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## Letter from the Editor

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Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

A long and slightly chilly spring in New England – though not unpleasant – has finally morphed into something that resembles summer. Hot days, somewhat dry, though admittedly nothing like our friends down south and out west endure, and pleasantly cool evenings. Can't say the same for Washington politics, which is many times more unpredictable than our weather. We won't go there.

Several months ago, my wife and I met up with Bob Sansone, Paul Denzel, and John Schneider in Lenox with two goals: first, to participate in awarding scholarships to two Miss Hall's students, and second, to meet with a representative of the Lenox Historical Society to continue discussions of the disposition and display of the LSAA archival holdings.

At MHS, we were thrilled to award Pickett Scholarships to Cely (Nikky) Abreu, of Methuen, MA and to Jayme McGuigan, of Pittsfield. David Smith, Communications Director at MHS, sent us a full article, which is on the following pages. While at MHS, we had a chance to explore additional initiatives that might involve MHS students, such as helping with the LSAA archival task and possibly helping to prepare and publish future issues of the Pen and Scroll.

While on the P&S topic... in addition to exploring the potential for some help from MHS students, I am still searching for someone to be the "second in command" to the P&S editor. It's always smart to have a working succession plan – and right now, there's nobody to help prepare and publish the P&S if I'm "hit by a bus." Moreover, I've been doing this for five years, and it might be time to pass the torch. Any volunteers?

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Our generous challenge grant keeps chuggin' along. As of now, we need only about \$6,000 more to meet the full goal. If just 175 of us would chip in \$35 each, we would exceed that hurdle. Please consider donating toward this worthwhile initiative, which will allow the LSAA to give additional scholarships and undertake a number of worthwhile activities with MHS and others.

Please take a moment to review the unexpectedly long list of bounced Pen and Scrolls from our last issue. We go to the extra expense of mailing some issues first class specifically so the bad addresses bounce back. We very much appreciate hearing from you if you know where any of our lost classmates are.

I'm looking forward to seeing many LSAA friends at our October reunion and applauding a terrific 50th reunion of the class of 1968.

Please have an enjoyable and safe summer and fall.

Don Foster '63

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## The President's Message

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**".... Friends... The key is to keep them in your heart, and when the time is right, you can pick up the friendship right where you left off. Even lost friends find their way home when you leave the light on"**

**Amy Marie Walz**

OK, the light is on!! Find your way back as the reunion is upon us! October 12 & 13 – mark the calendar!

Legacy classes for this reunion - 43', 48', 53', 58', 63', and 68'. However, as we know by now, we have all class years thunder back, along with Masters, family and friends for what has become THE EVENT in Lenox.

Every year I reflect upon how fortunate we are to have Shakespeare and Company as owners and stewards of the property. Each year they warmly welcome us back as family; kindred members of a shared history regarding the grounds. They afford us use of the Tina Packer Playhouse (formerly our theater and gymnasium) and host us for campus tours. We can't thank them enough.

Did I mention that this is the 50th legacy year for the class of '68?

2018 has brought forth both the bitter and the sweet.

The bitter:

Recently, we sadly experienced the passing of one of our Masters, David Lowry. Ed and Sarah Miller and I were able to attend the service in Williamstown and represent the LSAA. David's obituary is in this edition.



Display at St John's Church for Mr. Lowry's Service

## GRADUATION PROGRAM



Invocation	The Rev. Robert S. S. Whitman <i>Rector, Trinity Parish</i>
Presentation of the Class Gift	Robert Wendell Loomis <i>Senior Prefect</i>
Graduation Address	The Hon. Edward W. Brooke <i>United States Senator from Massachusetts</i>
Presentation of Prizes, Academic Medals, Diplomas and Certificates	<i>The Headmaster</i>
Benediction	

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Beveridge Room of Lawrence Hall at four-fifteen o'clock.

## THE FORM OF 1968



<i>Edward Archibald Acton</i>	<i>Gordon William Kunzelmann</i>
<i>Douglas Churchill Adams</i>	<i>Cyrus Crouse Lauriat</i>
<i>David Louis Allegrone</i>	<i>Alan Lefkowitz</i>
<i>Roy Cooper Ballentine</i>	<i>Larry Wayne Liss</i>
<i>Joshua Commanday Bauman</i>	<i>Leif Christian Lokvam</i>
<i>Harold Robert Beecher, Jr.</i>	<i>Robert Wendell Loomis</i>
<i>David Everett Boucher</i>	<i>James Everett Mayo</i>
<i>David Wotton Broadhead</i>	<i>Kenneth Miller Melrose</i>
<i>Charles Cutler Brown</i>	<i>John Frederick McNeill</i>
<i>Joseph Robert Busch, Jr.</i>	<i>Kim Michael Morton</i>
<i>Michael Rainford Carley</i>	<i>John Crestarosa Mowinckel</i>
<i>Geoffrey Morgan Champion</i>	<i>David Eugene Nathans</i>
<i>Christopher Church</i>	<i>Michael John Newell</i>
<i>Anthony Eastburn Clark</i>	<i>Charles Tiers Parry</i>
<i>Timothy Perry Cole</i>	<i>William James Parsons</i>
<i>John Gilbert Collyer</i>	<i>Charles Francis Pierce</i>
<i>Jeffrey Wayne Covell</i>	<i>Laurence Richard Ringen</i>
<i>David Hamilton Currier</i>	<i>William Douglas Robertson</i>
<i>Peter Damon Custer</i>	<i>Charles Louis Rosenthal</i>
<i>Andrew Knittle Davis</i>	<i>Robert James Sansone</i>
<i>John Warren Day, III</i>	<i>Edward Culker Sargent, Jr.</i>
<i>Donald Alfred Derosiers</i>	<i>John Clarke Schneider</i>
<i>Charles William Earnshaw</i>	<i>Mark Crawford Sinkinson</i>
<i>Steven Fastwolf</i>	<i>Gilbert Lemuel Skidmore</i>
<i>Robert Chesley Foster</i>	<i>Nicholas Noyes Solley</i>
<i>Russell Wentworth Gillis</i>	<i>James George Stow, Jr.</i>
<i>Godfrey Bulloch Greenshields</i>	<i>Shigeharu Tanemura</i>
<i>Randall Duncan Harris</i>	<i>Michael Spellman Terwilliger</i>
<i>Lawrence Washburn Hennion</i>	<i>Stephen Evaris Tracy</i>
<i>Ralph Eugene Herter</i>	<i>Robert Thomas Tschulske</i>
<i>William Perkins Homans, III</i>	<i>Emmanuel Joseph Vella</i>
<i>David Frederick Hurst</i>	<i>Frank Moyle Wageman</i>
<i>Huston Bartlett Jacobs</i>	<i>Charles Hunter Warden</i>
<i>Marshall Martin Kennard</i>	<i>Philip Raymond Westcott, III</i>
<i>Garrison Estes King</i>	<i>Lawrence Eppley Wilhelm</i>
<i>James Huntington Koether</i>	<i>Anthony Butler Williams</i>
	<i>Geoffrey Colton Williams</i>

