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Report from the Co-Heads of School

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

Things are really jumping at Olney this year!

The school year formally kicked off with new-faculty orientation on August 21. For the first time in five years, the faculty was fully staffed *before* the start of school.

After faculty orientation, students began arriving. First were the student leaders, who got everything ready for the arrival of our 18 new students the next day. Weekend bonding included a trip to a ropes course in nearby St. Clairsville. After the arrival of the returning students, we moved into a school-wide, two-day Quaker Education workshop conducted by the Friends Council on Education. Tuesday ended with a concert by Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, whose books *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* are well known in Quaker and folk music circles. On Wednesday, students and faculty participated in the traditional Almost Anything Goes, which is a day of games that help the community bond together. If you haven't already done so, we suggest you check out the pictures on the Olney Friends School Facebook page. Thursday marked the beginning of classes, and the school year was under way!

The Co-Heads in their shared office.

The curriculum is a little different this year. In meetings in June, the faculty committed to a renewed focus on college prep at Olney. While the core courses, schedule, and requirements remain basically the same, we have returned to a more structured curriculum incorporating deadlines, limited resubmissions, and the ABCDF grading system. Language studies are expanding, with on-line classes in Swahili and Tagalog joining Spanish and Japanese on the roster.

We also put in place a more formalized evening study time. Sunday through Thursday, silence reigns from 7:15-8:15 p.m. as students prepare for the next day's classes. During this hour, students work in their rooms with no technology, not even headphones or ear buds. They have a chance to practice the study skills they are being taught in classes and will need now and in the future.

Our new director of admissions, Dustin Jarrett, is busy planning recruiting visits. We co-heads are in the process of setting up alumni meetings in strategically located places around the country (we'll keep you posted). We all enjoyed the Barnesville

Pumpkin Festival and Family Day (September 22-24), with the smell of baking pumpkin bread filling the Main. The soccer season began with an away game on September 7. Jamie Zavitz, our athletics director, has ordered snazzy new uniforms for the team and they're all raring to go. We've started a program of student-led organizations, which include a politics discussion group and a farm crew (these students will take on additional farm chores). Homecoming will be October 20-22, and we expect to see many of you there. Then it's Thanksgiving and December and on to the new year.

Did we mention we're *busy*?

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The Board of Trustees is always looking for committed people to serve in trustee and non-trustee roles on board committees. These committees (both standing and ad hoc) assist and oversee the school's health and stability in important areas. Existing committees include Academic Affairs, Advancement (also known as Development), Buildings and Grounds, Communications, Enrollment, Farm, Finance, and Strategic Planning; others may be created as the need arises. For more information, or to submit your name to be considered for nomination to a committee, please contact Dottie Churchwell, *dottie24c@gmail.com.*

Board of Trustees Appoints New School Leadership

During a called meeting on May 27, 2017, the Olney Friends School Board of Trustees made the sad and painful decision that it was not in the best interests of the school for Kenneth Hinshaw '74 to continue as head of school. This decision, the culmination of many months of discussions and discernment, was made at that time so that students, parents, and staff would have the information when deciding whether to return to Olney at the end of the summer. We asked Dean of Student Affairs Micah Brownstein (Hon.) and Dean of Academic Affairs Cynthia Walker (Hon.) to be interim co-heads of school for the coming year.

Staff, students, and parents have reacted very positively to the change in leadership. Each of the continuing staff has enthusiastically stepped forward to work with Micah and Cynthia and develop plans for the new academic year.

Ken Hinshaw was head of school for nearly two years, and initially brought energy and enthusiasm to Olney. His priorities included cleaning up around the campus, supporting the integration of farm activities with the school program, enlarging the student body, and introducing his creation of an innovative educational program. Unfortunately, some initiatives were less successful or less well-aligned with Olney's mission, and morale at the school was low. While the number of students had increased, the net revenue from tuition was actually less than under the previous administration, leaving the school's financial status in difficulty.

We are grateful that the powerful Olney spirit is ever resilient and able to absorb this change in leadership, but we feel disappointment that it was necessary.

Dorothy Churchwell and Melinda Kramer
Co-clerks, OFS Board of Trustees

Roster of Olney Students, 2017-2018

Freshmen

Nava Kishore Bauer, Moundsville, West Virginia
Noa Everet, Anderson, Indiana
Joseph Goodrum, Cleveland, Ohio
Cynthia Rose O'Bryan, Mechanicsville, Virginia
Stella Riesbeck, Cambridge, Ohio
Starbuck Roberts, Belmont, Ohio
Izraa'El Rosa, Cleveland, Ohio
Catherin Walsh, Barnesville, Ohio

Total number of new students: 18

GymEx 2017

Sophomores

Olivia Beard, Belmont, Ohio
Marisa Becerra, Barnesville, Ohio
Carrin Fultz, Harrogate, Tennessee
Isabelle Hannahs, Salesville, Ohio
Abbigail Keller, Barnesville, Ohio
Eleanore Liske-Doorandish, Eggleston, Virginia
Chloe Mankin, Barnesville, Ohio
Eva Sophia Marotta, Kingsport, Tennessee

Juniors

New freshmen: **8**
New sophomores: **2**
New juniors: **8**

Frances Baker-Tucker, Canton, Ohio
Lelo Tariku Bekele, Burayu, Ethiopia
Dillon Bradley, Bellville, Ohio
Gudari Castillo Moreira, Monteverde de Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Liz Cheng, Dingzhou, China
Zora Dahme, Berlin, Germany
Bosco Dusengimana, Kigali, Rwanda
Kasimir Ernst, Zarnekau, Süsel, Germany
Rowan Everet, Anderson, Indiana

Sophie Fischer Frank, Amherst, Massachusetts
Emma Guy, Wheeling, West Virginia
Sara Hirayama, Tokyo, Japan
Nealon Hoyer, Seattle, Washington
Iris Illmensee, Richmond, Virginia
Andrew Iwenjiora, West Henrietta, New York
Bryan Amaru Jimbo de la Torre, Otavalo, Ecuador
Jiawang Li, Dingzhou, China
Bao Ngo, Hanoi, Vietnam
Luc Nsabindora, Kigali, Rwanda
Tami Hope Peeler, Prescott, Arizona
Malaya Tindongan, Nelsonville, Ohio
Ethan Wise, Woodsfield, Ohio
Ari Work, Micanopy, Florida
Gareth Zahnke Basuki, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Total number of students enrolled: 52

Jamie Zavitz '83 teaching guitar class

Seniors

Zemenework Adebabay, Barnesville, Ohio
Balemlay Alamerewu, Mission Hills, Kansas
Joshua Bennett, Colliers, West Virginia
Rowan Fahl Matlack, Athens, Ohio
Nathnael Gashu, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Ines Ingabire, Kigali, Rwanda
Sumeya Kasse, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Amy Catherine Owens, Metuchen, New Jersey
Antonia Sigmon, St. Clairsville, Ohio
Rachel Smith, Lodi, New York
Joseph Velick, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Lichen Yang, Kunming, China

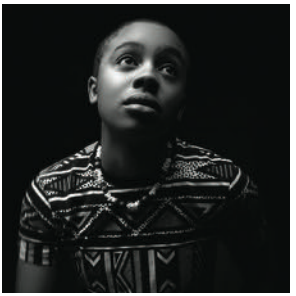
Seven-day boarders: 40
Five-day boarders: 5
Day students: 7

New Faculty and Staff

Erin Hall, *Art, South Dorm Staff*
Erin joins us from State College Friends School. She received her BFA in visual arts from the Pennsylvania State University and her MFA in photography from the San Francisco Art Institute. Erin's greatest passions are teaching, art, and traveling. She has traveled to over twenty countries and is looking forward to the next adventure. Erin enjoys hiking and traveling with her dog, Bella, while exploring the world and all it has to offer.

Benjamin Hartz, *Math, North Dorm Staff*
Benjamin brings over 30 years of educational experience to Olney. He has taught math at schools in Florida, Virginia, Indiana, and Arizona. In his own words, "It's kind of scary being a part of ancient history in the technology revolution; few of my students can even imagine a world without all of its benefits. But as a math instructor I will stand by five thousand years of numerical, analytic, graphical, and verbal teaching and understanding."

Lauren Eubanks x'15, *Intern*
Lauren is taking a gap year from college to help with the yearbook, photography instruction, and other projects around the Olney campus. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Lauren spent three years in Santa Fe, NM, working on a BFA in photography with a minor in script writing.



Destiny Langdon, *South Dorm Staff*
Destiny is the first AmeriCorp member of Captina Creek Conservancy, a local nature conservancy headed by **Rich Sidwell '63**. In May 2017, she was awarded an associate's degree in geoenvironmental science from Hocking College. As she moves forward in life, she plans to continue doing environmental work and developing a career as a geologist. As a South Dorm staff member, Destiny's main priority is student safety.

Dustin Jarrett, *Director of Admissions*

Dustin has a bachelor's degree in communications. He comes to Olney after spending 14 years in higher education where he was most recently the dean of admissions at Wheeling Jesuit University. His professional background includes experience in admissions, enrollment management, and financial aid.

Born and raised in Belmont County, Dustin enjoys a wide variety of activities outside of work, especially spending time with his son Chase, his girlfriend Kimberly, and his dog Reilly. He enjoys the outdoors and traveling, having been to 48 of the 50 states. Dustin is the voice of many popular dirt track stock car races, sometimes working over 50 events each year. A sports fan, he avidly follows MLB's St. Louis Cardinals and the NFL's Miami Dolphins.

David Male, *Business Manager*

David, Olney's new business manager, is familiar with Olney; he was a teacher at the school and the recording clerk for the board of trustees during the late 1990s.

David has served on Ohio Yearly Meeting's Fiduciary Trustees Committee and as Cleveland Monthly Meeting's treasurer. He is the founder, president, and CEO of Dealers Choice Auto Finish in Cleveland. David graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in business administration and earned a secondary mathematics teaching certificate from Cleveland State University. A member of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, he has performed gospel music regionally and nationally.

Doan Vassaf, *Humanities, Music, North Dorm Head*

Doan joins the Olney community after teaching academics at a Massachusetts residential treatment program for young girls in the DCFS system. He has been involved in both formal and informal education for six years, teaching in Turkey, the UK, and the USA. He received his BA in anthropology and communication from Oxford Brookes University, England, and his MA from Rutgers University-Camden in childhood studies. He spent the first twelve years of his life in England before moving to Boston as a teenager. Doan is interested in singing, children's rights, theater, and esoteric pieces of knowledge.

Faculty Transferring To New Positions

Dan Adams's (Hon.) new title is Director of Maintenance. Dan has worked in Olney's maintenance department for over fifteen years.

Micah Brownstein (Hon.) has added Interim Co-Head of School to his duties as Dean of Student Affairs. For the past decade, he has served as Student Life Coordinator before becoming Dean of Students. In addition to administrative roles, Micah regularly teaches sociology and financial literacy courses and has coached numerous sports during his tenure.

Donna Carter (Hon.) and **Crissy Maffitt (Hon.)** have stepped up from their former positions as cooks to become Kitchen Co-Managers responsible for Olney's food service operations.

Connie Collins (Hon.) has additional responsibilities this year as South Dorm Head. Connie will continue as Olney's Spanish teacher, a position she has held for the past two years during which she has offered numerous electives, including German. She is a graduate of Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, where she double-majored in Spanish and Zoology.

Jake Hunkler (Hon.) spent last year as an intern at Olney, getting his feet wet so to speak. This year Jake joins the faculty teaching humanities and is a member of the North Dorm staff. He has a bachelor's degree in history as well as multiple courses in creative writing.

Vicki Lowry (Hon.) joined the Olney community in 2015. She is now the Main Office and Events Coordinator for the school.

Tina Neiswonger (Hon.) joined the Olney business office in 2012. She is a graduate of Belmont Technical College and serves as Assistant Business Manager this year.

Joseph Sullivan (Hon.) now serves as the Director of College and Academic Counseling. In his fourth year at Olney, he was previously Academic Advising Coordinator and, before that, Director of Admissions. Joe holds a BA in history from Dominican College and an MS in school counseling from Long Island University. Before coming to Olney, he spent eight years on the admissions staff of Dominican College in Sparkill, NY. Joe, his wife Nicole, and their daughter Ella live on campus.

