Olive Wilt was my special teacher. She taught us (our class of 1952) briefly in sixth grade. Then we met her again in the Upper School. She was WONDERFUL! She called our class her “Angels” and we would have done anything for her. Her patience, her humor, and her strict adherence to perfection - or as close as we could get - were a driving force for all of us. I do remember, however, that no matter the paper, test, etc., if I received an A, Marcia Hansen got an A+, if I receive an A+, Marcia got an A++ - that was Mrs. Wilt’s only flaw. I wish both my boys could have had her as their teachers. How they would have benefited. I always think of Friends with a warm heart.

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1953

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Stephen G. Fisher writes, “Life is good. All family members are thriving. Oldest daughter, Toya, just moved up from Florida with her family, now all my children are at hand, a-h-h! Jennifer gave us a new granddaughter, Marina. Son Ian a junior at Yale, Gareth at Groton. Deirdre continues her Peace work, so vital just now. My companies are doing well. Life at Lakeside, our Rhinebeck home, is sublime. Is anyone still alive enough to think about our 50th next year?” E-Mail: SF60077@aol.com

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I have received no notes from anyone from the Class of 1954, although I saw news about some classmates in other class notes. So, I don’t know how anyone is, or what they are doing. I have had phone contact with Ed Dey in Paris several times since my wife’s death; and Bob Stearns and I swap jokes occasionally. I regret that we did not have our 45th in 1998. Connie’s illness and passing precluded my attending the All-Class in 2000; so I don’t know who was there.

As for me, I am still retired in MD and still playing regularly in the Federal Jazz Commis- (doing festivals this year in WA, IA, and OH). That, keeping up the homestead and swapping visits with kids and grandkids keep me busy enough. If anybody needs a good dentist in the Boston area, son Greg just opened his own practice in Wilmington after 10 years with Bader Group in Peabody. Also, I was visited in April by my brother and sister-in-law, Laurie Castelman ’52, and Valerie Greenman ’53, sister of my late wife, Connie (Emma Willard ’56). We enjoyed a few days together before they headed south to link up with Jinnie Castelman, also ’52 (isn’t that amazing?), and wife Jan, to play golf and terrorize Charleston SC. Okay, Classmates - let’s hear from you!

I heard from Bob Stearns who wrote, “Not much change here. Semi-retired but still writing for a few magazines; still chasing fish across the Bay to Plymouth. Retirement seems to take that long to get settled, especially when one is an outsider or as they say here a ‘Washashore’ which applies to all those who didn’t arrive on the Mayflower - which by the way did first land on the Cape before going across the Bay to Plymouth. Retirement seems such a waste if you don’t have lots of hobbies. Martha’s doing well with her painting and now has works in several galleries. I tried it briefly, but don’t think it’s my thing. Have been active in the local Coast Guard - Station Chatham Auxiliary that is 80 strong comprised of the regulars who number 25. I just became the new Financial Officer but really stay busy doing patrol and some vessel examination. It’s good camaraderie but really a summer activity with training and classes in the winter. If anyone is ever out this way check the lighthouse where I may be speaking to visitors about the history and function of early American lighthouses. Or if there are any church-goers out there, you will find me and Martha singing in the choir at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church right on Main Street.

“Daughter Jennifer (FA ’83) and two boys are doing well and moved from Darien, CT to Bernardville, NJ. Daughter Allyson just fine in Breckenridge, CO expect her second girl. We decided to keep the Cape only for summer
In the early ’70s when I served a term as Alumni President a number of elderly grads showed up for the annual Fall Fair. One sprightly old alum (Beatrice Bailey) said she had acted as the school bus, bringing all the students from the Glen Head area to school each day with her horse and wagon. (The horses were kept all day in the run-in sheds that had to be removed recently so the campus could be modernized. Nobody knew it, but Miss Bailey’s horse had a trick up its sleeve. Just before an important football game, Headmaster Blackman ran into the school shouting that a ‘Dead Horse’ lay on the playing field. With one snap of the fingers, Beatrice saved the day.

