Come for ‘Thursday Tea’ and Stay for a Weekend of Memories!

Planning is under way for the Class of 1968’s Grand Reunion marking our 50th year since graduating from UNCG! Co-chairs Betsy Buford and Anne Hurst Howard, working with an enthusiastic team of classmates, have selected a reunion weekend date: Thursday, April 19, through Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Although April 2018 may seem a distant future date now, by the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, we will be at approximately 900 days and counting. So mark your advance calendars now! Our Grand Reunion will arrive quicker than you think!

While a detailed itinerary for the three-day reunion has yet to be developed, your Planning Committee has its heart set on opening with a fun twist on the “Tuesday Tea” tradition harkening back to our days on campus. Our Grand Reunion weekend is set to begin on Thursday afternoon, April 19, with “Thursday Tea for Grown-Ups” in the Alumni House, where adult beverages will be served along with traditional tea.

Preserving tradition, “Thursday Tea” will provide opportunities to renew old friendships, to make new friends, and to talk with current student leaders, faculty and members of the administration, including our new chancellor.

Scheduled reunion activities will end Saturday, April 21.

“First and foremost,” Anne Howard says, “we want our 50th reunion to be fun!

“There’s room in the planning for you, too. We really want ideas and participation from all quarters to make this a relevant and meaningful occasion for all.”

To volunteer for any committee, please contact one of the people listed below:

Chairs: Kathy Levy Hoppe (kolhoppe@gmail.com) and Mary Napier-Kesselman (manapier@msn.com).

Programming: Develop sessions and events.
Chairs: Anne Hurst Howard (annehoward0@embarqmail.com), Jane Ann Ward Hughes (janeannhughes@gmail.com) and Pam Mars Malester (ajmplm@comcast.net).

Class Memories: Work with University Archives to develop display theme, appeal to classmates for materials and pictures, develop profile page for Biography Book and assist with layout.
Chairs: Judy Newton Scurry (fignewton60@hotmail.com) and Barb Watry Thomas (unc67@charter.net).

Communications: Compile newsletters and other communications for classmates.
Chairs: Beth Hurdle Deisher (bdeisher@bex.net) and Terry Sprinkle Harbuck (tjharbuck@yahoo.com).

Class Gift: Work closely with Development Officer to establish a class gift and set a goal.
Chairs: Betsy Buford (919-829-1204 or efbuford@bellsouth.net) and Pam Mars Malester (ajmplm@comcast.net).

Lost Classmates: Try to locate classmates for whom the Alumni Office has no (or incorrect) contact information.
Chairs: Martha Chadwick Hobgood (marthahobgood@gmail.com) and Anne Hayes Tate (atate1@nc.rr.com).

Memorial Service: Develop a program for a memorial service to honor deceased classmates.
Chairs: None as yet. To volunteer, please contact Anne Howard (919-556-4439 or annehoward0@embarqmail.com).

Reunion Planning Sub-Committees and Responsibilities

Logistics: Secure hotel(s), plan for any meals, plan meeting space(s), decorations.

Mark Your Calendars: April 19-21, 2018
Please Help Us Find Our ‘Lost’ and Deceased Classmates

Anne Hayes Tate and Martha Chadwick Hobgood have undertaken the challenging task of trying to find the “lost” and identifying any deceased members of UNCG’s Class of 1968.

Contact information is essential in order to communicate with members of our class about our plans for our 50th Reunion, April 19-21, 2018, and also to have a good historical record of our class.

Anne and Martha began meeting in early summer to review the lists of our classmates provided by UNCG. As they have met, the shorter “Lost and Deceased List” was compiled and includes class members who were not found in any 1968 lists (but were documented with the Class of 1968 in the Pine Needles, 1968 Commencement Program and/or other published sources). Of course, the deceased would include any member who has died since graduation day, June 2, 1968.

Undoubtedly, there are other names that are missing, and each classmate may be able to share information and help as the search continues that Anne and Martha have begun.

“There are many missing classmates out there, and everyone’s help is needed to find them!” Anne says. “With social media and search possibilities so readily available to find, keep in touch and reunite old friends, we are asking that you read through both the UNCG lists published in this issue, and the shorter list we assembled. Please share any information you may have to update or find these classmates. For whatever reason, they are ‘LOST’ and we want to find as many as possible.”

LOST 1968 Classmates

We believe these names are not currently included in the UNCG Lost or Deceased information for the Class of 1968. We hope, with everyone’s help, we can help find them or verify their contact information or deaths.

