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If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar for our 55th Reunion, which will be held in Branford College in New Haven from midday on Thursday, May 31, 2018 through Sunday morning, June 3, 2018. This will be our first **Free Reunion**, with food, drink, and lodging in Branford College free of charge for all classmates, widows, and guests who attend. Be sure not to miss this Reunion! All indications are that it will be our best Reunion ever.

Doug Allen is continuing his recovery from cancer, and feels stronger each month. Doug gave an invited lecture in Portland, ME on "Gandhi and Nonviolence in the Era of Trump", during which he stood in front of the auditorium for more than three hours. Doug has been approved for a partial phased retirement over three years, which will result in a 50% reduction in his teaching load and give him more time for research, writing, lecturing, and enjoying time with his wife Ilze. In August, Doug gave a keynote and a panel presentation at the International Vedanta Congress at UMass-Dartmouth. Doug has been invited by the Mission of India at the UN to give the keynote at the UN on October 2, 2017, which is the International Day of Nonviolence (and also Gandhi's birthday). Doug looks forward to seeing as many classmates as possible at the 55th Reunion.

Sutton Keany writes: "As I emerged from the fog of yet another regularly scheduled colonoscopy in September 2016, my doctor strode in with a distracted expression. I was expecting yet another zippy one-liner, but instead heard that I had 'a serious issue: what looks like a major cancerous lesion'. On October 26, 2016, after a very addling month of tests and counseling, I entered Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven for a partial colectomy. I received terrific care over a five-day period, led by my surgeon Vikram Reddy, a member of Yale Medicine. Several months later I was advised that I was clear of lymphatic involvement; no chemo or radiation needed. An intensely interesting experience, that I wish on no one. Consider Yale's Smilow Cancer Hospital and Dr. Reddy if you face a similar circumstance."

Jerry Kenney recently created the Jerome P. Kenney '63 Football Endowment to support the ongoing operations and annual expenses of the Yale football program. Other football alumni are already stepping forward with additional contributions for the endowment. Jerry's vision extends beyond football to the rest of Yale's sports programs. "When you look at the best U.S. colleges, they share a commitment to excellence in athletics as well as academics," Jerry said. "For example, Stanford, Harvard, and Williams place a higher priority (with greater success) on winning championships in their leagues. I believe that an alumni-led effort to fully endow all 35 sports programs can benefit Yale's reputation for excellence both on the playing field and in the classroom. The football endowment is just the beginning. An endowed program can help Yale to attract the most talented students. We want Yale to be on the radar for every high-achieving high school athlete, in every sport."

Tom Lovejoy has been reappointed for a second year as Science Envoy at the U.S. Department of State. Tom writes: "During my first year as Science Envoy I traveled to Malaysia, Sarawak, and Sabah to examine conservation science and sustainability issues, engage with the scientific community, and give public lectures. I made three trips to Peru, and in addition to similar outreach activities concentrated on illegal gold mining in Madre de Dios, where 70,000 hectares of river and rain forest have been destroyed along with massive mercury pollution. (Illegal gold mining is the greatest source of mercury pollution in the world.) The Embassy used my last visit in May 2017 to catalyze coordinated action at the cabinet level after senior Peruvian officials did overflights of the area. My second year as Science Envoy will focus on Amazon issues in Peru, Colombia, and Brazil."

Bob Morris has been "yanked out of retirement" as an Episcopal priest by his bishop to serve as the Interim Rector in St. Peter's Church in Essex Fells, NJ, a parish in which he served briefly in 1967-1968 as he completed some post-seminary education in New York City. Bob reports that, while the work is stimulating and pleasant and the people generous and cooperative, he will be glad to return to his established retirement routine of seeing spiritual directees and teaching an occasional course at Interweave, an interfaith education center which he founded in 1980 and at which he retired from the

director's position in 2012.

Fred Schneider writes: "This spring I returned to Yale in new roles. Late March I was a guest lecturer teaching a class in a Yale Japanese art history graduate seminar focusing on the 16th and 17th centuries. In May, I marched in the Yale Commencement Parade (wearing my academic robes for the first time since 1963), this time as an Associate Fellow of Davenport College. (In addition to Yale faculty Fellows, each College has Associate Fellows nominated by its Head of College.) I then had a front row seat for the Old Campus and Davenport Courtyard Commencement activities and luncheon. Among other honorary degrees, Stevie Wonder received a doctorate in music and delighted everyone with a rendition of 'Signed, Sealed & Delivered' as he exited the Commencement platform. Being part of the Commencement proceedings proved to be an enjoyable, meaningful, and surprisingly emotional day for me."

Langston Snodgrass and Tony Brown were married in a religious ceremony on December 1, 2012, at the High Street Congregational Church in Auburn, ME. On June 1, 2017, two dozen close friends gathered at Langston and Tony's Lewiston, ME home for an intimate civil wedding ceremony, which is thought to be the first or second legal gay male, bi-racial civil marriage in Maine. Tony, an artist, has had his art exhibited in several galleries and has established a dedicated following. His art can be seen on his website, www.theartoftonybrown.com. Langston is writing his second novel. His work can be seen on www.langstonsnodgrass.com. Langston adds: "Tony and I would like to have another ten or 15 wonderful years together. When it finally happens, it can indeed be really, really good!"

Joan and **Herb Turin** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an anniversary party on August 5, 2017 at Prairie Pedlar Gardens in Odebolt, IA.