Geoff Greenshields, class of '68, was planning on attending his first reunion this year since graduation. Sadly, "Goff" passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in February, 2018.

Time has a relentless impact on all of us; all the more reason to make the effort to attend this reunion. We'll remember David, Goff and all the others during our missing persons ceremony at the Lenox Club dinner on Saturday.

The sweet:

We were able to surprise two students at Miss Hall's by providing two Mansfield Pickett scholarships. John Schneider, Paul Denzel and Don Foster (along with Don's wife Carole) represented the LSAA at a full school meeting where the scholarships were announced. Of all the things that the LSAA does, providing these scholarships to students of need is perhaps the closest we come to honoring our motto.



**John Schneider, Bob Sansone, Jayme McGuigan, Cely (Nikky) Abreu, Paul Denzel, and Don Foster**

We also had a meeting set up through the efforts of John Schneider with the Lenox Historical Society to continue the work of John's committee on the future disposition of the memorabilia. We remain grateful as well for Carole Foster's expert advice and consultation regarding the challenges we face in this effort.

Here is a distilled preview of what to expect at this year's reunion:

Friday, October 12th:

- The LSAA Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament (see response form for more details)
- Informal pay-on-your-own cocktails and dinner at the Cork and Hearth

Saturday, October 13th:

- LSAA Business meeting (9:30 -11:30)
- Lenox School Flag Raising Ceremony (~11:45)
- Luncheon in The Tina Packer Playhouse (~noon)
- 2:45 - 4:45 p.m. – Campus Tour courtesy of Shakespeare & Company
- 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. – Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- 6:00 p.m. – Cocktail Reception at The Lenox Club (pay as you go).
- 6:30 – ~ 9:00 p.m. - Lenox School prayer, missing person ceremony, comments by Masters and Dinner at The Lenox Club (\$35 each, payable in advance), recognition of legacy classes, LSAA Hall Of Fame ceremony.

**"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill**

We are in the home stretch for our challenge grant fundraising campaign. We have a very generous \$10,000 challenge grant from an anonymous LSAA member that was

increased by a generous additional \$5,000 challenge grant from another anonymous LSAA member, thus totaling \$15,000 in challenge grants.



As of this writing, LSAA members have already donated enough to allow us to achieve the \$5,000 challenge grant. We have received approximately \$4,000 more toward the \$10,000 challenge grant, meaning we have to raise about \$6,000 more to achieve this \$10,000 challenge.

We are deeply grateful for the donations received to date from LSAA members as we are for the generosity of these

two alumni benefactors. **The deadline for us to raise the approximately \$6,000 (and therefore meet and capture the \$10,000 matching challenge grant) is the upcoming reunion.**

I would ask if you are in a position to help us achieve this final goal, to please do so by sending your donation (*identified for the LSAA challenge grant*) to the attention of either Ed Miller or Bob Sansone at the following addresses:

**Ed Miller**  
147 Spring Hollow Lane  
Montpelier, VT 05602-8445

**Bob Sansone**  
69 Mount Sumner Drive  
Bolton, CT 06043

**“Music has always been a matter of Energy to me, a question of Fuel. Sentimental people call it Inspiration, but what they really mean is Fuel. I have always needed Fuel. I am a serious consumer. On some nights I still believe that a car with the gas needle on empty can run about fifty more miles if you have the right music very loud on the radio.”**

**Hunter S. Thompson**

*Wow, a Hunter Thompson quote in the P&S. Who'd have ever thought?*

Some believe songs are reflections of the mood and culture in the timeframe within which they were produced. Perhaps this is true. The following represent the opening lyric from the #1 song on Billboard Magazine just about the time that each of the legacy classes listed was walking between the masters for graduation in June.

I'll let you be the judge (and we can ask the alums from these years at the reunion) as to whether these somehow reflected the contemporaneous mood and culture in place for them during their matriculation from Lenox:

1943– “I’ve Heard That Song Before”; Harry James  
“It seems to me I’ve heard that song before  
It’s from an old familiar score  
I know it well, that melody  
It’s funny how a theme  
Recalls a favorite dream”

1948– “Nature Boy”; Nat King Cole  
“There was a boy  
A very strange, enchanted boy  
They say he wandered very far  
Very far, over land and sea  
A little shy and sad of eye

But very wise was he”

1953– “The Song From Moulin Rouge” (Where is Your Heart?); Percy Faith  
“When ever we kiss,  
I worry and wonder.  
Your lips may be near,  
but where is your heart?”

1958– “The Purple People Eater”; ShebWooley  
“Well, I saw the thing comin’ out of the sky  
It had the one long horn, one big eye  
I commenced to shakin’ and I said “ooh-eee  
It looks like a purple people eater to me.  
It was a one-eyed, one-horned, flyin’ purple people eater”

1963– “It’s My Party” Lesley Gore  
“Nobody knows where my Johnny has gone  
Judy left the same time  
Why was he holding her hand  
When he’s supposed to be mine”

1968– “Mrs. Robinson” Simon & Garfunkel  
“And here’s to you, Mrs. Robinson  
Jesus loves you more than you will know  
Wowowo  
God bless you, please, Mrs. Robinson  
Heaven holds a place for those who pray  
Hey hey hey, hey hey hey”

No matter what song stirs memories of the time you experienced while at Lenox School, come join us again for the camaraderie of classmates and fellow alumni and friends and pay homage to the school, the Masters, staff and their families. These selfless, dedicated people helped launch us on our life journey; and we use the opportunity of the reunion to honor their service to the school and to us.