Cynthia Walker (Hon.) is now Interim Co-Head of School, as well as Dean of Academic Affairs, a position she has held since last year. She joined Olney in September 2016 as a math and science teacher. Cynthia brings decades of academic experience to the community; most recently, she taught English for Technology and Math in Kent State University's ESL Center. Prior to her teaching career, she was an engineer and programmer at IBM and NASA.

Nature Walks and Gummy Worms: Summer Science Academy

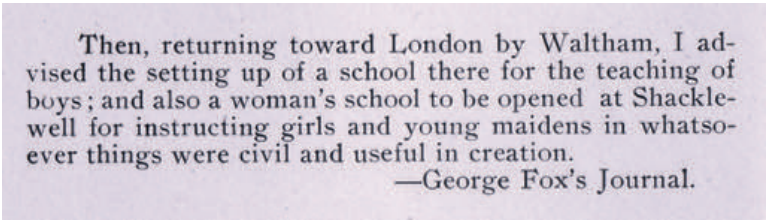
What do s'mores and farm chores have to do with environmental studies? They were part of the mix at Olney's first-ever Summer Science Academy. In July and August, OFS hosted the science academy for a Chinese student group. Intended to provide English-language practice as well as academic and cultural engagement, the theme was the environment. Seven students and two teachers traveled from China to the US, visiting Washington, DC, and New York City before arriving at OFS for twelve days of study, activities, and fun. They were joined by four American students and three counselors from Olney. Co-head of school Cynthia Walker directed the academy.

2017 Summer Science Academy students and counselors, with faculty members Destiny Langdon, Joe Sullivan (Hon.), Erin Hall, and Cynthia Walker (Hon.).

Students spent mornings in class studying ecology, environmental technology, and current events affecting the environment. After lunch, they went on nature walks, did art projects, and—a major highlight—helped out on the farm. Evenings were devoted to fun! The Chinese attendees built their first bonfire and made their first s'mores. On Saturday, everyone went to Columbus to the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), a terrific interactive science center, and the Ohio State House.

The last week featured a talent show with singing, dancing, and skits. Olney was

well represented by Mark Hibbett, assistant farmer, who played piano and sang, and by Destiny Langdon, dorm staff member, who played the ocarina. Olney's new Chinese friends presented the school with a beautiful traditional Chinese calligraphy set. Then everyone adjourned for tea and a cake, decorated with gummy worms in honor of the environmental theme. Final collection on Friday night saw a lot of tears and warm wishes before Saturday's goodbyes. School staff and the Chinese teachers are already making plans for next year's academy.


Then, returning toward London by Waltham, I advised the setting up of a school there for the teaching of boys; and also a woman's school to be opened at Shacklewell for instructing girls and young maidens in whatsoever things were civil and useful in creation.
—George Fox's Journal.

From the 1909-1910 Friends Boarding School ("near Barnesville") Annual Catalog

Annual Fund Challenge Successfully Met

Good news! The summer Annual Fund Leadership Challenge, led by Rich and Mary Sidwell, was a success. Thanks to the generosity of the Olney community, over $66,700 was raised in less than six weeks. These additional resources helped the school year get off to a strong start. If you participated in the challenge, thank you! Your contribution means a lot.

Special thanks go to the leadership team that provided the initial challenge funds: **Rich '63** and **Mary (Hon.) Sidwell, Dorothy '59** and **Ed Churchwell, Dick '49** and **Barbara '51 Emmons, Lars Etzkorn '83** and **Gregory Hoss, Melinda Kramer '64, Judy Stanfield '65** and **Donna Zerbato, John Stanley '71,** and **Stan '59** and **Kathy '59 White**.

The new academic year brought the sense of possibility and potential that comes with all new beginnings. Faculty and staff delighted in seeing the faces of returning students, watching both the joyful reunions of old friends and the glimmers of recognition as lifelong friendships began with new members of the community. You need no formal invitation to share in the excitement. Alumni and friends are always welcome to visit the school, talk to our students, volunteer to assist with a school project, and help the school to thrive.

You are a part of Olney. Come for a visit—for a week, a day, or just an hour.

2016-2017 Donors

The assistance of these generous donors is what enables Olney to continue to provide its unique experience to students in every generation. As one former faculty member said, "I wouldn't want to live in a world without a place like Olney in it." Donations are what make that world possible. Thank you.

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Community Friends Meeting
Margaret Conant '78
Concerned Barnesville Area Residents
Robert H. Connamacher
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James Coppock
Donna Cox
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Amy Davis '77
Eric Davis '74
Sara Davison '73
Bernard Day '80
Robert & Jan Delaney (Hon.)
Delaware Friends Meeting
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Barbara Dewees '55
Barbara J. Diehl
Paul Dockery '63
Virginia (Allen) Ebeling '54
Richard '49 & Barbara
(Vorhees) '51 Emmons
Andrew Erdman '76
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Lars Etzkorn '83 & Gregory Hoss
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Peter W. Fox
Ulises B. Franco Ballesteros '55
Margaret Fraser

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Phillip & Deborah Goodchild
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Edwin Griffin
Martin Gronewald ’60
Evelyn (Doudna) Groves ’72
Allison Guindon ’09
Dale Guindon ’67
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Patti Hester
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Kenneth ’74 and May Beth “Belle”
(Farber) ’74 Hinshaw
Christopher x’79 & Alaine (Hon.)
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Mary Korytkowski
Kathleen M. (Doudna)
Kovalick x’64 (Hon.)
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Frank Lacey ’67
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Grayce Haworth Mesner
Elizabeth Meyer
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Anne Mitchell
John Morgan ’65
Terry ’62 & Heidi (Mueller) ’61 Morlan
Daniel Mott
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Tina Neiswonger (Hon.)
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Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting
Ohio Yearly Meeting, Conservative
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Sarah Palmer
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Beata Peck-Little ’75
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Mary Petit
Stanley Plumly
Ruth (Byerly) Podolin ’55
Brett Potash (Hon.)
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Elizabeth Sikkenga x’80 & Henry Velick
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Ed Simonoff ’65
Carl ’48 & Dorothy (Starbuck) ’48 Smith
Joshua E. Smith ’84
Stanley Smith ’73
Jacquelyn L. Speicher
James Spickard
Ellis (Hon.) & Winifred (Hon.) Standing
Judith Stanfield ’65 & Donna Zerbato
John W. Stanley ’71
Emily Stanley ’78 & Daniel Bailey ’70
Estate of Huldah (Starr) Stanley ’40
David R. ’66 & Carolyn (Hon.) Stanley
Edith Starbuck ’73
Sandra S. Sterrett (Hon.)
John Storck (Hon.)
Jane (Telfair) Stowe ’59
James Stratton ’48
Richard Stratton ’63 & Sandra Francis
Stanley ’53 & Charlotte (Edgerton) ’53 Stratton
Wilmer Stratton ’50
Mara M. Strickler
Ruth (Starbuck) Stuckey ’45
Anna Suter ’80
Anna Mae (Cooper) Sutterley ’55
Kelsey Swindler
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Janet (Cooper) Teets ’64
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Olney in the beginning: the Mount Pleasant Building in 1838, from the 1838 “Catalogue” reprinted by R.W. Stanley in 1997

Olney at 180: Where We Came From

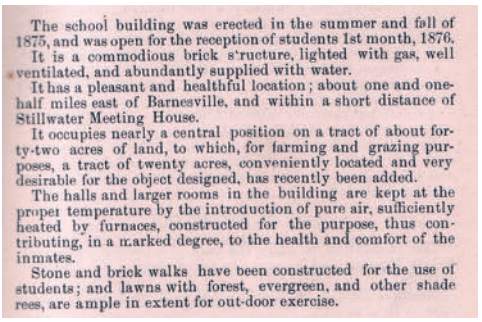
By Dorothy Stratton Churchwell '59

One hundred eighty years ago, in the winter of 1837, a brand new boarding school welcomed its first 85 students. Quakers in the sparsely settled Ohio hills had built a large brick school building near Mount Pleasant in Harrison County, only a few miles west of the Ohio River. Friends Boarding School, as it was known then, was one of the first secondary schools in Ohio.

One of the sad pieces of Quaker history is how some Friends became so opinionated in their beliefs that there were theological splits in several yearly meetings, including Ohio Yearly Meeting. The so-called Gurney-Wilburite division in 1854 put the ownership of the boarding school in limbo as the Wilburites occupied the school and the Gurneyites entered a lawsuit for ownership. Eventually the case went to the Ohio Supreme Court, and in 1874, the verdict named the Gurney faction as owners. The Wilburites, who had been running the school for nearly two decades, packed everything that they had purchased during that time and vacated the premises as the law demanded. The Gurney faction began some major renovations, but a couple of months later a major fire destroyed the entire building. It has never been rebuilt.

Meanwhile, the Wilburites moved Friends Boarding School to Barnesville. As soon as land was found, building started; and by 1876 the school reopened. Much of the design was similar to the first school, but there were some important differences. At Mount Pleasant, the original plan was to have complete separation between boys and girls. Classes were separate and meals were served in separate areas. It didn't take many years for folks to realize that it would be less costly to combine the classes and to just serve everyone in a single dining area. The new building at Barnesville had separate stairways for boys and girls, but all the instruction was for both. Instead of wings at each end of the building housing boys or girls, the new building used a divided third floor as the dormitory.

The new location in Barnesville needed a name, and in 1875, during construction of the new building, some young people were invited to submit suggestions. "Olney" was the name chosen. According to *The Olney Current* (11th month, 1907, p. 57), the name was chosen because of admiration for the "gentle spirit" of the poet William Cowper (1731-1800) whose



The school building was erected in the summer and fall of 1875, and was open for the reception of students 1st month, 1876.

It is a commodious brick structure, lighted with gas, well ventilated, and abundantly supplied with water.

It has a pleasant and healthful location; about one and one-half miles east of Barnesville, and within a short distance of Stillwater Meeting House.

It occupies nearly a central position on a tract of about forty-two acres of land, to which, for farming and grazing purposes, a tract of twenty acres, conveniently located and very desirable for the object designed, has recently been added.

The halls and larger rooms in the building are kept at the proper temperature by the introduction of pure air, sufficiently heated by furnaces, constructed for the purpose, thus contributing, in a marked degree, to the health and comfort of the inmates.

Stone and brick walks have been constructed for the use of students; and lawns with forest, evergreen, and other shade trees, are ample in extent for out-door exercise.

An excerpt from the 1907 "Annual Catalog"

home was in the town of Olney in southern England.

Olney students and teachers, probably in 1909. (At that time, less than 9% of the population graduated from secondary school, according to statistics from the U.S. Dept. of Education.)

Disastrous fire also struck at the Barnesville campus. Starting in the belfry, the Main burned to the ground on March 31, 1910, leaving only the brick shell and front porch. Classrooms, dining room, student living quarters—everything was destroyed. The "History of Olney Friends School" records, "The class of 1910 remained through the year to graduate on time thanks to local families who opened their homes. . . . Even before the [new] buildings were completed, the students moved back into their new school in November, 1910." If you look low on the wall between the front porch and the Main today, you can see scorch marks from the fire.

There are some interesting details from the 180-year history of the school. Student enrollment has always fluctuated depending on the economy, wars, illnesses and so on. Yes, 85 students enrolled the first term, but often there were only 40-60 students. During the Civil War, one term had only nine students. Throughout much of the 20th Century there were 80-90 students, although many fewer during the Depression. For many years only students who were members of Ohio Yearly Meeting or had parental or grandparent connection with the yearly meeting could be enrolled. Slowly students from other yearly meetings were allowed to enroll, but only after the Second World War were non-Quakers admitted. This

Sticking together and salvaging what remained after the 1910 fire. Front row right, with the coffee pot, Leonard '70 and Don '74 Guindon's grandfather, Albert Guindon.

Main building after the fire of March 31, 1910

broadening of the student body has brought diversity on many levels to create the vibrant Olney community that we know today.

