec., and Spanish. Olney shaped most of my political views and provided a strong base for my religious beliefs.

I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I have grown spiritually from the input of Quakerism, fellowship with the Anabaptist congregations of the Church of the Brethren (Dunkards), and the Mennonite church. I have also been influenced by Progressive Methodists.

I continue to enjoy fishing, camping, and working on family history. Many of my classmates, and schoolmates, as well as teachers and staff, I have found to be second to fifth cousins. We are a family/community drawn together through our Quaker heritage.

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Margie (Smith) Harris

One of the last things we did as a class before commencement 1968 was to play children's games on top campus. It was a cool night with just a kiss of breeze and all the anticipation and fragile beauty of a southern Ohio spring. We stood in a circle, playing—what? drop the handkerchief?—and I clearly realized that this was the last time we would be together like this. All of our camaraderie we could carry with us only in memory, as we popped off like beads off a string into the wide world ahead.

I went to college, but it was not very challenging after our classes at FBS, and when I took some time off to do something different for a while, I discovered a whole new direction for my life. Part of my quest was for what God wanted, and in a deepening friendship with an old family friend, I found my husband. Stephen and I have had over 46 happy years together, raised four children, lived in two states, fixed up three old houses, and finally built a new house a few years ago. I have always been privileged to be the homemaker for our family, and have partnered with Stephen in our stringed instrument repair and custom cabinet businesses. I have also volunteered as a counselor at the crisis pregnancy center. I didn't want to get to heaven and have God ask me about abortion and only be able to say, "I was against it."

We now live on the Harris family farm in central Iowa, close to all of our children and our nine grandchildren. I hadn't thought a great deal about being a grandparent, but it is a role I cherish. The kids are in and out a lot, sledding, poking around in the garden, working on the Model T with Stephen. And a fat baby is always a treat.

I've watched fireworks sitting on the hayrack in our west field with my grandchildren, and breathed the wet cool air in the misty woods of the Pacific Northwest, stood on rocky ridges in the Cascade Mountains, and watched the sky turn red in our woods on a winter morning. But the very best thing I have ever done is to ask Jesus to be Lord of my life. Through my commitment to Christ, I have had the deepest friendships, the most challenging people helping opportunities, and sometimes some surprising adventures. At the point of this writing I don't know whether I will be able to come to the class reunion or not. But I remember you all, and am glad you were part of my life.

Philip Hershberger

Fifty years is a long time, but as I've commented elsewhere, I don't think I've changed much since graduating from Olney and naively heading off to college all those years ago. I do think that people distill a character imprinted long before high school comes, or goes. Some few may transcend this, but as in most things, I remain the rule rather than an exception. And any story I choose to tell about what's happened to me since 1968 requires a skillful omission of certain facts as much as which to include. That is the essential element of any good story, especially an autobiographical sketch. So, reader beware.

I headed off to Oberlin College based almost purely on **Olney Principal Thomas S. Brown's** recommendation—God knows I didn't have the grades or SAT scores to have gone there otherwise—but stayed just a year. This very much disappointed Teacher Tom. I volunteered for alternative service and spent two years working for New York's Judson Memorial Church and the NYU library, then began a life-long infatuation with bicycles. A solo trip through New England and Ontario to Michigan started a decade of retail employment in bike shops in my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, and in New York City, but I rode my last race at age sixty-three. Pertinent 12-step programs sadly had not been available. I attended CCNY, then theater school, and appeared on a couple of now-defunct soap operas and in a few commercials; but marriage in 1982 and fatherhood the next year put paid to all of that, and I spent the next ten years tending bar in Manhattan and Brooklyn. I do have stories; but believe me, they are not for this publication. I then spent most of my forties, fifties, and early sixties working in social services of one sort or another, with the final 14 years in child welfare at the local county department of social services. Those years finely honed my deep appreciation of dark humor. I am retired from all those things now. I should say that I did finally get a college degree at age fifty-one, proving once again that nearly anyone can do it if they try four or five times. TSB is, I hope, vindicated.

My wife, Anne, fortunately is much smarter than I am, and so is our daughter, Amelia; otherwise I have no idea where I'd be today. You may have seen Amelia on "Jeopardy!" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," where she won some money. She and her husband live nearby and have a little boy named Henry, whom Anne and I adore. We are typically proud and doting grandparents. Anne is retired, too, but if you even today want to know how to rate a childcare center for quality or how to finance early education, she knows as much about it as anyone you'll ever talk to. Anne is the real thing; everyone knows that. I am grateful for the people I remain close to from my years at school, some of whom I see pretty often. I will be happier still to see those I do not see often at all, or much ever, at Commencement this spring. Visit Anne and me at our home in Climax, just south of Albany, New York, if you want. There's room. Call us from the corner.