Mary Catherine Alexander
Tina Elizabeth Austin
Katherine Conrad Bailey
Marylin A. Barchauski
Carolyn Black Berrien
Julius Best
Patricia Kathleen Biggins
Judith Ann Bishop
Mary Alethea Bowers
Patricia Anne Brooks
Bettie Sue Burkhead
Susan Elizabeth Butner
Sandra Dean Cox
Charlotte Sedonya Cserpanyak
Mary Margaret Dewitt
Sammy Franklin Doyle
Nita Carolyn Edwards
Anne Nixon Elliott
Mary Camille Farris
Sadie Davis Fields
Judith M. Gary
Cheryl Hicks Gaskill
Dianne Rogers Gay
Cherry Anne George
Patricia Ann Gillis
Virginia Graham
Anna Rae Hodgin Gray
Lorna Elaine Griffin
Dawn Elaine Hamilton
Vicki Elaine Harris
Dee Coley Hawks
Verda Idol Hennis
Judith Neil Hickman
Rae Hinton Hicks
Carolyn Dianne Hill
Judith Self Johnson
Cynthia Hamrick Jones
Susan Diane Jones
Elizabeth Anne Joyce
Jane Lynne Joyce
Barbara Jean Kamerer
Alice Victoria Kavalaska
Mildred Durand Keel
Mary Jean Lawing
Barbara Emerson Lee
Mary Steedly Lee
Jane Elizabeth Leonard
Katherine Bailey Loafman
Dorothy Porter McCoy
Pansy Yvonne McGee
Elsa Eysenbach McKeathan
Katherine Tihart McLean
Marlyn Mincey
Barbara Ann Mullis
Patricia Hope Murray
Susan Van Uum Perozek
Jennifer Ann Pharr
Penelope Jean Pratt
Jane Evelyn Redden
Florence Leila Reinhart
Linda Joyce Robinson
Betty Carol Scott
Kathryn Kay Shearin
Janet Rushing Shive
Terry Diane Smith
Barbara Caroline Snvely
Cheryl Pauline Speed
Linda Louise Stanfield
Lois Jean Stevenson

If you can provide information about anyone on the missing list or deceased list, please contact Anne Tate at 919-612-9657 (atatet1@nc.rr.com) or Martha Hobgood at 919-426-5537 (marthahobgood@gmail.com). Please use “UNCG ’68 Classmates” in the subject line to ensure it will not be sent to their spam folders.
LOST, Believed to be DECEASED

Some of our early research shows these missing classmates are deceased or presumed to be so. Please contact us if you can confirm any of these. If you know of others, please include any relevant information. We are planning a Memorial Service to our deceased members during our Reunion.

Rae Hinton Hicks          Tanya Sue Wrenn/Sister Mary Ambrose          Pansy McGee Morton
Elizabeth Anne Joyce          Julia Reed Hartsell          Barbara Grey Wetherington
Loretta Armstrong          Margaret Altman McCless          Pamela Lackey Wilburn
Nita Edwards Haigler          Carolyn Ann Swaim Baddour          Geraldine Maria DePetto
Gail Garber Yamner

UNCG List of DECEASED Members of Class of 1968

The Alumni Office has identified these classmates as deceased. Any additional information would be helpful.

Susan Allen Bergeron          Cynthia Delaney Mitchell          Ann L. Bouldin
Anne Aydlette Trousdale          Paul W. Dixon Jr.          Rebecca Love Croom
Jane Ellen Boaz          Linda Flowers          Susan McGalliard Rogers
Bea Brandon          Marilyn Fowler Willard          Meredith Mitchum Layer
K. Kay Shearin          Audrey Frees Schnabel          Alice Moore
Cynthia Brown Hodkinson          Adeline Garner Thomas          Mary Murray Thompson
Martha Lewis          Mary Goodwyn Stone          Virginia Neely Dozier
Susan Buckner          Virginia Graham McKissick          Susan Newby Reagan
Sandra Butner Ray          Nina Gregory Primm          Fred M. Newman
Faye Cannon Huckabee          Charlie Green Hall Jr.          Barni Nussbaum Schlein
Lorraine Carpenter          Peg Halliday Beard          Raye Miklas
Cynthia Clark          Mary Jean Hand Austin          Gwyn Pell Bottoms
Mary Cook Battern          Carol Harrelson Carruth          Constance Poulter Weadon
Jim Cooper          Sunny Hayward Jones          Margaret Prevette
Margaret Coyle          Cassandra Hodges Yongue          Marsha Prevost Renda-Araiza
Ruth Cromartie Baldwin          Patricia Hope Murray          Kathryn Pritchard Smith
Dale Cutshall Leach          Vickie Leebrick Sullivan          Merle Gay

UNCG List of LOST Members of Class of 1968

The Alumni Office has identified these classmates as lost. Any information you can provide about them would be helpful.