Finances have always been a challenge. The tuition for that first term 180 years ago was $65 and the school noted a deficit of $500 that year. The challenges of meeting the school's expenses, and at the same time welcoming a diverse group of students, continue to this day. Olney has 180 years of experience in meeting this challenge—people pitching in and pulling together—and has welcomed this year's group of students. The 2017-18 academic year marks the continuation of 180 years of Olney Friends School.

Olney at 180: We're Headed to a Gathering Near You!

Most institutions celebrate anniversaries on the '50s—50, 100, 150 years. But why be ordinary? Olney intends to celebrate at 180. When Micah Brownstein, interim co-head, talks about "Olney at 180," it is not just years that come to mind, it is also geometry: turning a corner, pushing forward, completing the circle, things in the ascendant, connecting the dots. . . . Given that the first letter of the school's name forms a circle, geometric metaphors are perhaps irresistible.

"For me, 'Olney at 180' means getting out and making connections with alumni and friends," Micah says. Between them, he and co-head Cynthia Walker want to visit at least five alumni gatherings across the country over the next six months. As new heads of school, they want to get to know alumni personally and strengthen the network of people connected to Olney, linking past and future. Potential locations being considered for area alumni gatherings include Asheville and Greensboro, NC; Washington, DC; Whittier, CA; Seattle, WA; and Cincinnati, OH. If you would like to help host or organize a gathering in your area, the co-heads would love to hear from you: contact Micah (micah@olneyfriends.org) or Cynthia (cynthia@olneyfriends.org).

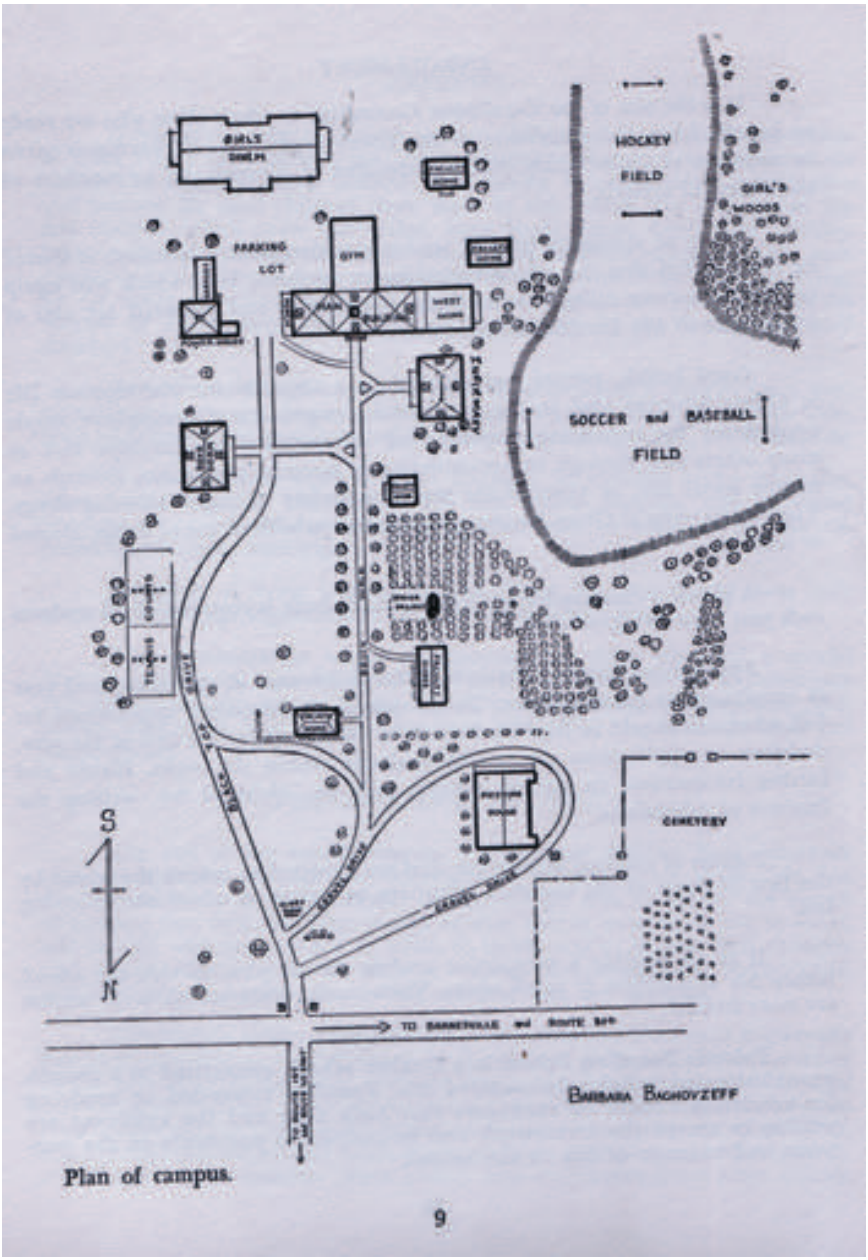
Both to celebrate Olney's first 180 years and to inaugurate the ascent toward the next 180, plans are underway for events on campus, too, starting with Homecoming on October 21. By spring, Micah hopes to have identified the spot on top cam-

pus where a time capsule was buried in 1918. A "big dig" for this 100-year-old piece of Olney history is planned for April 18, 2018, so polish up your spade! Perhaps someone in your family has mentioned the time capsule's location, or you heard stories from classmates or teachers about where it was buried. Micah has some clues regarding where to search, but he is eager for additional information. It's an Olney mystery to be solved!

Join the celebration: Watch email, social media, and Olney's website for "180" announcements throughout the year, and, as always, stay in touch.

The burial of the time capsule memorialized in a student scrapbook—without mention of the location

Needlework in Home Ec class, from the 1954-55 school handbook, titled "Learning is Fun!"



Map of Olney campus drawn by Barbara Bachovzeff, art teacher 1962-70, featuring the new girls dorm, built in 1968

Graddy Essay Inspires Solar Panel Installation

During her four years at Olney, Kayla Kellar '15, now an urban planning major at The University of Cincinnati, earned the affectionate nickname "mom" from her peers due to her maturity, work-ethic, and overall pleasant and comforting demeanor. As a senior, she was a leader, a spokesperson, a role model, and a friend. For future generations of Olney students, however, Kayla may best be remembered as the senior who inspired the installation of solar panels on the South Dorm in early 2017.

In the months leading up to Kayla's graduation from Olney is May 2015, she was hard at work on her 23-page graddy essay titled "Olney Friends School and Solar Energy: A Case Study." Across nearly two-dozen pages, Kayla explored the science and politics behind solar energy, Olney's historical commitment to renewable and environmentally-conscious energy efforts, and the challenges that could prevent her idea from becoming a reality. She cited the school's decision to decline the sale of mineral rights in 2013 as a particular impediment to financing such an ambitious project—a decision that certainly aligned with the school's Quaker values and ongoing fidelity to environmental stewardship but potentially left a seven-figure monetary compensation on the table.

While Kayla realized the project would not come to fruition during her tenure as an Olney student, she graduated with the confidence that her efforts were not futile. On page 17 of her graddy essay, Kayla wrote, "…however, the work done on my Girls Dorm Solar Panel Project proposal will not go to waste or be forgotten when I leave. In the coming years, the school … will continue to pursue renewable energy installments in an active way."

Nearly 17 months later, Olney's partnership with Paradise Energy Solutions brought Kayla's vision to life. As predicted in her essay, the solar panels will service nearly one third of the school's energy needs.

Kayla describes the multi-year process that led to the project's completion: "The summer between my junior and senior years at Olney, I attended Foresight Leadership and Sustainability Initiative (now called Foresight Prep) at Oberlin College. Developing knowledge and leadership skills in the field of sustainability was the focus of the program. We spoke with professionals, took field trips to see real sustainability leaders and projects in practice, and completed an analysis … coming up with strategies to overcome barriers. As the program came to a close, we discussed what leadership and sustainability could look like in our own communities. We covered tools and leadership strategies that could be useful for social and environmental change-making. This helped to break down the complexity of sustainability problems to seem like solvable situations. This is what inspired me to do a solar project at Olney.

Kayla Kellar '15, with the new solar panels on the roof of the South Dorm

"I came back in the fall looking for areas of improvement of the school's sustainability. At the time, we had just chosen to not sign an oil and gas lease for reasons of stewardship. I saw that momentum … as an opportunity for increased support and passion for the implementation of renewable energy sources. While a roof full of solar panels is a high goal to aim for as a 17-year-old, I saw it as feasible. I felt it was incredibly important for Olney to be able to produce some of its own energy and lower its carbon footprint. As a school, a solar array is a great teaching tool to understand how energy production works and to show sustainability in practice."

When Kayla graduated, the project remained a concept rather than a reality. However, she understood that a combination of technical challenges, regulatory processes, and funding options can mean things "might not happen as quickly as envisioned."

Then, in the summer of 2016, she received an email regarding an interested investor. "I could not have been happier," Kayla says. "I was incredibly grateful that the consultant we had worked with my senior year kept us in mind for an investor, almost two years later. During the first week of January 2017, I was back in town and went to see how the work on the panels was going. I dropped by at just the right time and was able to see the completed system and meet the investor, whom I was able to thank for making my project possible. I hope that this solar array will show that sustainable changes are possible and spark the mind of another Olney student to create more and greater change either at Olney or beyond."

Commencement 2017

Ten seniors became Olney graduates at commencement exercises on May 27, 2017, before an audience of proud parents, guardians, relatives, friends, staff, students, and alumni. Hailing from six states and four foreign countries, the new graduates looked forward to college, travel, and service as well as back to skills, accomplishments, memories, and community they had built at Olney. Each graduate is listed with his or her hometown, college of choice, and the title of his or her graddy essay. We wish them futures filled with challenge, growth, success, and joy.

Ipsilan Castillo-Moreira, Monteverde, Costa Rica, Wilmington College
What Is Culture: What Makes Us Who We Are

Lauren Collier, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, Wilmington College
Teens and Technology

Ali Sajad Hussainzada, Kabul, Afghanistan, Wheeling Jesuit University
Helping Others

HaYeon "Angela" Lee, Pyeongtaek, South Korea and Elkins, West Virginia, Bergen Community College
Two Sides of the Camera: Truth in Photojournalism

Ahmad Mobin Mussazada, Kabul, Afghanistan, Wheeling Jesuit University
Women's Rights in Afghanistan

Ellis Reed, Yorktown, Indiana, Ball State University
Hands UP! Don't Shoot! Racial Discrimination in America

Devra Roberts, Belmont, Ohio, Ohio University
Human Classification: The Molding of Reality

Lyushen "Abraham" Song, Kunming, China, Northeastern University
Tea and Westernization

David Ulin-O'Keefe, Asheville, North Carolina, Soka University of America
Inattention to the Inattentive: Why Olney Must Improve Services to Students with ADHD

Emilio Valverde, Urbana, Illinois, Hampshire College
Stereotyping, White Privilege, and Identity: Class vs. Race in the White Working Class

Welcome to the Alumni Association, 2017 Graduates!

First Row, from left: Ahmad Mobin Mussazada, Emilio Valverde
Second Row: Ellis Reed, Lauren Collier, Ali Sajad Hussainzada
Third Row: Lyushen "Abraham" Song, David Ulin-O'Keefe
Fourth Row: Ipsilan Castillo-Moreira, Devra Roberts, HaYeon "Angela" Lee

Commencement Address

A Relational Perspective
Tom Wahlrab
May 27, 2017

Tom Wahlrab is a fellow and board member of the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation, Dayton, Ohio, and is the former executive director of the Dayton Human Relations Council.

The following is an excerpt of the address. The complete text is available at: https://tinyurl.com/olneycommencement

Faculty, staff, friends, families, those present from the greater local community and —of course—Class of 2017. Congratulations! You did it! I'm happy and honored to share this time with you.

Your curriculum, as I've been told, orientates you to engage with real-world projects. I expect you've been buffeted during your time here by the news of police shootings of black men and black men shootings of police. In 1968 at the Olympics in Mexico, as the US national anthem was played, Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their black-gloved fists in the air (representing black power and unity in black America). In your time, we have Black Lives Matter and demonstrators raising two hands and chanting, "Don't shoot."