Leslie Kendall

Ridiculous! 50 years? Outrageous!

I left Olney, went to a junior college in Michigan, played the best tennis of my life (**Donna Lord '68** could still beat me) but left after a year to transfer out west to attend Northern Arizona University. I was restless. School was always hard for me. Turns out I had an undiagnosed learning disability. I tried out for the spring musical and got the lead in "Funny Girl." I realized that being in a musical was nice but I wanted more. I wanted a career as a singer. I left NAU, went back to Michigan and put together my first band. We performed and lived on the road for ten years. I sang six nights a week, five hours a night, and loved every minute.

The down side was the constant exposure to drugs and alcohol. In 1973, after 22

shots of scotch, I took my last drink. Ten years later I took my last drug. I have been clean and sober ever since.

I retired from singing last year after 46 years. It was a great career. You can Google (Leslie Kendall Percy Faith Maybe September). iTunes carries my Christmas CD, *When I Think of Christmas*.

For the past 14 years I have run a domestic violence program for women who are victims and/or are aggressive. It is challenging and rewarding work.

I have two wonderful boys ages 26 and 29. Ian played professional baseball for five years and is now in college. Spencer graduated from Harvard with an MBA and works in Boston. I've been with the same partner for 16 years. We raised four kids together. Blended families are messy but wonderful.

I am sorry to miss you at our 50th. You hold a precious place in my heart and always will. Thank you for reading about my life. I hope everyone takes the time to write and share about their journey. Mine is thanks to those of you who loved me and let me love you.

Barbara (Barrus) Perrin

My time at Olney was a very important part of my life and growth and the best learning environment of my education. It was a warm and nurturing place where we lived in community with Quaker values and had wonderful caring teachers who knew and cared for each student. College was not that way for me. I finally graduated from Earlham College after some struggles with depression and never knew where to look for the help I needed. I experienced my first serious depression at age 19. Later, when I did seek help, I was counseled for my depression, but never asked about the times when I wasn't depressed. I wasn't diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder until I was 28. Life was quite a roller coaster during the years before my diagnosis. I had lots of adventures, mostly good, but as I look back on that time, I realize that I was one of the lucky ones, with lots of support from family and friends and must have been watched over by a guardian angel because I did some pretty crazy things. During an extreme manic phase I was hospitalized and began taking Lithium. Within two weeks I was leading a stable life.

I returned to Celo Community in North Carolina where I grew up. I became co-director at Camp Celo, working first with my parents until they retired and later with my brother Gib and his wife Annie. At 36 I married Tom Perrin and we had two children, Drew and Sadie. Now I'm a happy Granny to Drew and Carly's son Niko. I have retired from the camp and Drew has taken my place as co-director. It is wonderful to be a neighbor to the camp with my capable son taking over. Sadie is teaching at a Montessori school in Boston and plans to have summer involvement in the camp also. I am still working hard on the farm that is connected with the camp, but it feels good to be free of the director role. In addition I have been very busy helping my parents (and now [just] my Mom) age at home into their 90's.

Beverly (Kirk) Shull

My husband, Bob Shull, and I live eleven miles south of Barnesville, on a small farm we purchased 15 years ago while our daughter, **Meredith '05**, was a student at Olney. We were making the trip from Detroit regularly to visit her, and it seemed wise not to overburden friends with hosting us. This was before I considered leaving Ford Motor Company to become Olney's business manager in 2005; at that point, we moved to the farm full-time. Both of our daughters (**Rosa** graduated in 2009) were transformed by spending their high school years at Olney, and we are forever grateful for the love and support they received.

My professional career allowed me to live and work in Philadelphia, Portland (OR), Lima (OH), and Dearborn (MI), but when people ask me where I'm from, I no longer say that we moved here from Michigan or that I was born in Columbiana County; I say that I grew up in Barnesville. I am slowly reconnecting with grade school classmates and with Barnesville Hospital staff I worked with in the late '70s. I am making new friends through local golf leagues and yoga class. It's all good.

I am looking forward to seeing Olney classmates at Commencement in May!

