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## Letter from the Editor

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Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

Beautiful mild weather once again graced the LSAA reunion, and Mother Nature was showing her best-dressed foliage for our annual visit to our former campus. Likewise, Shakespeare and Co. were their usual graceful and warm host to us. It's clear that we're a partner with S&Co and they with the LSAA. Our formal Saturday evening dinner was catered, and we enjoyed it and a follow-up Lenox memorabilia auction on campus. The auction was great fun and a huge success with many old knick-knacks bringing big bucks for our Legacy Fund and our Administrative Fund.

Speaking of weather—please don't forget about Hurricane Ian's hammering devastation to Florida. Cookie Kempton, our LSAA database manager, informed me that over 40 of our friends and Lenox alumni live in Florida. We should keep their health, safety, and well-being in mind. It's possible that some were directly hit by Ian and may have lost homes and belongings. We pray that all are safe and well and have suffered no losses.

The LSAA Legacy Fund continues to do well and grow. David Nathans submitted several articles for this issue providing details. We encourage you to make a contribution, large or small, to help support our scholarship programs and maintain our new archive after we and the LSAA are fading memories.

Sharp-eyed readers will notice that this issue is shorter than usual. Randy Harris ('68), our archivist, has in the past prepared a large number of P&S articles taking us back to those days—some articles reprinted from old Pen & Scrolls and some written by Randy. He also provided an abun-

dance of pictures from the archives that embellished the articles and fill voids in the P&S. Without question, Randy is an enormously important cornerstone of the P&S and the LSAA. He has contributed tremendously to our newsletter and has done a phenomenal job as the archivist. Randy is an unwavering friend and supporter to us and the LSAA. In addition, Randy is an incredibly good proofreader for us as we prepare each issue of the P&S. Unfortunately, Randy has been increasingly distracted by personal and family priorities and is unable to send the usual volume of materials for this issue. And this might be the situation going forward.

Shortening the P&S might be a sign of what's to come. Ed Miller, the LSAA treasurer, continues to remind us that publishing the P&S costs thousands of dollars for printing, addressing, folding, and mailing. As we start to focus on winding down LSAA activities in 2026—the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Lenox School—reducing the page count and publication frequency of the P&S might be a prudent financial move.

Nonetheless, I encourage readers to consider contributing content, including relevant pictures, for the P&S. We welcome your articles. But a reminder: submitted articles must not be political, not be self-aggrandizing, not be self-serving, and not be negative toward others, the LSAA, or Lenox School. And please remember that the editor edits.

Wishing you well for the Holiday Season and continued health, happiness, and prosperity into 2023.

Warm regards and stay safe.

Don Foster '63

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don".

## The President's Message

### The 2022 Lenox School Reunion

What a tremendous reunion we had! We owe a great debt of gratitude again to our friends and hosts at S&CO as they turned part of Bernstein Theatre over to us for all of our meals and events. We have to give special thanks again to Steve Ball for all of his efforts and support.

As I write this we are heading into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and we have many things to be grateful for. Perhaps, none more so than Mr. Blanchard's reflections on the Lenox School experience. There were many highlights during the weekend, but the presentation Headmaster Blanchard provided on his insights of the Lenox School experience was simply remarkable. He shared with us his thoughts on what it was about that special school which finds us returning every year.

### Headmaster Blanchard's Reflections on the Lenox School Experience



Fortunately, through the tremendous support of S&Co's Leah MacDaniel (also now, another new "Lenox Boy"), "Doc's" address was captured for all to access (and will be ensconced in the LSAA new website) on YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWn\\_KaKcqsA&ab\\_channel=LeahMacDaniel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWn_KaKcqsA&ab_channel=LeahMacDaniel)

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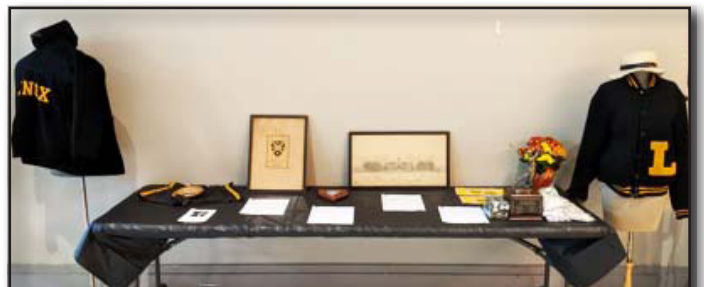
At the business meeting we were treated to a heartfelt address by Rosemary (Romi) Whitman who also reflected on the magic of what draws us back every year to try to capture the enduring story of what Lenox School meant; and the ongoing efforts of the alums to keep that available for others. "There's a special story here" Romi said, "... and it needs to be told." This was independently echoed by S&Co's new Managing Director (and now another new Lenox Boy) Amy Handelsman, who reflected on how a possible documentary might be appropriate.

We of course voted on and installed the "new" board and slate of officers (with apologies to The Who..."Meet the new board... same as the old board"...); and had the benefit of a presentation by Keith Simpson regarding the ongoing efforts to create the new website that will exist for others after we are gone, which affords future generations the opportunity to study, understand and perhaps learn from what that Lenox School experience meant.



### Going, going .... GONE! (but there's much more coming!)

We had our first auction of LSAA memorabilia and it was an overwhelming success in getting items into the hands of alums, family, and friends while concurrently raising funds



for both the Legacy Fund and the LSAA Operating Fund. We plan to do this for all future reunions so we can dispense with the memorabilia not able to be curated by others.



We were enhanced again this year by the presence of Masters and Faculty: Headmaster Blanchard; Masters Kline ('48) & Rieffel and Judy Horton. We also had family members join us representing Rev Curry; Rev Whitman; Mr. Pickett; Mr. Rutledge; Mr. Fawcett; Senior Prefect Dan Gooding's family; Bud and Beryl Wells daughter Kris & husband Don; and of course our good friends from S&Co.

We had the extra special treat of meeting and welcoming S&Co's new Managing Director Amy Handelsman and having S&Co founder Tina Packer provide her reflections on our unique shared history and connection. The entire event was further enhanced by Nick Solley '68, who provided his personal insights on what has influenced and motivated him to support the Legacy Fund (see Nick's article regarding this in this edition).

Just as a catch up as I write this, the Legacy Fund has \$210,530 in gifts and an additional \$106,136 in pledges. For those that were told there would be no math required for this P&S edition, that's a total of \$316,666, which is nearly 53% of our \$600,000 goal.

On Saturday, we provided our David Wood Scholarship donation to S&Co as well as our Rev's Curry and Whitman donation to Trinity Church. We also had the opportunity and honor to install both Jack Hill ('62) and Steve Lowry ('66) into the LSAA Hall of Fame. And, in our time-honored tradition in the spring, we also awarded two Pickett scholarships at Miss Hall's.

