



TRINITY  REUNION

Welcome Home to Trinity for Your  
*50th Reunion*

Class of 1970



## **Random Thoughts about Life at Trinity**

### **Traditions:**

- We were given free tickets to a variety of cultural events all over the District: the ballet, the symphony, a play, the National Gallery. The college required attendance at some of them.
- Maypole Dance on Founders Day
- Tea Dances
- Smoker Sings
- Well Sings
- Study Smokers
- Study Rooms, where we typed all night.
- Comprehensives: Comps and the study groups. I don't think that I slept all week.

### **What we wore:**

- Trench Coats over PJ's and other things
- Senior Year, after Cap and Gown Sunday we could wear our gowns to class. Under them were a variety of outfits but by then we could wear jeans, so that was the obvious wear
- Skirts to Pants on the Marble Corridor. Blue jeans everywhere
- Scarves in our hair, on our purses, and one, on her thigh
- Hemlines – A-Line dresses at knee length to way mini to midi. Miniskirts under maxi coats with knee high boots
- Pant Suits and Jump suits
- Slacks to Jeans and t-shirts with tie die
- Cardigan sweaters, button down blouses,

### **Where we hung out:**

- The Macke Room
- The Mail Room and book store
- The Red Rose Inn, the pub in Cuvilly
- Social Hall meetings with Student Council, the Dean and the President
- Social Hall
- Dorms:-Main, Cuvilly, Kerby, Alumnae Hall
- Georgetown, CU, GW, U Maryland, Brookland, Woodies, G Street, Library of Congress, Capital Hill, National Gallery, the H2 bus, the Smithsonian, the Tombs
- The gym under Notre Dame Chapel, where we had our basketball games.
- The swimming pool under the Science building, that always smelled of chlorine and formaldehyde.

## **Curriculum and Schedules:**

- 4-4-4 course requirements each semester
- Plan own curriculum
- The "After Christmas" study period before January Exams
- Self-scheduled Exams, Un-proctored Exams and the Honor System
- Quote from page 225 of the '71 Yearbook: "Remember self-scheduled exams depend on everyone's self-honor".

## **Status Quo Changes:**

- Sign In and Sign out to leave campus. They went away junior year or senior year.
- Curfews differed on weekdays and weekends to 2AM sign-in, for a special event. They all went away senior year
- The Notre Dame sisters went from Religious Habits to Civies
- Mass in Notre Dame Chapel to also one on Saturday evening in Kirby's lobby, with both bread and wine as Eucharist

## **Activities:**

- Bridge
- Sports: Basketball, Field Hockey, Tennis, Sailing
- Horseback Riding, as an elective. Nobody wanted to sit with us after that class!
- Mandatory: Swimming Class Freshman Year.
- Trinity had a radio station. Anyone remember the Call Letters? Was anyone a DJ?

## Memories of Major Events as Trinity Students

**1967: - The US:** In January the Apollo 1 spacecraft explodes on the launch pad killing the three astronauts.

The Vietnam War escalates as do anti-war demonstrations. Civil Rights demonstrations and riots occur in many US cities.

The Summer of Love occurs in San Francisco.

**DC:** Thurgood Marshall is nominated to be the first African American Supreme Court Justice. He is sworn in October.

**Trinity:** Saturday September 16, we arrived on campus. There were social events, including Stunt night, and signing up for classes as well as some tests.

Friday, September 29 there was the Frosh Tea Dance. It must have been downtown because I note walking to the Washington Monument.

We were assigned Senior Guides in groups with eight freshmen in each group. We also had Junior Sisters. We needed lots of guidance.

Wednesday, October 4, Welcome Day sponsored by the Sophomore Sisters. It was a busy day including Mass and breakfast as well as a Dress Up dinner and smoker sing in Alumnae Hall

There were mandatory Dean's Meeting every Wednesday at 11 am with assigned seats. I guess we

**1968: - The US:** Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4. He was 39. Robert (Bobby) Kennedy was assassinated on June 6. He was 42.

Vietnam War was at its height. Antiwar demonstrations increase. The whole world watches as the Democratic Convention and Chicago are disrupted by city-wide anti-war demonstrations and police riots.

Richard Nixon was elected President.

December 24, Apollo 8 orbited the Moon sending back the iconic "Earthrise" image while Astronaut Bill Anders read from the Book of Genesis.

**DC:** Demonstrations and riots break out in April after MLK is assassinated and fires are set all over the District.

Tuesday, November 5, DC residents vote for US President for only the second time in US history and Trinity political science students count ballots at the DC Armory.

