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## Letter from the Editor

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Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

The Chinese saying “May you live in interesting times” is often taken at face value as a wish for someone’s intellectual stimulation. The Chinese meant it as a curse, however. These may well be “interesting times.”

In the last few months, we’ve witnessed wild fires in California incinerating towns and killing almost a hundred people, and more bodies may yet be found. Hundreds are still missing and unaccounted for. We’ve also seen mass shootings, over a dozen mail bombs sent for political reasons, a horrific and brutal murder of an American journalist and resident in the Saudi Arabian consulate in Turkey, and a maelstrom of political confusion and malfeasance in Washington. And with change in Congress next month, we should not expect tranquility any time soon. We certainly hope that our Lenox School classmates, family, and friends have been spared the effects of these “interesting times.”

On a more positive note, our recent reunion was, as always, a success. The key takeaway was the astounding response of generous alumni who met and exceeded the challenge grant. To recap – one generous donor posed a \$10,000 challenge. He would match every dollar donated, up to \$10,000. Not to be outdone, another donor upped the challenge bar with an additional \$5,000. Alumni not only met the \$15,000 challenge but exceeded it by almost \$5,000. So, we put well over \$30,000 in the bank to underwrite our scholarships.

**But wait, there’s more!** Yet another challenge opportunity awaits those of us who missed the first chance – Bob Sansone’s letter gives details. And Jeff Smith heads up the efforts to establish lasting trust instruments to continue

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providing scholarship incentives to promising young students after the LSAA has turned out the lights and finally and truly retired.

Thanksgiving wouldn’t be complete without giving thanks. Two of our LSAA colleagues deserve special mention for their invaluable work behind the scenes. We never see Cookie Kempton at the reunions, and his work isn’t front page. But Cookie’s work is essential and absolutely critical to the P&S. We wouldn’t be able to distribute the P&S email version or send the hard copy without Cookie’s selfless devotion to maintaining our membership database and producing the mailing lists. It is indeed unfortunate that we forget Cookie when things go well but quickly remember the poor guy when there’s a mailing glitch.

Randy Harris has been the LSAA archivist for years and does a truly phenomenal job of preparing essentially all the interesting content in the P&S. And, mostly unseen, Randy also collects, catalogs, and organizes all of the LSAA historical holdings and continues to store much of it in his garage. This is a thankless job appreciated by the Board but rarely seen by most LSAA members. Randy is also at the center of the process deciding about the eventual disposition of the Lenox School archival holdings – albeit remotely. And personally, I can say that Randy does an outstanding job as the “eagle-eyed” proofreader of the P&S. He catches all our mistakes before they reach you. In that role also, Randy is truly invaluable.

Randy and Cookie – thank you for all you do.

We hope all had a rewarding Thanksgiving with family and friends, and we wish all LSAA members, family, classmates, and friends a safe and healthy holiday season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,  
Don Foster ‘63

## The President's Message

**“Your enemies are not to be destroyed, grant them longevity to witness your success.”**

- Michael Bassey Johnson

The class of 1948 bookended by the class of 1968; what a reunion! Simply amazing. It was a personal joy to see all the Lenox alums, masters, and friends returning for yet another Lenox School reunion but a very special blessing to see my classmates from Lenox '68. Fifty years seems like a blink of an eye.

We remain profoundly grateful to Shakespeare and Company for their generous hospitality in allowing us the use of their facilities and their logistical support for our annual sojourn back to our roots.

**“ כוסירונה ”**

- A phrase from the Hebrew Bible (Psalm 23:5) (kōsîrāwāyāh), translated in the traditionally used King James Version as “my cup runneth over.”

Indeed it did. The generosity of our members and friends never ceases to amaze me. Not only did we exceed the two challenge grants for the 2018 reunion (thus providing over \$30,000 into our account to further the mission of the LSAA), but the spark from our generous grant benefactors in 2018 has resulted in a fire starting. We have two new challenge grants for the 2019 reunion!

Specifically, another \$5K grant has been established under the same conditions as last year (match the amount with donations by the 2019 reunion) and an additional \$12,500 grant with the following prerequisites:

- 1) the matching of \$12,500 is raised on/before the 2019 October reunion, and
- 2) an endowment agreement is finalized (i.e., signed with a trust such as the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation) by May 1, 2020.

The endowment referred to is contemplated to work as follows:

The members voted during the 2018 business meeting to have the Board undertake a search for a reputable firm that would be capable of carrying on the efforts of the LSAA (after we cease as an active entity) by establishing

detailed parameters by which such a relationship could be established to carry on the LSAA's charitable efforts and maintain the legacy of Lenox School.

Why do this now? Well, we have to face facts regarding the LSAA:

The youngest alum among us is ~66 years old, and the actuarial tables dictate that we think beyond our active time as an organization. Also, we believe we'll be receiving funds in the future from bequeaths after we have ceased as an active organization. It is incumbent upon us to plan for this. Therefore:

- a. if we wish to have the wonderful work we have done in the name of Lenox School continue and carry forward, then
- b. a carefully structured endowment, placed in the care of a fully vetted foundation, provided with specific instructions on how to carry on the mission of the LSAA, can accomplish this for us.