So, for those that have been following things, all subsequent reunions are truly all-class calls, with continuing special emphasis on legacy years (for example – in 2023 -55th for '68; 60th for '63; 65th for '58, etc.).

More importantly, this reunion and subsequent reunions will be focused on cementing the legacy and lessons of the school by meeting our legacy fundraising goal by the 100th anniversary of the school (2026). My, my, that should be one heck of a reunion that year! Speaking of the Legacy Fund, as I write this we are at \$316,666 donations and pledges in our quest to attain the goal of \$600K. And we're doing this the Lenox way.

The fundraising goal is structured to ensure that the scholarships and donations we have supported as an active 501(c)(3) organization will continue ad infinitum through the specific instructions and mission statement we have provided to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in how and where we want the funds to be administered and distributed.

The Fund will also support the perpetual upkeep of a Website we are developing, which will include (among other things) the history and essential lessons of the school for posterity; a digitized copy of every yearbook (you can look up alums; and historians as well as genealogists will thank us); digitized important and founding papers; digitized images of the memorabilia, etc.

Did I mention auctioning off the memorabilia in all upcoming reunions? Speaking of which, the next reunion is October 13 & 14, 2023.

*Pssst.* '68 – it's time for all of us to return for our 55th...

**13-14 October 2023 - Save the Date.**

**Be there, or yes... we will come find you!**

Bob Sansone '68

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Treasurer's Report

Before getting to the dollars and cents, let me comment briefly on a great Lenox School Reunion in mid-October. The weather was wonderful, foliage at its peak, and the events (all held on the campus for the first time), were both fun and profitable! We auctioned off many school



items and memorabilia, thus reducing our collection a little. For better or worse, we still have a lot left!

With all the Reunion-related expenses paid, including contributions to Shakespeare and Co. and Trinity Church, our administrative fund looks like this:

Checking Account	\$ 3,996.77
Savings Account	8,246.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,243.74</b>

For a number of reasons, the total funds are about \$5,000 less than we had a year ago. These accounts are located at the Community Bank, N.A. in Barre, Vermont.

At our current level of expenditures, we have sufficient money to get us through the end of 2023, a year from now, but would need additional donations to continue at the same pace as in recent years. We can bolster our administrative fund a bit by responding to the new Challenge 2023 being offered by one of my 1966 classmates. Details are contained in another part of this issue of the *Pen & Scroll*.

If you would like to make a year-end (tax deductible) contribution to our LSAA administrative fund, please send me a check, payable to LSAA, at the Arizona address below. A **special thanks** to who have contributed "above and beyond" this past year!

In closing, I wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays. My New Year's wish is to see you at next year's Reunion, which promises to be well attended. The Class of 1968 will be celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion... and are claiming their "boys" will be back in force! Best wishes to all!

November 1, 2022  
6130 N. Via del Tecaco  
Edward A. Miller, Jr., '66, LSAA Treasurer  
Tucson, AZ 85718

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## CHALLENGE 2023

### A New Financial Challenge and Opportunity

One of my classmates from 1966 anonymously presented a new financial challenge at our recent LSAA reunion. His offer is to contribute \$3,000 if other LSAA members will contribute at least \$30,000 by October 1, 2023 (two weeks prior to our next scheduled LSAA Reunion).

The challenge is designed to benefit equally both the LSAA Administrative Fund and our Legacy Fund at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

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If you would like to participate in Challenge 2023:

1. Prepare one check (in the amount of half of your total donation) for the LSAA Administrative Fund.
2. Make check payable to LSAA. Send to Ed Miller at 6130 N. Via del Tecaco, Tucson AZ 85718.
3. Prepare a second check (in the amount of half of your total donation) payable to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.
4. Note "**2023 Challenge**" on your check. Send second check directly to BTCF, 800 N. Main St., Sheffield MA 01257.

To be clear, the Challenge does not preclude you from sending checks in any amount, solely to one of the two entities. If you prefer to contribute to one and not the other, that is certainly welcome too, but those contributions will not be credited to the Challenge 2023 effort. If you have any questions, please call me at (520) 354-2664 during the winter or spring months.

Thanks for your on-going generosity and support of the LSAA! Happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Edward A. Miller, Jr., '66, LSAA Treasurer

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## Letters to the Editor

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Jud Fisher writes...

While trying to find the grave sites of scattered family members, it occurred to me to see if there was any substance to a story I heard decades ago about the untimely death of Robert Austin Grugan, Jr., who was my house-mate in South Cottage in 1960-1961 and, like me, a member of the Class of 1963. Bob and his family lived in Longmeadow, MA. His dad was a physician who, from time-to-time, would give me a ride back to Lenox after I stopped over to visit a friend in Springfield, just on the other side of the Connecticut River. Their Jaguar sedan was a marvel to a boy like me who was used to a decade old Chevrolet.

When I searched Findagrave, the Internet site I've been using to locate my lost family, I discovered a tombstone in the Longmeadow Cemetery bearing the inscription "Grugan" on

one side and the names “Marion VanAuken” and “Robert Austin, Jr.” (her son) on the other. Sadly, it now seems clear that Bob died on January 19, 1976, 46 years ago and at a time when we did not have an alumni association or a newsletter to keep track of former students and staff. It is little wonder that Bob’s death, when he was only about 31 years old, escaped our attention until now.

Jud Fisher ‘63



Fred Lavenberg writes...

Here is your chance to wear the 2022 Reunion Lenox polo for a mere \$40, shipping included. It is available in L, XL, and 2XL.

Add a Lenox lapel pin for \$10, shipping included. Checks should be made out to the LSAA. Payment by Venmo is also an option.

Please email or text  
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## Other News

### The Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund

Our Centennial Legacy Fund honors the School’s tradition of service to others and is open for donors until the 2026 reunion, which is the 100th Anniversary of its founding.

**Specifically, the Legacy Fund Mission Statement reads:** Generating and maintaining in perpetuity financial resources through which students with demonstrated need, who have shown a commitment to service of their schools, communities, family, or country or to the wellbeing of people in other countries, coupled with a record of achievement in academics or athletics, may be recognized. The Lenox Fund allows such students to continue their education or training, irrespective of any financial constraints of their own personal circumstances, in the spirit of service that was the founding principle of the Lenox School. Current beneficiaries are students at Miss Hall’s School, Pittsfield, MA.

In addition, The Lenox School Legacy Fund will provide financial support for Trinity Episcopal Church and for Shakespeare and Company, both of Lenox, and for the maintenance of the Website containing the history, important documents, and memorabilia of Lenox School.

