



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

January 2024

Here we are at the end of January, and the days are getting longer. So is our newsletter which is enclosed.

Randy Lindel:

Classmate Publications. In case you didn't know, our class webmaster (me) tries to keep a current list of books published by classmates on our website at: <https://1966.classes.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=108> You can also get to the list by going to hr66.org and clicking on Our Class > Classmate Books. If you've published something in the last couple of years that's not on the list, please send me a note: webmaster@hr66.org The listings all allow you to click on the book covers to go directly to Amazon for ordering.

Tony Scholl:

Cold, dark, and long there?

Try New Hampshire: Cold, Dark, Long...and Wet until May 15.

Ken Gleason:

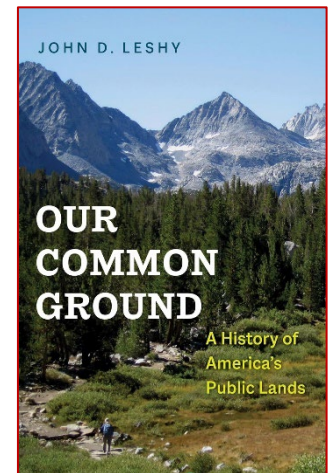
Yes please, to some good news.

John Leshy:

Bibliography: <http://libraryweb.uchastings.edu/library/bibliographies/faculty/John-D.-Leshy/>

For information on my history of America's public lands, *Our Common Ground* (Yale U. Press, 2022), click

ere: <https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300235784/our-common-ground>



Charles Wyzanski:

"Let us make good use of our time. We still have so much of it that remains idle and ill-used."

Montaigne

Doctor Allman (aka T.D.):

The Humbling of Harvard

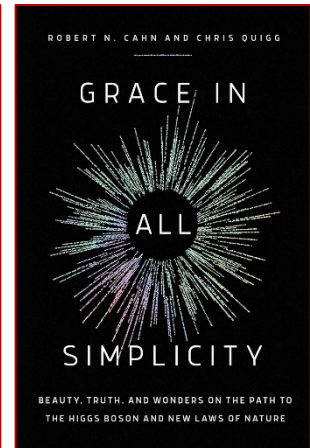
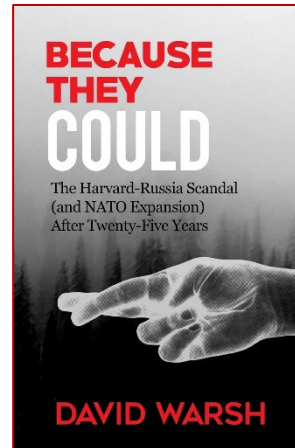
Open Source with Christopher Lydon

Oldest and far the richest among American universities, Harvard is the apex, in some sense, of American intellectualism, and it will be a long time figuring out just how it lost a big game it

...Listen on Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/open-source-with-christopher-lydon/id73330619?i=1000642160046>

Henry Frisch:

I would like to recommend two excellent books written by classmates- 'Because They Could', by **David Warsh**, about the background story of why Larry Summers had to resign, and 'Grace in All Simplicity', by **Bob Cahn** (with Chris Quigg), about our larger Universe in which Harvard seems so prominent (front page of the NYT this Sunday). The story of Summers' resignation told in David's book is very interesting to compare to that of Gay, particularly in the light of his subsequent current self-assumed expertise in commenting on her case.



Santiago (Sandy) Leon:

Hello fellow Harvard graduates! I could not resist putting in a word about our new resident. Two points:

1. I think it is a pity that Gay did not hang in there. The problem is that universities have a dilemma: follow the First Amendment guidance, which is good education for the students but upsets some of the potential contributors; or squash all the controversy, which is lousy education for the students (how are they supposed to learn about other points of view, and to learn to listen to upsetting talk without getting upset), but which is great for the contributors.

Since it is impossible to follow both horns of the dilemma at the same time, I expect we will be seeing higher educators getting fired regularly or becoming increasingly mediocre. Which leads me to –

Did you notice that Gay did not say anything nice – indeed, anything at all – about the new guy, Alan Garber? Wikipedia tells us that he has opposed union organizing efforts (which may not have been his choice) and has collected \$2.7 million for serving on the boards of a couple of pharma companies (which was definitely his choice, and as an economist specializing in health care he should have known better). Sounds like he will fit right in with the new generation of college presidents.

2. I did not realize that there were so many members of the Corporation. In our day there were fewer, and they all seemed to have the same last name (Cabot). Here is the background on the change from Wikipedia:

“For most of its history, the Corporation consisted of six fellows in addition to the president. But after the presidency of Lawrence Summers from 2001 to 2006, and a large endowment decline after the Great Recession in 2008–2009, a year-long governance review was conducted. In December 2010, it announced that the Corporation's "composition, structure, and practices" would be altered: the number of fellows would increase from six to twelve, with prescribed terms of service, and several new committees would endeavor to improve the group's integration with the activities of the University as a whole, especially its long-term planning.”

In other words, two disasters (Summers and the recession) were enough to stimulate a change. Naturally, the members of the Corporation appear to be in their great majority money people – as far as I know that has been the case for a long time – but you would think that in this era, in which the limitations of capitalism-as-usual have been increasingly evident, there would be more of an attempt to include some ideological diversity. At least the Harvard Corporation is not owned by the oil industry as appears to be the case with MIT.

Virginia Morris:

These photos were taken by high school theatre dept. co-chair (with Tavia Percia) Rolando Morales, at the end of an evening of Selected Readings (presented by the student playwrights in class am teaching at Oakland School for the Arts) – at an event called “6 Playwrights wearing 3 Hats (Writer Director Actor)”- last Friday night (1-19-24), 6-8:15 pm, in the O.S.A. Black Box Theatre. Very proud of these young playwrights!



William Neaves:

Photographing wildlife continues to distract me from less pleasant matters. On 1/21/2024, a Greater roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) visited our mesa-top home in Northwest Texas.



Betsy Peltz:

Our beloved 15 year old grandson Milo had his fourth open heart reconstruction at Boston Children's Hospital 2 weeks before Christmas. His recovery has been amazing. As per Drs. orders, he is back at school, back at swimming and back at hockey. We have a deep appreciation for the work of Boston Children's Hospital and its affiliation with Harvard Medical School. I know that some of our classmates have worked at Children's - to them I offer deep thanks for their dedication and hard work.

As some of you might guess, Milo has Down syndrome. Fifty years ago he would not have had any of the wonderful life he leads today - health, happiness, and hope - as well as school, friends, hockey, books, jokes and love. A lot of love. But we owe Boston Children's for his life.

n Memoriam

Marion Nelson:

Reports that **Roberta Mowry Mundie** has died. More details later.

'65	Catherine Robins	10/30/2023	
'65	Robert Meyer	11/17/2023	Wellesley, MA
'66	Stephen Samborski	11/28/2023	Kittery, ME
'67	David Maynard	11/22/2023	Portland, OR

There we are for this month

Tom Black

co-class secretary