Also during your time here we've become aware of the greatest human migration in the history of humankind, with over 60 million displaced people throughout the world. While our country is considered a nation comprised of immigrants, we have a checkered history of welcoming. The question today, though, is, "How are we doing—on our watch—with this welcoming?"

My advice—as your commencement speaker I'm expected to offer advice—is to remain hopeful and courageous as you offer your gifts to these difficult issues. Neither your age nor your prospects prevent you from acting from your personal moral ground.

As you embark on your next journey you will be expected to be informed and articulate and to speak out. As you do so, remember that your mental constructs must never supersede your ability to quiet your mind and listen with understanding, if not acceptance.

Because of many of your influences, including your family and community here at Olney, you've gained a deepening clarity about who you are. This knowledge must be translated throughout your life into acts that reflect you. How you act in the world will not truly reflect YOU, unless you gain clarity of your own moral grounding, and how this grounding informs how you act. Your knowledge of a subject, your ability to solve problems, even your skills as a communicator are not enough.

You've seen how people managed themselves in this last presidential election. My advice, as you embark on your next chapter, is: Think about how you want to act when you encounter a difficult situation, or an interaction with another that is spiraling into something negative or destructive.

I once went to a rally after the killing of a prominent black citizen by an off-duty police officer. This officer mistakenly saw a gun that turned out to be a tobacco pipe. I was the only white person present. After each speaker spoke, the intensity and movement within the crowd increased. As the last speaker left, people seemed agitated, and I felt it was time for me to leave. I hadn't walked very far when I heard, "Let's kill him." I turned to face three men. They asked me why I was there. Then I was hit in the face by the man in the middle. Immediately the men on both

sides of him grabbed his arms, preventing him from further harming me. A woman immediately appeared at my side and said, "Let me help you get out of here. Where is your car?" She then took me by my arm and walked with me through the crowd. She put her head down to my car window and asked if she could ride with me to the bridge, the bridge that separated the black and white sections of our town.

I went to the rally because I wanted to respond as a concerned human being. I responded by facing the men. I don't know that I had a choice to defend myself or not. I do believe that I chose to reach out to the men I thought were prepared to take my life. The outcome was that while one man was willing to act out his rage, his friends chose to act in another way. And, a woman, at great risk to herself, acted as my protector. Those of us who have experienced humanity in such a way, I believe, must find a way to support this potential that we all possess as humans.

Understanding a person's outrage is undermined by seeing him or her as the "other." I believe we are in this life, in this sacred place now, to just be—for a moment—and then to act with, as Lincoln said, "with malice toward none, charity for all."

Recently, in Dayton, a 19-year-old man was arrested. He was an undocumented migrant from Mexico. This man had been living in the basement of a house and daily had a bag placed over his head as he was transported to and from a work site. He was 16 years old when he first came to Dayton.

In the same city in Mississippi where Emmett Till was lynched in 1955, a state representative recently said that leaders in New Orleans, who supported the removal of Civil War era statues, should be lynched.

Consider who we become when we see each other as demons. Consider who we are when we come together, yes to solve problems, but also to connect as human beings.

Olney has a long history. It has survived because you have learned to live with differences without demonizing the other. You graduates today are engraved in this history. You've played, had fun, challenged yourselves, each other, and I expect your teachers also. You've learned how to grow your own food organically and raise animals humanely. You are ideally prepared to constructively challenge and take on the issues of our day.

I can't sugar coat what awaits you. The police protecting us daily, the soldiers actively engaged in our multiple wars around the world, your mothers and fathers, your brothers and sisters, your neighbors, require your understanding and your resolve to know yourselves and make meaning of the events in your personal lives and world events.

Everyone, though, no matter their situation, needs daily acts of caring and kindness. The charity that grows within you, that has been nurtured throughout your time here, will influence what is the history of humankind.

Notes from Alumni Meeting
Stillwater Meetinghouse, May 26, 2017

John Stanley '71 welcomed alumni, students, and friends. **Anne Marie Taber '79** called the roll of classes. There were no attendees from the 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, or 5-year anniversary classes.

Attendance Roll Call

Class year	*Members present*
1947 (70 years)	1
1948	2
1952 (65 years)	7
1953-56	5
1957 (60 years)	3
1958-61	1
1962 (55 years)	6
1963-66	6
1967 (50 years)	6
1968-71	5
1972 (45 years)	4
1973-76	5
1977 (40 years)	7
1978-81	3
1982 (35 years)	1
1983-86	4
1988-91	1
2013-16	3
Honorary	11
Total	***81***

Head-of-School **Ken Hinshaw '74** read a message from **Paul Holloway '37**, the surviving member of the 80-year class (see "Alumni News, Class of 1937"). John Stanley welcomed the class of 2017 to the Olney Alumni Association. **Emilio Valverde '17** accepted on behalf of the senior class. The following faculty and staff were welcomed as honorary alumni: **Mark Hibbett**, **Christopher Hinshaw**, **Jake Hunkler**, **Carla Keller**, **Lorin Kinney**, **Jessa Martin**, **Kristal McGee**, **Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw**, and **Cynthia A. Walker**.

Alumni News

Class of 1937: 80-year reunion class

Paul Holloway
This year is my 80th anniversary year and I seem to be the last one standing from the Class of 1937. There were 16 girls, six boys and one honorary member for a total of 23.

When people ask about Olney I reply that Olney gave me a good secondary education, a good set of values and a wife (**Anna Marie Henderson '38**). I have a lot of emotional capital invested in Olney because of Anna Marie.

I went on from Olney to earn a degree in Engineering from Drexel University Evening College in Philadelphia. And I worked for 48 years with the P.Q. Corp. manufacturing specialty chemicals.

Anna Marie and I were married in 1941 and were happily married for 62 years. We raised five children and have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. After the Lord called Anna Marie home in 2003 I moved to Tucson, AZ to live with my daughter, Rebecca, as caregiver. She is also an R.N. Then in 2014 we relocated to Coeur d'Alene, ID to be near her family. I am blessed with good health, a near ideal living arrangement and expect to live out my days in this corner of our great country. God has been good to me and I am very thankful.

Class of 1942: 75-year reunion class

Don Mott
I am living in an independent living apartment in "The Village," a retirement community in Indianola, IA. I am not very mobile these days but cope with a walker to get around the apartment and an electric scooter to get to the dining room and get around the campus here. An excellent food service and bi-weekly housekeeping keep me independent. We have got assisted-living facilities here and also a full care center.

I do wonder how many of the class of '42 are living. Olney has been very good to me. When I arrived as a sophomore **Dorothy Livezey '42** was there and we had a relationship which lasted till 2006 when she died.

We had two years working on the (Olney) farm which was satisfying but I expect the administration wished it had been longer. Fortunately **Cliff '41** and **Dottie Guindon (Hon.)** came along and served the school for many years.

My best wishes to all the class members who are surviving.

Don Mott, 707 Robin Glen, Apt. 107, Indianola, IA 50125-1059

Class of 1947: 70-year reunion class

Erica Van Adelsberg
I came to Olney from Amsterdam, in September 1946. The head of school, **Wilbert Braxton (Hon.)** felt that I would do well with the senior class. He knew I had missed 3 ½ years of school and made up 2-in-1 after the war, at a school in Amsterdam.

My experience that one year and ever since has been joyful to be part of the class of 1947. I kept in touch with several class members and have to this day. Of course there are several who are gone and whom I miss a lot. My brother, **Ernest Hilton '49**, formerly **Ernst Herz**, also attended Olney and was there two years. In my book *Feeling Great and Grateful: My Journey Through the Holocaust and Beyond* there is a section about my year at Olney.

After Olney, I attended Wm. Penn College (now University) two years, transferred to Columbia University where I got Bachelor's and Master's degrees, majoring in Spanish and a minor in French. I taught in several schools Spanish, French, German and English, the last and longest assignment with the School District of Philadelphia. There I was promoted to Supervisor of World Languages and worked several years with more than 200 teachers in the district. It's in the book! My name on the book is **Erica Herz Van Adelsberg**.

Very best wishes to fellow classmates of 1947, and all connected to Olney!

Phyllis (Rockwell) Wallace
When we graduated with excitement and anticipation for life in the coming years, surely none of us would have imagined the possibility of a 70th class reunion! What a multitude of experiences have transpired in that time frame for each class member.

I grew up with the dream of attending Olney as my mom (**Irma Stanley Rockwell Hampton** '**24**) and her sisters had. Public schools in 1940-3 pressured students to buy bonds and support the military, which I did not, so Olney was a haven when I began as a freshman in 1943. My dad (**Abner Rockwell**) joined the teaching staff in 1943, so my parents and family were close by, contrary to most students who often for the first time were from long distances away.

There were many new experiences to adjust to: living in a dorm with roommates, using fire escapes for safety drills (and pranks!); clanging radiators were a winter wake-up; being in line by a certain time for the welcome dining room meals, sign-up work crews, dorm inspections for orderly, clean rooms; when ill being admitted to the Nursery under Nurse Elma (Hall's) loving care. Required athletics were signed up for (girls hockey, boys soccer, basketball, hiking and, eventually approval of roller skating (!) in the gym at designated times). Required pre-Meeting scripture verse recitation, Meeting for Worship mid-week and First Days in the Collection Room, attending Stillwater Meeting for worship on rare special occasions. Fall and

spring we could all opt to walk down the Main walk and back after supper. Campfire suppers and sing-alongs were a special occasional treat. In the winter, when the Rockwell pond froze over, we trekked over for ice skating. What have I left out?? All down through the years Olney students have continued to relate to many of these events—and more.

Of course the academics were and are the primary reason for attending Olney. How else did we graduate with the ability to continue with college, jobs, life? Exceptional superintendents and matrons and teachers who also served as guidance counselors and friends. All the required and optional courses were available with one-on-one assistance. Thanks to all those teachers, past and present—our past ones **Tr. Mabel Edgerton '30**, **Flossie Edgerton '36**, **Clarabel Hadley '40**, Al, Abner and others.

My four years at Olney were rewarding and fulfilling. Instead of college, I opted to attend a local business school so I could commute from home to classes.

Summary of the past 70 years:
Summer of 1947: live-in child care for working parents in Cedar Rapids, IA
Fall 1947-48: live-in assistance for family with four young children in Fairhope, AL
Fall 1948-49: taught at one room Friends school in Fairhope, AL (11 students)
1949-50: Business College, Cedar Rapids, IA (secretarial course) followed by a job in same city
1951-54: Secretary to Executive Secretary, George Willoughby, of American Friends Service Committee, Des Moines, IA.
1955-72: Moved to Monteverde, Costa Rica (my parents had moved the previous year). I married **Howard Rockwell '46**. We had four children (one deceased as an infant), built a new house and were active in the Friends meeting and school. I worked periodically at the Community dairy plant in various positions. Howard had a dairy farm, selling milk to the dairy plant.
1974-75: Family visit to U.S., driving a renovated school bus all the way to Springville, IA, where we would live. Children were in public school and Scattergood Friends School, both parents had jobs in Cedar Rapids. We returned to Monteverde via the same bus.
1979-80: I returned to U.S. with Ken Wallace, who worked for a friend in his woodworking shop in Columbia, MO.
1981: Moved to Fairhope, AL
1981-94: I was secretary to company president in Mobile, AL, commuting daily. We bought a house in the country, from which Ken did customized cabinet work in his own shop. We joined a local square dance club, dancing at least once a week—fun and good exercise!
2012: Sold our house and moved to a nice small apartment complex in town, where we lived until Ken's death in 2015. Soon after, I was fortunate to get an apartment at another complex where Mom (Irma) had lived for several years. It is under HUD and rent is figured on one's income. It is a retiree community. I am very happy to be here! Visitors welcome!

Class of 1949

Paul Shaw

Paul Shaw lives in Tucson, Arizona, in the lush Sonoran Desert near the Tucson Mountains. Paul enjoys tending his special desert plants daily while getting around with the help of his walker. He and wife, Jeanine, feel blessed to be in this beautiful place among abundant wildlife and majestic saguaros.