### A Legacy Fund Campaign Update

As reported at the October Reunions 2022 annual business meeting, the Legacy Campaign Planning Committee is currently looking at expanding our potential beneficiary group outlined earlier to include an independent and national scholarship organization, such as ABC (A Better Chance). ABC was an early leader in identifying students of color, with academic potential and need, and in placing them at private secondary schools. Lenox School worked with ABC closely in its last decade of its operation. Indeed, several Lenox graduates came through that program. ABC is still a leader in the diversity scholarship arena, and we are in the early discussion stages with them about our future support

Reporting on the numbers, as of November 14, 2022, 35 donors have contributed \$210,530 to our Legacy fund at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. This is an increase of more than \$20,000 since last reported on July 1st. Adding this to \$106,136 in pledges promised over the next four years gives us a total of \$316,666, or nearly 53% of our \$600,000 Legacy Fund goal. An additional

single planned gift or bequest (made via will) of \$50,000 is not included. As we now begin the second year of our five-year fundraising campaign, we are very pleased with the generosity of Lenox School alumni, faculty, family, and friends.

Two challenge gifts are still available to encourage donors, and these donors have pledged a pool of money on a one-to-one match for classmate gifts. The Class of 1967 has \$13,400 remaining on a \$20,000 challenge. This challenge is extended through 2023 and will match any current gifts or new pledges from '67 classmates. The Classes of 1970 and 1971 have come together and created their own \$20,000 with the same one-to-one match, again for all contributions and pledges from their respective classmates.

For any questions or additional information on the Class of 1967 match opportunity, please contact John Risley '67 (413-531-7755 or jrisley2@comcast.net). If interested in the Classes of 1970 and 1971 match, contact Jeff Smith '70 (917-494-5341 or jeffsmith230@aol.com).

The Centennial Legacy Campaign launched in October 2021 and will be active and ongoing until October Reunion 2026. There is plenty of time to plan and to pledge. Please consider supporting the mission of Lenox School for generations to come by giving to the Centennial Legacy Campaign.

## Ways to Give to the Lenox School Legacy Fund

Our Legacy Campaign fund manager and administrator is the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, MA. BTCF's main number is 413-229-0370. Kara Mikulich (kmikulich@berkshiretaconic.org) or Kelly Sweet (ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org) are very responsive to any questions and helpful to assist in any contribution transactions.

**Giving By Check:** Please make your check out to "Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation" and write "Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund" on the memo line. Mail the check to: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257.

**Online Gifts:** To make an online gift with a credit card, use the following link: [https://berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1676](https://berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1676)

**Cash/Stock/IRA Gifts/Bequests and Other Planned Gifts:** To wire a gift of cash, appreciated securities, or a required minimum distribution from a retirement account, please contact Kelly Sweet, Community Engagement Officer at

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BTCF. Kelly is also the person to contact for help with bequests or other deferred gifts. Kelly can be reached directly at 413-717-7036 or at [ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org](mailto:ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org).

Many thanks and consider giving before year-end 2022.

~ David Nathans '68,  
on behalf of the Legacy Campaign Planning Committee

## Reunion 2022 Comments from a Legacy Fund Donor

To my fellow Lenox School Alumni, I spoke briefly at our last reunion about our LSAA Legacy Fund Campaign. Having assisted in several endowment campaigns in recent years, I am so very proud of what the LSAA Board and its Legacy Fund Subcommittee initiated over a year ago in an endeavor to raise \$600,000. This Legacy Fund will be used to provide scholarship grants primarily, but also to make contributions to Shakespeare and Co and Trinity Church. The funding to date has exceeded \$300,000 in gifts and pledges, and that is very heartening.

My hat is off to the Legacy Fund Team for their great success in the last year. The hard part will be raising the next \$300,000. Whether we leave a bequest in our wills, make a pledge to be fulfilled over the next two, three, or four years, or simply write a one-time check tomorrow, this fundraising campaign is crucially important and absolutely within our reach.

I have made a personal multi-year pledge to the Legacy Fund. I have also designated a gift in my will. I write today to challenge my fellow alumni to find within themselves the ability to help in this fundraising effort. Our endowment will last long after we are gone, assisting annually in gifts for scholarships and not-for-profits very familiar to us all. Please consider joining me.

~ Nicholas Solley '68

## Recollections and a Recent Visit with Nol Putnam in Virginia

In Fall 2021 and again earlier this year, I had the great fortune to visit with Nol Putnam. Both visits coincided with trips to Middleburg, VA, and my role as trailing spouse to Kate Hastings, now serving as Chair of the Board of the Foxcroft School, a girl's boarding school in the heart of beautiful Virginia horse country.



# The Hen and Scroll

Knowing I was to be in the area, Nol kindly invited me to visit his studio in Huntley, VA. It was wonderful to see his barn full of designs and samples of ironwork commissions, as well as the hand-tools and power machines that have assisted Nol in building a significant national reputation as an artist of utilitarian and decorative ironwork. Many may or may not know that Nol has had multiple commissions from private and public clients, and in particular from the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. In demonstrating one of the machines, Nol noted, regrettably, that blacksmithing was strenuous and dangerous work given his age (87 years young), and that he would be closing his studio in the next year or so. My understanding is that Nol subsequently found a buyer for his tools, and I understand he is very pleased that they will have another life.



**Nol outside his VA studio**

Over tea in his nearby house, I reminded Nol of a small world story that I am sure so many of us have related to people and Lenox School. I told Nol of a fellow Hamilton College classmate who lived across the hall from me my junior year, and that this person was an art major who fell in love with glass as a medium. Quite a few years later, while looking for a house and studio in western Massachusetts, this now established glass artist found the perfect house and studio in Shelburne Falls, near Greenfield. When I finally revealed to Nol that the Hamilton graduate's name is Josh Simpson, Nol enthusiastically said, "You know that he bought my house! In fact, when he came for a showing I stayed around to meet him as I had already collected a few of his pieces." Indeed, I did know of this wonderful coincidence from Josh, and have always loved visiting his studio and knowing it was what Nol built early in his blacksmithing career. I saw Josh in early June at our Hamilton 50th

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Reunion weekend and reminded him of our Nol Putnam small-world story. He asked for Nol's contact information as they had lost touch. I know they will enjoy re-connecting as fellow artist-craftsman after these many years.

In April of this year Nol was excited to come to Foxcroft to visit with me during the school's alumni weekend. I introduced him to the Head of School as well as a few Board members, telling them he was the teacher (along with Jim Fawcett) who inspired me to pursue American Studies and a career in American art and museums. They were all fascinated to hear of Nol's journey from prep school faculty member and prime mover in attracting diversity to the student body with Blacks and Native Americans to renowned blacksmith. One Foxcroft trustee from Charleston, SC was particularly interested to know that Nol recently was invited to give the commencement address at the American College of the Building Arts, a leading institution in the blending of liberal arts and creative arts education located in her city.