Join with the Lenox School Band of Brothers as we meet again in thanks, remembrance, reunion and fellowship.  
October 12 and 13 - Be there!

Bob Sansone ‘68




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## Treasurer's Report

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As of mid-July, our LSAA accounts consist of the following:

Checking	\$ 8,956.46
Savings	\$ 8,229.16
Total	\$17,185.62

Of this total, \$13,969 has been identified and earmarked as a result of the Challenge Grants (\$5,000 and \$10,000) that were announced last fall. Thus far, we have earned the \$5,000 challenge grant. We have already received additional donations toward capturing the \$10,000 challenge grant, so, we only have \$6,031 to go!

If you'd like to contribute to the Challenge, make your check payable to the LSAA and send to:

Edward A. Miller, Jr. '66  
Treasurer, LSAA  
147 Spring Hollow Lane  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Indicate that this is part of the LSAA Challenge by putting "Challenge" on your check.

All accounts are located at Community Bank, N.A. in Northfield, Vermont. Ed Miller, Bob Sansone and assistant treasurer Allen Jenkins are authorized signatories.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Reunion this fall. We're expecting great attendance, so mark your calendar and don't miss the fun in Lenox October 12 & 13.

July 18, 2018  
Edward A. Miller, Jr. '66

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## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Pen and Scroll,

News of the passing of Mrs. Curry, just a little bit short of age 100, brought me back full circle in my memories of Lenox School. Here are a few of the lasting ones (circa 1958-59-60).

First, a case of happenstance. Fall of 1958 -- first week back at school, Fifth Form, meeting newcomers at Mr. Hinman's supper table. Enter one Mike Dunlop, with a

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Screen Actors Guild speaking voice and a story to tell. Seems his father went to MIT, and was involved with one of the school's legendary hi-tech student pranks, in this case the disassembling of a fellow student's Model T Ford and its reassembly on the roof of a dorm. I kept my smile to myself until he was done. I knew the story. The Model T belonged to one Kenneth D. Beardsley. Yup -- my dad. Mike would bring that voice to the Glee Club and later to the Barons, the select smaller vocal group which would form in that year and ask me to be accompanist.

But now to Masters, mentors -- and machines. Masters: David Wood, whose English class studied Shakespeare by each of us twelve taking a role, seated around an oval table facing one another as we might on stage. (Subsequent Shakespeare at the University of Rochester, with a dry lecturer in front of 150 very sleepy 8:00-a.m. freshmen, never had a chance.) Mr. Buchanan, who in his quiet way must have thought having a little responsibility might perk me up, and so asked me to be Pen & Scroll co-editor along with photographer classmate Bill Carleton. And then Robert Ames, Glee Club director for whom I served as student president in 1959-60. He had the talent of making a student co-conspirator feel almost more like colleague than student, and that served wonderful purpose later when he took an advanced-degree program at the Eastman School in Rochester and had me substitute when needed as organist at the church where he served. He left us not so long ago, all too soon.

Now to the matter of a mentor -- and only a year older than I was. That would be Earl McClenney, class of 1959, son of the dean of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, VA. He had "leadership" written all over him, mixed with a fine sense of humor and a good way with the tenor saxophone. Just about then, I the classical music student heard my first Dave Brubeck album, and bingo -- in less than a month Earl had four of us together and we played all the school dances, both home and away, for the next two years. (Senior Prefect Jim Ramsey served as replacement saxophonist in 1959-60.) Earl went far, as predicted; we caught up with each other long-distance a few years ago, while he was serving as senior urban-affairs advisor to the Governor of Virginia. That Governor? The guy who would end up as Hillary's running-mate in 2016.

Finally, a machine. It is nice to read that the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ at Trinity Church is getting some climate-related help. That organ, in the American Classic style, actually taught me (with a little help from my dad), as Lenox School outgrew previous quarters and moved uptown to

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Trinity for evening and Sunday services in 1958-59. There couldn't have been a better instrument for the assignment.

It's hard to believe that the school has now been gone for more years than the years of its existence. All this stuff still seems like yesterday for me.

Bruce Beardsley '60

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Dear Pen and Scroll,

As the son of a student that attended Lenox in the 1940's, Philip Cook, you have been a great help in my research of my father's history when he attended the school. In this edition of the Pen and Scroll, I see the continued concerns and plans on what to do next as the last students get older and older. The committee to study how to continue must have some challenges ahead of themselves.

I don't mean to claim to know the details of how this all works. I've only come in contact with you in the last few years and appreciate what you have provided me. I can say that one of the priorities should be a means to research ones history and relationship with the school. How this is done will probably be over the Internet but how to do it there is the question. I don't know if there is some kind of a database listing all the students who have ever attended the school to then have their names linked to specific yearbooks showing the school at the time their relative attended followed by any means that may relate their relative with other students. By this I mean if one generation attended the school and later their child attended then a linkage would be made. I'm sure there aren't many in this situation however brothers or cousins etc may apply. This is a monumental task and one that ought to be started if it hasn't been. I don't mean to tell you how to complete this assignment but doing it so the heritage can be saved is key in my opinion.

As a person who is also related to the Right Reverend Philip Cook who was one of the founders of St. Andrew's School in Middletown, DE, he modeled that school in the late 1920's and early '30's on Lenox and Saint James. I happened to attend Saint James. In any case what information about the history of the school, its founding and history over the years would be another aspect that future generations would be interested in learning about in order to understand what it was like at those times when their family relatives may have attended the school.

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I'm having a similar problem in a different perspective and that is for my family's genealogy. Getting the current younger generation to take an interest is hard and I've done a lot of research as well as learned from the previous generation about our heritage. So how do we keep all the work that's completed from photographs to direct lines and unique members who have contributed to the history of this country in a place that it can be shared by all future generations? This is the same challenge Lenox has, as I see it.