Class of 1952: 65-year reunion class

Debora Foster Warren

Greetings classmates! I'm sorry that I cannot join you for reunion festivities.

I have a few thoughts to share from the view point of my advanced age. I personally am grateful beyond words for all the good things in my life. I have enjoyed living in different places, also traveling far and near. I honor with love my family. I honor my teachers. Formal and informal instructors have enriched my life over the years.

I am living in beautiful southwestern Virginia. I'm grateful for the good health that allows me to get outdoors and putter in my garden and yard. During cold winter days or hot summer days I churn out items from my work room: quilts, tote bags, pot holders, knitted hats or scarves and decorative items made of wheat straw.

Good health and happiness to you all!

Debbie Warren, 5236 Mt. Tabor Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Class of 1952
First Row, from left: Ruth (Bundy) Naylor, Wanda (Frazer) Stratton, Gert (Bailey) Torry
Second Row: Lewis Stratton, Art Thomas, Carol (Allen) Livezey

Class of 1957
From left: Esther (Sidwell) Taylor, Ernie Hartley, Shirley (Morlan) Stoffer

Class of 1957: 60-year reunion class

Jim Berndt
I have always had a very special place in my heart for the Olney family! I never really appreciated what Olney gave to me until much later in life—even those VERY lengthy term papers, few of which I approached in college!!

For most of my life I have been teacher in various settings, concluding with ten years at St. Thomas Aquinas in downtown Cleveland—just a wonderful experience! I was very fortunate teaching in a school where there was so much rapport among students, parents and staff, resulting in most classes being at least a year ahead of grade level! The priest used to kid me a lot about being a Presbyterian teaching Catholicism to primarily Baptist and Methodist kids!

I never remarried, but have been very close to my son (Findlay, OH), not far from Bluffton College where I attended. I have indeed been blessed with good health, even though I have been attacked by a TON of fleeting health issues including and still recovering from a busted hip from last fall when I tripped over my latest Boxer!

Class of 1959

Stan and Kathy (Sidwell) White (on staff, 1967)
Hi, Class of '67! Stan and I arrived at Olney as staff 4½ years after we graduated in Olney's Class of '59. So we were green, energetic and amazed at all of the ways **Tr. Tom (Brown)** and **Tr. Paul (Zavitz)** found to push us into more learning while doing.

This year, 2017, finds us living in the same house in Madison, WI, since 1978, but engaged in all sorts of family, Quaker and community stuff. We sent all three of our children to Olney—they all are glad they went there. We also experienced almost two years of living in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1983-1985.

We are both fully retired from our professional adventures. Stan finished up as Chief Electrical Engineer for the State of Wisconsin, as much a C.O. as he was while doing his alternative service as maintenance man for Olney. Kathy finished as Activity Director, and then part-time assistant in a rural skilled long term care facility—one of those places the world calls a nursing home.

We find ourselves elders in Madison Friends Meeting and among those Quakers in the Upper Midwest who worked to establish a new yearly meeting (Northern Yearly Meeting) soon to meet for its 42nd annual session.

In addition, Stan has spent the past ten years helping a Quaker children's residential camp near Madison keep going and growing. It is now setting attendance records. He works alongside **Dottie (Stratton) Churchwell '59**, whom you might remember as one of your teachers. He is trying to retire from that now also.

Don Hartley '67 is right—50 years already? We love seeing all of your news. Please send pictures, too. Keep the spirit of Olney moving us all to compassionate living.

Take care.

Class of 1962: 55-year reunion class

Allen Hanson
After graduation I farmed with my father in the Milo, Iowa, area. Married Sheryl, in 1967 and our son, Jeff, was born in 1970; our daughter, Ange, in 1973. In 1977 we moved off the farm to work for an Ag-related company, first in Oskaloosa and then in Nevada, Iowa. We then moved to the Ankeny area when I worked for several different trucking companies. In 2002 we moved our manufactured home to Williams, Iowa, where we set up like a house. That gave us a central location between our son, daughter, and Sheryl's mother whom we were helping at that time. Our son now lives in Des Moines. He has four daughters. Our daughter lives in Charles City, is married but has no children.

I work part-time for the city of Webster City and my wife works seasonally at McMurray Hatchery in Webster City, Iowa.

It would be good to connect with classmates again. My email is *sherylromans828@hotmail.com*

Class of 1966

Alice (Esmond) Devine
I was so sorry not to be able to attend the 50th reunion, but am looking forward to hearing more about everyone and seeing photos. I did make it to FBS for our 20th reunion, so I'll try to update the last 30 years. In 1985 Mike Devine and I built our house on Coleman Pond in Lincolnville, Maine. We are located just north of Camden and a couple of miles inland from Lincolnville Beach. (Please give a shout if you're ever passing through Vacationland: 207-763-3010; devinedrive@gmail.com)

I worked for 17 years at Down East: The Magazine of Maine, first in magazine production and then as an associate editor for Down East Books. I became the circulation manager for The Witness magazine in 2000, working from my home office. My mother came to live with us at the end of September 2001 as her Alzheimer disease had gotten so advanced. She died in January 2002. And then my father came to live with us when his Parkinson's became too much for him to manage on his own. He was with us for two and a half years before passing away in 2005.

That same year I took a job at Swan's Island Blankets in Northport as a weaver. I worked there for several years until retiring. However, I must have caught the weaving bug, because I now own three looms. (Mike says I'm taking over the house!) I also spin, knit, crochet, quilt, and sew as well as finding time to read tons of books mostly on my Kindle. Ain't retirement fun?!

Mike retired as a property manager about 13 years ago and started his own boat storage and hauling business in Camden. Since then he's supposedly "retired" and handed the reins over to our son-in-law, but Mike's at the yard or in the truck most days spring, summer, and fall. We have our own boats, so we also get to spend lots of time on the water when the weather cooperates as I'm definitely a "fair-weather" sailor.

Between us we have four children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren! The eight-year-old grandchild was recently along on a boat ride to drop a mooring at Oak Island out in Penobscot Bay, just north of North Haven Island. It was very rough on their way back to Camden, and when he returned he told me about what a nightmare the boat trip was and how wet he got. When I asked him if he'd do it again, he replied: "In a heartbeat!"

Karen (Gesner) Patton
Hi classmates. We'd been planning for a couple years to be at the Class of '66 50th reunion. I even purchased airline tickets. Unfortunately, our custom manufactured home took three months longer than expected, so we were just moving in the week of our 50th.

In 1968 I married Christopher Patton a class of '63 Westtown graduate. We have three children, Kimberly, Heather and Geoffrey and seven grandchildren between 8-20 years of age. We also have two dogs, Amber (Maltese/Toy Terrier), and Lacey (Goldendoodle).

I was a stay-at-home mom while our children were growing up. After that I worked in and managed sewing machine/quilting stores in Georgia and Florida. In '04 I started my own Longarm Machine Quilting business. We've lived in several states due to Chris' job transfers. We've lived in Florida for 20 years.

For hobbies I read, sew, quilt, needlepoint and knit. I'm the secretary of the Fellowship Committee in Doves Rest, the Christian community we moved to for retirement. We plan the trips, potlucks and other social activities.

The most important thing that happened to me since Olney was finding Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior in '77. Chris also made that commitment in the spring of '78. We've been active in service to God ever since. Last weekend we joined Winter Haven First Church of the Nazarene. Our church has a homeless ministry that Chris will be involved in. I'll be making charity quilts as part of my ministry.

If anyone finds themselves in Central Florida, we'd love to have you visit.

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Willard S. Taylor
My alternative service was partly with the Mennonite Central Committee in British Columbia and partly at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland. In the first I assisted in a facility for the mentally handicapped. I married Nancy in 1990. I have two step-sons, Rob and Philip, and we have five young grandchildren. In 1968 I graduated from New York University with a two-year degree in Ornamental Horticulture. I worked for a while in a tree nursery, then for 16 years as a computer assembler. After 1990 I had several warehousing jobs. Through a home-study course, I have become functional in Spanish, which is not only enjoyable but very useful in interacting with Hispanic co-workers. Some of them simply could not speak English, and it was very rewarding to be of help to them.

Retirement this year gives me time to take care of several gardens, including my own. I am also working on my huge stamp collection, accumulated since I was 10. With several other hobbies, I am in no danger of idleness or boredom. Nancy and I have also taken the opportunity to do some travel. While Rob was in Jordan for two years we spent a week with him. It was fascinating to visit places mentioned in the Bible. We have also visited Bermuda, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and Mexico,

as well as Canada, where my in-laws have a lakeside cabin.

After Olney, the greatest influence in my life has been my religious experience. As a university student on Long Island in 1967-68, I attended Bethpage Friends Meeting. The meeting consisted of three or four elderly people around an old wood stove. During this period the meeting died. Literally. A time came when I would cycle up the hill to find that no one else was there.

On the Sunday after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., I felt drawn to go into a large African-American Baptist Church. It seemed to me that someone had called my name from the church; I went to look inside, only to find no one who knew me. Long Island was a racially-troubled area in 1968, yet I felt very much welcome in that church. After the service, I joined them for lunch, which seemed to surprise them, as they were not used to Whites and Blacks eating and fellowshipping at the same table. I was asked to come back and was in regular attendance for the rest of my term at college. At one point, the church secretary stood up in a service and said my attendance there was an inspiration to all of them. At some point, I read through the Bible. Reading about the Baptism of Jesus and how His followers were commanded to be baptized made me wonder why Friends did not believe in baptism. I found the pastor's reason in favor of baptism stronger than the answer I had received from the meeting against it, so I was baptized on the first Sunday in 1970. I also asked myself why there is so much racial division among people who are supposed to be representing Christ to others. To this day, I mostly worship with African-American people. I feel truly blessed in my wonderful relationships with people of many different racial and cultural backgrounds.

In 1971 I left the Baptist church and came into the Pentecostal Apostolic Church, where I remain. I was baptized again according to the formula found in Acts 2:38. How I got here, again, would take a lot more space to explain than I should take. My church, like the Friends, does not believe that the Bible teaches the Trinity. In fact, in reading from some of my old Quaker books I find great similarity between what I am taught now and what Friends have traditionally believed. Interestingly, the book of discipline used by one of the major Pentecostal Apostolic Organizations mentions the early Quakers in its introduction as a group that God used. Early Friends, of course, were very biblical in their approach. Above all, they wanted to please God with their daily lives. Traditionally, they believed that water baptism was no longer called for, but some early Quaker leaders were open to the practice.

Music is an important part of my church's worship and I am often asked to sing solos during the service. Recently, I was elevated to the office of Deacon, which carries responsibility of church maintenance.

Class of 1967
First Row, from left: Donald Hartley, Frank Lacey, Dale Guindon
Second Row: Chris Starr, Eric Dashiell, Allen Starbuck

Class of 1967: 50-year reunion class

Eric Dashiell
I live in Bellevue, Maryland, a waterfront Rosenwald town, a Black town the government set up here with church, school and industry—crabs, clams, fish, and two seafood plants, one crab, one clams.* No labels because the cans were sold to white companies. The men worked the water, the women worked the houses shucking crabs or clams. In the afternoon they all went to the bar.

Bellevue has a population on average of 250-300. There have been seven notables since 1957—two state scoring leaders in basketball and five Ph.D's, six if you count me. They call me Doc Buzzard because I was a mortician.

I talked with **Paul Reeder (Hon.)** weeks before he died. Paul: "Hello, who is this?" Me: "Your all-time favorite black person." Paul: "President Obama!"

**Editor's note: Philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, then president of Sears, Roebuck, and Co., helped fund so-called Rosenwald schools, built for African-American students in the early 20th century. Bellevue is a historically Black community on Maryland's Eastern Shore, originally home to generations of African-American watermen and their families.*

Sarah Hole
Hello Everyone,

I regret that I will not be able to join you for our 50th reunion. I remember looking over at the 50th year class when I was at Olney and thinking "why are all these old people here?" It is hard to believe that we are now the old folks! I am happily married to my spouse Eileen—we got married in Decorah, Iowa in 2012 because it was not legal here yet in Wisconsin. I married into six grandchildren and love being "Nana Sarah."

