“Who dares nothing, need hope for nothing.”

-FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER
Hello again, Schiller here. This issue of the Voice of ’58 brings you some glimpses of the program for our 50th reunion and a peek into some rules from the old days. But, as you can see from the cover, a great deal of this issue is dedicated to Laurence McKinley Gould—Larry, as I used to call him. You youngsters, who came to know Larry in the middle ‘50s, could be excused for forgetting that he and Carleton had a long history, going back all the way to his hire in 1932 to fire up the Carleton geology department. This was after he’d already taught in a one-room school in Florida, joined the army, been a decorated veteran of World War I, and served as chief scientist of the 1928–30 Byrd Expedition to the Antarctic.

And was he a hit with the students! His courses were packed, and his picture was pinned up all over the East Side. He was such a popular professor that when President Cowling announced his retirement, it didn’t take the trustees long to pick Larry for the next president of the college. This was in 1945, when you, my dear friends, were still learning long division. Larry consulted me often while president (at left is a picture of one of our little sessions) and, of course, I was glad to offer such wisdom as I had gleaned over the centuries. Ideas like the one on the cover. Still, the young pup had something to learn about respect for his elders, I must say. When I told him, “Who dares nothing need hope for nothing,” you know what he said to me? “Well, duh,” he said. To me, Schiller!

Looking back, some of the rules governing our behavior as students at Carleton arguably seem excessive, intrusive, or even humorous now. The rules for Carleton women were particularly detailed. Section III.A of the “Women’s League Handbook,” concerning trousers, exemplifies the degree to which the College regulated the personal lives of female students in our era. It reads as follows:

1. Slacks, jeans, riding breeches, or ski pants maybe worn:
   a. On the east side of the campus back of Gridley, the lower lakes region, and the arboretum, including the cabin
   b. On field trips, or for other work if advised by the instructor
   c. For decorating the gym and for Little Theater work
   d. For athletic events
   e. For Saturday night supper and for Sunday morning breakfast and breakfast and lunch during final examinations
   f. For evening swimming classes

2. Slacks and the like may NOT be worn:
   a. To classes, examinations, the Book Store, the Post Office, or the Library
   b. To the Tea Room except after games or on evenings of parties in the gym for which jeans are approved
   c. In dormitory parlors except on Thursday evenings and during final exam week
   d. Downtown for any reason

3. Shorts may not be worn on the main campus west of Gridley at any time.

   EXCEPTION: When the thermometer registers ten degrees above zero, or below, at 7:00 a.m., warm slacks or ski pants (not jeans) may be worn to classes, to the Library, downtown, and at breakfast and lunch in the dormitory dining rooms.

One might wonder under 1-f how riding breeches would work in lieu of swimsuits for evening swimming, or under EXCEPTION where the official thermometer was located and how it was calibrated. More seriously, one might wonder why Carleton students of our generation tolerated personally invasive rules of this sort, and why the eventual shakeup was so slow in coming. But perhaps we should take the longer view. Could it be that Carleton’s regimentation helped us to become better women and men? Schiller reminds us that “a deep meaning often lies in old customs.”

What do you remember about Carleton’s rules and your “adaptations” to them? What are the larger roles of rules in our lives? Your stories and thoughts will be posted on the Class of ’58 Web site.
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WHEN?
June 19–22, 2008

Check-in time will be as early as Thursday afternoon and check-out time will be Sunday at noon. (Note that you are welcome to come later or leave earlier if necessary—your classmates would rather have you present for part of the time than not have a chance to see you at all.) To be sure that everyone can participate, all events will be handicapped accessible.

Special diets also can be accommodated. We will be housed in an air-conditioned building. Except for a small registration fee, you will be a guest of the College during Reunion.

WHAT IS PLANNED?

Aside from allowing time for reconnecting with friends and making new ones, the program committee has designed thought-provoking events that both look forward to where we’re going and look back at where we’ve been.

Thursday events exclusive for the Class of ’58 include afternoon campus tours, a reception and dinner in the Tea Room, and musical performances in Great Hall. Friday we will look to the future: President Oden will address “Inventing the College of the Future,” and evening sessions will focus on the “Digital World,” “Sustainable Business,” and “Education in a Changing World.” A reception and dinner will be in the Gould Library, followed by a Class of ’58 speaker. Saturday brings us to the present yet also looks at our past: The Parade of Classes and Convocation in morning, a panel of class members discussing their lives after Carleton in the evening (“Keep True to the Dreams of Thy Youth,”) and a memorial service in the Japanese Garden at 4 p.m. A reception with President Oden in Nutting House and a class dinner complete the day. Sunday events include the alumni choir and chapel service in the morning. Check out by noon.