Work had already been accomplished on this prior to the business meeting to assess our options, and we will be refining this effort during the coming year with the continuing assistance of several board members who will be performing the search, ensuring due diligence and providing detailed guidelines for the appropriate foundation to handle the endowment. We should be in a position to report the results through the P&S and email blasts. Hopefully, this will be finalized by the next business meeting.

I would ask that if you are in a position to help support achieving these new grants, then please do so by sending your donation (**identified specifically for either of the two LSAA challenge grants**) to the attention of either Ed Miller or Bob Sansone at the following addresses:

**Ed Miller**  
**147 Spring Hollow Lane**  
**Montpelier, VT 05602-8445**

**Bob Sansone**  
**69 Mount Sumner Drive**  
**Bolton, CT 06043**

Frankly, the same issue (i.e. what do we do after we cease to be an active entity) with somewhat different implications exists for all of the memorabilia that we have collect-

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ed. Similarly, we have one of the board members spear-heading a solution with a committee dedicated to resolving this as well.

One clear indication thus far is to underwrite the digitization of our important papers as well as photographic images of the memorabilia to create a virtual memorabilia resource on the web for the future.

In addition, we are undertaking active consideration of what to do with the actual disbursement of the material (donated to historical organizations willing to display

the material with information about Lenox School; made available to interested alums for a nominal donation/fee; offered to the general public through a Website auction/offering; etc.). All of this will also be fleshed out in the coming year.

**Next Reunion - October 18 and 19, 2019  
Be there!**

Season's Greetings!  
Bob Sansone '68



**Pictures of Lenox School memorabilia on display at the 2018 reunion**

A tiny portion of the full collection

## Three Decades of Class Reunions 1968, 1958, 1948

On this page and next, class of '68, class of '58, and class of '48 -- all represented!



**Class of 1968 for all to see.** L-R, front row: Archie Acton, Bob Sansone, Josh Bauman, David Nathans, Peter Custer, Jeff Covell; middle row: Nick Solley, Houston Jacobs, Cyrus Lauriat, Mark Sinkinson, Tim Cole (hairline only), Bob Tschilski; back row: Rob Foster, John Schreiber, Larry Wilhelm, Ralph Herter, Mike Carley.

Missing from picture: Gil Skidmore



## Class of 1958 proudly makes an appearance for their 60th reunion!

Left to Right: Eric Anderson, John Smith, Jim Braim, Bruce MacCullough, and Houston Stokes.  
Missing from picture: Jim Canning



## The Class of 1948 arrives to keep the rest of us honest!

Charlie Daniell and Bob Kline keep us young whippersnappers in line.

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## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Pen and Scroll,

In the latest Pen and Scroll, I caught the short article regarding the class of '56 and their tribute to "The Duchess." My close friend, Whit Butterfield, and I graduated from Rutland High, Rutland, VT in '55. (Whit's father later became the Episcopal Bishop of Vermont.) We decided we needed an extended year of high school, for whatever reason, and headed to Lenox. In the late fall of '55, Rev. Curry made me a prefect, and I found myself living on the 2nd floor of St. Martin's, home to the younger boys. At some point during the year, several of us, along with David Wood, thought it might be nice if we had a yearbook. We decided we'd do it, and somehow, by default, I became the Editor, and the name was a given. It wasn't without errors, but it was the first yearbook in many years, and apparently started a tradition. A small apartment on the 2nd floor of St. Martin's was occupied by none other than "The Duchess." She and I spent many an evening in her apartment (the door was always open), talking about everything. We got to be very good friends, and I missed our little sessions after I left. She was good people! I enjoy getting the Pen and Scroll and I feel guilty about not contributing to the Lenox fund. I always intend to write a check, but never end up doing it. I guess it's about time. Enjoy the reunion and thanks for your efforts in keeping everyone up to date. Much appreciated.

Pete Spaulding

*Pete -- Good news. You'll have another chance to write that check. ~Ed.*

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## Other News

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### School Happenings 50 Years Ago According to the P&S – December 1, 1968

This edition of the Pen and Scroll wrapped up the fall semester and its various athletic teams' seasons; recounted the fall's presidential election-related activities on campus; and announced and celebrated the opening of the Sports Center. It also featured some unique formatting with pages dedicated to the Sports Center; another to the presidential campaign and vote at Lenox; and still another, to a 40th Anniversary Issue of the P&S front page, dated Sunday, December 1, 1928. It featured nine articles from early P&S's,

1926 to 1937, that the editors felt were still pertinent to the problems and issues that faced the Lenox community in 1968.