I can't say I know the answer. I do know it will need to be in a digital format and the file structure for jpg photos and PDF (print document file) will probably be two formats that future generation's computers will always be able to access. These are the basics and simplest formats to use, I think. Where to house it and know it will be there when needed and for the future is the next challenge. How much of the future will it include? I wish I knew the answer to this especially with the amount of change that comes into the IT world each year. Places like Ancestry.com are a start, but I am not convinced they are the solution. It is my position that we need to make some commitments to achieve these goals. It amazes me how for hundreds of years the written word has lasted so long and the details were provided when they existed. We've had the privilege of this access for thousands of years but can we say the same about future generations in a digital format?

The last and probably most important is to ensure the information is reliable. How will future generations be able to know that? Documenting this information can only be backed up with the original documents, such as year books and other things issued by the school as original documents.

I would like to learn what option your committee are examining to achieve these goals and what goals they have set. I would also think that some guideline need to be established so that future generations can continue. Define the goals, set the priorities, and finely determine the funding sources available to keep it in place. The key thing to remember is once it is lost, it will never be recovered. The aspect that the future will not be interested I believe is mixed. There may be a time when there is little interest but I believe that could change with the later generations. Who knows but the same fact that once lost it is lost forever must be the driver for what is decided.

I hope to visit the school grounds, at least what's left, and learn more. I don't know how much this will come into the plans for saving the history.

Please let me know what plans are being put in place and if I can help. This is a challenge that our entire generation needs to think about and I am afraid they are not. The Internet is looked at as more of a current practice and sales pitch to make money. As a research tool that aspect is being lost. It needs to be reversed and preserved somehow.

I hope my ideas have helped. I have had difficulty getting others to understand but your situation may make the difference.

Clifton Cook

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## Other News

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### Miss Hall's Students Named Pickett Scholars By Lenox School Alumni Association

PITTSFIELD — Miss Hall's School announces that rising senior Cely (Nikky) Abreu, of Methuen, Mass., and recent graduate Jayme McGuigan, of Pittsfield, Mass., have been named by the Lenox School Alumni Association as recipients of this year's Mansfield Pickett Scholarships.

The awards are named in memory of Mansfield E. (Peter) Pickett, who was a longtime teacher both at the former Lenox School and at Miss Hall's School. The scholarships are awarded annually to two students who exhibit outstanding performance in academics and extracurricular activities. This is the fifteenth year the association has honored Miss Hall's students.

Paul Denzel, Don Foster, Robert J. Sansone, and John Schreiber, representatives of the Lenox School Alumni Association, recently presented the awards to Jayme and Cely, who goes by Nikky. Both students are active members of the MHS community.

Nikky, the daughter of Fraynel and Ercilia Abreu, is co-Head of the School's Diversity Coalition, which works to foster inclusion, equity, and courageous conversations among all Miss Hall's students. Nikky is also a member of the Big Sister Leadership Team and a captain of the varsity softball team. Additionally, she plays varsity volleyball, was selected as the Class of 2019 speaker at the School's 2017-18 Convocation ceremony, and performed in the School's recent Winter Musical, Cry-Baby.

Jayme, the daughter of James McGuigan and Suzy Halik, served as the MHS School President during the 2017-18 academic year and, as such, led the School's Student Council. Additionally, she served as Class President as a freshman, sophomore, and junior, also serving on Student Council. Jayme performed in several Miss Hall's School Theater Ensemble productions and also served as an Admissions Ambassador and Big Sister. She will attend Champlain College in the fall.

Mr. Pickett, who died in 1996, was beloved by students and faculty alike. The father of Tabitha Pickett Vahle, MHS Class of 1978, and grandfather of Wendy Panchy, MHS Class of 1985, Mr. Pickett taught Latin and English at Miss Hall's from 1973—when the Lenox School closed—to 1992. He also served as MHS Director of Development from 1973 to 1975.

The Lenox School Alumni Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the spirit and camaraderie of Lenox School, which was an independent, all-boy secondary school founded in 1926. The school operated on the grounds of what is today the home of Shakespeare & Company.

#### *About Miss Hall's School:*

*Founded in 1898, Miss Hall's School was one of the first all-girls boarding schools established in New England. Today the School is a nationally recognized, boarding and day independent secondary school that combines an exceptional college-preparatory curriculum with two acclaimed leadership programs, Horizons and the Girls' Leadership Project. Both programs are central to our belief that, in addition to outstanding academic preparation, girls need additional skills that allow them to step confidently into college and beyond, when they will be expected to communicate effectively and authentically, voice opinions with resolve and respect, and be comfortable having influence, leading change, and contributing boldly and creatively to the common good.*

*Miss Hall's School currently enrolls 212 girls, representing 14 states and 19 countries. For more information, call (413) 443-6401 or visit our website at [www.misshalls.org](http://www.misshalls.org).*

*David A. Smith  
Director of Communications  
Miss Hall's School*

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## School Happenings 50 Years Ago According to the P&S – June 1, 1968

This edition of the Pen and Scroll was published the day before graduation and covered the final month and a half of the school year; featured a different style header on its front page; and included a page of candid photos entitled 'Reflections In A Wooden Mirror'. The school said goodbye to four masters. Mr. Sturges left after two years to teach English at the Trinity School for Boys in New York City. Mr. Ernst left after a year and plans to enter either the Peace Corps or military service. After three years, Mr. Borger hopes to be accepted into graduate school at Wesleyan along with his wife and pursue studies in Russian. Mr. Burger, the senior departee, leaves the math department with no definite plans for next year.

The graduation weekend schedule includes on Saturday, the Sixth Form Breakfast; the Spring Sports Awards Ceremony at lunch; the Tug of War and Varsity-Alumni Lacrosse game in the afternoon; and at night, the school play 'The Royal Hunt of the Sun'. Sunday will begin with the Corporate Communion Service for the Sixth Form in the school chapel, which included the signing of the Lenox School Book; followed by breakfast; and then the Baccalaureate Service at Trinity Church. After a buffet lunch, the graduation exercise will be held in the gym featuring the Honorable Edward W. Brooke, United States Senator from Massachusetts. Sen. Brooke received a B.S. from Howard University in 1941 and many degrees since; was chairman of the Finance Commission of Boston; was the State's Attorney General; served on the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and on the National Board of the Boys' Clubs of America. As a Republican, he was elected senator on November 8, 1966.

