



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

July, 2020

Herewith our July newsletter. And replies, both good and bad are sent to: tblack@post.harvard.edu.

First, I have a new partner in **Cathy Boulton Hughes** who has agreed to be our co-class secretary. As you are aware, she and I are working on the red book, and, I think, having a pretty good time at it.

If you have classmates who are not getting the newsletter, but would like to: they can update their communication preferences at this link: <https://alumni.harvard.edu/help/email-communication-preferences> This link can also be found at the footer of every email that is sent out to Alums.

The submissions this month are in no particular order:

Randy Lindel

55th Reunion

Our class reunion committee just learned from the HAA that decisions about in-person reunions next Spring won't be forthcoming until late October/early November and a final go/no go decision may not be made until February. And even if in-person gatherings may be possible in May, they'll likely be shorter in duration and programming.

That said, the committee is already at work planning a year-long series of virtual events involving university and faculty presentations, classmate programs, online discussions and some purely social virtual events. The HAA is going to give us our own class Zoom license before Labor Day to facilitate our programs.

Got ideas? Want to head up or create something? Let us know at reunion@hr66.org and we'll be in touch directly. Thanks from your reunion group.

Classmate Books

Several new classmate publications have been posted in the Our Class > Books section of our class website <http://1966.classes.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=108>

A click on the cover artwork will take you directly to Amazon for new books by Elayne Archer, Stephen Bergman (as Samuel Shem), J. Chester Johnson, Michael Lang, Sheila Grinell and Larry Palmer. Classmate authors can have relatively recent works posted here by e-mailing webmaster@hr66.org.

Jonathan Culler

Jonathan Culler who is the Class of 1916 Professor of English and comparative Literature at Cornell, has been elected a Corresponding (ie foreign) Fellow of the British Academy.

T.D. Allman

Fellow Harvardoniaistas –

Why does everything connected with Harvard have to stink of money?

What struck me about the "Forward" candidates was how retrograde they were. Couldn't you find someone who did not conform precisely to the current Harvard definition of success?

Anthropologists of the twenty-second century will be able to plot, with exactitude, the evolving mythologies of "success" by studying the campaign biographies of the candidates for these Harvard meaningless offices which serve as fig leaves for the continuing unaccountable monopoly of power at Harvard by unelected factotems.

Where else but at Harvard could up-and-coming execs at Bain and Amazon be "alternative" candidates? Though I voted for three of the alternative candidates -- Sebastian, Toweh and Purce -- my real protest was not voting for any of the authorized candidates.

Here's an idea for you. Next time nominate some failures.

Failures who've gone bankrupt, or lost their jobs, or were hospitalized with the virus, or just lead small, not Harvard-triumphalist lives, will certainly be in better touch with America as it really exists than the holograms representing a fake idea of success that now, more than ever, has shown itself incapable of reforming, let alone perfecting, the world around us.

Cheers,

Timothy D. Allman '66



Jim Cormier

My safe distance enforcer

Sheila Grinell

Last year my husband and I moved into a “continuing care retirement community” (CCRC), and I’ve been writing a blog about it. My husband has Parkinson’s and will need more care than I can provide sometime in the near future. Meanwhile, we are “living independently.” If you’re curious about this option for organizing your advancing years, go to [SG page on Sixty and Me](#) and read from the bottom up. Stay safe. [ed. note: cover of Sheila’s new book shown here – you can find it on Amazon]



William Neaves

I was fortunate to photograph comet Neowise at 10:15 p.m. CDT on July 18th out here in Northwest Texas 300 miles from Dallas. I used a Nikon D5600 with 300mm lens, f/4.5 aperture, 3,400 ISO, and six-second exposure on a tripod in the back of my pickup truck five miles east of the largest town (population 1,318) in the 900-square-mile county to minimize light pollution. The comet was still very faint.

Harriet Katz

When/if you have 5 1/2 minutes, please go to <https://harriekatzmusic.com/other.html> and listen to my new and all-too-timely piece "Won't Forgive, Won't Forget"

best wishes

Harriet

Necrology

AL AB66	Dr. Alan L. Browne	03/16/2020	Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	Mrs. Susan M. Browne	22543 Maple St., Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081
AL AB66, MD70	Dr. Joan H. Weens	05/12/2020	Atlanta, GA	-	-

Too recent to be included in Harvard's reporting: **Mitchell Adams** on July 18 here in Boston. His obituary is at: www.hdlfuneralhome.net/obituaries

Sincerely,

Tom Black