Nol kindly shared his commencement address with me, and, with his permission, I share a final paragraph of that address. I think it sums up his living and teaching philosophy that inspired so many of us as Lenox School students.

*"So here I am at 87, standing before you, still learning, still exploring a few of the ancillary roads that have appeared before me. God help me, I have barely scratched the surface. Life is tantalizingly short!—Live purposefully—make weird friends—live richly and honestly—love deeply—open yourselves to the world as the beautiful and talented human beings that you are!"*



**Nol inside his VA studio**



## 2022 LSAA Reunion Attendees

Steve Lowry '66	Schuyler W Goodrich III '64
Anita Lowry	Marion Rutledge
Bob Rush '62	Tabatha Pickett
Paul Denzel '67	Bob Brownlee '61
Ed Miller '66	Lynn Brownlee
Kathryn Gooding	Rick Horton '67
Kara Gooding	Judy Horton (faculty)
Jud Allen	Nan Fawcett
Tina Packer S&Co	Bob Kline '48, Master
Steve Ball S&Co	Elizabeth Thompson
Amy Handelsman S&Co	Rosemary Whitman
Dennis Ebert S&Co	Chris Kinchla '66
Logan Slater S&Co	Allen Jenkins '59
Leah MacDaniel S&Co	Keith Simpson '70
Jamie Martin '65	Robert Rieffel, Master
Richard Gretz '66	William Bradley '70
Kris Warfield	Jonathan Friedman '63
Don Warfield	Stuart Methven '71
Bob Sansone '68	Peter Custer '68
Fritz Eckel Jr. '65	Ira Colby '67
Meredith Eckel	Don Foster '63
Gail Bonner	Carole Foster
Toby Seamans '65	David Nathans '68
Stella Mae Seamans	Kate Nathans
Nick Solley '68	John Risley '67
Louise Van Tertwijk	Joe Hatch '71
Dave Curry '65	Bill Kenah '62
Sandy Curry	Doug Macfarlane '63
Laura Blanchard	Robert Tschilske '68
David Blanchard, Headmaster	David Hurst '68

professional and clergymen, whom the founders of the school specifically had in mind." This economic operation was achieved through "a belief in unpretentiousness; that no work was undignified for the attention of all; boys and masters working together; a plant that is limited to what is adequate; and self-help;" ...combined with "Mr. Monks' marvelous skill in business management; enabled Lenox to balance its budget with an income far below even that of comparable schools."

Headmaster Monks' writes in his 1945 Report to Trustees: "Figures are of interest to me, possibly because they are concrete and tangible, amid many values which it is hard to gauge and measure. By the end of this year, our cumulative operating expenses will have just exceeded one million dollars and will be about three thousand dollars below the total received from parents in tuition, and from miscellaneous income, excluding all gifts. This works out at a cost of \$715 per boy per year over the entire period of the school's operation, and a surplus of \$2! We have spent in all as capital a bit under \$400,000 and received in gifts something over \$350,000. Reducing capital expenses to a per boy, per year basis yields a figure of about \$300. So that even if we considered our present fine grounds, plant, and equipment to have a value of zero, the total expenditures per boy for both capital and operating have been barely a thousand dollars a year. I doubt if many schools could show as high a return in values of mind and spirit per dollar invested as Lenox. One of my most gratifying memories has been our ability to carry some one hundred boys through an average of three years apiece at a cost to parents of \$500 a year or less. When we consider what that means in the way of opportunities opened that would otherwise have been shut to most of these boys, Lenox has cause to be profoundly grateful that it has been able to be so fully used."

~ Randy Harris

## Crunching the Numbers – Cost Per Boy In 1945 How Mr. Monks Kept Tuition Affordable [According to the Pen & Scroll, November 21, 1945]

*Note. Below is an extract from Headmaster Monks' October 1945 Annual Report to the Trustees that concisely describes just how effectively he developed the budget and kept tuition low, while meeting all expenses. But first Mr. Walter H. Clark, Senior Master, Acting Headmaster, and Mr. Monks' confidant, highlights those school-principles that contributed to keeping tuition low, while emphasizing the immense impact of Mr. Monks' personal business management skills. RH*

In several documents, Mr. Clark stated that: "the school operates economically so that its facilities are available to as wide an economic group as possible. This includes

## The Reverend Remsen B. Ogilby, President Board of Trustees Eminently Qualified, But Often Forgotten [According to the Pen & Scroll, February 9, 1935]

*Note. In past articles I've highlighted the contributions of Dr. William G. Thayer as President of the Board of Trustees, who, along with one of his protégés, Headmaster Monks, ensured that the school stayed true to its founding principles and survived its initial building years. However, less remembered is the selection and contributions of the second President of the Board, Remsen B. Ogilby, President of Trinity College, a friend of both Dr. Thayer and Mr. Monks, who served from Dr. Thayer's death in 1934, to his own*



*tragic death in 1945 while "Attempting to rescue a member of his household staff who had been caught in an undertow while he was teaching her to swim, thus truly fulfilling the School's Motto." Provided below are how Dr. Ogilby was introduced to the School in 1935 and a brief mention of his major contributions. RH*

As Mr. Monks recalled in his 'Headmaster's Column' upon the announcement of Dr. Ogilby's election as President of the Board: "I cannot but express my gratification at this action of the Board, and at Dr. Ogilby's acceptance in spite



of the many and heavy obligations which are already his. ...My personal acquaintance with him dates back to pillow fights which occurred when I was considerably younger than any of the boys at Lenox, and he, in the course of his first position in the ministry, was making a pastoral call on the family. Since then our contacts have continued to be frequent and close.

As President of Trinity College, Dr. Ogilby is head of one of the five colleges officially connected with the Episcopal Church. One of our masters is a Trinity alumnus. It is further a college which has been chosen by a considerable number of our graduates for their further education, and in which they have one well. Only last spring, Dr. Thayer received from Trinity an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, in recognition of his achievements in the field of Christian education, by no means the least of which was his founding and guiding of Lenox School.

There would seem to be a sort of divine inevitability in Dr. Ogilby being selected. Hardly was there anyone in the country better fitted by training, interests, and position to head the Board of Trustees of any Church School than he; and to these are added the many and already close connections with Lenox. I rejoice that we are to have the benefit of his counsel and leadership through the coming years, and am both happy and grateful to be able to welcome into the Lenox fellowship.