The major events during the last month or so of the school year featured the following. On Saturday, April 27, a group from Simon's Rock School presented the play 'No Exit' to approximately 100 boys in Thayer Hall. The play, by French existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, featured only three characters; is essentially his interpretation of Hell; and employed a very few simple props. On Sunday, April 28, U.S. Army Colonel Kenneth Miller, an 18-month Vietnam veteran attached to the Pentagon's War Planning Division provided the 'other-side' of the Vietnam question and fielded questions from a large audience at Thayer Hall. On Monday he was quizzed with questions during six separate class periods.

May 17-19 saw another successful Spring Weekend. The girls arrived on Friday at 4:00 pm, attending chapel and

then a picnic dinner on the lawn behind St. Martin's South Wing; followed by a dance at the Tuck Shop featuring 'Floyd and the Comancheras' with our own Steve Tracy on guitar. On Saturday, all the athletic contests were cancelled due to rain, except for varsity lacrosse's 8-6 win over Trinity-Pawling. Dinner was at the Hearthside Inn in Lenox, followed by a dance at Schermerhorn Hall until midnight featuring 'The Wynd and the Rain'. After church and lunch on Sunday the girls departed. Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Lowry, Nick Solley, Skids, Stubby and Jim Koether. On May 19, the Fifth Form chose its new leaders, electing seven prefects; the headmaster appointing another five; and the decision on the day-student prefect deferred until September. Fifteen people were nominated for senior prefect, with Hank Wangeman winning on the sixth ballot.

Two articles from the editors addressed the opinions of Fifth and Sixth Formers. The first questioned the benefits of the Sixth Form Honor Code and analyzed whether or not the current Fifth Formers really wanted the system and were dedicated enough to make it function properly. It concluded that the code "will not help to unite the form, and aid the school's operation, but will on the other hand, be nothing but trouble since it's an idealistic system which cannot function properly at Lenox." And that the best way for seniors to gain a sense of responsibility and to prove themselves ready for bigger things is to dedicate themselves to the school through academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities and by conducting themselves in a mature manner. The second article focused on a series of interviews with Sixth Formers in order to verify whether the form was split on a number of major issues. It concluded that the source of this split was the differing opinions on two major topics. The first was whether the Lenox community is really an effective atmosphere for college and social preparation; and the second was whether the honor code has worked for you personally this year? Opinions on the first varied between: no, it's not liberal enough, the environment is too restrictive, and we live in fear of punishment for any transgressions; to yes, but social preparation does leave something to be desired. Opinions on the second ranged between: no, I didn't sign it because the punishments are tougher than the D.C. or the mark system; to yes, it made me conscious of the problems of personal honor and the good of common sense.

Seven editorials focused on the following. That the purpose of the P&S is to create a balance between school news and student opinion and not just to focus on the 'nice' things that happen; a proposal for a new prefect system in which all Sixth Formers are assigned responsibilities either for dormitories, jobs or study halls, rather than only

13 out of 70 members being chosen; a humorous letter home to parents; the assignment of orchids or onions to certain school events; and a drawing 'The Graduate Lenox Style' depicting time at Lenox and then afterwards.

In two Letters-to-the-Editor, students thanked Lenox for their positive experiences. One was from a student who was the first in his family to get a high school education. He praised Lenox for its faculty and for Mr. Curry, and criticized those students who griped too much and didn't try to improve things. A second letter from the first English student to attend Lenox as part of the English-Speaking Union programme for the exchange of British and American students, expressed his enthusiasm for the effort and gratitude to the Lenox community for a unique, worthwhile, and memorable experience.

In athletics, for the first time ever, the Varsity Lacrosse Team went undefeated in league play [it was a newly formed league], capturing the title and going 10-1 overall. [See related article.] Mr. Sturges's All-Club Lacrosse Team had a very good season, going 6-1, with an opening loss to the Avon varsity, followed by wins over Hotchkiss, Westminster, Darrow, Taft, Trinity-Pawling and Williston. Offensive power was provided by Laurie Hennon, Alan Southergill, Bob Tschilske and Bill Boswell.

After a 3-1 start, Varsity Baseball compiled a 4-7 record suffering from too many errors, a lack of hitting, and mediocre pitching. Coach Burger's Junior Varsity Baseball Team went 4-4, featuring strong pitching by Bill Varian and Jeff Smith; while the Third Baseball Team went 2-2-1, with three games cancelled due to rain.

The Varsity Tennis Team went 3-6 with captain Ted Sargent being the most consistent and impressive member of the team supported by fellow Sixth Former Bill Robertson; while the Junior Varsity Team posted the best record in school history at 6-1 against a combination of varsity and junior varsity opponents. The Varsity Sailing Team went 2-4, with an additional second place at a triangular meet, though all losses were extremely close; while the All-Club Team had only one meet, a loss to Williston. The newly formed Club teams competed in an intramural season with the Finns club placing first, followed by the Stars and the Lightnings.

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~ Randy Harris

## Varsity Lacrosse Takes League Title An Article from 50-Years Ago in the P&S – June 1, 1968

The 1968 Varsity Lacrosse Team, led by coach Mort LaPointe, will be remembered as one of the finest in the

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history of sport at Lenox, finishing the season with an excellent 10-1 record. The team was undefeated in league play and captured the title for the first time in Lenox Lacrosse History. [Note: It must have either been a new league or that the team played more league-members, since the 1965 team had an undefeated season. RH]

On April 24th, Lenox traveled to Mt. Hermon greeted by pouring rain. But the downpour couldn't keep the Gold down as they finished [with] a 6-2 victory. On the following Saturday, the team was proud to be host to a strong Seawanhaka High School from Long Island. As the game progressed into the third quarter, Seawanhaka found themselves down 3-2. Only by coming alive and using their stick-work did they manage to end the game winning 5-3. Lenox was proud to have them and hopes sometime in the future to have a return match.

The next game was against Hotchkiss. The Martins played the game definitely not up to their previous contests. The squad finally managed to stay on top 5-4. On Monday, May 8th, the Gold swamped Cranwell 14-2.