Wayne '68 and Kathy (Voorhees) '65 Stanley

Kathy and I are both retired, spending most of our time remodeling two little vintage Park Model houses, one in the central Colorado Mountains on the bank of the Arkansas River (near our daughter) and one on the shore of Lake Tyee in the Cascade Mountains north of Seattle (near our son). The plan is to spend the summers at the lake and the winters in sunny Colorado.

We still try to participate as re-enactors in living history events like Fur Trade Rendezvous and similar events depicting life in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

Hope to see some of you again in May—bring instruments, let's play some music!

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Jo Smith

Hey there, Class of '68. Greetings from the left coast—land of drought, quakes, fires, sun, sand, surf and sanctuary! California has been my home for the longest chunk(s) of time since we graduated—far surpassing Venezuela where I lived for about 11 years. I actually think I have finally settled into a permanent home here in Oceanside—at least until I am either carried out feet first, or swept out to sea by a rogue wave as I walk the strand.

Life is both simple and grand. I wake up most mornings to execute a little happy dance as I look westward through my windows, to see either an impenetrable fog bank or the early morning surfers catching a few sun-dazzled waves before heading off to their day jobs. My happy dance is usually followed by a class at my yoga studio where I find peace on my mat and in my practice.

I was extremely fortunate (thank you, David!) to retire early from my career as an underwriter and a broker in international commercial property and casualty insurance. My early years of retirement were occupied with volunteer work at Recordings for the Blind in Palo Alto, CA, and for the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT) in Woodside, CA, where I helped establish a carriage-driving program for adults and children with disabilities.

When hauling and lifting heavy harnesses, shoving around impressively large wheelchair-accessible carriages, and cleaning massive Percheron hooves got to be too much for my aging body, I trained with Voices for Children (VFC) to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children who are caught up in the foster care system here in San Diego County. I was assigned my first case by the court in 2016 and immediately fell in love with the four siblings (all aged six and under at the time) whom I was assigned to help. Luckily, they are now happily thriving and living with their mother who is doing remarkably well as a single parent. My court-ordered role was no longer required, but I was hugely conflicted about moving on to a new court case and leaving these lovely kiddos behind. After about five minutes of reflection, I quit my volunteer job and, with the blessings of VFC and the kids' mom, I have morphed into an unofficial gramma who gets to do lots of the fun things, like chauffeur my young friends to soccer games, gymnastics practice, and ukulele summer camp.

My own (and only) kiddo, Bruno, lives in Los Angeles and is a firefighter for the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Bruno's dad and half-brother live in Venezuela where times are very tough right now. My second ex-husband (yep, I am a double retread at marriage) and I split up in 2014, and I am actually incredibly grateful for this second marital crash and burn because it set me on a path of healing, peace and personal growth that I never could have imagined. It really is true that what doesn't kill you can set you free.

I take leave of you all now with this YouTube link (<https://youtu.be/MBCfAbZZjqY>) to a poem by Safire Rose titled "She Let Go." Read by John Siddique, it pretty much sums up what I experienced a couple of years ago. Following that "let go" moment, I have been voraciously consuming information about the science of and the amazing effects of meditation on the brain. I now travel a path of mindfulness and meditation practice as it has been adapted for our western culture and have even come full circle to attend a local Friends meeting from time to time. Here is a link to the TED talk video of the amazing Dr. Jill Taylor, who inspired my brain studies: <https://youtu.be/UyyjU8fzEYU>

Below you will find one last poem for the road in honor and recognition of our aging Olney selves. May we know peace, may all beings and creatures on the planet, cosmos, universe and beyond, know peace. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your classmate and friend from afar these past 50 years.

Tomorrow, by David Budbill, from his poetry book *While We Still Have Feet*:

Tomorrow	alive, aware,
we are	right here,
bones and ash,	right now.
the roots of weeds	Drunk on music,
poking through	who needs wine?
our skulls.	Come on,
Today,	Sweetheart,
simple clothes,	let's go dancing
empty mind,	while we've
full stomach,	still got feet.

And one last gem from artist and musician, Steve Gold, titled “Stoned on Shiva,” so we can all dance together once again: <https://youtu.be/D8QilOf0Y9k>

Class of 1969

Joseph D. Stuckey

I have lived with my family on our dairy farm in Monteverde, Costa Rica, since the mid-1970s and early '80s. Two of our children live nearby and operate tourism enterprises; and our daughter and her husband are now managing our dairy farm. I am retired from a career working with international humanitarian aid and development agencies, principally CARE.

