



# REUNION

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## REUNION '69: CELEBRATE, CONNECT, COMMENCE

The season of Thanksgiving reminds us to be grateful. Gratitude is the antidote for the dissatisfaction that comes from being bombarded daily with messages that we need to get more and we need to be more!

Thanksgiving is the best American holiday because we take a day to unhook from commercialism and take stock of all that we have. It's a time to regain perspective and balance in our lives. There may be little money to be made over Thanksgiving but there is the gift of a grateful heart. And no other emotion correlates more highly with good health!

Macalester stands out as one of the places for which many of us are extremely grateful. Our Reunion theme is: Celebrate, Connect, and Commence. When we come together next June we will be celebrating our 50th year as Macites! We will "connect" around those experiences that made Macalester such an amazing place and time for each of us.

### CONNECTING WITH GRATITUDE

Hear what our classmates truly value from their Macalester experiences. **Jerry Straks** writes that the variety of experiences were valuable in his career and his life...Instructors and professors who prepared him for graduate school at Purdue University ... Music and art classes, photography for *The Mac Weekly* and Macalester News Bureau, all leading to lifelong hobbies and volunteering.

**Carol Terry** is also grateful for the extraordinary introduction to art, music and theater. Coming from a small town in South Dakota and seeing Hume Cronyn in *The Miser* at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis during freshman orientation was the beginning of amazing theater and music experiences. With *Trojan Women* and *West Side Story* in just our first year, seasons were filled with great theater on and off the campus.

Then there was the world of music. **Carol Terry** attended her first symphony concert at Northrop Auditorium where cellist Rostropovich played with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra (MSO). In '66 it was Stravinsky conducting the orchestra, and then the highlight of singing with the Mac Choir, performing Berlioz's *Damnation of Faust* with the MSO. **Debbie Oyan Dornaus** is grateful for music at Macalester, too. She had the privilege of performing with the MSO at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Dale Warland. Warland provided musical excellence few people ever get to experience. Debbie reports that every choral director she's worked with during the last 50 years is in awe of the fact that she learned from Dale Warland! A true gift of the Macalester educational experience.

Speaking of the best teachers, **Karen Murray**, an Oklahoma girl, learned that January in Minnesota can be survived when reading novels like *The Brothers Karamazov* and knowing that lectures by another Oklahoman, Professor David White, would illuminate them. And, who isn't grateful for Theodore Mitau who

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Richard Van Doren and Karen Pulsipher, along with members of the dancing contingent, work on the staging of "West Side Story."

often sat on the lab table to give his lectures! Were you there the day he looked down at his crossed legs and announced that his socks didn't match?

And, we are grateful for our expanded worldview. In Interim 1967 **Carol Terry** went to London with students from Mac, St. Olaf, and Gustavus Adolphus for five weeks of theater with Mary Gwen Owen, who was another brilliant gift to Macalester's students. All of us who spent the summer of '68 on SWAP working and traveling in Europe grew in our appreciation for other countries and cultures. **David Livdahl** writes that although he didn't spend the whole four years at Macalester because he was studying Chinese at the University of Hawaii, and as a senior took courses at the University of Minnesota, he describes Macalester as a very special place to transition from high school to adulthood.

Our world was in turmoil those years. While in London **Debbie Oyan Dornaus** remembers hearing that Bobby Kennedy had been shot and a Londoner asking her what was wrong with our country! She is grateful that Macalester was a place where we could discuss those questions. We had a lot of questions about our country and "Effective Protest" was the topic of a series of convocations. Protest was all around us. Our graduation was certainly evidence that we were deeply affected by it.

**Jane Reister Conard** is grateful for the accumulation of knowledge and perspective that comes with 50 years of age and experience. Although watching the current challenges to our political system is stressful and concerning, it helps to remember that 50 years ago our political system was also in a precarious state. The perspective of years, Jane says, gives her hope and solace that our government institutions will again regain equilibrium.

### GIVING FROM GRATEFUL HEARTS

Giving is usually the evidence of gratitude. Philanthropy in the United States has just gone over the \$410-billion-dollar mark. Certainly some giving is to get, but much of it is to provide a better life for others. As we review the gratitude we feel and connections we make around our amazing experiences shared at Macalester, we have the

opportunity to pay it forward. Our gifts team will be reaching out soon and asking us to insure that future generations of Macalester students will be as fortunate as we have been. Giving is one way to "Commence" our futures.

### MACALESTER: FALL 1965

We were the largest freshman class ever. Macalester had completed an extensive building campaign with Olin Science Hall (with a planetarium and Foucault pendulum) and the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. The prior year saw a new dining hall and the new men's and women's dorms (the latter to be named Dupre and Doty in the spring). Mac had hired 41 new professors, including 22 PhDs; Chuck Green (political science), Henry West (philosophy), Alvin Greenberg (English), and Virginia Schubert (French) were just a few of the new faculty faces. Chaplains Max Adams and Al Currier oversaw weekly required chapel as well as numerous campus events.

