



STUFF HAPPENS: A WORD FROM OUR REUNION CO-CHAIRS

This was to be the newsletter with details about our in-person Reunion in June. But, as over 70 years of life experience has taught us, stuff happens. Stuff happened in the late '60s, too. We got through that, and we will get through this.

Though many of us soon will have had our first, or even second, COVID-19 vaccinations, the college has concluded that it would not be safe to hold an in-person Reunion this June. We agree.

Planning continues, however; after all, we aren't traveling anywhere. Our creative, hardworking, and fun committee, with the help of the dedicated Macalester Engagement staff, is planning for more virtual events this spring, leading up to a virtual 50th celebration in June. With your help and encouragement, we will devise a way to get together in person soon.

In the meantime, read this newsletter, visit our Reunion website (macalester.edu/reunion/classof1971), and reach out to classmates. There are many ways to enjoy each other and share our memories of our time at Mac.

All the best,

*Kris Amundson and Jeff Goltz
Co-Chairs, Class of 1971 Reunion*

INTERIM

It's January, it's cold, it's Minnesota...it's Interim.

During Interim, Macalester gave us the opportunity to stretch our minds, devise new ways to connect with people/places/causes beyond our campus, and try things we had never imagined. Read here how Bill Adams, Jeff Goltz, and Steve Rufer went to California to study student protests and how Julia Lofness learned to turn lead into gold.

Visit macalester.edu/reunion/classof1971 for more stories from Phil Platt, Caryn Hanson, Kathy (Hatch) Allegrone, Sondra (Decker) Fruzzetti, Barbara Phillips, Christine Jenkins, and Susan Virnig. Add yours!

Contemporary Student Movements

We marched the picket lines at San Francisco State University, met with the leaders of SDS at Stanford, and saw Tom Hayden speak at Berkeley. We were in the midst of student unrest for our sophomore Interim project: Contemporary Student Movements.

What probably started out, in our Dupre Hall dorm rooms, as fun talk about how we could get out of Minnesota for the month of January, turned into a serious project—one that took us into the very heart of the student movement. Armed only with a letter of introduction from Dean Kramer, we headed to California. We had prearranged advisors at Stanford and Berkeley, but mostly we found our way by talking to students, student leaders, and faculty, and by becoming part of campus life.

We slept in dorm rooms and housing co-ops, on floors, even in a frat house—anyplace we could find, and never more than two nights in a row. We attended classes, meetings, lectures, and talked to everyone we could. Stanford became our home base, and we moved among the three campuses by hitchhiking and riding buses. We met some extraordinary people and had an incredibly meaningful Interim experience.

When we got back to Macalester we met with our advisor, history professor Geoffrey Smith, and “unloaded” on him one Saturday morning in the Dupre Hall formal lounge. We also wrote some articles and talked with a few classes during the next semester, and even met with Hubert Humphrey to discuss our project.

—Bill Adams, Jeff Goltz, and Steve Rufer

Introductory Alchemy

I took Truman Schwartz's course in alchemy. We were unable to obtain the urine of an obscure animal required for the recipe, so no gold. Speaking of cold Interim-term weather, he had one of those giant coffee urns brewing up front in the Olin lecture hall, and he said if we hadn't already started drinking coffee, we probably would do so after traipsing across campus. At the end of the course he invited us to his lovely home, which backed up to East River Road, just beyond the sharp bend by St. Thomas. He served alcohol, as I recall. He was a gem of a prof.

—Julia Lofness

CHEMISTRY

02 Introductory Alchemy or
“How to Make Gold for Fun and Profit”
Instructor: Truman Schwartz
Description: The strange enterprise of alchemy

will be examined in its cultural context, with emphasis upon its philosophical, theological, mystical, psychological, technological, and scientific content. Readings from Aristotle, Chaucer, Jung, and various historians of science; an occasional laboratory session on elementary goldmaking or the synthesis of the philosopher's stone.

Enrollment: 15
Prerequisite: None
Cost: Approximately \$4 for books with the chance to make millions
Time & Room: 10:00-11:30 MTWThF OH301

45 Freshman-Sophomore Individual Project
(Individual arrangements to be made with Department)



MACALESTER MEMORIES: DRAFT NIGHT

On December 1, 1969, young men like me gathered in college dorms to listen to live TV and radio broadcasts of the U.S. Selective Service System drawing lottery numbers to determine who would and would not be drafted.

I was in a packed third-floor lounge in Dupre Hall. Jeff Goltz remembers he was in his dorm room on first-floor Doty, trying to get news on his radio. He soon joined others in a packed upper-floor Doty lounge.

Most all of us remember where we were that night.

“Ask me about the details of my day two weeks ago, and I will not be able to tell you,” said Jeff, “but I recall the day of the draft lottery clearly. My number was 270.”

Mine wasn't.

We remember that night because a random drawing would decide our fate. A low number; you were screwed. You were going to be drafted and shipped off to Vietnam. A high number; you would be free to do whatever you wanted for your future.

At 8 p.m. they started drawing those little blue capsules. One by one, they would draw a capsule, read the birth date, and post it on the board. Someone in the room would yell out, usually an expletive. Their fate was sealed. The tension was palpable. The longer the night went on, the safer you were. You could relax. The waiting gave you hope.

I didn't get to wait long enough. May 7. My birthday. Number 35. Expletive!

—Bill Adams

GIFT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Class of 1971 set three gift goals for our 50th Reunion: a dollar amount (\$10 million), an overall participation percentage (71 percent), and a certain number of James Wallace Society members (50). By last fall we had already reached our original, record-smashing goal of \$10 million, so we set a new stretch goal of \$15,001,971.

Here's how we're doing now:

- ▶ Total value raised: \$11,163,251— we still need \$3,836,749.
- ▶ Participation to date: 30.94 percent— we are 135 classmates short of the needed 230 to reach 71 percent.
- ▶ Current James Wallace Society members: 37— we still need 13 more new members to reach 50.

We're doing well, but each goal is important in Macalester's overall financial health and standing, so please consider giving soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for emails and check the Reunion website for more Reunion-related events, and join us for Big Questions, featuring President Rivera in conversation with Macalester faculty and staff members.

- ▶ March 25:
What happened to human rights?
- ▶ April 22:
Can art inspire action?

Register and learn more at macalester.edu/big-questions



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