Through the years we have enjoyed visits from several Olneyites in Monteverde, and would love to see more of you.

Class of 1974

Patricia (Jordan) Wilson

I retired in June 2015 from education. I taught special education for 33 years at the elementary and middle school levels.

Rockwell Fairhope Reunion 2018

By Wanda (Edgerton) Rockwell '56

In 1950 numerous Rockwell kin, along with other like-minded friends/Friends, moved to Costa Rica from Fairhope, Alabama, because of U.S. foreign policy, draft law, and increasing militarism. In late February 2018 eight cousins of that original group gathered, again in Fairhope, along with spouses, kids, grandkids, to get acquainted/reacquainted, reminisce, explore.

Ken (Kirk '78) has wished for some years to visit Fairhope with his in-laws (**John '56** and **Wanda Rockwell '56**), to learn more family history. He and **Faith [(Rockwell) Kirk '80]** splendidly masterminded five days of togetherness using an Airbnb rental house as base. As many as 24 gathered for suppers together (groups taking turns preparing food) after daytime hours spent exploring the familiar and the not-so-familiar. Coincidentally, the Single Tax Corporation lecture series on Fairhope history was held at the public library, the March topic being "The Quakers of East Fairhope (100 Years)."



Front row, l-r: Joel Rockwell '83, Paul Rockwell

Second row, l-r: Celia (Rockwell) Geesaman '63, John Rockwell '56, Howard Rockwell '46, Kathryn (Rockwell) Hamer '55

Third row, l-r: William Vargas, Phyllis (Rockwell) Wallace '47, Daisy Rockwell, Graciela Rockwell, Wanda (Edgerton) Rockwell '56, Yvonn Vargas Rockwell, Faith (Rockwell) Kirk '80, Courtney Kirk, Emma (Kirk) Howell x'05

Back row, l-r: Floyd Rockwell, Lillian Rockwell, Shelley (Scott) Rockwell '82, Ellen Rockwell, Jeanette Rockwell (Hon.), Ken Kirk '78, Jameson Kirk, Patrick Howell

Not pictured (behind the camera): Joyce Beschta

Class of 1978: 40-year reunion class

Kenneth Kirk

40 years in 500 words or less? Okay, here we go:

- Post-Olney, worked a year in foundry-related business in Columbiana, Ohio.
- Entered Grove City College in fall of 1979 for pre-med and soccer—you know, labs, daily practice, no sleep, poor grades, sore knee. Quit soccer, took up racquetball, changed majors and graduated with honors in Economics with my knees intact.
- Latter part of 1983 went to work with Mennonites in Columbiana County in agricultural construction and married **Faith Rockwell '80**.
- Moved to Columbus, worked eight years for two different national home-builders in sales, production, service and was awarded incentive trips to exotic places, MVP awards, blah blah blah. Didn't enjoy the corporate scene.
- Built custom homes under own name for a few years, built three different residences for ourselves, tried an office job in a high rise in downtown Columbus briefly, flipped some real estate, did remodeling, home additions, etc.
- Were blessed with three above-average children (Emma born 1987, Jameson 1990, Lydia 1992), were very active in our local church, and served on Executive Board of Olney plus Fiduciary Trustees.
- 2004-2010—Finished the children's educational careers in Granville, Ohio, still active but in a different local church body.
- Went on missionary related trips to Haiti, India, China, Philippines, building structures in two.
- Summer/Fall of 2010 moved to Fayetteville, TN, onto 45 secluded acres of shared household (48 x 96 barn-a-minium) with first cousin **Karen (Sidwell) Wilson '73** and her husband John. Left organized church, Christmas, Easter, Sunday rest, 501(c)(3), etc. Still growing.

Faith raised wonderful children, worked outside the home before they were born, then, after the nest was empty, worked as a seamstress for a time in Nashville for Elizabeth Suzann studios as well as doing a superb job as home and remodeling designer and overall companion and domestic engineer.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention: When we had a five-bedroom house, the three kids preferred to sleep in the same room. "So why did I build these other spaces?" They love each other dearly and, believe it or not, all got married within a 19-month period - (Jameson to Courtney, Emma to Patrick and most recently, in a slam bang finish, Lydia to Charlie on our Tennessee property). Current locations of each: Em moved to Lynchburg, VA, J is in Columbia, TN, and LJ (Charlie) is currently stationed in Bremerton, WA.

