1960

55th-Year Reunion
May 27 – 31, 2015
Preliminary Schedule of Events
Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi)

All open class programs are no longer than 60 minutes unless otherwise noted.
Full schedule and descriptions are available at amherst.edu/go/reunion and in printed program.

WEDNESDAY, May 27
2 p.m. – Alumni House Reception Center Open
9 p.m. Stop by for registration, schedules of class activities, messages, information on the Amherst area and light refreshments.
Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

4 p.m. – Welcome Cocktail Party
5:30 p.m. Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi)

5:30 p.m. – Dinner
6:45 p.m. Valentine Hall, Adults – $6
OR
On your own

5:30 p.m. – Reunion Welcome Reception
7 p.m. Meet, mingle and renew old friendships at the Robert Frost Library with a glass of wine and hors d’oeuvres. Check out the new Humanities Center, a renovated main floor with a new cafe, study area and gathering spaces, and displays from Archives and Special Collections. Performance by the Bluestockings.
Robert Frost Library

THURSDAY, May 28
7 a.m. – Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Valentine Hall, Adults – $4
OR
On your own

8 a.m. – Alumni House Reception Center Open
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All Day College programs (See final reunion brochure for details.)
11 a.m. – Lunch
1:15 p.m. Valentine Hall, Adults – $5
OR
On your own

1 p.m. Alone with Tess
Alicia Christoff, assistant professor of English, specializes in Victorian literature and in literary & critical theory. Her current book project, Novel Feelings, focuses on the novels of George Eliot and Thomas Hardy. She will discuss the relationship between Thomas Hardy’s novel Tess of the D’Urbervilles (1891) and the work of the twentieth-century psychoanalytic thinker D. W. Winnicott, and in particular his essay “The Capacity to Be Alone” (1958).

Pruyne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall

2:30 p.m. Amherst Campus Update
Join Jim Brassord, chief of campus operations, for a discussion of ongoing and upcoming campus building projects including new dormitories, the science center and the exciting campus greenway project.

Pruyne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall

4 p.m. Native American Literature at Amherst College
In August 2013, Amherst College acquired one of the most comprehensive collections of books by Native American authors ever assembled by a private collector. Pablo Eisenberg devoted years of his life to collecting nearly 1,500 books written by Native American authors ranging in date from 1772 (Samson Occom) to living writers still publishing today (Louise Erdrich). Learn about the Younghee Kim-Wait ’82, Pablo Eisenberg Native American Literature Collection with Lisa Brooks, associate professor of English and American Studies at Amherst College, and co-chair of the Five Colleges Native American Indian Studies program; Kiara Vigil, assistant professor of American Studies; and Michael Kelly, director of Archives and Special Collections.

Cole Assembly Room, Converse Hall

5 p.m. Cocktails
Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi)

6:30 p.m. Dinner (featuring local asparagus and strawberries)
Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi) - Under the tent

8 p.m. Buckley Chamber Players Concert
The Buckley Chamber Players will present a concert of chamber works entitled Spring: A Musical Tribute. The program celebrates both the 2015 Reunion Weekend and the end of the New England Winter of 2015. Performers will be Elizabeth Chang, violin (UMass); Volcy Pelletier, cello (Smith) and Alissa Leiser, piano (Amherst). Works to be performed are a piano trio by Franz Josef Haydn, a violin sonata by Maurice Ravel and a piano trio by Camille Saint-Saëns. The performance will conclude by 9:30 p.m.

Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center
FRIDAY, May 29

7 a.m. – Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Valentine Hall, Adults – $4
OR
On your own

8 a.m. – Alumni House Reception Center Open
Midnight Stop by for registration, schedules of class activities, messages, information on the Amherst area and light refreshments.
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All Day College and class programs (See final reunion brochure for details.)

9 a.m. Launching the Amherst College Press
Join Mark Edington, director of the Amherst College Press, to explore the goals and opportunities in this ambitious new project. How will the Press impact the college and the world of scholarship? What can we look forward to in the next five years?
Prayne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall

9 a.m. – Art and Book Exhibit
3 p.m. The classes of 1960 and 1955 exhibit will feature artwork and books written and/or edited by classmates.
Eli Marsh Gallery, Fayerweather Hall

10:30 a.m. Surfing the Digital Media Tsunami: A Dialogue with Jonathan Friendly ’60 and Phil Pochoda ’60
The Internet has forced “traditional” media—radio and television, newspapers, magazines, books, music and the movies—to reconsider how they operate. The Web has followed the pattern of earlier new mediums, cannibalizing existing content and reducing the income flow to the older forms. As newspapers shutter, fears are voiced that culturally valuable products will perish while the speedy new information leads to hasty and inadequate reporting and further dumb-sizing of content (think Facebook videos of cats). We believe that the Web will lead to an ultimately better informed society, more knowledgeable (if not necessarily wiser) and hence more fit for advancing democracy and, despite the present flames, civility. The massive growth of interactive media—Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, etc.—offers the opportunity for unprecedented individual and group participation in culture and politics. Jonathan Friendly ’60, Phil Pochoda ’60 and the audience will talk about ongoing disruptions and the opportunities they create. Presented by the Class of 1960.
Stirn Auditorium