Next came a lacrosse game at Darrow School. The Varsity began moving after the first period to play some beautiful lacrosse and win 12-0. In that game John Collyer had three goals and one assist, Jim Mayo had one goal and four assists, and Dave Plaisted had three goals and two assists. On May 15, the Martins took on Taft at home and continued their spirited play with another shutout 10-0. Captain John Collyer led with 7 points and senior goalie David Nathans had 24 saves.

Then came the Trinity-Pawling game, on which the division title pretty much rested. Although T-P gave quite a battle, the team came [out] with an 8-6 victory. To close the season, the Stickmen went to Williston for their final game. After a slow start, the team began hitting the net often to finish 12-2.

Thirty-pointer Jim Mayo led the attack with Tom Calhoun and David Plaisted helping. Other attackmen included Dudley Zinke, Kim Sanders, Jon Bosworth, and David Voorhees. On the Gold defense were Chis Church, Jim Koether, Nick Solley, and Kris Lokvam, with John Anderson and Walter Barber working with them. At the midfield position, Captain John Collyer had an excellent season as he scored 33 goals, a Lenox record, and 9 assists. Also on midfield were Roger Hoefler, Jody Haddow, Bob DuBuisson, Hank Wangeman, Mark Carpenter, and Archie Acton. Assisting them were David Lewis and Third Former Kent Paul. In the goal this year, David Nathans did a remarkable job. Fred Nicholaev took the goal for a few times and looks to be a real tough competitor next year.

Coach LaPointe will remember this year as one of the finest in the school's history and joins the rest of the team in hoping that this won't be the last year as Number One.

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~ Randy Harris

## The Duchess Retires 62 Years Ago Dedication – 1956 Martin Yearbook

*Note: The Duchess, one of the school's two iconic and longest serving staff members, along with Arthur "Gramps" Howland, served the school for 29 years as nurse and housemother, and for many years after remained a loyal friend, avid sports fan, and cheerleader at athletic games. The Class of 1956 remembered her service to the school and its students in their yearbook, the first-ever Martin. RH*

When we of the graduating class look back in future years to our life in school, the most outstanding of our happy memories will be that of Helena M. Tongring. "The Duchess." Few people have come to Lenox who have not had occasion to be grateful to her for a lesson in obedience, a thousand words of encouragement, of a Swedish smile or frown when it was most needed.

The Duchess has served Lenox for twenty-nine years. For the first twenty she was school nurse and for these last nine years she has been housemother in St. Martin's Hall, which she rules with a strong but gentle hand. She has been a second mother to all who came in contact with her. She has seen many boys come and she has seen many boys go. She is wise from experience and can size up a boy quickly with her woman's intuition.

This has been the Duchess' last year as housemother, for she has announced her retirement. If she is tired, it is because her energy has been spent helping her countless sons through their countless difficulties and enjoying with them their joys of success. If she says she's been at it too long, we know she isn't moving far away, and her job won't stop now. If she tells you that she will be glad of the rest, she says it with a lump in her throat.

Lenox will never lose the Duchess; she means too much to everyone for that. Her new home will be just across Kemble Street, partially on the school grounds. No, her career will not end at this point. She won't let it end and neither will the alumni or generations of new boys who will study here, following her example of self-sacrifice.

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~ Randy Harris

## Recent Donation to the Memorabilia Collection

Provided below is a description of the memorabilia items donated since the last edition of the Pen and Scroll. Our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks go to Ms. Ziegler. The items will be added to the existing Collection Inventory and displayed at the 2018 reunion. Additional items are always welcome.

Cynthia Evarts Ziegler: 1937 'Pen And Scroll' Yearbook, dedicated to The Rev. Nathaniel Norton Noble. Twelve (12) Pen and Scrolls: Friday, February 7, 1930 (Vol I, No. 3) (2); Tuesday, March 18, 1930 (Vol I, No. 4); Wednesday, May 21, 1930 (Vol I, No. 5); Tuesday, December 16, 1930 (Vol II, No. 2); Monday, April 20, 1931 (Vol II, No. 4); Monday, May 18, 1931 (Vol II, No. 5); Friday, October 20, 1933 (Vol V, No. 1) (2); Friday, November 24, 1933 (Vol V, No. 2) (3). Three (3) Photographs (8" x 10" b/w) mounted on cardboard by Shapiro Studios of Pittsfield: 1931 Football Team (bottom back right corner has "Football "30" E.Z." written); 1931 Hockey Team (names written on the back); 1930 Baseball Team (names written on back).

*Note: Ms. Ziegler notified us of her desired memorabilia donation on March 23rd in the following email:*

*"Hello,  
I have come across some sports photographs from the 1930s: a photo of the ice hockey team, the football team, and the baseball team. Would your organization be interested in receiving these photos? My father, Evarts Ziegler, attended Lenox in the 30s [Class of 1934]. He was the editor-in-chief of the Pen and Scroll and the captain and player on several athletic teams. Thank you, Cynthia Evarts Ziegler."*

*The items arrived in remarkably good condition with the following letter from Ms. Ziegler:*

*"I'm so glad to hear that there are alumni keeping the memory of Lenox alive. As I went through my father's papers, I could see what a special place it was and how enthusiastically he participated in many aspects of it. I'm happy to have a place to send these items that do not appear to relate to my father. Please note the signatures on the reverse of the photos. Sincerely, Cynthia Evarts Ziegler (father, Evarts Ziegler, class of '34)."*

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~ Randy Harris

## Trivia Questions

All of us remember being members of either the Thayer, Griswold or Monks intramural team and this edition's questions deal with some facts about the school founders; the name of another person that had a major influence on the values of the school; and a little about the school's first year (1926-1927).