I am retiring this summer after almost 22 years of working for Common Wealth, a community development corporation, headquartered in my neighborhood on the near-east-side of Madison, Wisconsin. I managed two mixed-use business incubators and have had fun working with a wide variety of entrepreneurs from coffee roasters to high tech companies. I have enjoyed the half-mile commute which I usually walk or bike. Eileen and I love to travel and had a great trip "down under" earlier this year. I have been taking at least one wilderness canoe trip a year to either the Boundary Waters or Quetico. I also love to bike, hike and bird watch. I am looking forward to seeing what adventures retirement will bring.

Have a great reunion.

Frank Lacey
Hi there to all of you! I look forward to visiting Ohio next month to see fellow members of the Class of '67. 50 years. Wow!

I'm retired now, after working at Lowe's for 22 years, before that at Eddie Bauer, and for Mountain Safety Research (MSR). After graduating from San Diego State University with a BA in geography, I moved to Washington State because of my love of mountains and wilderness. I've always been fascinated by mountains and glaciers. Even at Olney, I followed the politics of the creation of North Cascades National Park.

I spend my time now doing volunteer trail work with Washington Trails Association. We build and maintain trails on day trips as well as multi-day backpack trips or "volunteer vacations." I met my wife, Jeroldine Hallberg, on my very first volunteer vacation 18 years ago in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. We are both active hikers, snowshoers, and former climbers. I also do salmon habitat enhancement here on the Skagit River. All of those activities are far more successful than my efforts to keep elk and deer out of my apple orchard and garden.

I would love to share my enthusiasm for this region with anyone who is interested in visiting.

Gunhild Klinghammer Wichardt
The year 1966/67 was a highlight in my life. My senior year at Olney and meeting many different Quakers around the US and Canada meant a personal and spiritual

gain to me. I am still closely connected to my American mother **Marie Kirk '44** and her family. Another highlight in 1966 was that I fell in love with my future husband Guenter on the boat from Rotterdam to New York. It was hard not to see him for more than a year.

Guenter and I are looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2020. We are blessed with four wonderful children and one grandson. Two girls have been for more than 20 years on the National Roller Hockey Team and have respectively visited many countries around the world. Our second daughter Anke had the opportunity to stay with **Bev Kirk Shull '68** family for half a year in 2000. We hosted **Meredith Shull '05** for five months in 2003. Our children now live scattered all over Germany and are all in good jobs. We succeed in having a family gathering three times a year.

For about 25 years I taught fifth to tenth graders in Math, Social Studies and English. I was engaged in AVP (Alternative Violence Project) for several years and now I am concerned with the support of refugees. Since my retirement from teaching I have been very busy with Guenter remodeling two houses and keeping two gardens in good shape. In the past years we enjoyed several visits from Marie Kirk Hawkins and her daughter Bev.

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Christopher K. Starr

'66 as of '67: I believe that is the standard notation for a student who entered with the class of 1966 but graduated in 1967. In those years Olney had a regular exchange with the Evangelische Internatschule in Gaienhofen am Bodensee, Germany. Every year one student went each way, and I won the scholarship for the 1965-66 school year. Although it held me back a year from graduating, I have no regrets at all, as it provided my first residence in a new continent and a lifelong fluency in a new language.

Since then I have lived in North America, Southeast Asia and for the last 25 years in the Caribbean, been married three times (between wives at present), had two kids, and been paid a living wage to study bugs and teach zoology. My memoirs up to a few years ago are on line at *http://ckstarr.net/*

I was pleased to be invited to join this year's well-organized 50-year reunion of the Class of '66. During the social evening I learned something that, unaccountably, had escaped my attention up to then.

As a corresponding member of the Surrealist Group of Chicago, I share the goals of the international surrealist movement. One of these is the erasure of the separation between physical and mental labor, and especially the distinction between those who do physical work and those who do mental/intellectual work. In rising to

report to us on his own vicissitudes during the previous 50 years, **Steve Tatum '66** drew to our attention that this very goal has always been taken for granted at Olney. I would call it part of the Olney Spirit that a well-rounded individual alternates or combines physical with mental work as a matter of course. When I entered Olney in the fall of 1962, our principal was **William P. Taber** '**45**. Tr. Bill was one of conservative Quakerism's most respected scholars, yet if he was part of the melon-picking crew, along with the rest of us braceros, nobody thought anything of it. Isn't that how it should be?

And now, if you will excuse me, I need to go and spread compost on my fruit trees before learning the Yiddish alphabet.

Class of 1972: 45-year reunion class

Karen (Marshall) Weir, x'72
I had a wonderful time last year at Olney commencement, joining so many family members (Emmons, Marshall, Taylor, Kirk, Morrison)—a mini-reunion of sorts. The end of May is otherwise occupied this year, so I'll send greetings and best wishes to all my old classmates for a joyful gathering! All my best to you and the school.

Class of 1972
First Row, from left: Karen (Stanley) Campf, Ruth (Shaw) Brown
Second Row: Evelyn (Doudna) Groves, Lisa Cayard

Class of 1976

Eric Diehl

Here it is Spring 2017 and I thought I would have this letter sent to the 2016 *Current* for our 40 year class reunion or even a year earlier when I started it. Writing has often been difficult for me as it takes a long time to get things down on paper.

After OFS graduation and through college I missed Olney very much and wanted eventually to live in that kind of close-knit Quaker community. However, I had these two conflicting dreams of becoming a professional soccer player and becoming a wildlife biologist that I felt driven to pursue. Neither of these dreams fit in very well with staying in a Quaker community.

After graduation from Wilmington College with a degree in biology and agriculture I worked for the county Soil and Water Conservation District and coached soccer at Wilmington College for the next few years. During that time I spent the winter of '86/'87 playing 3rd goalkeeper on the Louisville (KY) Thunder professional indoor soccer team. While I enjoyed the experience and greatly improved my soccer playing skills I was also exposed to the dark side of pro sports as a business where players were treated like property, something that reminded me of the movie "Slapshot." The excitement of being on a pro team soon disappeared. Being 29 at the time, I knew I did not have much time ahead of me to continue trying to make it as a pro soccer player and decided to head to graduate school at Miami University (OH) in environmental sciences.

Graduate school proved to be an uphill battle due to the number of classes I was taking and after two semesters I decided to try some internships and see if I could find a job in what I really wanted to do, working with wild animals. This resulted in a number of temporary jobs, some exciting, some boring, working with animals, usually birds, covering seven states, 14 moves over two and a half years and ending August 1992 on a wildlife refuge in the upper peninsula of Michigan working as a research assistant in a Whooping Crane reintroduction project. Along with me was my new wife Jenny (married August '90) who was an outdoor recreation major/naturalist and who was happy to pick up and move with me. We moved light, what could fit in our cars to get to the next project site. However by August '92 we were ready for that next job to be permanent and when she found a good job in Midland, MI, at a nature center I went back to grad school at Central Michigan University determined to finish my master's degree in biology. Coaching soccer as an assistant with the men's team there provided enough income to cover the CMU expenses while the nature center covered the rest.

Stability came just in time as we discovered we were going to have our first child and in April '93 Danielle was born followed by Jessica in February '96. After graduation from CMU I looked for full-time head coaching, teaching, or biology jobs which resulted in finding college coaching/instructor positions at Upper Iowa University for five seasons and then Rochester College (MI) for four seasons ending

in November of '05. The girls were of an age that moving for another job was out of the question and I spent the next few years as a part-time soil erosion inspector for our county in Lapeer, MI. In the fall of '06, 11 years after our last child and eight years after a miscarriage of a boy we became expectant parents again and in July '07 Logan was born. What excitement there was in the house to have a boy and what a difference age makes in parenting perspective! Boys are so different to begin with and especially when they have autism. Logan is now going on ten and has been in a regular public school class since he started school. We are continually working to figure out what he needs and how to make his hyper-focused interests relevant to other people so he can succeed in school.

In 2009, using my degrees for a change, I landed a job with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and in March of 2010 I began working at the Detroit Metro airport as an Agriculture Specialist. We have a staff of about 15 and our job is to inspect passengers, baggage, and commercial cargo from arriving international flights. We look for prohibited plant, animal, and general agricultural products and can issue fines to people and companies breaking the U.S. Agricultural quarantine laws. We can confidently say there is at least one smuggler on every flight, so we are very busy and the job is very secure.

This job came about just in time as my soccer playing, coaching and refereeing days came to an abrupt end when my hips and ankles quickly started giving out that year from deteriorating cartilage from arthritis. Surgeries quickly followed to keep me at least able to walk. Unfortunately, though I tried working out for the next two years, I was not and have not been able to run or jump since. I see finding the CBP job as a gift from God and opening one door when closing another. Although I miss soccer terribly I have found enjoyment in meeting new people from all over the world. I have been able to learn new words in several languages, Korean, Mandarin, Thai, Tagalog, Yoruba, Igbo, Arabic, Tamil, Hindi. I have been able to brush up on my grade school French to the point of being able to keep up in a simple conversation. It is so exciting to speak to someone in their own language and see them break out in a smile and suddenly we have a connection. One day I was doing an inspection of baggage belonging to a young Indian student coming from Africa. When I asked where he was going to school he said "a little school near St. Clairsville." I asked him the name and he said "you probably never heard of it." I asked again and he said "Olney Friends School." He was very surprised when I told him I graduated from there. So you never know where Olney connections will pop up. I have never been able to travel anywhere with a passport and hope to someday but for now the world comes past my doorstep. It is fascinating to hear the stories (happy, sad, and some terrible stories) from the passengers who just hours before were in places halfway around the world.

Now that I am not able to spend my spare time refereeing or coaching I have been pursuing my other favorite pastime, scratch building HO model trolleys and layouts. My father was an avid model railroader and trolley modeler and I picked that interest up from him as well as his collection and have expanded it quite a

bit. I think I now have about 60 models completed, in running condition and add another two or three each year.

As I think about retirement in another eight years I hope my body will hold out so I can provide for Logan till he is 18. The girls will be on their own by then and we will see where they settle down so we can find a new home near them. It was a joy to reconnect with the alumni who attended the Olney graduation last June and hope we will all make it back for the next reunion in 2021. As I look back on my years at Olney I am so thankful to our faculty and staff who gave so much of themselves to us and provided good examples of how to live simply and show God's love to the world. You are worth more than you will ever know. All the best to everyone. Keep walking in the Light.

Class of 1982

Suzanne Adair
Suzanne C. Adair, associate dean of the Graduate School at Penn State University, has been named associate vice president for affirmative action, effective Nov. 1, after a national search. As associate vice president, Adair will lead the strategic planning and implementation of anti-discrimination compliance programs, practices and policies impacting faculty and staff university-wide. She will oversee Penn State's adherence to local, state and federal laws and university policies related to equal employment opportunity, affirmative action and nondiscrimination, and serve as an adviser and resource to the university community in these areas. She also will serve as a critical strategic partner in Penn State's efforts to recruit and retain a diverse workforce. In addition, Adair and her office will investigate discrimination and harassment-related complaints at the university.

Adair has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of mental health, education and social work. Before coming to Penn State, she was the assistant director for a school social work program in the School District of Philadelphia and has worked as a family therapist, bereavement counselor and manager of residential sites for mentally ill adults. Along with her work at Penn State, Adair has served as a consultant for both local and national organizations, conducting professional development sessions on issues of minority recruitment and retention, promoting diversity and inclusion, team building, climate improvement and effective communication skills.

In 2016, Adair received a Way Pavers Award from the Council of College Multicultural Leaders in honor of her commitment to diversity and the creation of an inclusive community at Penn State. In 2011 and 2015, she was awarded the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education Central Region Service Award for her efforts to address the educational needs of African-Americans and other minority students in Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Olney, she earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology

from Antioch College, a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate in educational theory and policy from Penn State.

Stillwater Meetinghouse on a sunny autumn afternoon

Friends Who Have Passed

Helen (Bundy) Bowdish, '36
Helen S. Bundy Bowdish, aged 98, of Flushing, Ohio, passed into the arms of her Lord, Wednesday, February 22, 2017. She was born December 22, 1918 in Harrisville, Ohio to a Quaker family, the youngest of eight children of the late Chalkley and Luella Hall Bundy.

