Hello Penn 66’ers,

We hope you are doing well. We look forward to seeing you during our special 50th Reunion weekend on campus May 13-16, 2016.

As part of this once in a lifetime occasion, we’re putting together a 50th Reunion Yearbook—a collection of memories of our time at Penn and an update of our lives during this past half-century. You’ll continue to hear more about the reunion itself soon, including a request for your input on how you’d like to mark this milestone with each other.

Because we want to get a jump-start on the Reunion Yearbook, we encourage you to provide some profile information and pictures for the bio section, the bulk of the book. If you haven’t received an email asking for your participation in the Reunion Yearbook, please send an email to jennifer@meno-recollections.com identifying yourself as a member of Penn ‘66. Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2015. We’re sure that even with ‘social media’ there are some classmates’ lives you want to know more about and some who want to know more about you.

Once we receive your information, you’ll be assured of a free printed copy prior to the reunion weekend—and a digital version after the reunion that will include reunion pictures and other memorabilia. (Of course we hope to see you at the reunion, but even if you can’t be there, you will receive a free copy providing that you return a biography.)

We’ve attached the bios of Howard Coonley, Lance Laver, Lou Marks, and Queenie Zettler Northrop (members of the Reunion Communications team) as examples for your reference.

To learn more about the 2016 Alumni Weekend and our 50th reunion, please see our class website www.alumni.upenn.edu/1966 or email our excellent Penn staff liaison, Lisbeth Willis at lisbethw@upenn.edu. Also, please check out the public Facebook group Penn ’66. Join the group, see what others are up to and post photos and comments pertinent to your experience, now and over the last 53 years, including our years at Penn.

Please do take time to share your memories and life experiences for our ’66 reunion yearbook. Our goal is to have every classmate possible participate and join us for our exciting weekend on campus next May.

Best regards,

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Get your kicks at Penn ’66!
Here’s what we would like you to do by 12/31/15, so we can include as many classmates as possible:

• If you have not already received an email from a committee member asking you to participate and you wish to do so, please send an email to Jennifer Hardy (our publisher’s representative) at jennifer@meno-recollections.com to be added to the book. If you do not have access to a computer/email, you may mail your response and any pictures to Jennifer Hardy at Meno Systems, 236 Huntington Ave, Suite 308, Boston, MA 02115. Please make sure to identify yourself as a member of the Penn Class of 1966.

• Provide your general bio data, including responses to the following items, as applicable:
  • Address
  • Email
  • Phone (H.); (W.); (M.)
  • Spouse/Partner
  • Marital Status
  • Children (with ages)
  • Grandchildren (with ages)
  • School/Major at Penn
  • Advanced degree(s)/certifications
  • Fraternity / Sorority
  • Activities/Clubs at Penn
  • Favorite Penn place

• Answer all or some of the three “essay” questions (in a maximum of 350 total words):
  1. What I’ve been doing since Penn
  2. How I’m helpful to others (e.g., volunteering, philanthropy, community service)
  3. Life lessons since Penn

• Upload a current “head shot” photo of yourself (2 MB maximum file size and png, gif, jpg only); and, if you choose, a family or other photo as well.

• We’ll also use your ’66 Record photo in your bio section. If you did not have a photo in the Record, please provide a “back-in-the-day” head shot if you have one. You can use your phone to take a picture of a yearbook or other photo from your early ’20’s. (Or you can mail a photo with your name on the back along with your typed bio to Jennifer Hardy.)
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Grandchildren: Nell Rosina
               Pientka, b. Oct. 2015
School / Major at Penn:
College / Architecture
Advanced degrees / Certifications:
Master of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Registered Architect (PA)
Fraternity: Phi Sigma Delta
Activities and Clubs at Penn:
The Daily Pennsylvanian, Managing Editor
Men’s Basketball, Head Manager
Varsity Club
Sphinx Senior Society
Freshman Lacrosse
Favorite Penn place: Palestra and
the Sargeant Hall basement (Daily
Pennsylvanian offices)