A guy loved a girl, and then there were eight! We're hoping for more real soon!! Through it all the Lord Jesus has been faithful and walked with us every step of the way. How does the saying go? "We're promised safe passage, not smooth sailing." I highly recommend getting to know Him personally. He's the real deal.

Favorite Olney memories: racing **Jon Carr '79** to morning collection then feigning like we just casually arrived, placing expired bovine skull in toilet of girls upper east wing, then playing it cool at breakfast prep as beloved cousin **Emily Stanley '78** and friend **JoMae Stratton '78** relayed her/their horror. The whole thing was brain child of **Christopher Emmons '78** but **Lloyd Guindon '77** and I were unable to awaken him for the caper. And of course, the highlight was the senior trip to New England and seeing the home stomping grounds of **Gwen Torry '78**, **Carl Curtis (Hon.)**, and **Peggy Conant '78**.

My love and best wishes to you all!

Kate (Ganzel) Lott

Forty years! Time really has gone by.

In 1981, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. It is a decision I have never regretted. John 5:24 says: "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." Romans 10:9 says: "If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Salvation is not something we earn. It is a gift from God.

Right after Olney, I worked for a year at a daycare center in Syracuse, New York. Then I moved back to Ohio and went to Wilmington College for two years, then on to Ohio Wesleyan. I have been living in Missouri since just after graduating from college in 1983. I worked at a children's home for a year in St. Louis, before getting a teaching job in Piedmont, Missouri, for two years, then moved back to St. Louis. Less than a year later, I met a wonderful man named Doug Lott, a native St. Louisan. We were married in 1989, and will be celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary this year. We have two wonderful children. Jason, who is now 25, works in a sheltered workshop for people with disabilities. Jenny, 22, just graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and is looking into what job she would like to do.

I had some other full-time teaching jobs a while back, but I think my calling is to substitute teach—which I wouldn't have believed back in high school. Mainly, I substitute teach elementary school, and some early childhood. I enjoy the flexibility of my schedule. I have also been doing creative writing mainly for children, and enjoy making needlework items. Doug has a job working with computers. He also enjoys photography, and has been taking real estate pictures.

Doug and I share our Facebook page. I love to hear what you are doing. You can email us at: dkjlott@sbcglobal.net

Johanna “JoMae” (Stratton) Rockwell

After graduating in 1978 from Olney I spent a few years in Columbus, Ohio. During that time, **Dennis Rockwell ’77** and I were married (in 1981). I earned my BSN from Ohio State University; we also decided we did not like city living. Since that time we bought a house outside of Barnesville, and I have worked as a nurse for over 33 years. Sometimes I have worked full-time/part-time and in several different scenarios.

Dennis and I share our love for God. We have been blessed and protected by Him during our lives together. We are blessed to have four children and now three grandchildren. We praise the Lord daily for them all. Dennis and I are blessed to have all our parents in the Barnesville area now and enjoy doing things for them/with them.

Our home is just outside of Barnesville. We have decided the remodeling we started years ago may never get finished—yet it is our home. So if you are in the area give us a call; we might be home for you to come and visit. (home phone # 740-425-2466). God bless you all.

Class of 1997

Olivia Hansburg

Olivia writes from Chicago that she has worked in Finance for around fifteen years doing operations and risk management, after having graduated from Earlham in 2001. Married eleven years with two kids, aged four and six, she says, “Please encourage alumni to give who have not in [the] past. Olney is making caring people in an uncaring time.”

Class of 2003

Hannah Campbell

Mom Cynthia writes that Hannah is now the HR Manager at Malaprop’s Books & Cafe in Asheville, NC.

Class of 2012

Sohrab Amiri

Sohrab currently serves as Global Ambassador for Strategic Partnerships at the Zschool in San Francisco, working to extend its mission to an audience of aspiring changemakers by recruiting young social entrepreneurs, activists, artists, etc. for a podcast series aimed at 14-18-year-olds. A graduate of Earlham College, Sohrab recently completed a four-month-long incubator at the Watson Institute (Boulder) developing Cumasu, a mobile platform that will allow patients with stigmatized diseases (such as HIV/AIDS) to anonymously manage appointments and prescriptions in Kenya via any mobile device, using USSD with SMS technology instead of internet data.