In an introductory letter to 'The Boys of Lenox School and Their Parents' President Ogilby wrote: "Last week I paid

a visit to St. Mark's school, Southborough, my first since I was there for the funeral of Dr. Thayer...His spirit seemed everywhere and particularly in the School Chapel at the early Communion Service. Dr. Thayer was a loyal friend, a gallant gentleman and a great Headmaster. Not only did he give of his best to his own School, but he also had a keen interest in the welfare of other Preparatory Schools. His vision could not be limited to the future of St. Mark's, but his eagerness to further the education of boys in other terms prompted him to found Lenox School, a project dear to his heart to the very end.

When the suggestion came to me that I should undertake to carry on his work as President of the Board of Trustees of Lenox School, the many demands made upon a College President gave me pause. My close relationship with your Headmaster, however, together with my faith in the ideals which he and Dr. Thayer have worked out together, combines to make me feel I should do my best to carry on.

Perhaps it may be a stimulus to the educational life of Lenox School to bring to bear upon it the critical point of view of a college administrator. Although it is not the final test of the worth of a School, the first and obvious test of its work is the showing its boys make in College. As I write these lines I have before me the mid-year marks of the students at Trinity College. I have just noted with pleasure and pride the fact that every one of the Lenox boys at Trinity College is doing satisfactory work and in many cases excellent work in all of his courses. This speaks well for the foundation that is being laid at Lenox."

Looking back at his tenure as President he was known for his skillful management of the Trustees; his friendly and approachable personality; helping Mr. Monks to find the necessary funds to keep the School afloat in its early years despite terrible economic times; and in 1935, his Trustees' shrewd and timely purchase of 27-acres that extended the campus to the south, beyond Clipston Grange and West Cottage, all the way to the Old Stockbridge Road, which allowed the construction of St. Martin's Hall only three years later, and subsequently several additional playing fields. Mr. Monks recalled at that time: "The School needed money much more than it needed additional land in those depression times, but yet the School was badly hemmed in and this was the only reasonably level adjacent land that could be used for later development." In regards to this momentous decision, he said: "This venture of faith has certainly found dramatic justification."

~ Randy Harris

## Trivia Questions

*Note: This edition's Trivia Questions once again deal with periodic school publications, excluding student-published Pen and Scrolls and yearbooks. RH*

- Over the years, student, faculty and alumni literary offerings have been published in the P&S: both individually and together; on dedicated Literary Pages; in dedicated newspaper style Literary Supplement Editions; and in separate and bound, non-newspaper style Supplements often referred to as 'The Lenox Reader'. When was the first 'Lenox Reader' Literary Supplement published?
  - 1935.
  - 1959.
- The LSAA Inc. was founded in 1990. What was its first recurring document/publication, published from 1990 to 1993 and considered the precursor to the LSAA Inc. P&S?
  - LSAA Inc. President's Quarterly Newsletter.
  - The Alumni Review.
- Why was the first edition of the recurring annual Lenox-In-Portrait Fundraising Calendar published in 1952?
  - It was the School's 25th Anniversary and it needed money since 1951's enrollment was at a post-WWII low.
  - Because the Rt. Rev. William Appleton Lawrence President of the Board directed that it be done.
- Who prepared and published the highly successful Lenox School Alumni Magazine?
  - Lenox School with an LSAA Inc. member of the faculty as its Editor.
  - The LSAA Inc. on its own.
- The on-campus Print Shop building, located between the Craft Shop building and the Coop, home to two donated manual printing presses, often referred to as 'The Duck-House Press' did not print school publications, but rather focused on printing items such as invitations, programs, flyers, notices, and classroom/academic-related items.
  - True
  - False

~ Randy Harris

## Missing In Action

As we've done before, we ask you to look at the list of missing alumni, friends, and classmates. These are the names on mailed Pen & Scrolls (and other bulk-mailed items) that bounced back to my mailbox as "undeliverable." (*Footnote: We mail items using first-class mail specifically so undeliverable items are returned and we learn who's "MIA" and no longer receiving the P&S.*)

It sometimes happens that folks move and forget to update their contact information with the LSAA. If you recognize a name and have current contact info, then please let us know.

Michael Bartini	Thomas Ferguson
Charles Beach	Alton Holmes
William Boswell	Wayne Holsman
Robert Branflick	Eugene Hunter
Charles Britton	James Newman
Waldron Chesney	Douglas Park
Christopher Church	Richard Stokes
Phiney Colton	David Taft
Charles Custer	Makoto Tanaka
Alfred Ferris	Paul Thelin
Edward Forrest	

## In Memoriam

### Allan W. Cassidy '53

On August 18, 2022 Allan (Al) Cassidy, 89 years young, completed his last marathon. He was tired and it was time for his body to rest.

He attended the former Lenox School for Boys in Lenox, MA and later graduated from Pittsfield High School. He entered the US Marine Corps in 1953 and received an honorable discharge in 1956. He then attended Northeastern University in Boston, graduated from Northeast Broadcasting School and went on to work as a radio programmer at WBZ radio in Boston.

Upon his return to Pittsfield, Al worked 30 years for the Department of Employment and Training (DET) as an interviewer, then later as a supervisor in the North Adams office. He also worked part-time for many years selling

ski equipment at Besse Clarke Sporting Goods on North Street. Upon retirement from (DET), he spent the next 6 years working for Community Enterprise (ICE) on contract to Mass. Rehab.

Al was a multi-faceted man with many interests and hobbies. He had a lifelong thirst for learning and expanding his horizons. An avid outdoorsman that enjoyed bee keeping, gardening, hiking, running, golfing and skiing. In his later years, you could often find him practicing his pistol marksmanship at the Lenox Sportsman's Club. He participated in multiple sports, both as a successful competitor (C.R.A.S.H. B's) and longtime instructor in skiing and fitness. He dove into those roles with tremendous dedication and passion, with countless students under his tutelage over the years.



For many, Al is best remembered for his years as the jack-of-all-trades of the ski program at Bousquet. Over his 19 years in the program, the "Godfather" of freestyle skiing functioned in many roles. Whether as a ski instructor (Certified by both American PSIA and Canadian governing bodies), co-developer of the freestyle rule-book, ski patrol, chair of the judges committee, or directing coaching and training sessions for his peers, Al brought

everything he had to the task. His easily approachable and engaging demeanor allowed him to have an impact on so many young people in the ski program. With wife Julee and family by his side, this part-time vocation really served as the core of their activities and the source of many of their most cherished memories.

But perhaps Al's greatest passion, besides his family, was singing barbershop. He was a former President, Board Member and Show Chairman of the Berkshire Hillsmen Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society for over 45 years, and adeptly sang tenor in the quartets "Coming Edition" and "Summer Addition".