But the focus of the front page was on the \$900,000 and 420 foot long Sports Center that was officially opened in a ceremony on December 1st, the day of the annual Alumni Hockey Game. Part of the ceremony was the emplacement of a time capsule, which included this edition of the P&S. The headmaster unofficially opened the Center on Saturday night, November 1st by donning his skates and christening the ice. When completed, in addition to the hockey rink, the Center will include two basketball courts in the south wing; an intramural gym, fencing venue and three squash courts on the second floor; and perhaps in the future, a swimming pool in an east wing. The ice rink will allow the hockey teams to maintain the amount of ice time necessary to compete with schools with arti-



Rev. Curry, Headmaster,  
Dedicates Sports Center

ficial ice and attract new talent to Lenox. However, some alumni felt that the ready-made ice will spoil the players by not making them work for their ice and then fighting to win on it. Finally, one of the basic ideas for the building is that it will pay for its operation and upkeep by renting ice-time to area schools and by sponsoring a Pee-Wee hockey league. An entire additional page was entitled 'Lenox Builds A Sports Center...' and included a schematic of the completed building and twelve photographs highlighting its construction.

Additional news articles focused on the formation of the Afro-American Society of Lenox School, open to all, and developed for the purpose of unification and understanding between the Black and White members of the community. The addition of three new Alumni Trustees to the Board, providing the photographs and short biographies of: James L. Neff '49, Claude Kemper '51 and John David Crozier '55. The fall term play, scheduled for December 6th, 'A Man for All Seasons', a drama addressing the relationship between King Henry VIII and Sir Thomas More in sixteenth century England starring Tim Robinson and Paul Blatz. And an interview with an 'English-Speaking Union' scholarship student at Lenox on the differences between Lenox and the schools he attended in Great Britain. [See related article in this edition.]

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Entertainment focused on several lectures and participation in the on-campus presidential political campaign. On Saturday evening, October 12, Mr. William Stockdale presented his latest movie, 'Israel', accompanied by his always informative and humorous narration. The film was shot in the summer of 1967, following the June war, and stressed the contrast between the old and new in Israel: featuring a look at the modern city of Tel Aviv, Beduoin encampments, and the holy lands, amidst views of derelict materials of war. On Saturday night, November 9th Dr. Robert Correl from the Engineering School at the University of New Hampshire presented a lecture with slides on 'Horizons of the Sea' based upon recent Sea Lab Experiments, stressing that the major future use of the sea will be supporting life on land due to its abundance of resources.

In keeping with tradition, the school held its own presidential campaign and election during the fall. It began with organized campaigns for the four major candidates, involving flyers, posters, buttons and mailings, some beginning as early as September. Included was a Lenox Honor Society-sponsored lecture by A. A. Michelson, political correspondent for the *Berkshire Eagle*, on the major issues of the election. The campaign season featured a school-wide political rally on November 1st in Thayer Hall during which students spoke in favor of each candidate: Frank McCoy for Humphrey/Muskie; Louis Rosenfield for Wallace, who shortly into his speech said that he disavowed support for Wallace and urged a vote for Humphrey; George Cleveland for Henning Blomen candidate for the Socialist Labor Party; and Paul Blatz for Nixon/Agnew. Another rally on Sunday November 3rd preceded the election on the following Tuesday in which Humphrey received 122 votes, Nixon 74 and Wallace 8, mirroring the Humphrey support in the Northeast in the actual election. Many thanks go to Mr. Rogers for coordinating the political rally and the election and making them so successful.

Editorial contributions included three articles, two letters to the editor and three poems. 'Foxy Ladies' stressed the need to 'step towards a coeducational environment' with Foxhollow School since it would help the school academically and financially by introducing a women's perspective and attracting more applicants, while reducing the stressful environment and preparing students socially for life after Lenox. 'To the Future' provided a vision of the world through the eyes of a Lenox student for inclusion in the Sports Center's time capsule. It stressed that "unless more people aim themselves towards the assistance of others, the future of the world is not an altogether bright one." And 'Love, Hate, Grass, Reality' extolled the benefits and use of marijuana, with five anonymous sixth form testaments. One letter to the editor expressed the opinion

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that chapel needs to be more properly executed to fulfill its purpose in school life. This can be done by reducing prayers and psalms and eliminating sober and sad means of worship in favor of expressing praise and joy for God's greatness. The other letter expressed student dissatisfaction with the content of the P&S and stated that efforts to improve it and to add other student publications had been unsuccessful. The editors responded that they needed the help of the student body to provide their opinions and conscientious writing to improve it. The three poems were entitled: 'the resurrection'; 'Escape'; and 'The Stoning of the Unicorn'.

In athletics, the varsity football team under coaches LaPointe and Hunt, compiled a 6-1 record, scoring 172 points while allowing only 32, losing only to Wilbraham on a rain soaked field. The team featured an aggressive defense, a great blocking offensive line, the scrambling of quarterback Dan Videtta (13 touchdown passes), and the hard running of Roger Hoefler. The J.V. team had a building season and III football had an impressive 3-1 record.

It was a tough fall for the soccer teams. Varsity soccer went 5-8-1 getting their first victory against Darrow on Parent's Day and then finishing strong by winning 4 out of 7 in the second half of the season. J.V. soccer went 4-6 with many of the losses occurring by only a single goal and III soccer went 2-5.

