



March 2019

Dear Classmate and Friends,

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50th Reunion Committee***

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Your Class of 1969 Reunion Committee, along with Rodie Lloyd and Francie Tolan from the College, have been working hard to create an enjoyable and meaningful 50th Reunion which is scheduled for May 30 – June 2, 2019. Over 80 of our classmates have already indicated that they plan to attend, and now it is time to formalize this plan by completing the enclosed registration form (or register online at bowdoinreunion.com/50th). We certainly hope that you do not miss this opportunity to join fellow classmates in celebrating this truly historic milestone.

As you can see from the enclosed preliminary schedule, in addition to a wide variety of campus events planned for Reunion Weekend, our 50th Planning Committee has arranged several class-specific events. On Friday, our class will have a chance to hear from President Clayton Rose and address questions to him. At a second forum, Professor Andy Rudalevige of the Government Department, will offer insights about our current political environment. And finally, we'll hear from some of our own classmates.

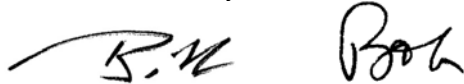
Throughout our weekend there will also be considerable opportunity to relax and reconnect with old friends, some of whom you may not have seen since June 1969, when we marched out of Morrell Gymnasium with diplomas in hand. At the time you may remember that Richard Nixon was president of the United States, Roger Howell was our new, 32 year old president of Bowdoin, and Neil Armstrong would soon walk on the moon.

Here is additional information about our Reunion: The registration cost for the entire weekend is \$69 per person in celebration of our class year. It covers all food, drinks, and regalia, in addition to housing, if you choose to stay on campus in a dormitory room. Should you prefer to stay off campus, you should make reservations promptly at one of the hotels in the area. We have blocks of rooms reserved at both the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern (207-837-6565; cut-off date is Tuesday, April 30) and the Comfort Inn (207-729-1129; cut-off date is Thursday, May 16). Be sure to mention "Bowdoin's 50th" when making a reservation. You can also check out bowdoin.edu/about/visiting/where-to-stay.shtml

- We will enjoy welcome cocktails at Ken Cole's home on Thursday evening, followed by an on-campus dinner as a class. We will also enjoy class-specific meals on Friday (lobster bake) and Saturday (banquet), both in Thorne Dining Hall (the former Senior Center.)
- Hoot Gibson and Tim Sullivan have been making plans for a round of golf (the cost of which is NOT included in the \$69 registration fee) starting late Thursday morning at a course near campus. If you are interested in taking part, please complete the enclosed registration flyer, and be in touch with Hoot at wlg7944@aol.com or 978-697-7268, if you have questions.
- Dress for the weekend is casual, except for the Saturday Memorial Service at the Chapel and the Saturday evening dinner, when a jacket and tie would be appropriate. Four clergy members of our class will be conducting the Memorial Service of Remembrance which will be followed by our class photo, reception, and Saturday banquet.
- We strongly encourage those of you who have written books, created works of art, or other personal handicrafts to bring an example with you to Reunion so we can display it at the class headquarters in the old Zeta Psi House (now Ladd House.)

As one of the very last Bowdoin classes that can truly be called "Sons of Bowdoin," we hope that you will join your fellow classmates on campus for our Reunion Weekend to celebrate together our wonderful class and beloved college.

Fondest wishes to you all,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'B. H.' and the signature on the right is 'Bob'.

Bill Gibson and Bob Ives
Reunion Planning Cochairs