Al is predeceased by his parents, Alton and Ruby Cassidy, his brother Kenneth Cassidy and his nephew Jay Cassidy. He is also predeceased by Julee's parents, Dominick and Marguerite Russo and his stepmother in-law, Marie Russo.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Julee (nee Russo), son Robert (fiancee Charla Delillo), daughters Gayle Colpoys (Matt), Karen Cassidy (husband Kevin Flannery), and Michelle Mazzeo (Rick). Eight Grandchildren - Amanda, Ashley, Julianna, Ricky Jr. Mazzeo, Cassidy, Caroline, Catherine, and Camille Colpoys, His former sisters in law, Pauline Wheeler and Sandra Lonczak and 3 nieces, Randy-Lynn Cassidy, Sandra Cassidy, and Linda Jones.

A strong and at times a stubborn personality, Al would "tell it like it is." He never minced words and you always knew where he stood. Once a Marine, always a Marine. SEMPER FI!

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the care Al received during his stay at Kimball Farms Care Center in Lenox and for their support in helping to make Al and Julee's 60th wedding anniversary celebration in June such a memorable occasion. Our appreciation is also extended to Hospice in the Berkshires for the attention, guidance and support they have provided the family.

At the request of the family, please consider memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to Soldiers On, Pittsfield, MA or Hospice of the Berkshires.

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## Milo Dailey '63

MILO DEERING DAILEY IV, 72, of Belle Fourche SD died of cancer Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the Regional Sturgis Hospital Hospice Care.

Milo was born August 11, 1945 at Des Moines, Iowa to Milo III and Margaret (Walker) Dailey. He married Carla Guthmiller on February 14, 1975. Milo was a long-time journalist, working most of his career in South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his father, Reverend Milo Dailey III; mother, Margaret Walker Dailey and step-mother, Barbara Belmont Dailey.





He is survived by his wife, Carla Dailey; sister, Margaret Rebecca (John) Thurston; brothers, Michael (Janet) Dailey and James Daniel Dailey; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 2465 W Chicago Street, Rapid City, SD 57702.

*Editor's note: Milo was a classmate and friend; he and I traded email shortly before he passed away. We regret that we learned of Milo's passing years later.*

## Laurence P. Gill '58

Laurence P. "Larry" Gill, 80, of South Hadley, was Called Safely Home on Friday, December 27, 2019. He passed into Eternal Life at his home surrounded by the care and comfort of his loving family.



Larry was born in Holyoke on April 24, 1939, a beloved son of the late Harold P. and Ella C. (Hall) Gill. He was raised in South Hadley, graduated from Lenox Preparatory School in Lenox and was a lifelong resident of South Hadley. He furthered his education and attended Holyoke Community College.

Larry was employed for 17 years as a Police Officer and later a Detective

with the South Hadley Police Department and retired in 1985. He later worked as a Construction Superintendent with the former Barber Construction Associates in Ludlow and retired in 2004. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, he enjoyed his annual Maine hunting trips and was a member of the Chicopee Sportsmen's Club in Granby. Following his retirement, Larry enjoyed artistic painting and painted landscapes and flowers. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and his many friends.

Larry was predeceased by his beloved wife, Regina H. (Gradeck) Gill who was Called Home on October 24, 2001. He leaves his three loving children, Lynda R. O'Neil and her husband, Tim, of Greenfield, L. Scott Gill and his partner, Tom Stevens, of Springfield and Bradley C. Gill and his partner, Marybeth Ontkush, of Biddeford, ME; his loving

partner, Suzanne M. "Suz" Graham of South Hadley; his two dear brothers, Harold P. Gill, Jr. and his partner, Lainey Johnson, of Bolton, MA and Stewart H. Gill and his wife, Jean, of Oakville, VA; his dear sister-in-law, Patricia Grace and her husband, Andrew, of Chicopee; his dear brother-in-law, Frank Gradeck and his wife, Jeanne, of Sun City, AZ; and his many dear nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and extended members of the Gill, Gradeck, and Graham families. Besides his parents and wife, he was also predeceased by his dear sister-in-law, Judy Davis.

Memorial donations may be made in Larry's memory to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Benjamin Boardman Towne III '72

Benjamin Boardman Towne III, age 68, of Lee, Massachusetts, passed away on September 4, 2022 after a 25-year battle with heart disease and a brief illness.

Ben was a loving husband to Cathy for 45 years. He was a devoted father to Sarah and Becky. He was also the best grampa to Annie, Benny, and Izzy and his grand-pups Bean and Bailey.

Benjamin enjoyed spending time with his family and grandkids most of all. He was also an avid bowler and golfer for many years. In his retirement he enjoyed fishing and boating at the family lake house, watching football - especially the New England Patriots and Boston College - and cooking meals for his family. His marinated flank steak and Korean beef were family favorites! He will be remembered for his prolific sense of humor - he always had a funny story to tell - and his contagious laugh.



Benjamin was educated at the Lenox School for Boys until its closure, after which he graduated from Vermont Academy in 1972. He attended Hobart College where he played varsity lacrosse. After his time at college, Benjamin returned to the Berkshires and worked at High Lawn Farm as the Dairy Foreman - a job he truly loved for over 10 years. The remainder of his career was spent at Atlantic Tracy, later bought by

Motion Industries. He retired from his inside sales position at Motion Industries in 2017.

Benjamin is survived by his wife Catherine Lefkowitz Towne of Lee, Massachusetts, his daughters Sarah Jean Towne of Arlington, Massachusetts and Rebecca Lynn Towne Simoes of Whitman, Massachusetts, his grandchildren Angelina Pearl Simoes, Benjamin Boardman Towne V and Izabella Noelle Towne, his sister and brother-in-law Cindel Towne Lamothe and Francois Lamothe of Wells, Maine, his brother and sister-in-law Jonathan Towne and Rebecca Noreen of Mystic, Connecticut, and many nieces and nephews. Benjamin was pre-deceased by his father Benjamin Boardman Towne, Jr., and his mother Joy Lippoldt Towne.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association in his honor in c/o the Kelly Funeral Home, 3 Main Street, Lee, MA 01238.

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## Jonathan Yorck '66

**November 26th, 1947 - December 13th, 2021**

The world is less bright without Jonathan Francis Yorck. The superstar teacher, world traveler, singalong provocateur, juggling jokester, and proud father passed away in Redlands, California, on Dec. 13, 2021, less than a month after his 74th birthday. He is loved and missed.

Born to the late David Yorck and Marie-Louise Yorck (König) on Nov. 26, 1947, in Port Washington, New York, Jonathan was the third of four rambunctious siblings and the first born in the U.S. He would likely also deem himself the wittiest.