What I’ve been doing since Penn:
After receiving my Arch. degree, spent
10 years in independent design build
work; five years in arch. firms in
Philadelphia and the next 20+ years with
Jacobs Engineering as an architect and
project manager, primarily on pharma
projects. Taught Arch. at MIT (’71-’72)
and Temple (’81-’82). Interviewed
architects and wrote text for “Process
in Architecture: A Documentation of Six
Experiments” (MIT, 1979). Met Mary on
a subway platform in Boston in 1970, and
we celebrated our 41st anniversary in
2015. Nathan is an advertising
filmmaker/editor in LA. Claire consults
on urban recreational parks, and
she directed the non-profit that
built Paine’s [Skate] Park near the
Philadelphia Museum of Art. Soccer is a
family tradition. Nathan played varsity
at Leigh and Claire played club at
Penn. I coached her girls traveling team
for nine years.

How I’m helping to others:
In 1997, Mary and I founded the
Interfaith Community Building Group;
and in 19 years we have provided
volunteer construction assistance
to communities in Mississippi, El
Salvador, New Orleans, Philadelphia,
and Rockaway Park, NY—working
hand-in-hand with the local people
to build both structures and ongoing
relationships. In 2002, I co-founded
the Philadelphia Walk for Peace and
Reconciliation, which conducts annual
Peace Walks in different parts of
the city and engages in dialogue, reflection
and social justice action during the
year with multiple faith groups. I also
was a founder of my Reconstructionist
synagogue in 1980 and helped design
its renovated space (in an 1880’s
manufacturing building), served on the
Board, and have chaired its Aesthetics/
Building Committee since 2001.

Life lessons since Penn:
Humility and patience are works
in progress. At Penn and MIT,
I discovered that I didn’t know
everything (reinforced every day). In
managing complex design projects
with specialized engineers, I quickly
learned to defer to their technical
expertise. With youth soccer, I had to
work a bit harder than other coaches
who had played the game (I had not)
to put the girls in the best position to
succeed individually and as a team. In
volunteer building work in El Salvador,
I saw that the campesinos had a much
clearer idea of how to mix mortar
at home without machines than we
North Americans did. They also taught
us about community organizing and
solidarity. Teaching, learning and
adapting were all intertwined in these
experiences. Practicing yoga regularly,
anagrams, humor and keeping the faith
also help.

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Jack (Dixie) Northrop
Marital Status: Married
Children: Katherine T Northrop,
46, Penn BA C91
           Iowa Writers Workshop MFA
           (Katie’s 25th reunion is also 2016)
           Molly A Northrop, 43, Swarthmore
           College BS 93, Penn VMD 98
School / Major at Penn:
CW / American Civilization
Advanced degrees / Certifications:
The University of the Arts BFA 98
Sorority: Delta Delta Delta
Activities and Clubs at Penn:
Delta Delta Delta, Basketball
Manager, Softball
Favorite Penn place: Houston Hall,
Franklin Field or Lorna’s

What I’ve been doing since Penn:
After Graduation I started working
for Fidelity Bank at Broad and
Walnut Sts in Philadelphia. Jack
Northrop and I were married in
May of 1967. We raised our two
daughters in Chester County, PA.
In 1998 after a number of years, I
received a BFA from the University
of the Arts in Philadelphia, and
spent a few years making functional
ceramic ware. I interrupted my
work at the University of the Arts
to join Jack at various points on his
sailing trips. In 1996 he sailed his
boat from Connecticut through the
Panama Canal to the Galapagos and
on to New Zealand with numerous
stops in between. I eventually quit
ceramics and devoted most of my
time to horticulture, working in a
large garden and hosting garden
tours. A number of years were
spent on the board of the Hardy
Plant Society, planning its events.
Now Jack and I potter around our
garden and wonder how we will
ever escape.
Louis N. Marks (Lou)

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Joshua A. Marks, M.D., 34

Grandchildren:
Zachary J. Gordon, 15
Eli M. Gordon, 12
Grabriella J. Gordon, 9
Haley J. Marks, 12
Emily J. Marks, 10

School / Major at Penn:
Wharton/Finance

Advanced degrees / Certifications:
J.D. from Penn Law ’69

Fraternity: Phi Sigma Delta

Activities and Clubs at Penn:
Editor-in-Chief 1966 Record
Sphinx Senior Society
Kite and Key Society
Chairman, Hoy Day
Chairman, Junior Cane March

