REFLECTIONS AND THEMES FROM OUR TIME AT DEPAUW

The Class of 1969 reunion steering committee has been digging through electronic copies of the yearbooks and newspapers from our time at DePauw. Themes have emerged, resulting in contemplation and reflection. We wanted to share with the broader class what the committee members uncovered and invite each member of the class to explore your own themes and generate your own reflections of our time on campus. You will find a link on the class webpage (left side) to the University Archives, where we began our search of our own history.

DAVE BOHMER

By our junior year, the war in Vietnam came into focus even for those of us under the DePauw bubble. The war grew especially polarized during that second semester when first Eugene McCarthy and later Bobby Kennedy challenged the sitting president, Lyndon Johnson. With an early May primary in Indiana, many students were engaged for the first time, lining up with one of the campaigns and registering to vote. That effort precipitated a backlash from the community and local politicians who, fearing influence by students on the local status quo, attempted to block their registration. By the time of the actual primary, Johnson had dropped out; Martin Luther King had been assassinated; students were allowed to vote provisionally; and late-entry Kennedy pulled a major upset. The turmoil carried over into our senior year with the close election of Richard Nixon, who was aided by his “secret plan” to end the war. The war would actually carry on for seven more years, and the apprehension of our class, facing no exemption from a war that many questioned, permeated our graduation, with many going into the service and others facing the draft soon after. Perhaps the best symbol of all of this was a sign hanging from the Union Building in the spring, during Dads’ Weekend, stating: Dad$, War 1$ Good Bu$ine$$, Inve$t Your $on$.

SARAH JANE PROCTOR MOORE

During our time at DePauw, we heard that DePauw was not the “real world” and certainly a student like me could focus on studying and social life and ignore current events that seemed far away. Fifty years later, I look back with gratitude that there were serious students trying to understand the issues of the day and that still are significant. Of course, I am thinking of the Civil Rights movement, the election campaigns leading up to the November 1968 election and the Vietnam War. A remarkable article in the April 1968 DePauw Alumnus describes such a group of students (Al Hester was one) who spent their spring break in Atlanta meeting with Black Power groups introduced to them by Vernon Jordan, DePauw Class of 1957. The last paragraph of the article relates that “Exactly one week after we visited the offices of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis.”
LINDA SPREEN BUDELSKY

As buildings go, it’s a gem; built of solid, red brick with gothic arches, mansard rooflines, lofty windows and a soaring bell tower. In addition to its classic beauty, East College has always spoken to me. The building was almost 100 years old in the fall of 1965 when we gathered in Meharry Hall for our freshman convocation. Something about that awe-inspiring edifice instantly made me feel a part of something scholarly. When classes, speakers and musical presentations brought me inside, I smiled with fondness, respect and pride at its well-worn floors and drafty hallways. Finally, in the heat of ‘60s’ turbulence and controversy, East College seemed to be a unifying constant, reminding us all that we had, and would always have, something unique in common. To this day, a watercolor of East College painted by my dad during my junior year hangs in a prominent spot in our home.

LYNN BOHMER

Our daughters and granddaughters would find it difficult to perceive how different our lives as female college students were during our time at DePauw! Until our sophomore year, women were allowed to wear only skirts or dresses on campus. On cold days, we walked to class with our legs covered only with sheer hosiery. By our sophomore year, pants, but no jeans or shorts, were allowed. Our hours were strictly enforced. Check-in to our dorms or sorority houses was 10:30 p.m. during the week and 12:30 a.m. on weekends. Eventually, the university agreed to let seniors stay out until 2:30 a.m. eight times per year, but there was some concern as to where those senior girls could be going during those late hours – the library would be closed! Officially, women were not allowed in men’s rooms except for special occasions like house dances (one hour – all four feet on the floor, please). Most of us must remember hiding in closets or behind curtains during those infamous KTK raids. Academically, we had equal opportunities as the men, but athletics were a different matter. Attending college before the advent of Title IX, we were limited. The only intercollegiate sport for women was field hockey, but fans enthusiastically came to watch us play Powder Puff football and ride tricycles in the Mini 500.