1. Which of the following are true about The Rev. William G. Thayer, Headmaster of St. Mark's School?
  - a. Headed the study that recommended to the Episcopal Synod, Province of New England that it found a school for boys from families of modest means.
  - b. Ensured that high academic standards and self-sufficiency were founding principles of the school.
  - c. Selected The Rev. Monks to be the first headmaster, though it was his first real teaching job.
  - d. Served as the first president of the Lenox School Board of Trustees until his death in 1934.
  - e. All of the above.
2. Which of the following are true about The Rev. Latta Griswold, Rector of Trinity Church?
  - a. A confirmed bachelor and prolific author of mystery novels.
  - b. Responsible for the Provincial Synod's decision to locate the school in Lenox.
  - c. His summer parishioners donated the funds to purchase the school's original campus.
  - d. Died in 1931 while visiting Scotland with his mother and faculty member The Rev. Nathaniel N. Noble.
  - e. All of the above.
3. Which of the following are true about The Rev. G. Gardner Monks, the school's first headmaster?
  - a. Graduate of St. Mark's School under Headmaster Rev. Thayer.
  - b. Leadership abilities assessed by The Rev. Thayer while running St. Mark's Brantwood Summer Camp for three years.
  - c. Headed a group that visited, studied, and reported on English schools.
  - d. Instituted high academic standards, taking risks on boys, service, and a low-affordable-sliding tuition as school foundations/principles.
  - e. All of the above.
4. From whom did Lenox adopt the sliding-scale tuition model and the 'self-help' student work concept that kept operating expenses and therefore tuition low, while instilling respect for manual labor and the dignity to be found in honest hard work?
  - a. Protestant Evangelist Dwight L. Moody, Founder, Mount Hermon School.
  - b. George Van Santvoord, Headmaster, Hotchkiss School.
  - c. Father Frederick H. Sill, Headmaster, Kent School.
  - d. Dr. George C. Shattuck, Founder, St. Paul's School.
  - e. The Rev. Endicott Peabody, Headmaster, Groton School.
5. Which of the following are true about Lenox School's first year?
  - a. Had only a Second and Third Form.
  - b. Had only four faculty members.
  - c. All activities for faculty and students, including eating and sleeping, occurred in a single building.
  - d. Had no athletic playing fields on campus, using the grounds of nearby Gilded Age Mansions instead.
  - e. All of the above.

~ Randy Harris

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## We Need Your Help

Once again, some of the hard copy mailings that we sent first class bounced back to us. We had more bad addresses for the last edition than ever before.

In an effort to both help reach as many alumni as possible and to reduce waste and the associated cost, we ask you to help us reconnect with missing colleagues and classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following, please let one of us know.

The April edition of the Pen and Scroll never reached these good people:

Jeffrey Ballentine	John Dowling
Rt Rev David Bane	Richard Duncan
Richard Belair	John Everett
Peter Blanchard	Rhodes Farnham
David Campbell	D. Forbes
Alvin Clegg	Mary Gable
C. Dennis	Robert George

Thomas Gribble  
Robert Gulick  
Frederick Hennig  
Scott Hoffman  
Larry Humason  
David Huntington  
Doug Jacke  
George Jastrum  
Richard Leach  
Richard Lovett  
Geoffrey Lyons  
Michael Mccullough  
Scott Mcgarr  
Linton Norton  
Edward Parry  
William Parsons  
R. Rice

J. Rutherford  
William Ryan  
Peter Saunders  
Harold Schneider  
Ellsworth Serafine  
Peter Shelsey  
Michael Shelsy  
Roy Skeirik  
Mary Thorne  
Ken Wellings  
Roger White  
Rosemary Whitman  
Richard Wiggin II  
Paul Wiggin  
Carl Williams  
Richard Williams  
Frederick Wood

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## In Memoriam

### David Livingston Lowry, Master '63-'70

David Livingston Lowry, 81, of Williamstown and Lenox passed away recently. Born in Aurora, Illinois, he was the son of the late Ruth Ann Livingston and Floyd Pease Lowry. David grew up on Clover Hill Farm and graduated from Williamstown High School in 1954. He attended Williams College and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1960. After service as a commissioned officer, he taught mathematics at Drury High School, Lenox School for Boys, Lenox Memorial High School, Lasell College, Mount Ida College, and Boston University.



He is survived by his sister, Anne, and brother-in-law, Robert Grande; Ann Bendigo Lowry; his daughter, Kathryn Louise, and son-in-law, Christopher Boit; his son, Thomas Livingston Lowry, and daughter-in-law, Amy; grandchildren, Father Panagiotis and Presbyteria Nichole Boznos, Lydia Bryant, True Bryant, Tabitha Lowry, Spencer Lowry; great grandchildren, Symeon William Boznos and Zacchaios True Boznos; his cousin, Verne Rosenberg; a life long family friend, Elizabeth Ostrander; along with many nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, and close friends.

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His ashes will be interred in the family plot next to his brothers, Thomas George, and Floyd Pease Lowry, in Eastlawn Cemetery in Williamstown, at Clover Hill Farm, and in County Cavan, Ireland, where his great-grandfather, David Gordon Lowry grew up before emigrating to America, in 1868.

*Published in The Berkshire Eagle on June 29, 2018*

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### William P. Strickland '65

William P. Strickland, 64, known to family and friends as "Billy" was a resident of Reading for the past 30 years. Billy died on January 8, 2011 at the home of his sisters in Katonah, NY.

Born August 26, 1946 in Bethlehem PA, he was the son of William Lloyd and Margaret G. Strickland. He was employed as a salesman in paper and paper products for Reich's Printing, West Reading.



Billy was educated in Bethlehem PA and Lenox School in Massachusetts. He graduated from Villanova University with a BA in 1969. Billy was a U.S. Army veteran and served in a ground support division of the 101st Airborne in Phu Bai, Vietnam. He enjoyed reading, was a great sports fan, and enjoyed having lunch with friends at 3rd and Spruce Cafe.

Billy will be remembered for being a loving son, brother, and friend to many. He will be greatly missed by his lifelong friends, 'The Bethlehem Gang'. He is survived by his sisters Judy Hill and Patti Larkin both of Katonah, NY and his nephew Matthew Larkin and family of Warren, VT.

*- Editor's note: We just received this obituary, although Mr. Strickland passed away in 2011. We apologize for the seven year delay.*

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### Dennis R. Welin '61

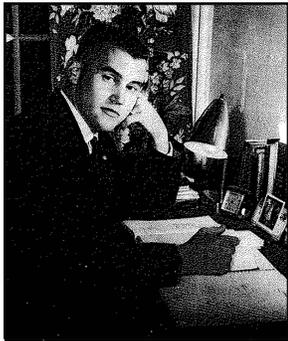
Dennis R. Welin, age 68, passed away on Tuesday February 7, 2012 after a brief illness. Dennis was born in Chester, Massachusetts and lived most of his life in Westfield, Massachusetts. He graduated from Chester High and attended Western New England College. He was the son of the late Torsti (Toppo) and Beatrice (Baer) Welin.