**Trinity:** As the protests and civil unrest after the assassination of MLK increased, the college closed for spring break and we were sent home. We all remember different experience of leaving D.C. To get to the airport some of us had friends picked us up and drive us to apartments in Maryland. The next day some went to Washington National airport, now Ronald Reagan. Other folks rode trains that were standing room only while some crowded into a friend's car. In the fall some classmates didn't return to Trinity at all.

**1969: - The US:** the Vietnam War continues as do antiwar demonstrations.

July 16 Apollo 11 launches from earth and on July 20 it lands on the moon. The world watched on July 21<sup>st</sup> as astronaut Neal Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the moon.

August 15-18 the Woodstock Music Festival occurs in upstate New York.

December 1 the Selective Service conducted two draft lotteries to randomly determine the 1970 order of call to service in Vietnam. Many young men were upset and nervous because college attendance was no longer a reason for exemption.

**DC:** On October 15, Viet Moratorium Day, a teach in and day of demonstrations occurred. On November 15 there is a large Moratorium March in DC.

**Trinity:** In the spring Trinity students organize a boycott of classes, protesting the suspension of faculty tenure and other academic issues. The Board of Trustees encouraged the college to change their minds and it did.

October 6, Ring Day. We received our Trinity Ring.

**1970: - The US:** As the Vietnam War continues antiwar demonstrations are called for on college campuses from April 30 to May 4. On May 4 four students at Kent State are killed by Ohio State National Guard members carrying loaded weapons to break up the demonstrations. A national student strike is called for May 8.

August 26, on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving the Women the Right to vote, NOW calls a National Women's Strike. This spurs lots of controversy.

**DC:** Congress gave the district one non-voting delegate to the US House of Representatives. Some of us helped register voters for this election.

**Trinity:** During demonstrations and student strikes against the Vietnam war and the killing of Kent State students Trinity students votes to have finals and to have the Junior Prom on May 9 at the Mayflower Hotel. Many students took a final and then went to the demonstrations while others skipped the prom.

The theme for the prom was Night of the Sundance Kids with music provided by The Blue Mist. All dressed up many of us go to the dance past tanks and National Guard members occupying the District.

On September 19, 1970 we had Cap and Gown Sunday and our Senior Year officially began. We tried to figure out what we were doing with the rest of our lives and took the GRE's in December of 1970. On Sunday December 13 we had a Christmas dinner and our Well Sing.

**1971: - The US:** The Vietnam War continued and brings with it the invasion of Laos.

**DC:** The biggest antiwar demonstration occurred May 1,2,3. DC and Federal Police arrest 7,000, many illegally, and take them to the Coliseum for processing. The ACLU took years to help expunge those arrest records.

**Trinity:** Classes and events keep occurring. Many of us start conversations with friends and in classes about the rights of women and women's liberation.

After the Christmas break the Seniors started studying for our Comprehensives. The Pol Sci ones were February 1 and 2. After Comps some of us had signed up for elective classes we just wanted to finally take, like Art History or Printmaking or American Literature.

February 5, The Senior dance occurred at the Biltmore Hotel.

May 13-16, Graduation Weekend. Graduation Events began on May 13 with the Senior Luncheon, continued with the Graduation Ball on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and ended with Commencement on Sunday May 16, 1971. On Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> we said our goodbyes and headed out into the big world.

## **What we were watching and listening to**

**Singers:** Aretha, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, The Bee Gees, The Beatles, The Doors, The Rolling Stones, Simon and Garfunkel, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Beach Boys, Otis Reading, Chicago, The Carpenters, Carole King, Janis Joplin, Gary Plunkett

**TV:** Star Trek (1966), Laugh-In (1968), All in the Family (1971)

**Movies:** The Six Top Grossing each Year with the Oscar Winner, usually awarded the year after a film comes out.

1967: "The Graduate", "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner", "Bonnie and Clyde", "Valley of the Dolls", "To Sir With Love". The Oscar goes to: In the Heat of the Night.

1968: "Funny Girl", "2001 A Space Odyssey", "The Odd Couple", "Bullitt", "Oliver", "Planet of the Apes", "Rosemary's Baby". The Oscar goes to: Oliver

1969: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid", "The Love Bug", "Midnight Cowboy", "Easy Rider", "Hello Dolly", "Bob, Carol Ted and Alice". The Oscar goes to: Midnight Cowboy.

1970: "Love Story", "Airport", "MASH" (Please note Sally Kellerman died February 25<sup>th</sup>), "Patton", "Woodstock", "Little Big Man". The Oscar goes to Patton

1971: "Fiddler on the Roof", "Billy Jack", "The French Connection", "Summer of '42", "Diamonds are Forever", "Dirty Harry". The Oscar goes to Dirty Harry.