She graduated from Olney Friends School in Barnesville, and Pasadena Junior College. She met the love of her life, Byron, in California and they were married in 1939. She worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" for Lockheed Aviation while her husband served in the US Army in the Pacific theater. Following WWII they moved to Flushing.

In addition to her parents and her husband of 65 years, she was preceded in death by her siblings: **Wilmer '23**, Ted, **Arthur '25**, **Herbert '33**, **Bertha Binns '28**, **Edna Morlan '31**, **Ruanna Wright '35**. Surviving are her children, **Brenda** (Dan) **Ponzani '59**, St. Clairsville; Wilmer (Sally) Bowdish, Westerville; Merwyn (Cindy) Bowdish, Lancaster; Leroy (Robin) Bowdish, Tappan Lake; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Always with her silent Christian strength, she was an active member of the Flushing United Methodist Church. She was also a wonderful homemaker and mother and a valued employee of Ponzani Florist.

Catherine A. (Ashton) Graybeal, '37
Catherine Ashton Graybeal peacefully entered eternity after having lived a very long life; she was 95. Kitty was born in Plainfield, IN, into a Quaker family in 1919. Early in Kitty's life her parents and four older siblings made the long trek to Harford County, MD, where for many years the family welcomed weary travelers into their guest home known as Arbor Lawn. Kitty excelled as a student and graduated from Dublin High School in Maryland. Following graduation Kitty attended Olney Boarding School in Ohio for one year taking additional advanced courses. While there she continued in her love of sports by playing tennis after having participated in track during high school.

The year following Kitty's graduation from Boarding School she met Wayne Graybeal and they were married during a lawn ceremony at Arbor Lawn in 1939. The newlyweds moved to Southern Chester County, PA where they raised their family and labored together on a dairy farm. Soon after the couple was established in Pennsylvania they began attending, and later joined, Beulah Baptist Church where they were each involved. Kitty ministered to others as a Sunday School teacher, costume maker for Christmas programs, VBS, and hostess to countless Missionaries. She also held after-school Good News Clubs and summer five-day clubs through Child Evangelism Fellowship. Kitty was a host parent for inner city children through the Fresh Air Program, a hospital volunteer, and a faithful letter writer to her sons and other servicemen while they were in the military. Although Kitty and Wayne stayed very busy, the needs of the family were of high priority. Wayne and Kitty were married for 74 years; Wayne died in November of 2013.

Kitty is survived by her four children: James Graybeal of Coatesville, PA, Janet Kirkley of Elkton, MD, Albert (Suzanne) Graybeal of Coatesville, PA, and Phillip (Elaine) Graybeal of Greer, SC; ten grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Prior to her death, Kitty was a resident at The Gardens, an assisted-living community of Freedom Village in West Brandywine, PA.

Huldah (Starr) Stanley, '40
Huldah Louise (Starr) Stanley, most recently of Copeland Oaks in Sebring, Ohio, passed away on March 8, 2017. She was born March 18, 1923, at Starr Elms Farm outside Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, the fourth of five children born to Elmer and Elma (nee McGrew) Starr. Her elementary education at local Bogartown School and summer visits to Camp NeeKauNis on Georgian Bay led to her following maternal tradition and matriculating fall of 1936 at Friends Boarding School (Olney), Barnesville, Ohio.

In 1944, Huldah married Olney classmate **Raymond Stanley '40.** They settled in Middleton, Ohio, where they raised six children, moving to Barnesville, Ohio in 1985 to manage the Walton Retirement Home. In 1997, Huldah and Ray made their final move to Copeland Oaks, where, among other things, Huldah knitted "Huddy Slippers" (at one point over 300 pairs a year) for family, friends and for

sale in the gift shop, volunteered in the Copeland Oaks thrift store, did crossword puzzles, and enjoyed visits from loved ones.

With Ray's death in 2014 after almost 70 years of marriage, Huldah's children were understandably concerned about her being lonely, as none lived nearby. But she considered the Copeland staff and fellow residents as family. Surrounded in spirit and in person by loved ones, Huldah peacefully passed on the morning of March 8.

Survivors include her brother, Stuart; her children**, David '66 (Carolyn Hon.)**, **Wayne '68 (Kathy Voorhees '65)**, **John '71, Elizabeth '76** (Tom), **Emily '78 (Dan Bailey '70)**, **Peter '82 (Liz Mora '90)**; and grandchildren **Jesse '94** (Erica), **Amy (Hon.)** (Ron), **Morgan '09** (Sarah), and Rebecca. As she wished, her remains were donated to Ohio University Medical School.

Donations may be made in Huldah's memory to Olney Friends School, Barnesville, Ohio, or the Oaks Foundation at Copeland Oaks.

Alma E. (Hoge) (Canby) Keen, '42
Alma Keen was born on April 13, 1924, and passed away Sunday, August 21, 2016, in Bloomington, IN. She was raised in a Quaker family on a farm in Iowa, one of seven children of John and Laura (Smith) Hoge. She loved playing sports, softball and basketball in particular (but remained upset that the game's court-size and rules differed for girls). She attended Earlham College and there, while keeping score at a basketball game, was approached by a very confident young man named Leonard Keen, who asked her out on a date. She declined. Several times. But the soon-to-be pilot was persistent and after several more basketball games, she finally gave in. They married six months later and celebrated 70 years together in 2016. Their marriage may sound unique to most, as Alma and Len never had an argument; if they disagreed, they did so quietly; theirs was truly an uplifting and supportive union.

Len and Alma settled in Bloomington in 1954. Alma was a homemaker, serving as both mom and dad to their three children when Len's job as chief pilot for Ralph Rogers took him out of town frequently. Alma was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and she loved studying the Bible. She served as a leader of Bible Study Fellowship International for decades, and she mentored many young Christians and made hundreds of lifelong friends. She was a member of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. She was a great friend, the best secret keeper, and never said a disparaging word about anyone.

Alma was preceded in death by her parents, her first love, Joseph O. Canby (who died one month after their marriage, in WWII's Battle of the Bulge), by the love of her life, Leonard Keen, by her six siblings: Arnold, Ivan, Morris and Selma Hoge; **Mary Dunbar '37**; **Ellen Hoge Day '46**; and by two grandsons. She is survived by her three children: Gary (Connie), Lee (Sandy), Mary (Kevin) Murray; two granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, many wonderful nieces and nephews

and their families. The family is thankful for the love and great care so many gave to Alma throughout her life, and asks that in memory we be kind to one another, give time or donations to a cause of your choice.

Dorothy I. (Guindon) Shaffer, '42
Dorothy I. (Guindon) Shaffer, 93, of Omaha and formerly Lincoln, NE, passed away August 18, 2017, at Immanuel Lakeside Village. Born in Fairhope, AL, on January 21, 1924, she was raised with a rich Quaker heritage and attended the Olney Friends School in Barnesville, OH.

During World War II, Dorothy worked for R. G. LeTourneau, Inc. as an executive assistant, supporting the company's efforts providing earthmoving equipment to the Allies. Dorothy was married to the late Dr. Harry D. Shaffer. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Dorothy treasured God's creation and enjoyed travels across the United States and abroad. Dorothy gave much of her life in service to others: as president of Nebraska Women's Medical Auxiliary, board member of Samaritan Counseling Center, and faithful member of First Baptist Church in Lincoln. Harry and Dorothy were also founding members of Lincoln Young Life and investors in Trail West Lodge Young Life camp in Colorado.

Preceded in death by her parents and siblings, beloved husband Harry, and son-in-law Bob Newell, she is survived by her children John (JoLee) Shaffer, Bob (Mary) Shaffer, Nancy (Charlie) Delph, Carol Newell, and Jim (Liz) Shaffer, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Anna Mae (Starbuck) Moffitt, '43
Anna Mae was born to **Clara Bedell '20** and **Jesse R. Starbuck '20** on March 25, 1925, in Salem, Ohio, where she grew up, the eldest of four sisters. The family attended Salem Monthly Meeting. In 1939, she enrolled in Olney Friends Boarding School (FBS) near Barnesville. Her work during summer vacation was at the Church Budget Envelope Co. and also helping her aunt in Starbuck Bros. Tin Shop office.

While attending FBS, she became friends with fellow classmate **William E. Moffitt, Jr. '43**. Eventually, in June 1945, they were married in Salem meeting. Since William is from an Iowa farm family, they bought a farm nearby in Ackworth. In this union four children were born. On the farm, Anna Mae was happy to be a "stay-at-home-mom," but also worked part-time at Simpson College library. She also belonged to the Ackworth Garden Club, Missionary Society and Serving Committee of the Ackworth Friends Church.

Upon retiring from farming, the couple spent 19 winters in Donna, TX, in Palm Shadows RV Park where they met many new and old friends. They enjoyed going on trips, too, which included a butterfly tour into Mexico, a tour around Costa

Rica, and a family reunion on Nantucket Island. In 2012, they moved to The Village, a retirement community in Indianola, IA. Anna Mae enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, board games, Swedish weaving, and, especially spending time with family.

She is survived by her husband, William, of 70 years; three children: **Daryl '67** (Rosemary) of Flintstone, GA, **Patsy '71** of Urbandale, IA, and Dennis (Debbie) of Indianola, IA; daughter-in-law Alberta Moffitt of Emmetsburg, IA; three sisters, **Ruth Stuckey '45** of Sabina, OH, **Dorothy Smith '48** of Barnesville, OH, and **Elizabeth Osborn '51** of Jeromesville, OH; ten grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, son **Raymond '64,** and great-grandson Kaden Tjossem.

Esther (Shaw) Miller, '44
Esther (Shaw) Miller 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.

Ellen "Kathy" Hoge Day, '46
Ellen Kathlyn Hoge Day, 87, of Johnston, Iowa, died Feb. 4, 2016, of congestive heart failure at Mercy Hospice, Johnston, Iowa. A 1946 graduate of Friends Boarding School, "Kathy" was a spiritual adventurer, artist, peace activist, farm wife, independent living advocate and nature lover.

Flag Day was her double-dip anniversary: She was born June 14, 1928, to John Edwin and Laura Smith Hoge, on their dairy farm in Whittier, Iowa, and in 1952 at Whittier Meeting she married Charles Harold Day, a member of Center Friends Church in Kellogg.

With a Quaker lineage convinced before 1660 in Scotland, Kathy grew up in Whittier Friends and Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), and was a member of Des Moines Valley Friends. Some of her Hoge Quaker relatives landed in New Jersey in 1688.

Kathy was active in the American Friends Service Committee office in Des Moines, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Stop the Arms Race PAC, Iowans Against the Death Penalty and other peace and social justice efforts. To realize daughter Becky's concept for intergenerational housing for people with disabilities, Kathy and Chuck founded Dream Catcher Inc., which built Lyn Circle Apartments in Waukee and Lyn Crossing in southeast Des Moines.

Believing in a future life in the spirit, Kathy invited us to ponder the transition with her. She is now with her daughter, Rebecca Lyn Day, who died Feb. 26, 1997. Among family who died earlier are sisters Selma Hoge of Whittier, IA, and **Mary**

(Hoge) Dunbar '37 of Homasassa, FL, and brothers Ivan of Central City, Arnold of Bear Creek, and Morris of Springville, all in Iowa. Her sister, **Alma Hoge Keen '42**, of Bloomington, IN, passed away on August 21, 2016. Surviving are Chuck, son Christopher of Houston, TX, grandchildren Connor (Aurora) of Olympia, WA, and Emma (Elias), of Seattle, WA, and chosen daughter Marion Love of Iowa City, IA. A worship celebrating Kathy's life was held April 2, 2016, at Bear Creek Friends Meeting, Earlham, IA, with burial at Bear Creek Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to Religious Society of Friends affiliates, health research or nature preservation groups.

Elizabeth (Richie) (Graham) Strader, '47
Elizabeth Hooton Richie Graham Strader passed away on January 14, 2017, in California. She was 86. Daughter of Elisha Roberts Richie and Dorothy Dilks, Beth graduated from Olney Friends School, attended Earlham College, and graduated from Whittier College. She received a nursing degree from the California Hospital/ University of Southern California School of Nursing.

