



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

August 2024

Summer is over; school has started; and time for our August news. But first a musical interlude:
<https://youtu.be/97TKxB-FACK?si=3DANZJfeIRIiwA>

Randy Lindel (class webmaster):

I'd like to update our website list of classmate publications. If you've published a book in the past few years, please check our list at hr66.org > Our Class > Classmate Books or <https://1966.classes.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=108> If you have a book to add, please send me a note with the name of the book to webmaster@hr66.org and I'll add it with a cover photo and a direct link to Amazon for ordering.

Ellen Leopold:

Would you consider posting this new petition, drawn up by members of the Class of 1970? It asks Harvard to dedicate 1.5 billion dollars of its approximately 51 billion-dollar endowment to the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Anyone with any Harvard/Radcliffe degree is eligible to sign it.

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/661/659/723/request-to-harvard-university-from-alumni-for-greater-financial-support-of-hbcus/>

Tony Scholl:

I don't do much these days except wander the streets of SW New Hampshire, "deep canvassing" for local, state and - now - national candidate.

Andrew Levy:

I read through TD Alman's book and thoroughly enjoyed it. for some reason, I knew who TD was when we were classmates and as soon as his name came up in the class newsletter, his distinctive face appeared before my eyes, though I don't recall ever speaking to him. to be candid, the book was fascinating -- and totally intimidating. TD obviously put his Harvard education to great use. TD was clearly way more of an intellectual and a scholar than I.

That said, his insights on history and France, France/England, Paris/non-Paris, Lauzerte and environs were unique and delightful to read.

Eugene Leach:

I am presenting a series of three public talks at the Noah Webster House in West Hartford, CT, titled "The Original Promise of America," each keyed to a word or phrase of the Declaration's majestic "We hold these truths to be self-evident...." No celebration applies. The aim is critical reflection.

The first talk, "The Promise of the Pursuit of Happiness," is now posted on YouTube under either "Noah Webster House" or "America 250 Original Promise of America."

The second talk, "The Promise of Liberty," will drop on September 19 and the third, "The Proposition that All Men Are Created Equal," on November 21.

Bill Hill:

We have had a pretty good summer in my household, too. We spent the first month at our place in Kiawah, South Carolina, then a couple of weeks at home in the Washington DC area, while my son-in-law prepared and then went on an overseas TDY for the Department of Defense.

But the highlight of the summer was a trip to Sweden and Holland. My son-in-law is a naturalized US citizen, and still has family in Sweden whom we visit regularly. We spent a delightful week with these Swedish relatives in a small seaside town south of Malmö. My grandson has become enthralled with windmills, so we also made this a windmill trip. We visited a number of windmills around Malmö, including an intriguing old mill in the seaside village of Skanor (pictured, with the long ramp). We decided to stop in Holland on our way home, so we could see a couple of historic windmill collections at Zaanse Schans and Kinderdijk. We were also fortunate to find an Air BandB in a windmill -- a large dwelling with a working mill on the upper floors, on the banks of a river a few miles outside of Amsterdam. A truly memorable location and trip!

I continue to do some lecturing for the Department of Defense on Russia and the war in Ukraine, and continue my involvement in a track two effort to seek resolution of Moldova's separatist conflict with its Transnistrian region. I was in Moldova in early May, and I am scheduled to go out there again sometime next month. In between I find that watching politics in the US has been both volatile and puzzling, with rapid, extreme shifts reminiscent of 1968. This has been a year of stunning changes, deep despair and great hope. Let's hope the latter prevails.



William Neaves:

Photographing wildlife continues to distract me from less pleasant matters. On 8/16/2024, a Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) displayed his crest at our mesa-top home in Northwest Texas.



In Memoriam

Fred Lowenfels:

I believe **Randy Kehler** was a classmate, living in Dunster House. I went to elementary and high school with him in Scarsdale. Here is his amazing obituary. Randy was one of the most principled persons you could ever encounter. Quite a story.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/01/us/politics/randy-kehler-dead.html>



'65	William Beers	06/01/24	
'66	Alen Durfee	05/30/24	South Hadley, MA
'66	Allen Rozelle	05/21/24	
'67	Lou Dobbs	07/18/24	Sussex, NJ

There it is for this month,

Tom Black
co-class secretary