The varsity cross country team had a 5-4 record, placing second in the Berkshire County meet and sixth in the New England meet led by the trio of Chris Higgins, Mike Kent and Larry Kerr. The J.V. team coming off an undefeated season, won 6 and lost 3 close ones, with Keith Simpson and Jeff Ballentine running with the varsity in the County and New England meets. The III team went 3-0.

The Thayer-Monks-Griswold competition was limited to a cross country meet, due to a severe pre-winter snowfall, which Monks won, followed closely by Thayer and then Griswold.

~ Randy Harris

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## ESU Speaks Out An Article from 50-Years Ago in the P&S December 1, 1968

*Note: Eighty three years ago, Rev. Monks in his Headmaster's Column republished in this edition of the P&S, extolled the benefits of having English school boys spend a year at an American school. He stressed that "In these days of bitter national rivalries and national competitions, the more*

that can be done of positive understanding and goodwill between individuals of different lands, the greater the chance for purposeful and cooperative action on the parts of their nations...The small world of a boarding school, somewhat narrow and isolated at best, is made richer and broader through having in our midst those whose background is different from our own. For, after all, it is just through friendship with individuals that fellowship between nations is likely to survive the many inevitable chilling storms and eventually to burst into flower." *Thirty-three years later, an English school boy, spending a year at Lenox through a scholarship from the English-Speaking Union, provided his thoughts on the Lenox School experience, which are provided below.* ~ Randy Harris

My reasons for coming to Lenox are threefold. I came to Lenox because I was undecided as to what I wanted to do in Britain, and I wanted an extra year to think about a career. When I applied for this scholarship, I thought this would be a good opportunity to pick up subjects which I had forgone at my last school. My third reason, and my main one, was to see the States. It still is. However, I was given no choice as to which American school I would attend.

I encountered two types of schools in G.B., and they were both financed by the taxpayers and run by the...County Council. I spent two years in a Secondary Modern School, before [attending a] Technical School as a boarder for four years.

Comparing Lenox to these two schools, I would say that Lenox is very liberal, socially, educationally and in disciplinary matters. There is a more free society here.

At my last school,..., punishment such as caning was common. We even had to clean out cess-pits occasionally. I don't think that people here ought to complain about marks. Believe it or not, there are very few things that I dislike about Lenox. I have found a lot of things to be strange and different, but I wouldn't say I dislike them. I do feel that games are taken too seriously by the players, coaches, and staff. I feel that they are to be enjoyed and of course, winning is a lot better.

Dislike is a harsh word, and I definitely dislike stealing, which seems to be a common thing here. I certainly don't approve of the plagiarism of "My Country Tis of Thee."

I like going to dances. I thought the MacDuffie dance was very good. I was also impressed very favorably with Simon's Rock. I think that we are very lucky in this respect.

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I also like the teaching method here. The teachers are very good and very helpful; and I like the idea of graduation as opposed to G.C.E. [General Certificate of Education – tests taken in a number of subjects to obtain a certificate and qualification.] Integration is a really good thing. I didn't think it could work in the U. S., but personal experience is a lot better than reading books and newspapers. It certainly does work here. I've never known an American Indian, a Thai, or a Chinese before.

I think that the food here is very good, and the room set-up is certainly a lot better than the dormitories with twelve to a room as I was accustomed to. We are also lucky, here, to have such a wide range of sports, although they could add rugby and cricket!

There was very little legal social activity at [my last school]; we even got six whacks for smoking. I think students will always complain, to try and get more privileges. We tried to get shorts abolished..., and here everyone wants more freedom in just about everything. But believe me, we are well off here!

...I'm afraid I know very little about the E.S.U. (English-Speaking Union). I do know that they send about thirty-five boys and girls over here for an American Experience, and about the same to Great Britain. Fortunately, there are no academic qualifications. The U.S.A. is Britain's biggest customer for our exports. We rely on exporting to survive, and export 13 ½ million pounds sterling a day. So, where possible, "Buy British" and "Back Britain."

~ Randy Harris

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## Students' Take Pride In Their School - 1930 Two Editorials from 88 Years Ago from the P&S, Friday, October 17, 1930

*Note: The school was in its fifth year, only its second with all five forms, and only four months since its first-ever graduation. We get a sense of how challenging and cramped the initial small 28-acre campus was on its students. From everything being done in one building, Griswold Hall, and the un-cleared land below it forcing its sports teams to play their home games on the front lawns and skate on the frozen swimming pool of nearby Gilded Age mansions, the school quickly began to expand. First, meals and some dorm rooms moved to the adjacent renovated barn, Thayer Hall, and the Infirmary in North Cottage was enlarged. Then the campus grew, moving down the hill to Clipston-Grange and eventually to South and West Cottages, while a*

*playing field was cleared by the Old Stockbridge Road and the hockey pond created. The editorials below capture the sense of increasing student pride in the school and some of the things that would always make the school unique.*

~ Randy Harris

Friday, October 17, 1930

This year there can be no doubt that Lenox has become a firmly established school. It has representatives in the several colleges who compose our first Alumni body. The school has expanded materially in both its plant and enrollment. "School Spirit," the ephemeral quantity that can make the morale and outlook of a school more staunch and upright, is waxing. For the first time boys are stating with pride that they come here.