Stanley M. Jackson ’52

and will be moving to Williamsburg, VA next fall, so if anyone gets down there please look me up. It’s a wonderful and very pretty area, and I hope to keep learning about American History at William & Mary.

1955

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Helen and Art Geoffrion celebrated the birth of their first granddaughter, Winslow Faye. Mr. Hutt, English with Mrs. Stubbs, physics with Mr. Green, and Latin with Mrs. Jones. She sees Woody Glenn.

Mary Foster Everett spent Christmas with all her family. Mary is retired but keeps records for a homeowners’ association and a local playhouse and substitutes in Wertheild. She spent a week in Canterbury, visiting the Cathedral. She visited London and in October she went to Providence with a Bates friend.

From Kingle writes that his class ring was found! “A young man, Matt Oesch, a sixth grader from Huntington, likes to scuba dive for treasure off the Huntington pier. On one of his adventures last summer he found my class ring in 14 feet of water. He contacted friends who contacted me. Thank you, Matt. Thank you Friends. The ring has been missing supposedly under water for 46 years.” Peter went to Dartmouth with Mike Hellman and Ward Burian. From the NYU film school he has a MFA in directing and a Ph.D. thesis in aesthetics. He was in media, direct advertising, and wrote for the LA Times. He taught at Ithaca College film school. He published four textbooks on mass media and film aesthetics.

Joan Konvalinka Hawkins ’55 and Art Geoffrion ’55. I thank you for the photo of your daughter! Joan and I have homes in the area and she enjoys family reunion with a childhood friend in Ottawa Canada. This nostalgic route was, as she wrote, “renewing and invigorating” and hopes to take more trips like this in visiting relatives in California. In the meantime she asserts that she will not leave her house in Florida. She finds life in Palm Coast exciting with plans for a new cultural arts center, along with activities with the Art League and the newly born Symphonic Society.

1956

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C. William Jones writes “My retirement association (Association of BellTel Retirees Inc.) has grown to 72,000 members and we have formed a group of similar organizations (National Retiree Legislative Network, Inc.) I serve on that Board. We have a bill before Congress, The Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act, we had three proposals on the Verizon proxy - one got 42.7% or about 934 million votes!” Articles on Bill appeared in the Wall Street Journal, his local paper, and the special investor’s issue of Fortune. Bill moved to Easton, MD three years ago with his wife, Gail, an independent college advisor.

Peggy Egan Alley and Brian spruced up the guest cottage for the summer. In May, they drove to Fort Collins, CO to see Nate’s graduation with a BS in Natural Resources at Colorado State University. Miriam Taylor Saikovic writes that she and Vlada have been translating the theologian Zilke and hoping for it to be published. She had an operation on her tongue that was painful, but she is fine now. Please write her at 101 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075. Tel: 413-532-0111.

Bertha May Nicholson is comfortably situated at Crosslands, a Quaker retirement community near West Chester. Her three sons have homes in the area and she enjoys family gatherings and activities with their grandchildren. She writes that John T. is now a lawyer in Kennett Square. You can write her at 233 Crosslands Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348-2013.

I thank Joan Konvalinka Hawkins for letting me stay with her and George ’54 for Fall Fair when we saw Art Geoffrion. Performed in a wonderful concert with our chorus of Mozart and Handel. I’m grateful to Friends for lifelong friends.

I had a note from Sandra Madden reporting on her trip to see friends and family “Up North” last summer. She visited friends and family in New Canaan, CT, New York, attended a cousin’s wedding in New Jersey, visited a long-time family friend in Swarthmore, PA, then visited in-laws in Pittsburgh, PA, and finally to a long-promised reunion with a childhood friend in Ottawa Canada. This nostalgic route was, as she wrote, “renewing and invigorating” and hopes to take more trips like this in visiting relatives in California. In the meantime she asserts that she will not leave her house in Florida. She finds life in Palm Coast exciting with plans for a new cultural arts center, along with activities with the Art League and the newly born Symphonic Society.

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