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Dear Classmates,

Snow (a lot) is falling in upstate New York. I share hopes that your Holidays and New Year will be restful and an opportunity to reflect on a year of fulfillment. From the prospective of the Class of 1972 nearing the end of our 50th Reunion Year it was a spectacular year and deserving of our collective pride.

Traditionally, the Class of 1972 fall mailing has been a request from the class treasurer soliciting payment of annual dues. This year I wanted to additionally update the Class about the special events of our Homecoming Weekend an important addition to the leadership team and alert you to the upcoming events of winter and spring of 2023. Notes from our Treasurer, David Kimball, will follow my comments.

Homecoming Events

On Homecoming Day, October 29, 2022, the Class formally dedicated our 50th Reunion Gift to the University. Our gift was a magnificent cabinet with a large tiger depicted through marquetry. The display cabinet was designed and rendered by our classmate, Silas Kopf. The case will display Class of 72 memorabilia.

A brief edited summary of the event penned by our Class Secretary, Ruby Huttner, follows: Attended by over forty of our classmates and guests, the dedication ceremony of our 50th Reunion Gift to Princeton University occurred on Homecoming Day, Saturday October 29, 2022. Classmate Silas Kopf's commissioned work, a magnificent piece of marquetry furniture, was introduced by Class President, Michael Schneider, as a class legacy and a demonstration of our commitment to Princeton. Silas's artistic furniture provokes innovative and imaginative thinking, and will act as a natural embellishment to our addition to the 1972 Dining Room in Whitman College. Recall this room was given to the University by our class at the Whitman College dedication in 2007.

Jim "Robby" Robinson reminded us of the background of the naming of this special room and how it was the product of the Memorial Fund we started in 1972 upon our graduation. With the completion of construction of the building, our classmate Peter Wendell introduced the idea of our naming the Dining Room, which finally came to fruition in September of 2007.

Following Robby, Claire F. Gmachi, the Eugene Professor of Electrical Engineering and Head of Whitman College, "let our spirits soar" as she described how buildings shape the educational community and will be enhanced through this showcase marquetry. It defines our camaraderie as it is filled with memorabilia showing our cherished Class friendships and memories. This masterpiece will engage undergraduates today and tomorrow and initiate their path as alumni.

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We then had the pleasure of hearing from Alexandra Day '02, Princeton's Deputy Vice President for Alumni Engagement. She not only complimented The Great Class of 1972 for its generosity, but also our leadership in programs such as the Scholars and Memorial Scholarship Fund, Civic Engagement, Community Service, Teaching Initiatives and the value of our Across the Generations Program.

Finally, Silas enlightened us of the generation of the project, acknowledging the earliest impetus came five years ago from our Class Treasurer, David Kimball. Silas then described its place in the '72 Dining Room with architecture filled with oak and limestone. Silas assembled wood through donated limbs from campus trees assuring all incorporated materials to be natural to the campus. He sawed these limbs into veneers using the colors he needed from ash, birch, cherry, maple, oak, walnut, and zelkova. The only coloring he added was orange, as there was no natural wood with a Princeton shade of orange. He pointed out, and we all agreed, "you cannot have a tiger without orange!"

To complete the ceremony, Silas received his "second" Princeton diploma from Michael, a plaque beautifully stating;

"Classmate Silas Kopf is recognized for his mastery of the crafting of art-furniture and technique of marquetry. Sharing this skill he has fashioned a singular display case allowing his Class to share memories and memorabilia of their Princeton experience. As America's most adept practitioner of modern marquetry he has consistently advanced his craft beyond the accepted limitations of its artistic technique. With this journey he has achieved creative self-awareness and a component of subtle and self-reflective whimsy, which is unique to his aesthetic sphere. We prize him as a classmate and artist".

In acknowledgement of his extraordinary work and craftsmanship, Silas was awarded a commemorative tray appropriately embellished with a tiger.

Leadership Team Enhancement

Following nomination by the leadership team and Executive Committee review, on October 22, 2022 the Executive Committee unanimously elected **Christine M. Loomis** as the Class of 1972 Vice President. Chris joins Nikos Monoyios as Class Vice President. At my request she will additionally serve as the inaugural Chair of our Class Program for Inclusion and Diversity.

Looking forward to 2023, there are a few dates to put on your calendars.

Alumni Day: Saturday February 25, 2023

The day traditionally begins around 9:00AM with various lectures, discussion, and talks. Major talks will be provided by the Woodrow Wilson Award recipient, General Christopher Cavoli '87, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and the James Madison Medal recipient, Robert Kahn *64, Internet Communications Pioneer.

This year the morning program announcing all award winners will be in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, beginning at 9:00 AM. The University luncheon will be held in Jadwin Gym following the morning program. At 3:00 PM the Service of Remembrance will be held in the University Chapel.

Please watch the University website and your email inbox for opportunities to register for Alumni Day Events and the formal events schedule.

Spouses are encouraged to attend and are welcome at all events except for the Executive Committee meeting which will be held in Rockey Mathey Room 202 beginning at 4:30 PM.

There will be a Class Dinner at the Nassau Club with a reception beginning at 5:30 PM with Dinner to follow. Eric Gregory, Professor of Religion and former Chair of the Humanities Council will be the evening's guest speaker. He holds specific interest in the role of religion in public life. Our **Alumni Day Class Dinner** will be held **Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM** at the Nassau Club at 6 Mercer Street in Princeton (\$100.00/person).

If you plan to come, you can register and pay on our website <http://www.princeton72.org> or by sending a check made payable to the *Class of 1972*. Mail to:

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Class Trip: Savannah Wednesday March 8 - Sunday March 12, 2023

Unfortunately, this Class trip which was opened to Classmates last fall is fully subscribed.

University Reunions: Thursday May 25 - Sunday May 28, 2023

As always Reunions is open to all. Details are not yet available, but we are anticipating a Class Dinner on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

From Your Class Treasurer

As acknowledged at our last Executive Committee meeting, our Class finances are in solid shape. Based on our continued solid performance in receiving dues payments and careful management of expenses, we continue to maintain the current dues level at \$50 per year.

That being said, at this time we have received just over 50% of our typical dues payments. Thank you to all who have already paid. Dues support our Class contributions to the Alumni Council, help sponsor Class events, and cover expenses generated by Class mailings, website management, etc. If our records indicate that you have not paid dues for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year, you should find an annual dues payment card and return envelope for paying your dues. Please make your check payable to the Class of 1972. You may also go online and pay your class dues by visiting the Class of 1972 website at www.princeton72.org.

Please also consider supporting additional contributions to the Class of 1972 Civic Engagement Fund to support the number of summer internships we can offer. A special thank you for those who have contributed to the Civic Engagement Fund at a rate higher than in previous years.

Finally, we encourage you to take the opportunity to pay any past missed dues. Such payments go directly to the bottom line and help us maintain our dues level. The dues card also offers the opportunity for personal news items to be shared with our Class Secretary, Ruby Huttner, for inclusion in PAW Class Notes.

Best wishes for the Holidays,



Mike Schneider
President



David Kimball
Treasurer