The previous statement requires an explanation. When most boys start off to school, they have very definite expectations. They suppose that they will find a school equipped with the finest buildings, the best of athletic facilities, and spacious sleeping quarters. Naturally these things are impossible in a new school unless it is heavily endowed outright. Lenox is not an endowed school, and when it started none of these things existed. The boys with high expectations were disappointed. They felt it impossible to muster pride in their school. They saw that the school suffered in comparison with other schools. One thing, however, they did fail to take into consideration. The other schools were older and had acquired their plants little by little over a period of years.

This year there is a deeper respect for the school in the hearts of all those boys. Lenox has not as yet gained a plant to equal those of many schools. Then what is it that has aroused this respect? Lenox has built for itself, in the very few years it has existed, a reputation that is to be envied. It is esteemed by older and more experienced people; its name is becoming known among the younger. This reputation is not for material objects owned by it, but rather for unusually high ideals, successful management, and excellent instruction. It has emerged from an experimental, embryonic state to a desirable actuality.

The school has made its own name. It is the part of those boys who lacked pride in the school to make the name more renowned. It is only a fair exchange.

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In a school of this size we are perhaps better able to appreciate the school for itself than in one of any other. We reap

the benefits of individual attention and interest of the masters, and also have to work with the school in its everyday life. The advantages and need for cooperation are shown so convincingly that there is no room for discussion.

The large school gives no feeling, either of cooperation or any sense of belonging. The school is an established unit and will continue to exist whether or not the individual pupil aids or hinders.

Lenox is of that size which demands that the individual throw in his effort for the benefit of the whole, and in doing that, one necessarily feels that one is needed – is a part of the school itself. It is that spirit that should make the school a success, and should tide it over the difficulties of the formative years.

~ Randy Harris

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## Shakespeare & Company (S&Co) Having Another Good Year, Its 41st

Steve Ball, the General Manager of S&Co, which owns most of the southern half of the former Lenox School campus, reports that things are going well with the company and that confidence is high resulting in the following. The Board has increased by six members, approaching its By-Laws' capacity. A three-year Strategic Plan will be ratified in November. There is a sixty percent completion on raising a \$1M cash reserve. Box office proceeds remain as high as last year, which was \$188,000 above 2016. They received a \$100,000 State Cultural Facilities Matching Grant, matched by two new funders.

The management structure of both an Artistic Director and a Managing Director is working well and the two have a terrific working relationship that instills confidence in those around them. Of particular note is the Marketing and Development Department's leadership which continues to provide outstanding results in earned and contributed income. There has been some normal turnover in some departmental management positions, but all vacancies have been filled by qualified company people. This includes Steve, who is now spearheading the Facilities Department in addition to his duties as General Manager.

A 3-year Strategic Plan, representing the vision of Management and the Board, will be ratified at a November Board Meeting. The plan is a result of several new Board committees each reviewing and exploring an aspect of the company: Finance, Development, Community and Diversity, Marketing, Property, Education and Training, New Ven-

tures, and Planning. This 3-year plan will likely concentrate on financial stabilization and program enhancement, as well as preparing for a capital campaign(s) afterwards.

As mentioned, attendance at productions remains terrific, with 69% of seats sold, up 1% from last year, and about 20% better than what has been the norm for S&Co over the years. Consequently, fiscally things are looking good. Contributed income is up; earned income is on par with the prior year's successes; and the new cash reserve is a terrific new tool that makes managing cash flow more manageable. Additionally, Adult Training Programs are expanding as are several Youth Education Programs both of which should result in increased attendance and therefore increased income.

The schedule for next year's artistic season will be finalized in December, but will likely include last year's mix of three Shakespeare plays and four non-Shakespeare plays, though one of the non-Shakespeare plays will be presented in the Tina Packer Playhouse (our Gym) instead of at the Bernstein Theatre (Sports Center). A Special Event Weekend will be scheduled in Bernstein to replace the production moved to TTP.

Major new work on buildings must await the approval of a new Infrastructure Master Plan that won't occur until the end of the 3-year Strategic Plan, but the exploration of possible options has already begun and needed repairs like repaving and HVAC work are moving forward. As mentioned, S&Co applied for and received a \$100,000 State Cultural Facility Matching Grant, with a 1 to 1 matching requirement, and two foundations gave \$50,000 each, so the match is complete. Building-related projects planned for next year include repaving the Tina Packer Playhouse parking lot, a boiler replacement, two other HVAC repairs in residential spaces; and possible solar panel installation on the Bernstein roof. Regarding the status of St. Martin's Hall, the cleaning out of the interior has already begun, but it will be a long slow process. The Artistic Director is showing the building to anyone who expresses an inkling of interest in future development.

S&Co saw a slight increase in attendance in existing Adult Training Programs and are exploring additional opportunities to increase their week-long Adult Training Workshops in other cities besides New York City. However, building interest in new places and resolving logistical requirements is a slow process. Additionally, they're beginning a new endowment fund for scholarships intended to improve diversity amongst participants and those that want to teach. Fifteen thousand dollars has been pledged so far.