John C. Hoff died on June 3, 2017 in his home in Sunnyvale, CA, after ten months of in-home hospice care for emphysema and heart issues. John entered the world two months prematurely in Lincoln, NE on July 21, 1941. Awarded an academic scholarship to Yale University, he graduated in 1963 with a B.A. in Mathematics. He earned a Master's degree in Applied Mathematics from Purdue University in 1965, and in 1968 at Purdue he was the 11th person in the world to

receive a Ph.D. in Computer Science. After two years at Service Bureau Corp. of San Jose, he was a Professor for five years at the University of San Francisco, followed by ten years as an entrepreneur developing statistical business software. For several years he was a senior software engineer for semiconductor inspection equipment, finishing his career in the flat panel display industry. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Linda Hoffman Hoff, and sons Nick, Andrew, and Chris of San Francisco. To all who knew him, John was kind and gentle, with a dry humor and formidable intellect. He loved family and friends, philosophy study sessions with his sons, singing barbershop, playing trumpet, languages, word puzzles, practical jokes, limericks, baseball, spirited discussions, reading, woodworking, mathematics, and Dixieland jazz.

At an awards ceremony at the U.S. Department of State on June 20, 2017, Dr. Sushma Palmer presented the **Mark Palmer** Award for the Advancement of Democracy to two co-winners, Ms. Rene Gutel of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing for her courageous efforts to advance democracy and human rights under the difficult conditions of a closed society, and Ambassador Tulinabo Mushingi, for his leadership efforts to create conditions for the people of Burkina Faso to have a say in their own future. This was the third annual presentation of the Award, which was established by the American Foreign Service Association in memory of our late classmate and friend Ambassador Mark Palmer and is presented to members of the Foreign Service selected for the dedicated promotion of American policy focused on democracy, freedom and governance through bold, exemplary, imaginative, and effective efforts.

Seymour S. “Sandy” Saltus of Chester, NJ passed away on July 14, 2017 in Dover, NJ. Sandy was born on January 11, 1942 in Morristown, NJ. He lived in Morristown before moving to Chester 45 years ago. Sandy graduated from St. Paul’s School in Concord, NH in 1959, and earned a bachelor’s degree from Yale in 1963. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1963 to 1968. Sandy worked for Bankers Trust Company in Manhattan for 30 years before his retirement in 1998. He loved the opera, the sea, and sailing. He enjoyed electronics, making models, and playing the piano, and was an excellent marksman in target shooting. Sandy is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Sarah Anne (McDougall) Saltus; two devoted sons, Nathan and Edward Saltus; four grandchildren, and three sisters. **Jim Paterson**

remembers: “Sandy was a wonderfully relaxed, easy-going suitemate.

I remember visiting him and his family at Thanksgiving during our years at Yale. I enjoyed the visits, playing golf with our balls lost in the leaves, and eating dinner in the living room with our plates on our knees.” **John Purdy** writes: “The most vivid recollection I have about Sandy is the time he returned from a weekend in New York with a large seahorse tattoo on his right arm, which was quite a surprise to all of us, given his quiet and conservative nature. I remember Sandy as a good friend and roommate. He will be missed by all who knew him.”

Frederick Middleton Rotan Smith of Manhattan passed away on August 11, 2017, at age 75, from complications related to heart disease. Fred was born in New York City, where he attended St. Bernard’s School. He graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1959 and received a B.A. in History and Economics from Yale University in 1963. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Fred was hired by First Boston in 1967 and remained at the firm, and its successor Credit Suisse, for the duration of his career, retiring in 2002. He remained a senior advisor and consultant to the firm for a number of years thereafter. At First Boston, Fred established and then headed the firm’s media, transportation, and telecommunications Investment Banking Coverage Group. He later founded and co-headed the firm’s international private equity investment business. Fred was a devoted father, world traveler, and passionate golfer. A fierce competitor, he won three club championships at the Fishers Island Club and two at the Deepdale Golf Club, where he also won five senior championships. Fred is survived by his three children (Frederick M. R. Smith, Jr., Margaret Smith Warden, and Charles Lister Smith), three grandchildren, and his beloved Alexa Gale Kroeger. **Bob Hanson** writes: “I did not know Fred Smith when we were classmates at Yale, but our paths often intersected during our respective investment banking careers. Fred was a telecommunications banker at First Boston, while I had a similar role at Merrill Lynch. On those occasions when First Boston and Merrill Lynch shared a banking assignment, it was a pleasure to work with Fred, although we were nominal competitors. He was the consummate investment banker – knowledgeable about the industry he covered and an all-around good guy. He will be missed.”

Howie Wolfe recalls: “Fred was always great company. He had a finely tuned sense of humor, courtly manners, and a well-defined personal code of conduct. He did not suffer fools and on subjects of

importance, you certainly knew where he stood . . . and it was always on the high ground. Fred loved music and had eclectic tastes, ranging from the early Delta blues players such as Slim Harpo and Jimmy Reed as well as the Allmon Brothers and Leonard Cohen. Fred loved video games. His everyday ritual included a seven o'clock wakeup with two or three cups of coffee and a half hour or so of Super Mario. Like everything else, Fred was very good at this. Fred was a gifted athlete with extraordinary hand eye coordination. He was as flexible as a rubber snake and his golf swing was poetry in motion. I remember Fred hitting balls on the practice range at my club with the other golfers transfixed with Fred's classic swing. When he hit approach shots, Fred was absolutely deadly. If you were lucky enough to be his partner, Fred's short game was money in the bank. Fred was extremely proud of his three children and utterly devoted to the very lovely Gale Kroeger. On reflection I think that during Fred's life he was able to just about check all the boxes. He had a distinguished business career, rising to the top of his profession, raised a fine family, traveled extensively to exotic places, and made many long-standing friends who remember him fondly."

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