Meanwhile, an Ad Hoc Committee was reviewing out-of-class educational activities including required chapel, confrontation, and convocation. The convocation series during Interim 1966 (not required) focused on Effective Protest, featuring speakers Brent Bozell, John Robert Lewis (then 25; since 1987 U.S. Representative from Georgia), and Dr. Mulford Q. Sibley. During that year, there were weeklong series on Latin America, Human Rights, Religion & Life, and a Model United Nations. We stayed late in the library to prove we needed longer hours, prompting the Weyerhaeuser Library to close at midnight rather than 10:30. We got to know those classmates in our part of the alphabet as the English and "Man & His World" classes were assigned accordingly. The Honors program was approved by the faculty in the spring for implementation during the fall '66 semester.

We all needed to take P.E. and pass "Beginning Swimming." Meanwhile, the swim team won their third NAAIA national title. The formation of a field hockey team was a new intercollegiate opportunity for women, identified in the yearbook as "A Tough, Dangerous Game for Girls."

**We were busy and involved, as evidenced by our monthly calendars.**

## UNION CALENDAR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT MACALESTER COLLEGE

### Interim and Spring Terms 1966

## JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Basketball, Florida Presbyterian, Away
2	3	4	5 CLASSES BEGIN, VALIDATION IN P.M. WRA, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Basketball, Florida Southern, Away	6 <i>Classes Begin!</i> H 128 9:00-11:00 MTThF	7 Cambridge House "Orphan-Project" Dance, 9-12 p.m. Cochran Hockey, Concordia, Away Swimming, St. Thomas, Away Wrestling, Gustavus Adolphus, Away	8 Basketball, St. Thomas, Away Hockey, Concordia, Away <i>Kurios</i> <i>Work 12:30-1:45</i> <i>5:30-7:00</i>
9 LSA, 7:00 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church <i>UCCF - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church</i> <i>Work 8:30-11:30</i>	10 Chess Tournament Basketball, St. John's, 8:00 p.m., Home Union Board Music Spectacular, 9:30 p.m., Cochran <i>Go to Show</i>	11 Chess Tournament Convo., 4 p.m., Concert Hall Union Board Music Spectacular, 8:30 p.m., Grill Wrestl., 4:15 p.m., Bethel, Home Hockey, St. John's, Away <i>Work 8:00-12:00</i>	12 Chess Tournament WRA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Gym AWS - Girl's Night Out, 9:00 p.m., Game Room <i>UCCF 8:00 P.M.</i>	13 Chess Tournament WRA Co-Rec., 7-9 p.m., Gym Union Board Music Spectacular, 9 p.m., Grill Mac Women's Club General Meeting, Wallace Hall <i>Study in Library</i>	14 Chess Tournament Republ. Club Winter Olympics, 7:30 p.m., Cochran and Mall Republ. Club Dance, 9:00 p.m., Cochran Swimming, Hamline, Away Wrestling, Carleton, Away <i>Babysit</i>	15 Turk Hall Sleigh Ride Seminar: Productive Thinking in Education, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Basketball, Hamline, Away <i>Play-Androcles &amp; the Lion 7:45</i>
16 Freshman Class Movie, 7:00 p.m., Cochran <i>UCCF - Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (NY RI)</i>	17 Union Board & Jr. Class Hootenay, 9:45 p.m., Cochran Wrestling, No. Central, 4:15 p.m., Home Swimming, No. Central, 7:00 p.m., Home Basketball, Duluth, 8:00 p.m., Home <i>Shop on St. Paul</i>	18 Convocation, 4 p.m., Concert Hall Union Board Music Spectacular, 8:30 p.m., Concert Hall Swimming, Gustavus, Away	19 WRA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Gym Union Board Music Spectacular, 8:30 p.m., Concert Hall <i>See H.T. Lang. lab</i>	20 <i>Spoon River Anthology</i>	21 Flying Scots Dance, 9 p.m. Hockey, Hamline, Aldrich Arena <i>1st Stravinsky Symphony</i>	22 Soph. Class Ski Trip, All Day International House Open House, 6:30 p.m. Basketball, St. Mary's, Away
23 Turk Hall Skating Party, 8 p.m. <i>UCCF - Episcopal Church</i> Kirk Hall Movie, 7 p.m., Cochran <i>UCCF - Greek Orthodox</i>	24 French Club Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Off-Campus Basketball, Gustavus, Away <i>Shop</i> <i>UCCF-Admission</i>	25 Convocation, 4 p.m., Concert Hall WRA Co-Rec., 7:00-9:30 p.m., Gym Hockey, St. Mary's, Away <i>Work 11-4</i>	26 West Side Story, 8:30 p.m., Theatre New Women's After Game Dance, 9:30 p.m., Cochran WRA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Gym Basketball, Concordia, 8 p.m., Home Wrestling, St. Thomas, Away <i>Work 11-4</i>	27 West Side Story 8:30 p.m., Theatre <i>See Mr. Blakely 11:00</i> <i>See Mr. Townsend 4:00</i> <i>Work 11-4</i>	28 West Side Story, 8:30 p.m., Theatre Swimming, Nebr. U., 7:30 p.m., Home Hockey, Gustavus, 5 p.m., Aldrich Arena <i>UCCF-Admission Jan-28-24</i> <i>Symphony</i> <i>Work 11-4</i>	29 West Side Story 8:30 p.m., Theatre Basketball, Augsburg, 8 p.m., Home Swimming, Mankato State, Away <i>UCCF-Admission</i> <i>Work 9:00-12:00</i>