His love for teaching began as a recreation director for disadvantaged youth and guided him towards a lifetime calling. He moved west to earn degrees at University of Dubuque and University of Oregon, yet his Long Island accent remained intact. From 1974 to 1980, he ran Crescent Moon Child Development Center in Eugene, Oregon, and sold eggs at the local renaissance fair. Here, he met his first wife, Mary (Harwood), and welcomed his son Jesse.



Ultimately, the melody of "Sweet Leilani" (and his best friend, the late Tim Owens) drew Jonathan to Hawai'i, where he would have a 33-year career at Punahou School. At the time, a male kindergarten teacher was unique — as was his teaching style, starting mornings in song, bestow-

ing goofy nicknames, eating lunch on the child-sized chairs, and instilling self-confidence in five-year-olds. Students recited lyrics to rock songs as a way to learn reading and word retention, but also because Jonathan enjoyed every chance to play guitar.

Music filled the family home in Maunawili, where Jonathan raised Jesse and his siblings, Ryan and Sachie, with his second wife, Faye (Muranaka). Most often, albums by Steely Dan and Earth, Wind & Fire rang out before dinnertime.

Just as he could be silly, Jonathan could be serious. He taught karate classes as part of his membership to Hawaii Shotokan Karate, where he proudly achieved a black belt; whereas his popular summer-fun course, "Skills and Games," introduced kids to juggling. He also organized book drives for Na'alehu Elementary School on Hawai'i Island.

His signature early childhood curriculum evolved after traveling to Europe and Asia on educator fellowships. He incorporated his international travels and digital literacy to create an innovative approach branded as Global Keiki. The classroom had an official website and even its own logo featuring the flags of Vietnam, Japan, Germany, China, Cambodia, Philippines, USA, Hawaii, Laos, Thailand, and South Korea.

Accolades accumulated throughout his career, including 1997 Hawaii's Top Teacher by Honolulu Star Bulletin, 2000 Global Educator Award by National Peace Corps Association, and 1999 Childnet International Awards finalist, as well as fellowships with the Fulbright Program, The Korea Society, and Goethe-Institut.

After retirement, Jonathan moved along the West Coast and never missed an Oregon Ducks game (or at least tried his best). A physical disability introduced him to ADA communities in Hawai'i, Oregon and California, while the internet kept his connections across the world strong. He continued to be passionate about his heritage, which included a Prussian count who inspired Beethoven's "Yorckscher Marsch" and a member of the Kreisau Circle, and paid tribute to his love of Hawai'i by playing ukulele with local groups. His last days were spent near family and his doppelgänger grandson.

Jonathan is survived by his son, Jesse, and his mother, Mary; his children, Ryan and Sachie, and their mother Faye; his siblings David and Jamie; grandson, Kainoa; and countless minds that he inspired. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Patricia, who is surely waiting for him with a wisecrack. In lieu of flowers, please play "Shining Star" by Earth, Wind & Fire and dance.

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## Trivia Answers to the Questions in the August 2022 Edition

1. (f). The following are true about Lenox School Catalogs: they occurred annually from 1926-1927 to the late 1930s and 1942-1944; they were periodically augmented by Rev. Monks' periodically revised 'Lenox School Educational Ideals and Methods'; Rev. Curry restarted them in the late 1940s; Rev. Curry replaced them with the annual Lenox-In-Portrait Calendar in 1952; and the faculty was working on a new catalog during the School's last year, 1970-1971.
2. (d). The following are true about Fundraising Brochures: they were associated with specific fundraising campaigns; they were first published in the mid-1930s for St. Martin's Hall; and seven separate brochures were published.
3. (f). The following are true about Lenox School Promotional Brochures: they were published infrequently during Rev. Curry's tenure; their publication did not seem to be associated with a specific event; only 4 were ever published; they were much shorter than a catalog, only 2-4 pages; and two had the same wording, but a different cover photo.
4. (f). The following are true about Lenox-In-Portrait Calendars: the idea originated with Rev. Curry at the time of the School's lowest enrollment; they were published annually from 1952 – 1970; they were the School's primary, non-building-related, fundraising tool; they routinely contained 20 non-calendar-pages that included a School description, faculty and trustee listings, photos and a donation request; and the School utilized student, alumni, and dioceses mailing lists to disseminate them.
5. (e). The following are true about the Lenox School Alumni Review: they were published by Rev. Curry from 1948 – 1951; it was the first Alumni publication and augmented/replaced the Alumni News/Notes section of the P&S; the first edition, May, 1948 had 12-pages; subsequent editions averaged 7-10 pages; and 10 Alumni Reviews were published, averaging 2-3 a year, usually in the spring and fall.
6. (e). The following are true about the Lenox School Alumni Magazine: it was a more robust Alumni publication [larger format, more articles and photos]; it

averaged 20-pages in length; it was published from 1965 to 1970 with three editions per year [Fall, Winter and Spring]; and its articles were of interest to students as well as to alumni.

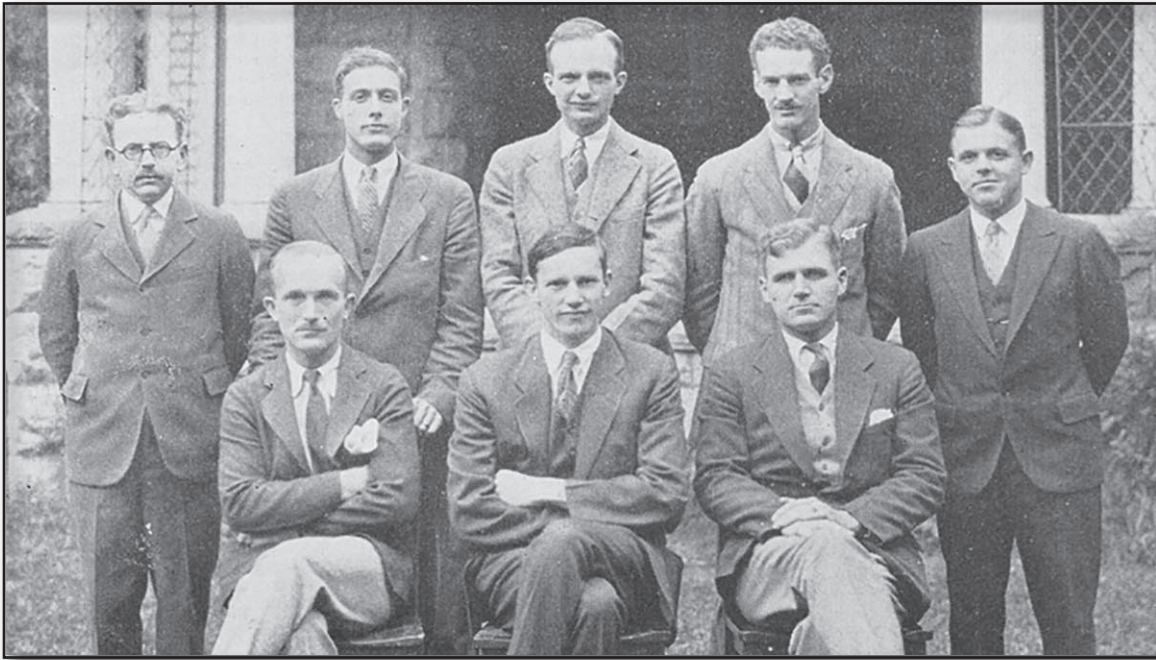
7. (e). The following are true about the Literary Supplements to the P&S: they were published annually, if the P&S staff was inclined to do so and sufficient material was available; 7-editions were published between 1955 and 1968; they were sometimes titled 'The Lenox Reader' their content included essays, short stories, poetry, and artwork from students, alumni and faculty; and they varied in length from 6-pages for the newspaper version, to just over 30-pages for the booklet version, with one booklet reaching 67-pages in length.

