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In September of 1965, 248 of us arrived on the Bowdoin College campus as freshmen. We were from 22 states and 6 different countries. 70% of us were from New England. At the time tuition, room, and board were \$2,675 for the year, a postage stamp was 5 cents, a gallon of gas was 31 cents, and a Pabst Blue Ribbon/pickled egg/pickled sausage was the Thursday post-10PM "special" at Norm's Rustic Tavern for just \$1.25! The times have changed a bit, but certainly what hasn't is our deep love for the College we entered 54 years ago. That is why we are inviting you at this time to our 50th Bowdoin College Reunion.

We hope that you will want to **reserve the dates May 30-June 2, 2019** and join fellow members of the Class of 1969 for a 50th Reunion celebration to mark this mutual milestone in our lives and to acknowledge the College's role in shaping us all.

The Reunion Committee is putting together a highly stimulating weekend, including class-specific activities, seminars, a boat cruise, receptions and much more. There will be plenty of opportunities to reconnect with old friends, meet current faculty, tour campus buildings that did not exist in 1969, and participate in exciting programs with other Reunion classes. More specific information about planned events will follow in the coming months.

Our Reunion headquarters will be Ladd House (formerly Zeta Psi), which provides easy access to the Quad and the Senior Center, now known as Coles Tower.

In keeping with tradition, the basic fee for the entire weekend will be \$69 per person. This fee covers on-campus lodging, all meals and beverages, and a wide variety of campus entertainment. If you prefer to stay off-campus, the College has reserved blocks of rooms at the Comfort Inn (207-729-1129) and the Brunswick

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Hotel and Tavern (207-837-6565). Be sure to mention "*Bowdoin's 50th*" when making a reservation. You can also check out <http://www.bowdoin.edu/about/visiting/where-to-stay.shtml> for other arrangements. In any case, we urge you to make your reservations soon as rooms do fill up very quickly for Reunion Weekend.

Although official Reunion registration will not take place until next March, we ask you now to please:

- Return the enclosed card to indicate your tentative Reunion plans;
- Encourage other classmates that you meet or correspond with to attend;
- Let any widows of classmates know that they are most welcome to join us;
- Indicate on the reply card if you know the whereabouts of anyone on the enclosed "lost list"

Once we begin to receive your responses, we will post a list of "*Who's Coming*" on our class-specific page on the Bowdoin website, www.bowdoinreunion.com/50th

Soon, you will receive a separate communication from Skip Cousens and Jim Pierce asking you to provide a submission for our 50th Reunion Yearbook. This yearbook will be mailed to you upon completion next spring, well in advance of Reunion weekend.

We are hoping that the 50th Reunion will be the largest Class of 1969 reunion ever. **We sincerely hope that you will be make every effort to be in Brunswick from May 30-June 2, 2019** to celebrate what is sure to be a very special time in all our lives. So, please return the enclosed card as soon as possible and be on the lookout for the yearbook information.

Thank you,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is a stylized 'B.G.' and the second is 'Bob Ives'.

Bill Gibson and Bob Ives
50th Reunion Planning Co-Chairs

P.S. Tuition, room, board, and fees are now \$68,620. We got a deal!