



FORM OF 1970 — Left to right front row: S. W. Davidson III, C. R. Phillips, A. McC. Stewart, J. S. Ledbetter, F. E. Kenison, G. Nouri, D. A. Shiang, S. G. Moorhead, P. F. Culver, N. T. Wheelwright, N. W. Niles II; 2nd row: C. H. Bartle, G. C. Burgwin, C. B. Wood III, C. C. Karsten, E. R. Dick III, D. F. Lippincott III, M. McL. Cameron, T. G. Holsapple, R. J. Abrams, N. G. Host; 3rd row: P. H. Blair, Jr., F. W. Newman, S. W. Johnson, B. H. Bossidy, W. C. Craumer, C. D. Charles, J. S. Hogg, H. B. Holmes, W. H. Stewart, J. R. Eldridge; 4th row: R. S. Trutanic, C. MacColl, B. N. Honea III, S. J. Crandall, G. Eckfeldt, Jr., J. J. Martin, S. A. Haverstick II, T. A. Bedford, D. F. Bateson, R. B. Roberts. Photo by Louis H. Foisy.

25th Reunion of 1970

Sports and Laughs Mark a Fun-Filled 25th

by Frank E. Kenison, Form Director

Because I live in the area, I have the opportunity to visit the School regularly, take advantage of some of the facilities, and enjoy bike rides to Turkey Pond for summer swims with my children. These are very individualized experiences, but when the Form of 1970 converges in Millville, everyone shares in bonds forged long ago and that irrepressible spirit which made St. Paul's such an unforgettable experience. Whether you

brought good memories or bad to Anniversary Weekend, the camaraderie of this group made the trip worthwhile.

For those who arrived early on Thursday, golf or relaxation were the options. Approximately 20 adults and half as many children officially kicked off the weekend's festivities with a delightful cocktail cruise aboard the *M. V. Mt. Sunapee*. It was the perfect ending to the first 95° day of the summer. Under sunny skies and joined by Annie and Bob Rettew '69, we left Sunapee Harbor and soon found ourselves essentially alone on this gorgeous lake to enjoy good company and a beautiful sunset.

Friday afternoon saw the Form of 1970 25th Reunion baseball team take on the SPS varsity. Our players

wandered in (literally and figuratively) from all points distant, both nationally and internationally, to fill out a very eclectic roster. But there they were, donning their red and black Reunion hats and preparing to do something they hadn't attempted in a long, long time. This collection of former baseball players and wannabees, showed tremendous spirit, got a few key hits, played surprisingly good defense and rallied their loyal fans, acquitting themselves admirably in a strong 4-3 loss.

Cocktails and dinner at the Rectory followed where David and Ellen Hicks warmly welcomed us back to St. Paul's and laid out a sumptuous buffet. The Buxtons and the Balls graciously joined us for dinner as well. With almost everyone who planned to attend the

Reunion present, this dinner set a tone of friendship and warmth that carried over after dinner to the Kenison household where the good cheer continued late into the night.

After the Alumni Parade Saturday morning and lunch under the "big top," we returned to our games. The Second Invitational Stickball Tournament took place, but inasmuch as the Form of 1985 failed to field a team for a return engagement, we settled on an intra-squad game. The first match supposedly pitted a Halcyon-Isthmian infield with a Delphian-Shattuck outfield against some other equally improbable combination, which achieved the goal of dividing up the many children between the two teams. After the children had batted around a couple of innings, and some of the adults had impressed everyone with their inability to hit the ball, the game was finally called. Never willing to pass up the opportunity for a contest, we played a second game to determine bragging rights. I still have no idea who ended up with those, as that game ended on account of time. Former crew members also put together a 25th Reunion boat. Those crew members felt very good about themselves and their efforts until their Fourth Form Cox asked Tim Holsapple what it felt like to be back for his 35th Reunion.

The New London Inn started Saturday evening's festivities in style with cocktails on their second floor balcony before adjourning to a tent on The Green for dinner. We welcomed the Davises and the Gillespies with several succinct and entirely appropriate anecdotes, presented George Host, our next Form Director, with the Form of 1970 leadership stick, and then turned the microphone over to Alec Haverstick and Steve Moorhead, who proceeded to amaze us, confound us, and keep us in sustained laughter for several hours with their 25th Reunion Trivia Contest.

Twenty-five years out. And for this one weekend, classmates, wives, friends, and children all reveled in the joy of renewing old friendships and seeing old acquaintances. We have all had different experiences since leaving the School, but we remain bound together by our shared experiences when we revisit every five years or 80. To those of you who had not come back before, your presence made the weekend all the more special. To the regulars who came back, it was wonderful to see you again. To those who did not come, you missed one hell of a good party, and you won't want to miss Reunion 2000.

Finally, as I conclude my term as Form Director, I want to thank everyone who helped put this Reunion together,

including Chris Phillips who dutifully worked the telephone lines for the past three years and then became the Form haberdasher by designing and ordering our Reunion hats and shirts. Guy Nouri deserves special thanks, along with Scott Johnson and Colly Burgwin, for putting together a legendary Yearbook, which will be a lasting reminder of a great weekend. Miles Herter located and edited film footage taken by Tom Iglehart during our Fifth and Sixth Form years. His tape was premiered at SR0 showings both Friday and Saturday nights. Alec Haverstick and Steve Moorhead put together a memorable Reunion Trivia Contest, which brought the house down Saturday evening.

I also want to thank Rev. Craig MacColl who not only presided at the Alumni Chapel Service Sunday morning, but also graciously agreed to relieve me of the honor of reading the Lesson for that service. In doing so, he allowed my wife and me the luxury of a leisurely breakfast at the New London Inn and the chance for some extended goodbyes. Steve Crandall was my partner in crime for the past five years and this Reunion would not have been the same without his inexhaustible enthusiasm and his considerable managerial skills on the ballfield. So stay in touch with each other and see you all at Reunion 2000.



USHERING IN CO-EDUCATION — Headed by the children of the Form of 1970, John Martin, Fritz Newman, and Scott Johnson (wearing Form shirts, left to right) join the Alumni Parade.

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