Favorite Penn place: Palestra

Our children and grandchildren

What I’ve been doing since Penn:
I have practiced corporate law in a variety of firms, large and small, since 1969, and I expect to continue to do so until I leave the planet. Two weeks after graduation from college, I married my childhood sweetheart, Susan Weinstein, who also was a classmate of Penn ’66. Two weeks after graduation from law school, our daughter Samantha was born. She graduated from Penn in ’91, is currently National Healthcare Marketing Director for Deloitte Touche, the wife of Jonathan, the mother of two boys and a girl, all of whom live in Bethesda, Maryland. Our son Greg and his wife Denise have two girls and live in suburban Philly. Greg is a ’93 graduate of Brandeis and is Senior Managing Director of RAIT, a NYSE real estate lender. Our son Joshua is an ’03 graduate of Columbia, a current double Board certified Trauma and Critical Care Surgeon at Jefferson University, where he is also a professor of surgery and director of its surgical residency program. He is engaged to be married to Diane Saltzman.

How I’m helpful to others:
I have been an effective mentor and teacher of the law to young lawyers and others. For 30 years, I coached Little League, Babe Ruth League and American Legion baseball teams to many championships through the principals of baseball fundamentals, good sportsmanship and fun. Most of the players are today successful doctors, lawyers and businessmen of various kinds who have reported that their baseball experiences were relevant to their other successes in life. I have also been very active in Jewish communal affairs on local, national and international levels, including United Jewish Appeal and American Jewish Committee. In addition, I worked with Senator Arlen Specter regarding American foreign policy in the Middle East during his 30-year tenure in the U.S. Senate.

Life Lessons since Penn:
Most people are not openly passionate about what they do, or the values they otherwise espouse. Either political correctness or fear of adversely affecting their personal best interests excludes them from meaningful participation in the public forum. Participation requires the commitment of substantial time and money as well as the risk of exposure to unwanted criticism. I chose to take the risks.

Howard Coonley, II

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Howard Coonley, III, 42

Grandchildren: Richard Rand, 14
Charlie Rand, 12
Jack Rand, 8
Henry Rand, 6
Campbell Coonley, 11
Coleman Coonley, 9
Catherine Coonley, 1

School / Major at Penn:
College/Religious Thought

Fraternity: Alpha Tau Omega

Activities and Clubs at Penn:
Varsity Squash, Varsity Tennis, Phi Kappa Beta, Sphinx Senior Society, Inside Pennsylvania, Senior Class Vice President, Alumni Class President

Favorite Penn place: Freshman Quad—where I met many good friends (especially John P Roberts, RIP)
Killeen’s Tavern—home of the Thursday night dinner group
1909 Panama Street—senior year apartment

Three Generations

What I’ve been doing since Penn:
Since Penn I spent six years in the National Guard, worked in domestic and international, credit and non-credit Commercial Banking (banking, insurance, large corporate, government and education industries), investment management for education, and consulting. Fortunately, I could compete in squash for much of the last fifty years at national age group levels. Along the way, I learned a lot, succeeded often, failed some, had ups and downs, travelled as I could, and have a number of really valued friends. In 2005, I had a heart attack and quadruple by-pass. Most importantly, I have a wonderful family of two really interesting and fun children, two step-children, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two former wives, and a wonderful Significant Other.

How I’m helpful to others:
I’ve tried to help by giving time, talent (my last four years were spent as Director of a not-for-profit mental health therapy group, e.g.) and treasure, mostly to not-for-profits (primarily involved in education, health, and the human condition). In addition, a major personal involvement for me has been the nurturing and growth of Penn Squash players and the Alumni Squash Sports Board.

Life lessons since Penn:
Tell my family that I love them every day when possible; that 90% of “success” (read having fun and interesting life) in life is just showing up; that I am better off not drinking alcohol (1981); that some really bright people do really stupid things; that Commitment is never an act of moderation; that my education was just starting at my Penn Commencement (maybe that is why they use that word); AND just imagine the bright and interesting people met/worked with, the incredible trove of knowledge offered, the joy of having so many opportunities to make a difference in someone’s life, and the degree of change witnessed by being a slow learner and “attending” Penn for 54 years...who would have “thunk it.”