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class notes: Guess Who?

This guessing game, continued from our last issue, reveals unexpected twists in the lives of some of our classmates. Can you guess who they are?

Mystery Person #5’s life continues to be powerfully shaped by childhood experiences. MP5’s teddy bear is featured in an exhibit of toys belonging to child victims of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial museum in Jerusalem. For MP5, it was a wrenching decision to allow Bear (its only name) to be exhibited, as it was the first time MP5 had parted with Bear, the sole object retained from a terrifying childhood. Convinced, however, that this exhibit of children’s toys would be a moving way to convey the story of the children of the Holocaust, MP5 relinquished Bear, whose story has now been shared with the many children who visit the museum, as well as with visiting dignitaries from around the world.

Having “vowed to be a witness” for the one-and-a-half million murdered Jewish children, MPs, now a psychotherapist, speaks and writes on Holocaust-related matters and was recently program chair for the annual conference of the World Federation of Child Survivors of the Holocaust. MP5’s other activities include camping, hiking, photography, playing the flute, doing household repairs, reading, writing, and spending time with family. MP5 has traveled to 10 countries outside the U.S. and now hankers for a months-long trip to Alaska. One more clue if you need it: MP5 admires Mozart, Socrates, Freud, Al Gore, Philip Roth, and Engeline van Leer.

Mystery Person #6 has been, in MP6’s own words, a rolling stone. After graduation, MP6 worked as a reporter-photographer for newspapers in Los Angeles and Rome, covering both the Democratic National Convention of 1960 and the building of the Berlin Wall. After earning a PhD in business economics, MP6 became chairman of the finance department of a Midwestern university. At the dawn of the microcomputer age, MP6 left academe to freelance as a programmer and a writer for microcomputer publications. Computers allowed MP6 to realize a lifelong dream—to compose and perform music. With the help of computers (MacIntosh, of course,) MP6 produced four commercially released albums of classical and folk music, wrote a piano sonata, and served on the team that restored and published Charles Dickens’ only operetta.

MP6 returned to photography (digital, of course) some 12 years ago and has had a dozen one-person shows, participated in a number of group exhibits, and has works in four permanent collections. A member of ASCAP and a Grammy-voting member of the Recording Academy, MP6 serves as a volunteer recording special-ist at a music library, rescuing 78 rpm recordings and transferring them to CD. MP6 has served on the boards of a small Midwestern college (not Carleton), a national association of symphony orchestras, several music organizations, and a foundation. MP6 broke 100 in golf once, in 1967, and has been trying to repeat that triumph ever since. MP6 and spouse enjoy hiking in national and state parks, piloting canal boats in England, and baking bread. MP6 also has traveled widely. So what adventure does MP6 still desire? Understanding quantum physics.

Find the answers to the four mystery persons featured in the Fall 2006 issue of the Voice of ’58 on the back page. Watch for the answers to these two MPs in the next issue.
March 1957. Gould greeted by ’58 classmates Mike Armacost, Tucky McCarthy and others on his return from Antarctica.


**QUIZ**

This brief quiz is based on the survey data we’ve collected thus far on the class of ’58. Test your skill on predicting the behavior of your classmates.

1. Engaged in teaching (college, university, elementary, secondary) as a career for at least two years
   a) 26%
   b) 37%
   c) 52%
   d) 63%

2. Lived in at least five states
   a) 14%
   b) 32%
   c) 48%
   d) 55%

3. Traveled outside the United States
   a) 30%
   b) 49%
   c) 74%
   d) 94%

**MYSTERY PERSONS FROM LAST ISSUE**

MP1: Sally Jett Davis
MP2: Diane Stromsted Kepner
MP3: John Davenport
MP4: Barbara McElroy Rezny

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**WEBSITE:** www.go.carleton.edu/1958

Be sure to check this out! You can find information about Reunion activities, share a story on our class message board, view photos, old and new, remember our deceased classmates in our Memorial section, and much more. We will be working continuously to add new content to the site, so check back frequently!

If you would like to share a story or submit photos for the Web site, please send them to Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Luke Hasskamp in the alumni affairs office at:

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