

1. BACCALAUREI IN ARTIBUS CUM LAUDE

It may be difficult to conceive that I graduated from Amherst college with honors when one takes a look at my academic achievement during my first five semesters there. A social lion perhaps, but my GPA was cum lousy, but after Christmas in my Junior year, I returned with a determination to fix the damage. I was making progress during the spring semester when the Korean war opened a requirement for me to return to the U.S.Navy. I left with a vow to myself to return to Amherst and make an effort to graduate with honors, an ambitious challenge considering the GPA "baggage" I brought to the journey.

Just a little over a year ago I came across the attached memoriam to Professor Theodore P. Greene, Amherst '43. My first surprise was that he too was a returned veteran in 1952. Ted Greene taught me, inspired me, and motivated me to write, research and assemble the ingredients for my thesis as well as achieve the GPA essential to qualifying for Cum Laude. I received an "A" in his American Studies course and achieved an overall average (in my final semester) close to 90. Without Ted Greene I would never have graduated Cum Laude, an accomplishment which also fueled my admittance to Harvard Business School.

He eventually headed the famed and emulated Amherst American Studies program which has produced several Pulitzer prize winning authors. For me he stands alongside Grace Maynard, my high school mathematics teacher--the best teachers I ever had.