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The renowned Youth Education Programs all remain in place and are doing well. The Fall Festival of Shakespeare program is at its 10-high school maximum capacity in the Berkshires and new programs are being started in other cities with S&Co guidance. Changes to the Youth Education Program include a new Professional Development Initiative which takes their programs to high school teachers around the region for weekend-long sessions. Changes also occurred with the successful annual Travelling Production which brings Shakespeare to schools during a 15-week tour. Tour booking and management is now carried out by the same employee, thus streamlining the process; there are two new directors for the touring shows; and a 16th week of on-the-road activity has been added.

~ Randy Harris

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## LSAA 2018 Reunion Attendees

Jim Braim '58  
 Bob & Linda Tschilke '68  
 Frank & Saba McCoy '70  
 Houston & Diana Stokes '58  
 Michael Carley '68  
 John Schneiter '68  
 Jack Hill '62  
 Toby & Stella Mae Seamans '65  
 John Smith '58  
 Ira Colby '67  
 Bruce & Kathryn MacCullough '58  
 Gil Skidmore '68  
 Cyrus Lauriat '68  
 David Nathans & Kate Hastings '68  
 Matt Rutledge  
 Fr. Michael Tuck & Ms. Annie Tuck  
 Nick Solley & Louise van Tertwijk '68  
 John Risley '67  
 Paul Denzel '67  
 Rick Horton '67  
 Peter Sauter '67  
 Bob Sansone '68  
 Dave & Sandy Curry '65  
 Peter Custer & daughter Nefeli '68  
 Ed & Sarah Miller '66  
 Tim Robinson '70  
 Fred Lavenberg '70  
 Eric Anderson '58  
 Tim Cole '68  
 Peter & Cathy Baker '61  
 Fritz Eckel '65  
 Don & Carole Foster '63  
 Rob Foster '68

Bob & Linda Brownlee '61  
 Charlie & Zoe Daniell '48  
 Josh Bauman '68  
 Pete & Becky Davis '66  
 David & Jeannie Knight '63  
 Ralph & Jeffie Herter '68  
 Mark Sinkinson '68  
 Jim & Marion Canning '58  
 Jeff & Cecilia Covell '68  
 Allen & Patty Jenkins '59  
 Scott & Chris Reynolds '66  
 Keith Simpson '70  
 Chris Kinchla '66  
 Jim & Eugenie Fawcett FAC  
 Ann Lowry  
 Frederick Emrich '57  
 Kate Lowry Boit & husband Chris  
 Jeff Smith '70  
 Jody Haddow '70  
 Sky Goodrich '64  
 J. H. Martin III '65  
 Robert Kline & Elizabeth Thompson '48 FAC  
 Ara Dostourian FAC  
 Bonnie Wilson (S&Co)  
 Kim Sporbert (S&Co)  
 Houston Jacobs '68  
 Arch & Anne Acton '68  
 Larry Wilhelm '68

*A quick note -- We apologize for any omissions or errors in this list of attendees. Sometimes the handwriting is tough to decipher.*

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~Editor

## Trivia Questions

With this edition's focus on the new Sports Center, the 24th building to have composed the Lenox School campus, I thought of those buildings that were envisioned, but never came to be. The questions below address those buildings that never were.

- 1) Which of the following are true about the proposed Chapel/Dining Hall to be created from the barn and stable that would eventually become the Field House? (Circa late 1940's)
  - a. It was the primary goal of the 25th Anniversary Fund (1947-1951).
  - b. Estimated to cost \$90,000, only \$20,000 if converted to a chapel only
  - c. Would eliminate the inadequate and inefficient Thayer Hall; consolidate school activities on the southern portion of the campus; and support an increased enrollment.
  - d. Alumni felt St. Martin's Chapel in the basement of Thayer Hall was inadequate and wanted a new chapel to be dedicated to the school's 27 WWII dead.
  - e. All of the above.
- 2) Which of the following are true about building an on-campus stand-alone Chapel? (Circa late 1950's)
  - a. Had an estimated cost of \$300,000.
  - b. It would be Colonial style, in the round, with a balcony and a capacity of 300.
  - c. To be located where Lawrence Hall was built facing the Taconic Mountains, and then between Faculty Cottage and the Gym.
  - d. An artist's conception appeared in the 1961 Lenox-In-Portrait calendar.
  - e. All of the above.
- 3) Which of the following are true about building dedicated Faculty Housing? (Circa early 1960's)
  - a. Made possible by the purchase of the 12-acre Lithgow Estate and the creation of the Howland Playing Field across the Old Stockbridge Road.
  - b. Would be used to replace inadequate married faculty apartments.
  - c. Would eliminate the need to lease off-campus faculty housing.
  - d. All of the above.
- 4) Which of the following are true about building a new Student Dormitory? (Circa early-mid 1970's)
  - a. Part of the 50th Anniversary Fund (1966-1976).
  - b. Estimated to cost \$450,000 to \$500,000.
  - c. It would replace the four wooden cottages, three of which were student dormitories and one staff/faculty housing.
  - d. It would be similar to Lawrence Hall, with faculty housing, and be named Founder's Hall.
  - e. All of the above.
- 5) Which of the following are true about building a new Academic Complex? (Circa early-mid 1970's)
  - a. Part of the 50th Anniversary Fund (1966-1976).
  - b. Estimated to cost \$250,000 to \$300,000.
  - c. Connected to the rear of St. Martin's Hall and extending to the west towards the baseball diamond.
  - d. Provided new classrooms, science laboratories, and language lab facilities.
  - e. All of the above.

