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Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries & Treasurers

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Dear Class Secretaries and Treasurers,

I am looking forward to beginning my term as President of the AHCCS&T and working with the Executive Committee and our partners in the HAA. As *The Quill and Key* newsletter enters its second year of publication, we hope to continue to provide you with valuable information that you will hopefully find useful in your role. *The Quill and Key* continues to be an evolving newsletter, and we welcome your feedback about how this newsletter can be even more useful for you. As always, thank you for your service to your class.

Tom Quirk '74

*AHCCS&T President*

## Class Spotlight

**Jane Classen Simon (1960 Secretary):** I have received and sent out news of my classmates to a list-serve for the Radcliffe Class of '60 for the last ten years (since the Radcliffe Quarterly was abolished in about 2010). The current concern of many of my classmates relates to the changing name of the Radcliffe Institute, now the Harvard-Radcliffe Institute. Those of us who were accepted into, lived at, and graduated from Radcliffe are saddened to see the name of our college slowly being undermined. Given the past history of Harvard's disregard

for Radcliffe (I could name several examples), we can't help but wonder how long it will be before "Radcliffe" disappears entirely.

**Cynthia Blanton (1971 Secretary):** Class of '71 has been busy resisting the renaming of the Radcliffe Institute to Harvard Radcliffe Institute. We have written various letters to Dean Brown-Nagin and President Bacow, politely questioning the process whereby this occurred, only to receive formulaic responses, claiming that alumni/ae were part of the decision, and by the way the Institute is described as a "school" of Harvard. Please pass on [this link](#) to your class members so they can sign the petition expressing our outrage, though politely, at this erasure of Radcliffe's history, legacy, and ideals. We currently have 228 signatures. On a happier note, we are planning our breakaway 50th Reunion for next year after resisting HAA suggestions that we hold it this year virtually.

**Rod Kessler (1971 Secretary):** Members of the Class of 1971 have started to gather for group lunches (in person!) once again not only in Boston but also in New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and (soon) Atlanta. We're also planning to party in Cambridge next June to celebrate our 51st — and make up for not having had an in-person 50th.

**Joan Porter MacIver (1975 Secretary):** The Radcliffe Class of 1975 will be launching an Oral History Project to record the oral histories from class members as we approach our 50th Reunion. Entering college as members of the last class to be outnumbered 4 to 1 by Harvard men, the women in the Class of '75 experienced Radcliffe and Harvard during a key moment of these institutions' histories. We seek to capture classmates' memories and thoughts of these tumultuous, if little studied, years at the University, and how our college experiences prepared us for subsequent lives and careers. Interviews will be conducted largely by classmates. Funding will be provided by the Class of '75, and digital copies of the video interviews and records, along with transcriptions, will be deposited at the Schlesinger Library. Our class also has a new class project, PassTheMic75, a podcast by our classmates about our '75 classmates and a monthly program of Marching Towards Justice, along with other class activities — outcomes of a successful 45th Zoom Reunion.

**Margarita Montoto (1978 Secretary):** ClassAct HRX8 continues to grow in membership and projects. Founded by members of HR78, HR88 has joined in and added a project to collaborate with. View our website for news [here](#).

**Claire Mays (1981 Secretary):** Radcliffe lives. This spring the 40th Reunion class received an alert from the 50th Reunion class, pointing to the effective renaming of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study to “Harvard Radcliffe Institute”. 253+ class of '81 signatories agreed that “we understand; it’s branding. ‘Harvard TH Chan...,’ ‘Harvard Paulson...,’ ‘Harvard Kennedy School...’ A suite of ‘Harvard’ products. Radcliffe, though, doesn’t need the Harvard name tag to validate its unique history and singular contributions to promoting women, scholars, and scholarship.” 1981 co-secretaries and treasurer signed the cover letter directing our petition to Dean Brown-Nagin and President Bacow. The alert has fostered intensive interclass communication and a coalition of 10 classes ranging from 1951 to 1981. We request and await dialogue — so far not on the Dean’s agenda, sad to say.

**Gabrielle Burton (1992 Secretary):** We are gearing up for our 30th next June, and so are beginning to spread the word about the date changes for reunions, and also to get classmates involved in the planning. Facebook and class-wide emails seem the most effective means for reaching our class, and our plan is to host regular Zooms leading up to reunion to encourage participation both in coming back to campus, as well as to widen participation for those who can’t travel to Cambridge that weekend. Zoom topics will include a book chat discussion with authors, another on leadership, another on power dynamics and intimate partner violence and what we all can do about it, and another aimed at organizing us together to do a public service act.