Class of 2015

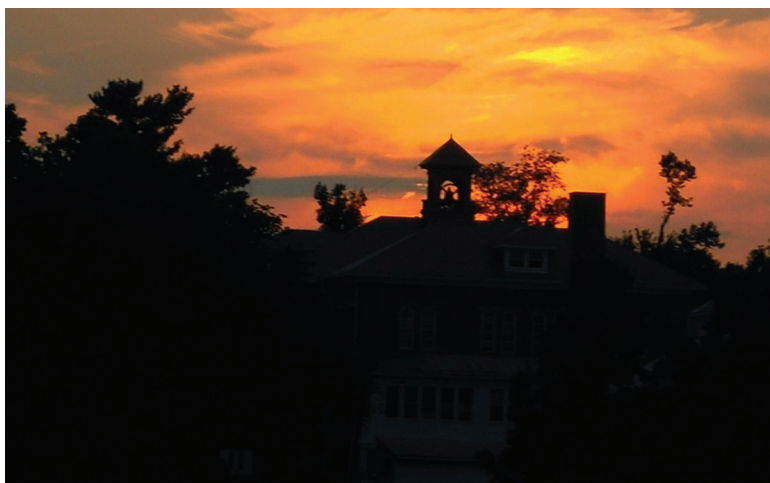
Noah Howells

Noah is currently a junior at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, majoring in Industrial Design with a specialization in furniture design.

Honorary Alumni

John J. Hanlon

Word from John Hanlon: I am in my third year teaching humanities at San Francisco Waldorf High School—and loving it. I also perform with a number of theatre companies in Marin, which is a great place for my other passion, trail running.



The bell tower at sunset.

Friends Who Have Passed

Esther (Shaw) Miller '44

Esther (Shaw) Miller, class of '44, passed on March 12, 2016. She died peacefully, in hospice care at the home of her son, Dr. William Miller, in San Francisco. Esther would have been 90 years old in October of 2016 and enjoyed a lively good life among her many friends and family.

Erma (Hoge) Lam '45

Daughter Linda Lam Thorpe writes that Erma passed away October 16, 2017, in hospice.

Norma Jean (Hinshaw) Atkinson '49

From Norma Atkinson's husband, Donald: "Norma passed away Oct. 29, 2015, after a severe stroke at age 85. She was born Oct. 10, 1930. We all miss her very much."

Ernest Guindon '58

Ernest passed away November 5, 2017, following a heart attack. His father, **Carroll T. Guindon**, was a 1931 graduate.

Theodore Charles Lamb '70

Theodore Charles Lamb '70, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, at the age of 65. He was born Jan. 4, 1952, in Syracuse, New York to Theodore Lafayette and Ardella Faye Lamb. He was known as Ted to his friends and family.

Ted graduated high school in 1970 from Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio. He attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. After college, Ted started a framing crew with his friend, Robbie Abernathy. During this time, he met his wife, Joyce Ann Wofford. After meeting Joyce, Ted returned to school to become a lawyer and graduated from Bowman Law School in Little Rock in 1983. He practiced civil law as a young attorney working at his own private practice. Ted eventually specialized in employment law while working for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He began his work with the EEOC in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1997 as an attorney. In 1999, Ted transferred to the Little Rock branch where he worked as a mediator, administrative judge, and eventually the ADR coordinator for the Memphis district. Ted had a great passion for the law, and he believed in equal rights and opportunities for all people.

Ted was a loving father and husband who enjoyed spending time with his family. His favorite hobby was photography, which he started as a child by turning his parents' bathroom into a full-time darkroom. He also enjoyed sports, canoeing, storytelling, shooting, and was a lifelong Arkansas Razorbacks fan. Despite becoming an incomplete quadriplegic, he was able to provide for his family and had a successful career. He made time to coach both of his sons' soccer teams and engaged in numerous activities with them despite his disability. He stood as a role model and trusted counsel for his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore Lafayette and Ardella Faye Lamb. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons, Theodore Robert Lamb and wife, Emilia, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Benjamin Charles Lamb and wife, Lindsey, of Little Rock; and a grandchild, Benjamin Joseph Lamb.

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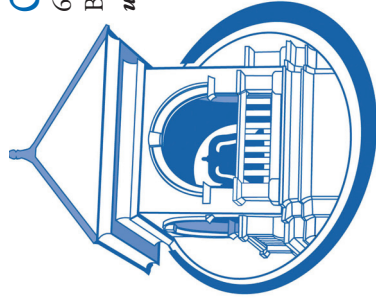
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