Edna Bernhardt Newman          Nancy Gabis-Levine          Carolyn Looney Line
Patricia Biggins George          Susan Gelzer Fraser          Gwendolyn Malmquist Duncan
Judith Blankenbaker Gresham          Anne GeorgeGelbert          Pansy McGee Morton
Patricia Bobbitt Sanford          Martha Greene Crawford          Kent D. McKeithan
Judith Booker Barham          Peter M. Hanely          Patricia McLeod Rivera
Dawn Burnette Kernodle          Kristin Harbaugh Blank          Linda Miller
Mary Butler Zimmerman          Brenda Hardy Davis          Frances Miller Haydon
Betty Campbell Dunham          Vicki Harris Morgan          Marilyn Mincey Price
Judy Carey Kauffman          Patricia Harry Harris          Barbara Wetherington
Ellen Crowell Tedder          Heather Harwood          Katherine Young
Patricia Curd          Iris Herrin Austin          Arden Nelson Taylor
Mary Daughtry Kilbourn          Colene Hine          Dana Newman Sigmon
Shahnaz Dehdishti          Paula Holmes Gentry          Sherrill Owens
Terry Diane Gross          Elizabeth Hower Willard          Mary Parnell Smith
Amy Eldridge Hall          Timothy D. Hudson          Mary Patton Dean
Linda Eure          Helene Jacobson          Jane Pettus
Else Eysenbach McKeithan          Lydia James Woosley          Dorothy Porter McCoy
Janet Fairbrother          Carol Kusenberg Hall          Janet Reeder Ware
Margaret Federal Supinski          Mary Lawing Lawrence          Jo Roach
Anna Gabard Moore          Rhea Levinson Wainter          Jonatha Roberts
Nancy Ross Wright          Becky Rushing Helms          Mary Sawyer
Mary Scarborough Faircloth          Mary E. Crayton          Eddythe Siegel Shalov
Lesley Sisson          Susan Smith          Barry Snively Crow
Nancy Stanford Williamson          Patricia Sullivan          Dana Spencer Schofield
Kazue Tobaru          Beverly Upchurch          Martha Vaincourt Tenold
Mary Waddell Davis          Judy Walston          Sherry Howard
Virginia Ward Ferris          Sherry Howard          Mary Waddell Davis
Anne Watson Futrell          Judy Walston
Looking Forward, Looking Back

By Terry Sprinkle Harbuck
Editor of The Carolinian, 1967-68

So it begins – our “looking forward” countdown to our Grand Reunion as we start “looking back” at how things were when we began university life in 1964.

As I used to do each week during senior year, I spent some time pondering what to focus on and how to say it as “editorially” as possible. Reading over the things we all worried about and focused on in past issues of The Carolinian is both humbling and amazing. We may have been more moderate than militant, but we did contribute to our changing times.

Some of our issues were very personal and representative of things unique to our being female on a historically female campus. For example, many of us had arrived with the idea that as college students we would be free and independent all our days henceforth! Instead we were forced to sign in/out of our dorms, follow a strict dress code, observe specific study hours, etc. – all designed to protect us from ourselves and from scary things our parents/faculty worried might happen to their innocent daughters.

While there were ways to get around the policy of in loco parentis (e.g., providing forged notes from our parents that we were going home for the weekend when we were actually staying at an off-campus friend’s house), our class was not only unwilling to wear the chattels of campus captivity but also was determined to eradicate that irritating facet of dorm life at UNCG, formerly known as WC.

Other issues were more universal and not specific to the female gender – championing free speech under the First Amendment, protesting or defending the Vietnam War, finding ways to help meld a racially divided society in our schools, our state and our communities. We were early volunteers for Head Start and the Peace Corps. We aligned with UNC-Chapel Hill in calling for repeal of the N.C. Speaker Ban Law, demanding the right to invite lecturers, even communists, to speak before us!

I like to think we went forth with confidence into the world to raise the collective consciousness, parent caring families, change the workplace, write books of worth, paint works of art, design or invent. After all, our class motto was “Thus we have attained, higher our goals.”

Today’s college students have few of the personal restrictions we found so heinous. Their world is global, opened up by social media beyond any television broadcasts we encountered in the communal living rooms of our dorms. It’s not so much about free speech for today’s students – it’s about politically correct speech.

