



Going Back
Looking Forward

Princeton Class of 1960

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Five students (three from the Class of '60) traveled to the Princeton-Yale football game the hard way in 1958. 130 miles in 27 hours of rain and mechanical problems---but it was worth all of it. Princeton beat Yale 50-14!

As juniors, we were suave and confident ... Some of us became big men and others continued to have fun. We began to think in concepts and we learned what a junior paper was. For most, it was the thing you griped about, avoided as long as possible and then claimed you'd written the night before it was due. We had advisers and some began to know faculty members...The football season saw juniors... come to the fore. Our Tiger continued to entertain the crowds at half-time. Bicycling was all the rage that fall. A five-man bike... made headlines when it arrived in New Haven for the Yale game. Some say they didn't peddle the whole way, but who are we to destroy myths; if it's good enough for Life it's good enough for us...The basketball team lost in the heart-breaking, last-second of the Dartmouth play-off; [but we] broke Princeton hockey records in goals and total points scored. All but a few recalcitrant tweeds queued up to buy their white dungaree emblems of upper-class status and washed them till they looked worn. And the spring again saw bicycles in the limelight. 1879 Field was the scene of weeks of mechanized polo. We'd written junior papers and taken generals, but we hadn't grown up.

Nassau Herald, 1960

A few weeks ago, several of us were at the yearly Annual Giving dinner held for volunteers on campus during Alumni Day weekend. We heard an inspiring talk about Princeton as an "Ellis Island" for the entire world, attracting the best students and transforming their lives. This is the next generation of young people who will be shaping our society and the world in the years ahead. The unrestricted funds from Annual Giving make the unique Princeton educational experience possible, just as contributions from the generous alumni who preceded us enabled us to benefit from our years at the University. Anyone can now attend Princeton without regard to their ability to pay for tuition, room and board – unheard of in our day. For all of us, Princeton was such a defining experience, and now we have the chance to ensure that it remains so for the current generation of Princetonians.

Please help us make sure that the University's ability to educate such outstanding students will continue --- as well as having some of the fun memories (like the above) we have from over 45 years ago.

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If you are among those who have brought us this far, you have our renewed thanks for keeping our campaign on track for our 45th! We will continue to send you these periodic Bulletins in order to keep you apprised of our progress and as a convenience to those giving in installments.