JIM TOMSIC

Union Board along with Ted “Katman” Katula took a risk in the ‘68-‘69 school years to bring “big-name” entertainment on to campus. The first Winter Weekend in early 1968 featured the Four Tops. UB President Steve Sanger ’68 was able to convince each house treasurer to allow students to charge their $10 ticket to the house bill, which usually went directly home to parents. In that way, they sold 2,000 tickets in three days to cover the $20,000 cost for the weekend groups! Incredibly creative, I’d say! With the Bowman crowd getting restless as the Four Tops were delayed/lost getting to campus, the back-up musical group Bohannon had begun to warm up the crowd to the Motown sounds. Suddenly, when the concert actually began, the excitement of the music caused young women to rush the stage! Luckily, the UB members quickly assembled a crowd-control effort to hold the co-eds back. Later that spring, under classmate Jeff Wilhelm’s ’69 effort, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles had begun to warm up the crowd to the Motown sounds. Suddenly, when the concert actually began, the excitement of the music caused young women to rush the stage! Luckily, the UB members quickly assembled a crowd-control effort to hold the co-eds back. Later that spring, under classmate Jeff Wilhelm’s ’69 effort, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles headlined the entertainment for that year’s Little 500 Weekend. Finally, during our senior year, Russ Sklenicka ’69 and the UB board brought the Temptations to campus for that year’s Winter Weekend concert.
All of us have a soundtrack to our lives: every trial, every defeat, every love and every loss plays a song. One song might evoke the emotion of the moment while another song will literally tell us with a lyric what was happening in our life’s story. For me, the Four Tops, the Temptations and Smokey Robinson bring not only musical memories but wonderful thoughts of DePauw and the class of ’69. Finally, as Steve Sanger related to me later, he commented how remarkable it was that little DePauw with 2,000 students over a 12-month period had booked three of the top Motown acts in America!

"Motown hits Mootown"

Four topple swing set with soul
By RICK BENSON

It might have been the Uptown in Philadelphia. It might have been the famed Apollo in Harlem. But strangely enough it was Greensville, Indiana, where the coeds are molded to the proper servility image of never-touch-sensitive while wearing the servility crest. It’s where the Hoosiers snap their suspenders, whistle along to the chords of “My Big, Truck-divin’ Man,” and contemplate the rising cost of hog slop.

The Four Tops shattered the one staunch images that prevailed in Green...
DOUG MCALISTER | CLASS OF 1969 SPEAKER

Doug McAlister is the founder of The Bravo-Zulu Consulting Group, LLC. BZG focuses on helping people of all ages define their values, operating principles, mission and goals through The High Road Code process.

Doug is retired from both Procter & Gamble and Coca-Cola. He held various leadership positions in both companies which helped him develop The High Road Code process of direction setting and personal development. He retired from Coca-Cola as Vice President of Worldwide Military Sales and Export. After retirement, he wrote and published his book, The High Road Code, about business ethics and personal branding.

Prior to his sales and marketing career, Doug was a graduate assistant football coach at DePauw University and a Naval Officer serving on board the U.S.S. Robert L. Wilson (DD 847) as First Lieutenant and the U.S.S. Procyon (AF 61) as Gunnery Officer.

Civic activities include:

• Former Board Chairman of the American Logistics Association
• Former member of DePauw University Alumni Board of Directors
• Former member of DePauw University Varsity ‘D’ Association Board of Directors
• Former member of Georgia USO Board of Directors
• Former chairman of the American Youth Foundation Advisory Board
• Former member of Georgia Cystic Fibrosis Board of Directors
• Former Youth Football Coach

Doug has been married for 47 years to Nancy McAlister, they have two adult children (Maggie, DePauw ’97 and Tom, Miami, OH ’99) and 3 grandchildren who live, work, and grow in Southern California and Austin, TX.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

• Registration and check-in is in the Robert G. Bottoms Alumni and Development Center, 201 E. Seminary St., Greencastle, IN 46168
• If you are planning to arrive on campus later than 7 p.m. on Thursday, or after 9 p.m. on Friday, please call the Office of Alumni Engagement at 877-658-2586 to make alternate arrangements to get your check-in materials.
• A printed schedule of events, name tag, class favor and other helpful materials will be available for you at registration and check-in.

WHAT TO WEAR?

We have been asked by several classmates what the attire is for our reunion celebration. Our answer will always be “whatever you feel most comfortable in.” As you know, the summer months in Greencastle can get rather warm, so we encourage you to check the weather forecast, so you can dress accordingly. An umbrella may also helpful for shading the sun and/or rain.

Our evening events do not require formal attire, but many choose to dress in “resort casual” wear (polos, khaki pants, fun blouse, casual skirt or dress, etc.). If you are more comfortable in another type of clothing, please wear what makes you happy!

Inside activities will be in air-conditioned facilities, so if you naturally get chilly, please bring a sweater or light jacket to ensure comfort.

Items you should consider bringing (in addition to your usual necessities):

• Shower caddy and shower shoes
• Robe or Cover up
• Towels (towels are provided for each guest, but they are small, so you may want to consider bringing your own as well).
• Hangers
• Alarm Clark
• Reading light
• Blow Dryer
• Extra Pillow
• Extra Blanket
• Small mirror if you prefer to get ready in your room.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at 877-658-2586.

