

Memories of Grinnell 1964–1968

Dear classmates,

Even if you can't come to campus for our 50th Reunion (June 1–3, 2018), do you have memories of Grinnell—funny, interesting, vivid, or poignant—that you could share? Do you tell your family and friends stories about Grinnell? Do you reminisce with classmates? For our 50th reunion, we will assemble a book of memories to record our Grinnell experience. Your contributions (text and photos) will make up this book, and the college will publish it. Please send us as many recollections and stories as you can. We want memories from everyone, so short submissions are welcome. You needn't write a whole letter, just a sentence or two or a short paragraph.

We need your submissions by November 15, 2017.

You may share your contributions in any of several ways:

- **E-mail:** Send your memories to Sara Dreyfuss, sara.dreyfuss54@gmail.com.
- **The ListServ:** grinnell68@lyris.grinnell.edu. The ListServ is a great avenue for interactive conversation with members of our class. To subscribe, send an e-mail to alumsrv@grinnell.edu. In the subject line write "Subscribe '68."
- **Snail mail:** If you prefer to put ink to paper, send your memories to me, Sara Dreyfuss, 1412 Lee Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062. This is also the only way to send an anonymous submission if you wish, in which you can confide secret crushes, embarrassing moments, and the like.
- **Photos:** Collect your Grinnell photos to send to our Photo Editor, Kathryn Buck, kathryn buck212@gmail.com. They will be returned to you.

We envision a Memory Book organized into about 24 short chapters on such topics as "Dorm life," "Dating," and "Favorite spots on campus." Here are some suggested chapter headings and topics to get you started, but please share whatever reminiscences you would like.

Arriving at Grinnell

- driving in
- Rock Island Line
- New Student Days
- Herd Book
- hall initiations or “prepping”
- freshman hours

Studying at Grinnell

- academic requirements
- final exams
- eight o’clock classes
- Saturday morning classes
- inspiring teachers
- secret crushes on professors
- term papers
- all-nighters
- choosing a major
- favorite courses

Dorm life

- rivalries between halls
- Baffleboards
- housemothers
- Sunday afternoon open dorms
- B & G men
- linen service
- cockroaches, mice, and other wildlife

Dating

- “BC, WCB”
- campus romances
- serenades
- pinning ceremonies
- Computer Date
- Night in 1966
- Women’s Weekend

Classmates no longer with us

Favorite spots on campus

- Forum
- campus post office
- Burling Library
- Herrick Chapel
- union in Main basement
- ARH
- Carnegie

The smells of Grinnell

- pizza
- popcorn
- English Leather aftershave
- Clearasil
- Forum Grill
- Poweshiek Pellets

What we wore

- women’s girdles
- dress code at sit-down dinner
- miniskirts

Rules and rule-breaking

- *in loco parentis*
- bed checks
- locked dorms
- “illegal visitation”
- women’s hours
- memorable pranks
- conduct probation
- Spring Riot

Eating at Grinnell

- sit-down dinner
- cafeteria dinner
- favorite Saga foods
- Saturday night steak dinners
- “care packages” from home

Entertainment

- Jefferson Airplane
- Duke Ellington
- dance IM’s
- Lenox Quartet
- Grinnell College Choir
- Grinnell College Orchestra
- Scarleteers
- Tanagers

Athletics

- Powder Puff football
- “major” and “minor” sports
- football
- basketball
- hockey
- track
- golf
- swimming
- White Caps
- Honor G

Getting away from campus

- Lake Acre (Rock Creek Lake)
- Amana Colonies
- junior year abroad
- LeMoyne-Grinnell Exchange program

Eating and drinking downtown

- Ahrvano’s Pizza
- Deno’s Pizza
- Dixie Inn
- JD’s Restaurant
- Longhorn
- Maid Rite
- Pagliai’s Pizza
- Skel Diner
- Wayne’s Steakhouse (“the Rex”)
- White Spot

World events

- Selma
- assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
- women’s movement
- Vietnam War

- peace marches
- crosses on Central Campus
- the draft

Senior year

- Academic Convocation (1967)
- comprehensive exams
- senior projects
- swimming tests
- applying to grad school
- Commencement
- looking for jobs

As Bob Hope said, “Thanks for the memories.”