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~ Randy Harris

## In Memoriam

### Arthur A. Hyatt '50



Arthur A. Hyatt of Main Street in Sheffield passed away peacefully at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation in Canaan, CT. on August 2, 2018.

Born in Pittsfield, MA. on June 6, 1930, he was the son of Albert and Alva Lake Hyatt. He lived a long and active life. He worked for his father at Hyatt Gas in Pittsfield before serving in the U.S.

Army. After returning to civilian life, Arthur spent his life in the gas and equipment services industry, working at Home Gas in Gt. Barrington, Robert Shaw Controls, Arthur Hahn Company and then his own Hyatt Supply business in Egremont before he retired.

For many years Arthur served as Gas Inspector for the town of Egremont. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Gt. Barrington for over fifty years, as well as the Old Parish Church in Sheffield where he took great pride in his efforts for their annual Antique Show. He was an avid home carpenter and "fixer-upper" and a treasured story teller.

Arthur was married to his beloved wife Anne for more than sixty years. She predeceased him in 2017.

He is survived by his sons Brian Hyatt and his wife Maryann and Keith Hyatt and his wife Kim all of Sheffield and his daughter Karen Sibley and her husband Scott and their children Emily, Rachel, Meredith and Lydia of Foster, R.I.

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### Michael Phelps Lawton '58

Born the second child to Robert and Barbara Lawton, Michael and his siblings, big sister Martha and little bro Matt, grew up happy and busy in New England moving around as their Dad worked as a hospital administrator. Michael was an avid reader, loved the outdoors, spent time with cousins, played baseball and football and lived a happy, normal life. Proving himself to be a smart guy early on, Michael skipped first grade and constantly excelled academically. By 15 he was at Lenox boarding school and at 17 he was doing his undergrad at M.I.T. Upon completion, he took his first real adventure and moved to Seattle to test out his

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engineering skills with Boeing. He spent two years there making friends, sailing and getting experience before he went back east to get his master's at Harvard. When he was finished, Michael got in his car and drove west on Route 66 to start his adult life in California. A career at Hughes Aircraft brought him to South Bay, but soon the weather, people and the lure of living at the beach hooked him and he stayed.

In 1967 Michael went to a friend's party in Fullerton, CA and met a very pretty teacher named Sandy Fraser. She was the one for him! They were married in 1968 and happily settled down to build a family & life in Manhattan Beach. In 1969 Erin was born and Michael and Sandy were overjoyed. They

spent those early years in and around the beach, enjoying each other and the beautiful place they lived. In 1974, Blythe joined the family and they were a happy foursome from there on out. Living in "the old house" in Hermosa, work and day-to-day life were interspersed with the good stuff like long days at the beach, bike riding, gardening and making the famous mixed grill dinners for any friends who happened to come by.



Michael was a hard worker and had a successful 32-year career at Hughes. He started as an engineer overseeing the F-18 program and then began working for the international business division. The travel and the work were both things he enjoyed and thrived on. Michael developed a passion for exploring new places and cultures and would often bring Sandy along with him to share the experience. As the girls grew, he passed his love of travel on and planned family vacation across the pond. Michael also made sure to pass along his work ethic and, in spite of the long hours and extensive travel, never missed a birthday or big event at home in all the years he was working. Michael continued to travel and work through the late 90s and managed to visit 6 of the 7 continents (missed Antarctica) and work his tail off from Sidney to Seoul, to Helsinki, to Dubai.

Retirement after all that wheeling and dealing was a big change for Michael. He finally had more time to visit & support loved ones, which meant a lot to him, especially after his grandson Logan was born.

He continued to enjoy traveling with Sandy, especially to Ireland and the UK, spent many happy hours gardening, dedicated his time to support St. Cross, continued his quest to be a master chef by cooking for loved ones in the “new house” and started up second “careers” buying, selling & managing houses and doing income taxes. He also developed a borderline obsession with old movies, especially Western & Jane Austen productions that he quoted often and his family & close friends loved to tease him about. Michael is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sandy, his two girls, Erin & Blythe, his son-in-law, Alex, and his grandson, Logan. He left this world a very loved man with a legion of people whose lives he made better by just being himself.

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## Langdon H. Wait '58

Langdon H. Wait, 75, died peacefully on January 2, 2015 surrounded by his family. Lang was the loving husband and best friend of 49 years to Madge (Ward) Wait and proud father of his three children, Samantha and Kevin Storti of Ayer, Philip and Sheryl Wait of Atlanta, and Amanda and Paul Januskiewicz of Maynard. He adored his four grandchildren, Edward Langdon and Lucy Wait and Jack and Graham Januskiewicz.