Today’s students have a plethora of things to protest – everything from wars to water policies. They have to protect whales, the ozone layer, Israelis, Palestinians, Christians, atheists, victims of violence and injustice all over their expanded world, including women’s rights to education, equal pay and breastfeeding in public.

They have to take a stand on illegal immigration, global warming and fair trade while finding life balance and being citizens of the world – things most of us encountered in smaller increments as working adults after our college years. These issues are not all new – just, sadly, still issues.

Meanwhile, they have to worry about terrorism and the possibility of being shot by someone gaining access to their unlocked, unrestricted dorm (where’s in loco parentis when we need it?). Should they arm themselves for protection or help restrict gun ownership? Ah, the Second Amendment ... When do the sit-ins begin?

We Need Your Contact Information

Every member of the Class of 1968 for whom UNCG has a mailing address will receive a paper copy of our first newsletter.

To save costs and speed future communications, we would like to send you a copy of the newsletter and other information regarding planning for our Grand Reunion via email. If you have an email address and have not received recent emails from the university, please take time to update your contact information, including email address.

You may update your contact information by visiting alumni.uncg.edu/update.

One year in advance of our April 19-21, 2018, Grand Reunion, we will again mail a paper copy of the newsletter to everyone for whom UNCG has a mailing address.

New Logo Signals Grand Reunion News

Our 1968 class logo featured in this newsletter will be used with all future communications regarding our Grand Reunion in 2018. We wanted a distinctive logo so that our communications can instantly be distinguished from all other communications you receive from UNCG.

Ross Hoppe, son of classmate Kathy Levy Hoppe, designed the logo. Ross enjoys working in a variety of digital media, including graphics and logos. Ross is a theatrical scenic and projection designer based in Chicago. When not working, he is an avid cyclist, craft beer aficionado, photographer and world traveler. Ross has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in scenic design from The Theatre School at DePaul University. More of his work can be seen at www.rosshoppe.com.

The UNCG Class of 1968 thanks you, Ross, for your contribution to our Grand Reunion.
Remember When?

First Semester 1964 Set a Fast Pace for Freshmen

By Beth Hurdle Deisher

Remember the first day you walked on campus as a freshman?

Most of us probably remember that warm and sunny day in September 1964 more for the sweat equity we earned than as the day we met classmates, some of whom would become life-long friends.

For a goody number, it presented our first collegiate challenge: How to fit three girls and their earthly possessions into a room designed for two. Once it dawned on us that this was not an overnight camping adventure but rather a living arrangement for the next nine months, the tide reversed. Boxes and bundles toted up three flights of stairs earlier in the day and suddenly deemed expendable flowed back to our parents’ cars. We sent them packing with a few tears and more boxes to unload when they returned home.

During our first gathering as a class we were told to look to the person seated to our left and to the person seated at our right. Only one of the three of us, the wise and fearless administrators proclaimed, would graduate from UNCG.

Wait, did they say “UNCG”? Some of us thought we were at “WC”! We learned that Woman’s College was now officially The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and that our class – the Class of 1968 – would be the official first coeducational class. Also, we learned that we were a record-breaking class. The Class of 1968 numbered 1,183, including 28 male students – the largest freshman class ever.

Enrollment in the fall of 1964 was comprised of 4,253 undergraduates and 600 in graduate school. (Seems small and quaint compared to the approximately 16,000 undergraduates and 600 in graduate school. (Seems small ever.

After two days of placement tests and conferences, it was time to strategize for the coming battle: registration. Forewarned by upperclassmen to have at least two or three alternatives for each class on our first-choice list, we dutifully stood in long lines at Rosenthal Gymnasium to collect color-coded IBM punch cards, then find the appropriate line for each class. The objective was to get the class and professor of choice. More often than not, by the time you reached the head of the line, your first choice was already closed. After two days of running from line to line, most of us had a first semester class schedule, even if it contained crazy hours and at least one class you had never thought of taking.

Happily we learned the freshmen at Carolina had invited us to a dance in the parking lot at the Old Bell Tower. So on the Monday evening before classes started on Wednesday, we again formed long lines and waited our turns to board buses bound for Chapel Hill.

Our academic adventure began with the start of classes on Sept. 16, 1964. Soon we were settled into the daily routine: Breakfast. Classes. Lunch. Classes. Off to the library to study or perhaps a few hours back in your dorm room. Dinner. Sometimes back to the library. Evenings. Quiet time on the halls for study before lights out.