~ Randy Harris

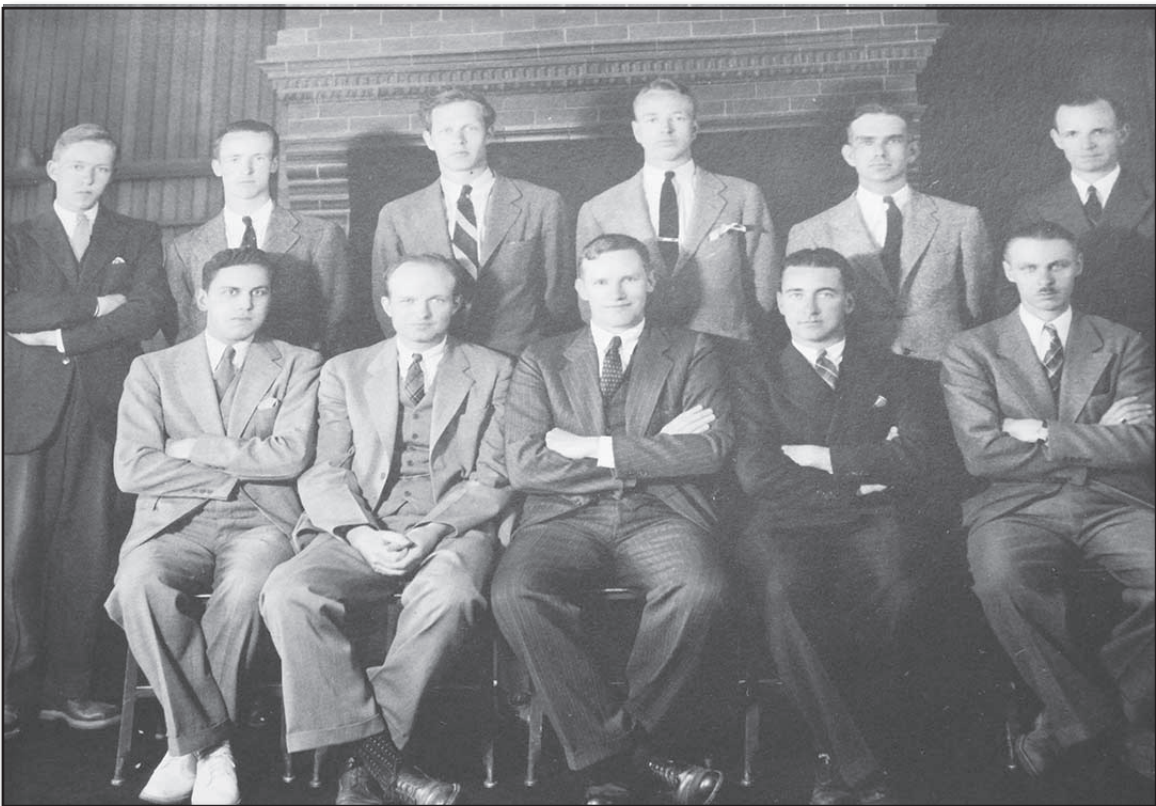


**Football Fans - Mr. Southworth, Temple, and Pickett  
mid-to-late 1960s**





The Faculty in late 1920s

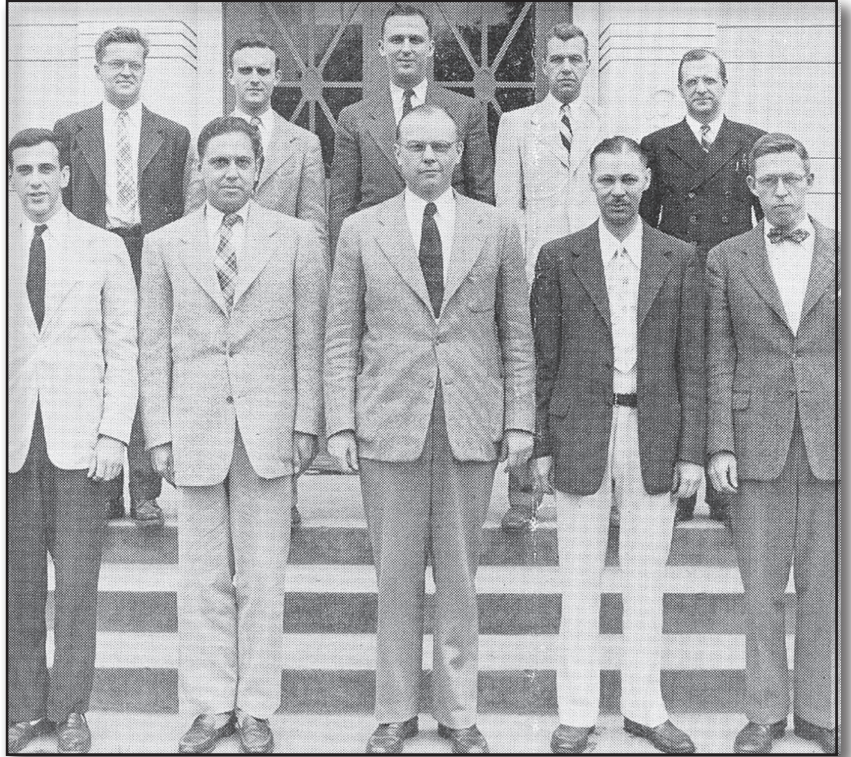


The Faculty - mid-to-late 1930s





Headmaster Curry at Kemble Street  
entrance to Schermerhorn Hall  
mid-60s



The Faculty in front of St. Martin's - 1949

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