Born and raised in Walpole, Lang was a resident of Acton for over 40 years. A graduate of Nichols College, Lang founded his own software business, ETS, in Acton, over 35 years ago.

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## LSAA Treasurer's Report December, 2018

As of November 30, 2018, our LSAA funds consisted of the following:

Checking	\$ 9,246.66
Savings	23,229.16
Total	\$32,475.82

These accounts are located at the Community Bank in Northfield, Vermont. Bob Sansone, Allen Jenkins and I are the authorized signatories. All bills have been paid, including those incurred at our 2018 Annual Reunion.

The results of the Financial Challenge raised a total of \$36,462. This success allowed us to double our gifts to both Shakespeare and Company and Trinity Church. In addition, we have forwarded a \$500 deposit to the Lenox Club to secure our dinner plans for next year's reunion, October 19, 2019.

In a word, the generosity of our members have left us in a very enviable financial position: enough to be comfortable, enough to expand gift-giving as appropriate, while understanding it has been the practice of your officers to authorize and spend Association funds in a conservative manner...which is just fine with me.

We're all hoping that some sort of an endowment or legacy fund can be created within the next year or so to preserve the legacy of LSAA's funds in the future. If anyone has left money to the LSAA in a will or trust, please let me know the specifics (which need NOT include the amount of the bequest). We've received several bequests in the past, and I'm sure there may be more "out there." We need to keep track of who and what are involved, particularly as we work to wind up the affairs of the Association in coming years.

Thanks to all who contributed to the LSAA this past year. The generosity of our membership continues to amaze me!

Best wishes for the holidays, and Happy New Year to all.

Edward A. Miller, Jr. '66  
Treasurer

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## Random Pictures

When Randy Harris sends material for each issue of the Pen and Scroll, he also includes interesting pictures -- some of these go with the articles, while others are for general interest. So, the pictures aren't always "random." We've received favorable feedback from P&S readers about pictures and how they help us reminisce about the "the good ol' times." In that spirit, we've decided to include a broader sample of Randy's portfolio on the following pages for your interest. You can decide if any belong to the articles or simply serve to take you back to simpler times.



A cornerstone ceremony -- blessing of St. Martin's North (Rice) Wing, 1956

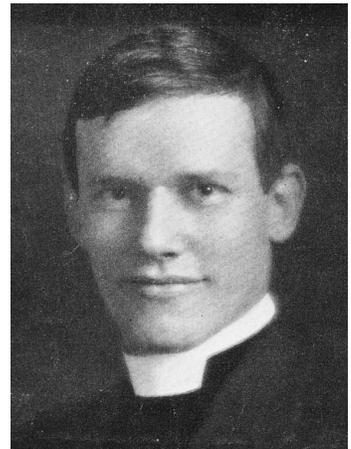


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The Sports Center  
cornerstone and time  
capsule stand ready

Young man with a vision,  
first headmaster:  
the Rev. G. Gardner Monks



A crowd arrives for the Monks Hall dedication.



Formal dedication of Monks Hall, October 1959.

Formal dedication of Lawrence Hall, June 1964.



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## Trivia Answers From The August 2018 Edition

- 1) (e) The Rev. William G. Thayer, Headmaster of St. Mark's School: headed the study that recommended to the Episcopal Synod, Province of New England that it found a school for boys from families of modest means; ensured that high academic standards and self-sufficiency were founding principles of the school; selected The Rev. Monks to be the first headmaster, though it was his first real teaching job; and served as the first president of the Lenox School Board of Trustees until his death in 1934.
- 2) (e) The Rev. Latta Griswold, Rector of Trinity Church: was a confirmed bachelor and prolific author of mystery novels; was responsible for the Provincial Synod's decision to locate the school in Lenox; his summer parishioners donated the funds to purchase the school's original campus; and he died in 1931, while visiting Scotland with his mother and faculty member The Rev. Nathaniel N. Noble.
- 3) (e) The Rev. G. Gardner Monks, the school's first headmaster: was a graduate of St. Mark's School under Headmaster Rev. Thayer; had his leadership abilities assessed by Rev. Thayer while running St. Mark's Brantwood Summer Camp for three years; headed a group that visited, studied, and reported on English schools; and instituted high academic standards, taking risks on boys, service, and a low-affordable-sliding tuition as school foundations/principles.
- 4) (c) Lenox adopted the sliding-scale tuition model and the 'self-help' student work concept that kept operating expenses and therefore tuition low, while instilling respect for manual labor and the dignity to be found in honest hard work, from Father Frederick H. Sill, Headmaster, Kent School.
- 5) 5.(e) Lenox School's first year: had only a Second and Third Form; had only four faculty members; all activities for faculty and students, including eating and sleeping, occurred in a single building; and had no athletic playing fields on campus, using the grounds of nearby Gilded Age Mansions instead.

~ Randy Harris

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