Thank you all for sharing your class activity and engagement! If you have news to share, [submit to the Class Spotlight](#) for the next issue of the newsletter!

## Virtual Resources

### Non-Reunion Engagement Support

While members of the CAP team focus a large portion of their work on classes that are in their Reunion cycle (this year, the time period from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022), we also help with non-Reunion class and cohort events. We are deeply committed to fostering connections and building community within each Harvard and Radcliffe College class. Please reference [this link](#) for

the types of support that CAP team members can provide as you plan a non-Reunion-cycle event. If you have questions, please contact your CAP staff liaison.

## **Crimson Society Secretaries and Treasurers Best Practices**

The CAP team has created for secretaries and treasurers in the Crimson Society cohort (those classes that have already celebrated their 50th reunion) a communications best practice document and a treasury best practice document. While these might be most helpful for those in the Crimson Society cohort, other AHCCS&T members may also find this information to be useful! These are living documents, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions you might have to improve upon them! You can view these documents on the [Officers Lounge](#).

## **Sending Class Emails**

As a member of AHCCS&T, the HAA offers you alumni broadcast email services. Learn about the [HAA's email service](#) on the Officers Lounge; this resource outlines the information we need in order to create and send your email, and the guidelines that govern this process. Alternately, we encourage you to use an email client that works best for you to regularly communicate with your classmates. If you choose to use a third-party broadcast email client instead of sending class-wide emails through the HAA email service, please consider [these best practices](#).

Please view the [Officers Lounge](#) website to view other resources, such as [AHCCS&T minimum standards](#), [class sites training documents](#), and [Partnered Treasury Program information](#).

## HAA and University Updates

### **Harvard's First Unity Weekend**

Harvard's inaugural Unity Weekend is just around the corner! Open to all in the Harvard community, this three-day virtual conference will serve as a forum for

diverse communities to come together for candid conversations on complex issues at the intersection of identity, inclusion, and impact. Led by, and in celebration of, alumni of color, Unity Weekend will feature prominent alumni, faculty, and other members of the Harvard community. The event is hosted by the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance (H4A), Harvard Black Alumni Society (HBAS), Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance (HLAA), and Native American Alumni of Harvard University (NAAHU) in partnership with the Harvard Alumni Association. It will take place **September 23–25, 2021**. We hope to see you there! [Register now!](#)

## **Radcliffe Magazine: *Newsmakers***

The [Newsmakers](#) section of Radcliffe Magazine brings the extraordinary achievements of Radcliffe alumnae and fellows to our readership. Please tell us about your awards, publications, and other accomplishments by e-mailing [magazine@radcliffe.harvard.edu](mailto:magazine@radcliffe.harvard.edu).

## **Harvard Magazine Class Notes Update**

On June 30, our dear friend Jean Martin retired after serving for more than 25 years as the *Harvard Magazine* class notes editor. If you would like to submit to the class notes section of the *Harvard Magazine*, you can contact Lindsay Mitchell ([lindsay\\_mitchell@harvard.edu](mailto:lindsay_mitchell@harvard.edu)).

## **Upcoming Event: Our Bodies, Ourselves Book Talk**

The final installment of the summer series of Virtual Radcliffe Book Talks on Tuesday, August 17 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) will feature a discussion of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, first published in 1971. This event is organized in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the book's first edition and in connection with the [Boston Women's Health Book Collective Records](#) housed in the Schlesinger Library. [Register to attend!](#)

## In Memoriam

Please join us in honoring the Association member we have lost since the last publication of *The Quill and Key*, this May:

- [B. Devereux “Dev” Barker ’60, Treasurer](#)

## New Members

Please offer a warm welcome to the new Association members that have joined us since the last publication of *The Quill and Key*, this May:

- Lionel Spiro ’60, Treasurer

## 2021-2022 Executive Committee

Approved at this spring’s Annual Meeting, meet the incoming AHCCS&T Executive Committee:

President: Tom Quirk ’74

Secretary: Brad Paraszczak ’11

Treasurer: April Edrington ’91

Committee Member: John Henn ’64

Committee Member: Rod Kessler ’71

Committee Member: Debra Graham ’88

Committee Member: Arthur Karell ’01

Committee Member: Michelle Dimino ’14

Committee Member: Nina Srivastava ’18

College Appointed Director: Chris Duble ’75

You can view their contact information in the [AHCCS&T photo directory](#) on the Officers Lounge!

For additional information and assistance, please visit the [Officers Lounge](#) or contact College Alumni Programs ([haa\\_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu](mailto:haa_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu)).

We highly encourage you to [submit content for the next issue of the \*Quill and Key\*](#). Thank you for your service and dedication to your class!

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