1964 was an election year. As the campaign heated up, Lady Bird Johnson and daughter Lynda came to call on Oct. 7. The First Lady emerged from her 19-car whistle-stop train on the railroad tracks behind Curry School to greet more than 5,000 students and Greensboro citizens. She took to the platform (with helicopters whirring overhead) to talk about President Johnson’s plans for education and to take note of the role of colleges and universities in Greensboro.

The First Lady’s train was barely out of sight before we learned President Johnson and Sargent Shriver had called Chancellor Otis Singletary to serve the nation in Washington, DC, heading the Jobs Corps in the Office of Economic Opportunity. Dean James S. Ferguson was named acting chancellor.

The fall also brought an active theater season. In early October the National Repertory Theatre returned for its second season at Aycock Auditorium.

Our sister class, the Class of 1966, decided to abandon tradition and stage its Junior Show in early November instead of spring 1965. The “Male Came Lately” was a smashing success.

December brought the Theatre of UNCG’s production of “My Fair Lady,” acclaimed as the most elaborate production ever performed in Aycock Auditorium.

With the holiday break countdown looming in mid-December, the realization dawned that our first semester was nearing an end and that final exams lay ahead upon our return in January.

Next Issue: If you have memories to share or pictures, please contact Beth Hurdle Deisher at bdeisher@bex.net or Terry Sprinkle Harbuck at tjharbuck@yahoo.com

Needed: Volunteer to Help Us Connect with Classmates on Facebook

Since many members of our class are active on Facebook, we would like to set up a separate Facebook page for the Class of 1968 in order to facilitate reconnecting and communicating with classmates. We will also, from time to time, post information on UNCG’s main Facebook page. If you are active on Facebook and would be available to help with our class Facebook page, please contact Beth Deisher (bdeisher@bex.net) or 419-517-3073.)
Class Gift: Scholarship for Students Often Without Means

By Betsy Buford and Pam Mars Malester

While it is customary for 50th Reunion Classes to give a Reunion Gift, we do not want anyone to feel obligated to do so. We realize that many of us have extensive family commitments and other demands on our limited resources. The Planning Committee wants our class gift to be useful. We want our gift to assist students who are in (or have been in) foster care or who are homeless, orphaned and without necessary assistance to attend the University.

Our class gift will be a scholarship for the UNCG Guarantee Scholarship Fund that provides financial assistance for students with the greatest needs. In addition to financial help, the Guarantee program also provides support for mentoring and counseling – whatever is needed to enable students to succeed. Any contribution sent as part of the class gift will go to UNCG Advancement Services. They are the only ones who will know the amount of each person’s donation. They will provide us with names of donors and the total amount from all but not the specific amount each of us gives.

UNCG has transformed the credit process for Reunion giving. Any gift to the University for five years before the Reunion – until December 31 of the Reunion years (2018 for us) – will be credited toward the Reunion Gift. Our Class of 1968’s overall giving is more than $100,000 at present, thanks to those of you who have contributed to Annual Giving or other funds on campus.

As people continue to give, our Reunion Gift credit will increase, but unless donations are designated specifically for the Class of 1968 UNCG Guarantee Scholarship, it will not go to the scholarship. Please see information in the adjacent box regarding how to designate donations to our 1968 Scholarship. We hope you will be excited about our class gift, but know that we especially value your attendance at the Reunion.

Creating Our Legacy

Reunion is a special time to create our legacy. One of the ways we will do this is through our class gift. All of our giving from now until Dec. 31, 2018, will count toward this total. We are proud to offer you the Class of 1968 UNCG Guarantee Scholarship Fund as an option for your reunion giving. Our scholarship will provide financial aid to students with the greatest financial need. Once our scholarship reaches $100,000, the annual distribution will pay tuition for an undergraduate in-state student or the cost of a dorm room for the year. Through the UNCG Guarantee, these students will have a full array of academic support services available to support their academic success. More information on the UNCG Guarantee is available at http://guarantee.uncg.edu/about-guarantee

Gifts to our scholarship can be made out to "UNCG", with a memo notation of "Class of 1968 UNCG Guarantee Scholarship Fund" and sent to: UNCG Advancement Services, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170. For information about gifts of stock or online giving, go to http://advancement.uncg.edu/giving/

For questions regarding our scholarship or other gifts, you may contact Barbara Wike, Director of Development for the UNCG School of Health and Human Sciences, at bjwike@uncg.edu or 336-256-1272. Barbara is serving as Development Liaison for the Reunion Class of 1968.