11 a.m. – Lunch
1:15 p.m. Valentine Hall, Adults – $5
OR
On your own
1 p.m.  **Reunion 1967 – The War Classes**
This classic 1967 ABC-TV News Scope documentary on the 1967 Amherst Reunion (29 minutes), considered by producer-writer Dick Hubert ’60 to be lost in the fog of TV News history, was discovered by Jack Hailey ’67 in the archives of the Library of Congress. It will be shown here for the first time since it was telecast in June 1967 with background commentary on why it was produced, how Amherst became the target campus, how the Amherst administration reacted to the entire concept at the time, and how ABC News Correspondent John Scali (host for the program) argued with ABC executives about its content. Dick Hubert will be donating a copy of the program, with the permission of ABC News, to the Amherst Archives and Special Collections.
Presented by the Class of 1960.
*Stirn Auditorium*

4 p.m.  ** Spirituality Matters**
Richard Keady ’60, once a novitiate in the Order of St. Benedict, then professor of religion at San Jose State University; David Purdy ’60, ordained United Methodist minister and civil rights activist; and Carlton Russell ’60, college music professor and “delayed vocation Episcopal priest” on “faith and belief” will briefly outline their spiritual lives and journeys. They represent quite a wide spectrum of beliefs and experience that will invite much audience participation, maybe even enlightenment.
Presented by the Class of 1960.
*Pruyne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall*

5 p.m. – **Reception with President Biddy Martin**
6:30 p.m.  Join President Biddy Martin and others from the college for conversation and celebration. All are welcome.
*The Powerhouse*

5 p.m.  **Cocktails**
*Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi)*

6 p.m.  **Class Dinner – Traditional New England Clambake**
*Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi) – Under the tent*

8 p.m.  **In It for the Long Run**
This concert with Jim Rooney ’60 covers his more than 60-year journey through the musical world. Joining Jim will be Nashville Songwriter’s Hall of Fame member Pat Alger and multi-instrumentalist Chris Brashear. Jim’s recent autobiography, *In It for the Long Run: A Musical Odyssey*, will be featured, with Jim, in the program “Still Writing 55 Years After Amherst.” Presented by the Class of 1960.
*Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center*

**SATURDAY, May 30**

8 a.m. – **Alumni House Reception Center Open**
Stop by for registration, schedules of class activities, messages, information on the Amherst area and light refreshments.
*Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065*
8:15 a.m.  Singing Rehearsal  
*Music Room 3, Arms Music Center*

**All Day**  
College and class programs (See final reunion brochure for details.)

9 a.m. –  
**Art and Book Exhibit**  
The classes of 1960 and 1955 exhibit will feature artwork and books written and/or edited by classmates.  
*Eli Marsh Gallery, Fayerweather Hall*

9:45 a.m.  
**The State of Congress**  
Charles Johnson ’60, former long-term parliamentarian to the U.S. House of Representatives, author with Sir. William McKay, clerk of the House of Commons, of *Parliament and Congress* will be joined by Tom Davis ’71, former member of the House of Representatives. They will enlighten us with pungent perspectives on the current state of our representatives on Capitol Hill. Presented by the Class of 1960.  
*Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center*

11 a.m.  
**A Conversation with President Biddy Martin**  
President Martin’s remarks will be preceded by the annual meeting of the Society of the Alumni.  
*Johnson Chapel*

12:15 p.m.  
**Reunion Luncheon**  
Join us for a complimentary luncheon on the Quad. Look for your classmates under the decade signs!  
*Valentine Quad (Rain site: Valentine Dining Hall)*

1:30 p.m.  
**Encore Endeavors**  
Joe Zgrodnik ’60 will talk of current farming efforts in our nearby Connecticut Valley and possibly other recent intriguing activities. Dr. Stuart Rose ’60, Thomas Paulson ’60 and David Mace ’60 have intriguing and satisfying pro bono projects and experiences, local and international, to share. Scott MacConnell ’60 re-imagines history through his experiential design of the below decks for *The Hector*, the ship that brought the first wave of Scottish immigrants to Nova Scotia in 1773. The audience is encouraged to participate. Presented by the Class of 1960.  
*Music Room 3, Arms Music Center*

2:45 p.m.  
**Still Writing 55 Years After Amherst**  
More than 20 classmates who have published since our 50th Reunion. Charles Collins ’60, James Rooney ’60, William Rosenberg ’60 and Robert Steele ’60 will initiate discussion among themselves and the audience about recent writing experiences. How have decades of experience shaped what they produced and how they create their writings? Did English 1-2 have a positive or negative impact—or any at all? Presented by the Class of 1960.  
*Music Room 3, Arms Music Center*

5 p.m.  
**Cocktails**  
*Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi)*
6 p.m.  Class Banquet  
_Lewis-Sebring, Valentine Hall_

9 p.m.  The Zumbyes’ Reunion Show  
The Zumbyes welcome all Zum-alums, Amherst alums, friends, fans and anyone else to Buckley Recital Hall to celebrate the 65th year of the group with a free concert of new songs, classic songs and, of course, our beloved college songs.  
_Buckley Recital Hall, Arms Music Center_

SUNDAY, May 31

8:30 a.m.  Farewell Continental Breakfast  
_Headquarters – Lipton House (Chi Phi)_

8 a.m. – Noon  Alumni House Reception Center Open  
We’ll be open for you to drop off your keys or ask last-minute questions before you head home.  
_Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065_

9 a.m.  Service of Remembrance and Community  
Please join us for an ecumenical service to remember the lives of those alumni we have lost this year. Officiants: Rev. Peter Meek ’65 and Rabbi James Morgan ’90.  
_War Memorial, Memorial Hill (Rain Site: Chapin Chapel)_