Dennis leaves his sister, Suzanne, and her husband Richard Maiolo of Winsted, Connecticut; his nephews Andrew Maiolo and his wife Kati and their children Allie and Andrew of Torrington, Connecticut, and Craig Maiolo and his wife Jessica and their children Gabrielle, Lidia, and Luca of Colebrook, Connecticut.

Dennis was known for his volunteer work in the Westfield community. He was a long time parishioner of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Massachusetts where he served as Head Usher, Trustee, and Librarian. Dennis was a member of the Church Council, the Council on Adult and Family Ministry, and The Mission Committee. He also was a volunteer for the Hilltop Group and Youth Ministry. He was a member of the Men's Group. Additionally, Dennis volunteered at the Forum House, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Arcadia Wildlife Society, and the Westfield Soup Kitchen. Dennis loved all creatures large and small. Dennis was an avid reader with a vast knowledge of wildlife, vegetation, and creatures of the sea. He was a jazz enthusiast.

## DENNIS RICHARD WELIN

"Studious," "thoughtful," "congenial" were all adjectives that classified Denny in his new life at Lenox. Coming to Lenox from a small town high school as a post-grad, Denny wanted to get in one more year of studying before going on to college. With the old Berkshire twang in his voice, he was always ready to cheer up anyone who was falling before the tedious academic year.



Denny was a welcome sight to the soccer team, for with his powerful kick he bolstered the half-back line where many holes had developed. His active playing and serious thinking helped

and aided the team to have one of the better seasons. Denny found it easy to fit into his form and although he did not feel called to many extracurricular activities he definitely added to the sometimes pleasant life in South Wing and the form.

*- Editor's note: The obituary for Mr. Welin was recently sent to us from an unknown newspaper, over six years late. The picture and second clip are from the yearbook. We apologize for the poor image quality.*

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Mr. Lowry



The Duchess



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## 2018 LSAA Reunion Schedule of Events

### FRIDAY, October 12, 2018

- **1:00 p.m. Tee Off** – LSAA’s “Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament”; Cranwell Resort, Lenox. All players and classes invited. Please arrive early for team assignments and registration at 12 noon. Payment for golf is to be provided at course (\$45 each).
- **5:30-10:00 p.m.** – Informal Cocktail Party (cash bar) and dinner (on your own) for early arrivals at The Cork & Hearth (Lenox, MA).

### SATURDAY, October 13, 2018

- **9:30-11:30 a.m.** – Annual LSAA Business Meeting: Tina Packer Playhouse (our old gym) adjacent to St. Martin’s.
- **11:45 a.m.** – Flag Raising Ceremony at the flag poles in front of St. Martin’s.
- **Noon** – Luncheon: Tina Packer Playhouse (our old gym) \$15 each, payable in advance (Masters, staff, and their families are always our guests).
- **1:15 – 2:45 p.m.** – Class Get-Togethers at the old gym.
- **2:45 – 4:45 p.m.** – Campus Tour, courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- **5:00 – 5:45 p.m.** – Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- **6:00 p.m.** – Cocktail Reception at The Lenox Club (pay as you go).
- **6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** – Lenox School prayer, missing person ceremony, comments by Masters and Dinner at The Lenox Club (\$35 each, payable in advance). This will be followed by the golf tournament awards presentation, the HOF induction ceremony, and final comments.

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## Lodging Accommodations

These lodging options for LSAA members have been arranged:

1. Super 8 Motel 170 Housatonic St., Lee, MA (413) 243-0143 (super8lee@aol.com)  
Group rate: \$95/day plus tax  
Cut off: None
2. Days Inn 194 Pittsfield Road, Lenox, MA (413) 637-3560  
1 - 2 people: \$89/day plus tax  
\$10 more per person, maximum 4 people – Example - 3 people: \$99/day plus tax  
4 people: \$109/day plus tax  
Cut off: September 20, 2018 (cancellation September 29, 2018)
3. Shakespeare & Co  
S&Co has a limited number of rooms available in our former Lawrence Hall, first-come, first-served. Cost is **\$45 per night single occupancy or \$75 per night double occupancy** (no added room tax, etc.). S&Co will provide linens but **guests will need to bring their own towels and toiletries**; daily housekeeping in the common areas and bathrooms is provided but not in the rooms. Contact Brittney at comgr@shakespeare.org (or 413-637-1199 x106) for more information or to reserve a room. Labor Day is the deadline for initial requests, with requests after that being honored subject to availability. Payment will be due upon arrival.

BE SURE to book early; these reduced rates are for only a limited number of rooms. First-come, first-served.  
BE SURE to mention that you are with the Lenox School Alumni Association to receive the reduced group rate.  
**Note:** “Cut Off Date” is the date past which the special pricing no longer holds.

## Trivia Answers From The April/May 2018 Edition

1. (b) The first printed newspaper-style version of the Pen and Scroll (Vol. 1, No. 1) was published in November, 1929.
2. (d) In the school's forty-five school years, 34 yearbooks were published. No yearbooks were published in the school's first seven years and in the subsequent 38 years, four classes did not publish a yearbook.
3. (e) Besides 'The Martin' or 'Martin', 'The Pen and Scroll 19xx', 'Pen and Scroll Commencement 19xx', 'The Scroll', and 'The Chain' were all used as names for the annual yearbook.
4. (f) Besides periodic headmaster letters, the 'Alumni News/Notes' section of the Pen and Scroll, headmaster editorials in the Pen and Scroll, regional headmaster meetings, 'The Alumni Review' (1940's-1950's), and the 'Lenox Alumni Magazine' (1960's-1970) were all used as primary methods of communicating with alumni and reporting on their activities.
5. (e) Headmaster 'Letters to Parents', Parents' Day appeals and auctions, capital campaign and other fundraising brochures, and the 'Lenox-In-Portrait' annual calendar, were all used as primary methods of conducting fundraising for the school.

~ Randy Harris

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