



REUNION '68...Reconnect, Reflect, Reminisce, Recommit Won't you be our guest?

Hello, Golden Scot! Reunion is clearly coming into focus. Mary Spaeth Campbell, Mark Westra and the Gift, Program and Communications teams are busy turning their ideas into plans and actions. Revisit the *Great Scott! You're a Golden Scot* e-newsletter sent in October and on the Macalester website for team details, members, intentions. To sum things up, Mary writes, "Mark and I are so pleased with the committee and the enthusiasm, camaraderie and professionalism with which the teams are addressing their tasks. They are exceeding our expectations and yielding a reunion that we hope will surpass your own."

Speaking of enthusiasm, how's yours? Are you thinking about Reunion? Looking to reconnect, to reminisce? We have tools to help you, and they are just a few clicks away at macalester.edu.

RECONNECT

Reunions are made for reconnecting with classmates, dorm buddies, bridge partners, sports teammates, you name it. If you've lost touch, MacDirect is the tool to reconnect.

To access MacDirect:

- Go to macalester.edu
- Click on Alumni tab (in header on PCs, in Home menu on iPads, etc.)
- In the left column, click on MacDirect.

You're in. You should find your own profile populated by Mac. First-time users need to set up a password. There are multiple sort options including by major, city, activity, athletics. You could, for instance, sort for all 1968 classmates who were in Drama Chorus and majored in econ. From the search result, contact the classmate via their profile options. Enjoy! Reconnect!

REMINISCE

There's a toolbox on the MacDirect Alumni page. Scroll down to *Your Toolbox* and find the tool to reminisce: *Digital archives of The Mac Weekly*. Click on that link, follow the instructions and you can revisit our days at Mac. It's a treat. (The archives can also be reached from the Mac homepage:

macalester.edu; Academics; DeWitt Wallace Library; Archives and Special Collections. Very interesting.)

THE MACALESTER EXPERIENCE... what's yours?



FOCUS: 1965-1966

The Golden era at Macalester continued in our sophomore year. Academics were once again augmented. Chuck Green headed a class of 41 new professors including 22 PhDs. The recently dedicated Olin Science Hall received nine new professors and millions of dollars of research equipment. In October, DeWitt and Lila Wallace traveled to campus to dedicate the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. Days before their arrival in a tit for tat between Hamline and Macalester, the fine arts center was spray painted. Sand blasters saved the day. The Knoxville exchange continued. *West Side Story* was produced during Interim. The Honors program was approved by the faculty in the spring for implementation during the fall '66 semester.

Campus discussion topics included a year-long debate on the benefits of Chapel and Convocation. The latter was much maligned as being of little substance. Our required attendance remained throughout the year. Extending hours at Weyerhaeuser Library from 10:30 p.m. to midnight weekdays and Sunday was in the mix. The extended hours were approved in February and with that dorm hours for girls were extended as well. Girls still had

to sign in and out after 7 p.m. but a midnight curfew beat 10:30 p.m. Discussions on the draft, college deferments, and burning draft cards provoked lively discussions, but in 1966 the scope of the war and its tentacles were not that pronounced. Indeed, a letter in *The Mac Weekly* from a 1965 alumnus encouraged grads to enlist without fear of going to Vietnam because the military had more than enough volunteers to handle the war. Hmmm.

On the sports scene the swim team won their third NAIA national title. The football team had a tougher time, but Dick Anderson, our Gift team co-chair, was named Scot of the Week for his outstanding play in the game against Morningside in September.

On the social side the Serendipity Singers held a hootenanny in the fall and the heartthrob Lettermen gave a concert in the spring. Little did we know that we were a precursor to match.com with the first Computer Match dance in October. In February 1966 the Saga food service ran a survey to find our favorite foods. Results: tossed green salad, roast beef (medium), whipped potatoes, whole kernel corn and ice cream sundaes. My, weren't we sophisticated?

On your Macalester experience the communications team is putting together a book to commemorate our class. In it we want to capture your Macalester experience. To that end, go to the 1968 Reunion page at macalester.edu and visit the My Macalester Experience form. There you will find a series of questions. Answer as many or as few as you like. Responses will be posted to the website and in the commemoration book.

1. **Reconnect**-Let us know who you are.
2. **Reflect**-What was the most influential experience you had at Macalester?
3. **Reminisce**-Share a story or moment from your time at Mac.
4. **Recommit**-How has your Macalester experience been reflected in your life? How have the values instilled in you at Macalester shown up throughout your life?

P.S. A few words on Interim. As a followup to the article on Interim in the *Great Scott! You're a Golden Scot* e-newsletter, how many of your Interim courses do you remember? Four? Three? To help you recall, PDFs of the 1966, 1967, and 1968 Interim course lists are on the 1968 Reunion webpage. Our heartfelt thanks to Ellen Holt-Werle '97, library archivist, and Jayne Niemi '79, college registrar, for their help in providing the archival information that helps us revisit our years at Mac. Of note, a 1965 list wasn't found. Ellen hopes that perhaps one of us might have a copy. Time to look through the boxes?

THINKING OF COMING TO REUNION?

While full program details are still being planned, we can tell you that the cost of Reunion is \$125, which includes all meals and programs. Lodging in Macalester's only air-conditioned dorm is an additional flat weekend rate of \$50 (Thursday-Sunday). The Reunion brochure will be sent in March and registration will open shortly thereafter. We hope you will join us in St. Paul!

Stay up-to-date here:
macalester.edu/reunion/50yearreunion.

THEN AND NOW: Let's go to the library



Electronic White Boards, 3D Printers, and Legos, Oh My!

Which building on campus has all these items available on one floor for student use? If you haven't been on campus in 30 years you haven't been to the DeWitt Wallace Library. Praised as a "state of the art" library when it opened in 1988, it was wired for access to computers and databases making our beloved Weyerhaeuser seem rather quaint. At the dedication of the "new" library, Vartan Gregorian, president of the New York Public Library, spoke of libraries as "a laboratory of human endeavor." During the past 30 years the library has evolved to provide not only access to electronic scholarship, but it has become a center for student collaborative learning. This fall the second floor was remodeled into a space for such collaborative learning. Moving (but not eliminating) the stacks of our generation yielded a vast open space filled with moveable tables, chairs, whiteboards and other tools that students can configure and use for their projects. It was an instant hit with the students—a vibrant space alive with learning (i.e., the quintessential definition of a liberal arts facility).

Also during the remodel more space was made for archives so when you visit Mac you can reminisce among yearbooks, *The Mac Weekly*, *Spotlites*, honors papers and folders of Ivan Berg's photos. The archives department is also continuing to digitize *The Mac Weekly* which as mentioned earlier can be accessed via the MacDirect toolkit.

And now a little trivia:

- A column in the September 17, 1965, *The Mac Weekly* stated the price for a package of tickets **to what** event would cost \$192 (plus \$1.00 for mailing)?
- The results of a survey released in the October 15, 1965, *The Mac Weekly* showed "Yes, Macalester students have come out in favor, though not unanimously, of the distribution **of what** on campus?"
- A letter to the editor of *The Mac Weekly* on April 1, 1966, suggested that the administration was not concerned enough about a group of 679 students. **Which group** was the letter referring to?

Answers will be posted on the Reunion webpage, but you could find them yourself in the archives.