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REUNION COMMITTEE UPDATES!
The 50th reunion committee wanted to share yet another thank you to our classmates who have agreed to serve as a living unit or affinity group representative. It is still not too late to volunteer to serve in this role; we would love to ensure that communication to our classmates is full and going out to all corners of the Class of 1969. Responsibilities include sharing information about the reunion; encouraging attendance and participation in our class gift; and gathering updated contact information. If you are interested, please email the living unit representative co-chairs Linda Spreen Budelsky (budelsky@fuse.net) or Jim Tomsic (jtomsic69@hotmail.com). The staff in the alumni engagement office are happy to help, too, and can be reached at alumnioffice@depauw.edu.

As of our last newsletter, the following classmate has joined to serve as a living unit or affinity group representative:

Rock Klein (Sigma Chi)
Mary Wetherell Curl (School of Nursing)

Please check on our class webpage for a complete list that is updated as changes take place.

UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
The 50th reunion committee is delighted to provide additional schedule details for the upcoming reunion weekend. Friday morning programming for the class will include:

- A discussion on the Vietnam War, facilitated by Bob Sedlack, DePauw professor emeritus of English.
- A review of DePauw from 1965-69, shared by Ken Owen (a reunion weekend favorite).
- A presentation about The Beatles and their evolution, by Glenn Gass, provost professor of music in general studies at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

Additional details are being finalized regularly, so please continue to check the Class of 1969 and the Alumni Reunion Weekend webpage.

JOIN THE DEPAUW LEGACY SOCIETY
Have you made a provision for DePauw in your estate plan? Have you been considering it? In addition to counting as part of The 50th Reunion Class Gift, your documented estate gift will qualify you for membership in the DePauw Legacy Society. The society is a collection of alumni who have made a lifetime pledge to DePauw through their philanthropy. Estate giving (also known as “planned giving”) has long been a bedrock for American higher education. At DePauw, such gifts are an investment in our future, providing for students who may have yet to be born.

If you are interested in exploring estate gift possibilities or would like to document such a gift for membership in the DePauw Legacy Society and inclusion in The 50th Reunion Class Gift, please contact Eric D. Motycka, director of legacy and estate planning, at 765-658-4216 or by email at ericmotycka@depauw.edu.

CLASS OF 1969 GIVING PARTICIPATION

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Gifts of $250 or less to The Fund for DePauw in 2017-2018 totaled more than $400,000.
EXPLORE GREENCASTLE

DePauw and the city of Greencastle continue to grow as a result of the Stellar Community Grant that the partnership received back in 2011. Since then, downtown has gained a new campus bookstore, Starbucks, shops and unique dining experiences. While reunion weekend will be a busy one, we wanted to tell you about a few local eateries.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, one of the exciting new restaurants, Bridges Craft Pizza and Wine Bar (No.1), celebrates its Italian-inspired cuisine with a deep DePauw connection, thanks to owners Judson ’74 and Joyce ’75 Green. Bridges is located on the northeast side of the square and has rooftop dining in addition to its indoor options of bar, hightop and classic seating. Bridges has a menu that is always full of surprises and new flavors, and also boasts wine on tap. (19 N. Indiana St.)

A sister of Bridges is Taphouse Burgers by Bridges (No.2). In addition to its wide range of beer offerings and wine on tap, Taphouse Burgers has a fun menu of burgers, hotdogs, sandwiches and milkshakes, making it the perfect lunch or casual dinner location. (24 S. Indiana St.)

Across the street is the Greencastle classic Moore’s Bar & Grill (No.3). Its red neon sign does not lie; Moore’s does have good food. Moore’s has been the backdrop of the Friday evening block party during Alumni Reunion Weekend and a staple for a quick lunch and a great tenderloin. (17 S. Indiana St.)

For those with a sweet tooth, Scoops (No.4), is just a few steps away, offering classic hard ice cream in a variety of flavors, shakes, malts, sundaes and more. Scoops is a newer addition to the dessert scene in Greencastle, joining Dairy Castle and, further from campus, Dairy Queen. (13 S. Indiana St.)
While Almost Home (No. 5) started as a tea room, it has grown into a full-service restaurant connected to the Swizzle Stick. The Almost Home menu is described as comfort food with a twist. The restaurant boasts some of the best homemade desserts in the area, with the strawberry pizza being a local favorite. The full-service Swizzle Stick bar makes Cubs fans feel right at home. Almost Home and the Swizzle Stick are located on the north side of the square behind the courthouse. (17 N. Franklin St.)

Don Julio (No.6) serves up Mexican-inspired cuisine and drinks. With bottomless chips and salsa, quick service and margarita towers, this local favorite has nearly a five-star rating online for a reason! (11 W. Franklin St.)

ABOUT THE 25TH REUNION PHOTO
We hope you had the chance to reminisce about our last milestone reunion and enjoy the class photo from our 25th. For those trying to put the name to the face, we have included the photo key in this newsletter, which is also available online.

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