She was a co-founder of the La Habra Cultural Arts Council and member of the city council, and mayor of the City of La Habra. She attended Whittier First Friends Church.

Beth was predeceased by husbands John Graham and Bob Strader. Survivors include her daughters Elisabeth Elliot (Michael), Lori Crocker (Bruce), children-by-marriage Diane Strader Clifton (Daryl), Steve Strader (Ruth), and Scott Strader, her brother Douglas Richie (Anne), and sister-in-law Emily Graham, and many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Dale L. Buzzard, '48
Dale L. Buzzard, 86, of Winnebago, Illinois, died September 2, 2016, following a brief illness. He was born July 14, 1930, in Chicago, the son of Nelson C. and Mildred Eloise Cook Buzzard. Dale graduated from Olney Friends School and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in 1953 and a master's degree in 1960, both in education, from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. He married Doris Ann Diezel in 1954.

Dale worked as a counselor for the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, helping people with disabilities join the workforce. As an adult he was active in the Boy Scouts for many years and a charter member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. His interests included history, gardening, and traveling, including trips on the Mississippi and the Panama Canal.

He is survived by his wife Doris; sons David (Teri) and John (Susan); three granddaughters; brother Norman; and several nieces and nephews. Dale was predeceased by his parents, brother Richard, and sister Dorothye Knowles.

James "Jim" Gamble, '57
James "Jim" Gamble died December 2, 2016, in Auburn, CA, at the age of 77, with family, friends, music, and memories surrounding him. Jim was born in Winona, Ohio, son of **Albert '25** and **Ethel (Hall) '30 Gamble**, the eldest of five children. He grew up on a dairy farm and attended Winona Friends Meeting. As a young boy, if the Spirit wasn't moving anyone to speak during meeting, Jim would enjoy listening to the choir music from the Methodist Church across the street, and catching flies to release and catch again. Jim attended Olney and graduated as valedictorian of his class. At Earlham College he majored in geology and then went to the University of Illinois for his MS and a PhD in engineering geology. Jim worked for various companies in the Midwest and then moved to California in 1974, retiring in 2004.

Jim and Anne Owens were married in 1982. They enjoyed lots of traveling to many fascinating places in the world, including the Galapagos Islands and Iceland. Jim loved working outdoors, taking care of the yard, photography, good food and wine, going to the theater and concerts, music, his pets, his family and square dancing. Jim and Anne were members of Placer People of Faith Together serving on the Restorative Justice Committee. He was a founding member of the Winona Area Historical Society.

Jim is survived by his wife, step-daughter Nichola, step-son Ryan, and two granddaughters; his brothers Gerald Gamble, Lynden Gamble, sister **Lola** (Douglas) **Toot '65**, sister-in-law **Luanna (Rockwell) Gamble '59**, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jonathan Gamble. There was a January Celebration of Life for Jim in Auburn, CA, and a September memorial meeting in Winona.

Jim was known for his hard work and dedication to service, his commitment to his family and friends, his embrace of simplicity, loyalty, and honesty and his welcoming personality, which usually included a big smile and a hug.

Martha (Stratton) Giffen, '57
Martha Stratton Giffen died December 4, 2016, in Barnesville, Ohio. She was born on November 17, 1939, in Flushing, Ohio, to **Howard '25** and **Mabel (Whinnery) '25 Stratton**. Martha grew up on a dairy farm with her three siblings. She attended Olney all four years and then Kent State University and Ohio University, earning certificates to teach elementary education in Ohio public schools. Martha was a lifelong member of Ohio Yearly Meeting and served on the yearly meeting committee for Olney as well as five years (2010-2015) on the Olney Board of Trustees. Martha was a skilled quilter, a member of several Belmont County area clubs, and had a strong interest in the history of Ohio Yearly Meeting. She also helped to develop the Stratton Mill Foundation in Flushing to preserve the flour mill that her grandfather (George Stratton 1894) ran.

Martha and her husband, **Randy Giffen (Hon.)**, raised their family of five children on a farm near Bellaire, Ohio, moving to the Walton Home after retirement. Under the auspices of the Friends World Committee for Consultation they led a Quaker Youth Pilgrimage in Great Britain and traveled to Japan. Randy died in 2008. Martha is survived by their children: **Larry Giffen '78**, **Jon Giffen '79**, **Gwen Giffen '82**, **Joseph Giffen-Hunter '84**, and Jennifer Giffen; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; her siblings **Lewis Stratton '52, Clara Iden '55**, and **Mary Ellen Wall '60;** and her second husband, Fred Wickham.

Eleanor "Ellie" (Haines) Elliott, '67
Eleanor Haines "Ellie" Elliott, of Greensboro, NC, died February 17, 2017, at Beacon Place Hospice Care, surrounded by family. Ellie was a native of Clinton, Ohio, and moved to Greensboro to attend Guilford College where she met the love of her life, Don, to whom she was married for 46 years. Ellie was a devoted wife, mother, and church member at Cathedral of His Glory. Her faith sustained her as she suffered from Parkinson's for over 30 years. She is finally free in Christ.

Ellie was preceded in death by her parents, Carey and Audrey Haines of Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Donald, of Greensboro; her children, Jennifer (Richard) Booker, Norlina, NC, and Justin, Joel and Jonathan of Greensboro.

Robert Pearse, x'74
Robert Nicholas Pearse of Greensboro, NC, passed away suddenly on the afternoon of July 30, 2016. Born October 5, 1955, in the town of Bahama, just outside Durham, NC, Robert became a revered and beloved member of the restaurant community in North Carolina. After a youth filled with sports and adventure, Robert graduated from Guilford College in 1979 with an English degree. For a time, he made sandwiches at "Lox, Stock, and Bagel," peeled potatoes and boned chicken at "The Sideboard" in Charleston, SC, and sold restaurant supplies in New York before returning to Greensboro to work at "Bakatsias Cuisine." When the owner opened "The Nicholas" in 1986, he brought Robert aboard as head chef. He later bought the restaurant in 1989 and renamed it "Robert's." Cuisine critic John Batchelor has written that it was his all-time favorite restaurant in the city. His other celebrated restaurants include "Revival Grill," "Bin 33," and "The Smoking Dog."

Robert was a devoted father and instilled in his sons Nick and Matt a fierce loyalty to Duke athletics, his winning sense of humor, and his outstanding integrity. He found as much joy in cooking a family meal as in preparing gourmet cuisine. He will be deeply missed and remembered as a fine chef, father, husband, and friend.

Robert Pearse is survived by his sons Nick and Matt Pearse and their mother Laura Griffin; his wife Denise Zubek Pearse and her children Alex and Andrew Tudor; his brother Tom Pearse and Tom's wife Sharon; and his sister Rebecca Jones.

Katharine Jacobsen (Hon.)
Katharine Stevens Jacobsen passed away peacefully on January 20, 2017, at her home in Delavan, WI. She was born May 15, 1931, in Chicago to Elmer and Harriet Stevens. She received a bachelor's degree from Vassar College and worked for several years as director of development at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Katharine and her husband, **Ken Jacobsen (Hon.)**, felt very connected to Olney after twice serving as director of outreach (Katharine) and head of school (Ken). They returned often to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting and lead retreats, maintaining connections with the many people they knew from Olney and the Barnesville area.

In her last years, Parkinson's disease increasingly weakened Katharine's voice, but she maintained a strong presence in every conversation. In November 2016 Ken and Katharine drove to Barnesville to help lead an Ohio Yearly Meeting retreat. During the trip, Katharine fell, and several hours later it became apparent that she had broken her hip. Following surgery in Wheeling and several days of hospital stay, Katharine was transferred to a facility near her home in Wisconsin. When it became apparent that there would be no recovery, she spent her last days with hospice care in the home she and Ken shared on the shore on Lake Delavan.

At the memorial meeting held at Stillwater in April she was remembered for her encouragement, for making people welcome in the circle of community, and for encouraging those she met to be teachable and faithful.

My Quaker Life with Katharine (5/15/31–1/20/17) at Olney and Beyond
From Ken Jacobsen (Hon.) 8/28/17

In our final months before Katharine passed away at home this January, we could look back together with a sense of joy and fulfillment on our nearly thirty years of Quaker life, including our seven years at Olney as co-administrators, teachers and community members. When we married, well into midlife, we discovered Quakerism as a spiritual way of life we could share. We soon found ourselves at Earlham School of Religion asking: What is our ministry? Where, how are we called to serve? As I was graduating from ESR we were called to Olney, I as head of school, Katharine as director of outreach, and we served there twice, from 1994 to 1997, and from 1999-2003. What a joy to share 24/7 in our students' (and our own) journeys of self-discovery. We then returned to Katharine's Midwest home ground, serving as resident caretakers for Chicago Monthly Meeting. In 2005 we were called to be interim co-directors at Pendle Hill (a kind of Olney for adults) until 2007, when we moved back to Katharine's family place on Lake Delavan in Wisconsin.

These past ten years we have kept our lakeside house as a "poustinia," a retreat house for travelers, and, right up to the time of Katharine's passing, we were doing work that we loved, guiding retreats and sharing spiritual blessings with friends in the Midwest, at Pendle Hill and at Friends Center in Barnesville. To be Katharine's fellow traveler in this ever-unfolding Quaker journey has been and continues to be a life-giving gift to me.

Vic Peacock (Hon.)
Victor G. "Vic" Peacock, 87, formerly of Barnesville, Ohio, passed away on August 4, 2017, at Westminster-Thurber Community in Columbus, Ohio. Vic was born in 1930 in Mooresville, Indiana. His parents, **Harry '22** and **Lois (Hall) '28 Peacock,** preceded him in death.

Following high school, he served as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne. In 1956 Vic and **Anna Kirk '53** were married at Harrisville Meeting. He worked at Olney for many years, serving in several capacities. In 1997 he worked on remodeling the boys dorm. After that he became the maintenance director, coached some of the sports, taught woodworking, wood carving, and invited students to his home once a week for an evening of artwork with oil paints. He retired in 2001.

Vic is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anna; his children, Vicky (Steve) Brunner, **Mark Peacock (Hon.), Liesa** (Scott) **Whipple '78, Tim** (Mary Beth) **Peacock (Hon.),** and **Crystal** (Dave) **Shay '86**; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and his sisters, **Winifred (Robert) Stratton '53** and **Wauneta** (Douglas) **Kerr '59.**

A celebration of Vic's life was held at Stillwater Meetinghouse, Barnesville, Ohio, on August 12, 2017. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Olney Friends School maintenance department or woodworking shop.

The Passing of Another Old Friend

Received in April from Leonard Guindon '70, Olney science teacher

We lost an old friend last week. The tree beside the house (Taber Farmhouse) where Don and I grew up had to be taken down because it was dying. It's the tree that provided shade for Jamie's dogs, and many others. The tree was planted in 1893, so it was 124 years old. Hooray for trees!

Here's a poem our brother, **Lloyd Guindon '77,** wrote about it on the occasion of Mom and Dad's (**Cliff '41** & **Dottie (Hon.) Guindon**) 60th wedding anniversary.

THE SUGAR MAPLE

The old sugar by the farmhouse
Holds our ground for another day.
Its majestic growth has slowed
And winter bares its elemental integrity,
In a quiet silhouette.

It has taken what is offered
From the sun and native soil,
And in its season grown leaves
To make the sugar that sustains its growth.

Its gifts to the world are countless and forgotten
But hundreds have taken shelter in its summer's shade,
And bathed in the aura of its clean air.
They have stood firm over its rootedness
And swung from its limbs.

Blackbird families have filled its canopy
With chattering tales of oat field feasts,
Then with a sudden explosion of wings
They are gone,
Leaving the old sugar to hold our native ground
For another day.

And these qualities of the old sugar
Are like an old couples love.
I pray I never take for granted
These things in life that sheltered me,
That calm my spirit, that persevere thru drought
And light up with the setting sun.

The old sugar by the farmhouse
Holds our ground for another day,
And winter bares its elemental integrity
In a quiet silhouette.

Lloyd Guindon, January 28, 2008

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