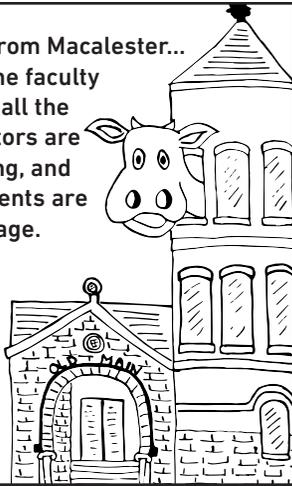


Greetings from Macalester... where all the faculty are strong, all the administrators are good-looking, and all the students are above average.



MAC HALF CENTURY

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An update of the *MacDo Book*, with thanks to Mary Gwen Owen, the arbiter of the social graces at Macalester.

Dear Miss Owen,

Since our physical Reunion was cancelled in June, I have been mourning the loss of the chance to reunite with old friends. Do you have any advice about what I can do to stay connected with my friends?

Signed,
Feeling Lonely

Dear Lonely,

Fortunately, your Reunion Committee has been hard at work creating several ways for you and your classmates to meet virtually over the next nine months or so. Most of those ideas are described in various articles in this newspaper.

Not getting together physically is difficult, but you are a MacDoer, and it's time to get off your duff and make things happen. The Class of 1971 really stepped up when they offered to share their 50th Reunion with the Class of 1970. Hopefully you will all storm the campus next June. Meanwhile, get connected, stay connected, and wear your mask!

Sincerely,
Mary Gwen Owen

We Learned to Cherish Life on Life's Terms

Our 50th Reunion Class of 1970 had the highest turnout of any class for the 2020 Virtual Reunions in July. We were always over-achievers! We welcomed 80 classmates to a great discussion and celebration. Here are some thoughts Jackie Hopkins Falk shared to close the event.

"Reunion together—we who didn't know what the sixties were—even though we made them and they made us. We graduated in times of tumult. As we anticipated our 50th Reunion together on campus we anticipated a traditional Reunion: one of hugging friends, talking ideas, singing and dancing. But we know how to cherish life on life's own terms...as unexpected or as unwelcome as they may be. Instead, we put on our 'Zoom shirts' and looked into the faces of dear friends. We shared important memories. Renewed connections. Appreciated one another in these days...our days of wisdom...as we couldn't in those days of our youth.

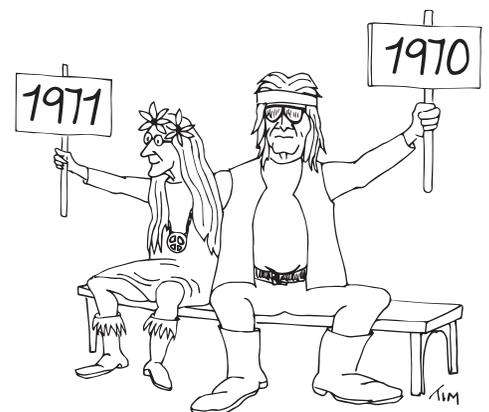
We entered 'a moment' in 1970 as youth about to make good lives. Again, today we enter a moment in 2020, not as youth, but as elders. Bringing our spirits, experience, and wisdom. May it be that we can make our way forward again... by connecting with others...to walk towards a world so that it may become a home truly welcoming to all."

Visit macalester.edu/reunion/50yearreunion to learn about upcoming Zoom events, share an update or photo, or wander our 1970 archive. And make sure your contact information is current on MacDirect so friends can find you: maddirect.macalester.edu. Stay healthy and stay connected.

Class of 1970 Gets a Do-Over

At our August meeting, the Class of 1971 Reunion Committee enthusiastically and unanimously supported having the Class of 1970 join us, with comments like:

- *It will nice to not be the oldest people on campus!*
- *Will there be enough golf carts to go around?*
- *Can food service prepare that much Jell-O?*



Seriously, we shared a lot during our time at Mac, and it will be good to relive it together, whether it be in person or through virtual events in the run up to June 2021.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Kris Amundson and Jeff Goltz
Class of '71 50th Reunion Co-chairs

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Volunteer for Virtual Connections!

At our 50th Virtual Reunion in July there were a lot of ideas for continuing contact with our classmates. To do this, we need people to take the lead on some Zoom sessions. Reunion chairs will do the set up for you. If you're willing to host a virtual gathering, email your topic of interest to Mary Ackerman at ackermanmac@gmail.com.

Coffee and Cocktails

Beginning in January on Zoom: morning coffee chats on the first Tuesday of the month, and evening cocktail conversations on the second Wednesday of the month, January through April. Watch your e-mail and visit the website for dates, times, and registration information.

Class of 1970 Survey Responses

On Oct. 13 via Zoom, Ginny Strand and Charlie Bruner provided high-level findings from our Class of 1970 survey. An in-depth report is in the works. Here are some highlights:

- 132 respondents, balanced by gender
- One-half believe our best years are still ahead
- Almost all surveyed had gone onto further degrees or credentials, were satisfied with their work lives, and pursued careers for their worth more than their salaries.
- Most surveyed had earnings that put us in the upper-middle class (65% with household incomes over \$100,000 compared with 20% of the population as a whole)
- Most surveyed are in reasonable health, with three-quarters married (for an average period of 38 years!).
- Our policy views have remained quite liberal, and we are more likely to consider ourselves feminist now (75%) than when we were in college (29%).
- We keep in touch with at least a handful of our classmates, make modest use of social media, and our musical knowledge is stuck in the sixties.
- We plan to travel (when that becomes possible) and engage in creative and community activities.
- We remain opinionated after all these years, ready to share our thoughts. Our advice to Class of 2020— don't be discouraged, and smell the roses; and to the Class of 1970—we aren't done yet.

Reunion Book: Call for Submissions

John Lampland '70 and Judy Vicars '68 are compiling a book of photos and recollections from our time at Mac, and from our lives since. They urgently need photos of Class of '70 people, events, and friends that spark a recollection of our time at Mac or illustrate what's happened to you since. Family pictures, professional pictures, pictures that make you smile and/or make you go "Hmmm." We need them all!

Please email digital or scanned photos to Tom Nelson at mac70@tnphoto.com. If you have prints or negatives, you can send them to Tom at the address below. He will scan them and return the originals:

Tom Nelson Photography
2242 University Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55114

Class Gift Update

The time for us to reach our Class Gift goals has been extended to May 2021. The Reunion Committee is especially keen to increase the number of class members who contribute and to increase membership in the James Wallace Society. JWS is open to all who include Mac in their estate planning, by will, trust, or designation of beneficiary for insurance or a retirement account. Don't miss this opportunity to help the Class of 1970 become the biggest 50th Reunion contributor and create your own legacy.

Two-session Book Club: January and March

Leah Wortham will facilitate a two-session book discussion on Monday, January 25, and Monday, March 22, starting at 4:00 p.m. CST. January's book is *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, and the March book is *The Twilight of Democracy: The Seductive Lure of Authoritarianism* by Anne Applebaum. Register directly with Leah at wortham@law.cua.edu. Look for more information soon about the Book Club and other virtual gatherings.



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