

**A Princeton Chronology  
September 1971-June 1975  
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**1971**

**September**

**Prison riot erupts in  
Attica NY**

**Nikita Khrushchev dies**

- *Gardeski, Rosen, and Schirmer steal the clapper from Nassau Hall*
  - *Selective Service Draft extended until 1977*
- *Alan Kornblum, Dir. Of Security, proposes \$1 "lock-out" fee*
  - *325 women arrive on campus*
  - *Witherspoon Hall becomes only all-women's dorm*
- *Abby Rubinfeld elected Class President; she is interviewed on NBC's Today Show*

**October**

***Taiwan thrown out of UN by China***

***First women priests ordained by Anglican Church***

***"Stairway to Heaven" released by Led Zeppelin***

- *Carly Simon / Seals and Crofts appear at McCarter Theater*
  - *Pete Carill teaches Freshmen PhysEd class*
  - *Ed Marinaro of Cornell beats Princeton 19-8*

## **November**

### **Solzhenitsyn refuses to go to Sweden to collect Nobel Peace Prize**

- *Boz Scaggs Concert at McCarter*
- *Beach Boys highlight Yale weekend*
- *Princeton beats Harvard 21-10 behind Bjorkland*
  - *Yale beats Princeton 10-6*
  - *Bressler report released*
- *Bowen succeeds Goheen as President of Princeton*

## **December**

### **Vietnam Veterans seize the Statue of Liberty**

- *Princeton beats North Carolina 89-73 behind Brian Taylor*
  - *Livingston Taylor in concert*
  - *Triangle Club does "Crushed Ice"*

*LITERATURE – "Love Story" by Erich Segal*

*Jesus Christ Superstar opens on Broadway*

# **1972**

## **JANUARY**

### **Work on NASA's "Space Shuttle" is first authorized**

### **Nixon produces first peace plan calling for release of POW's**

- *Flu epidemic hits campus; Dr. Darlymple of McCosh infirmary recommends "rest"*
  - *Princeton beats Penn (then ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in country) 69-56*
    - *Contract awarded to build Spellman dorms*
    - *Don McClean sings "American Pie" at Princeton*

## **FEBRUARY**

***Nixon travels to China to establish diplomatic relations***

***John Mitchell resigns***

***Lithium found to aid in treatment of Manic-Depression***

- *Liquor stores (wine only, of course) and lettuce are boycotted by Princeton students in sympathy for migrant farm workers*
  - *"Low Spark of High-Heeled Boys" purchased at U-Store for \$3.89*
    - *Steve Hellmuth draws Lottery #1 with 3/7/53 birthday*

## **MARCH**

- *J. Geils Band and Billy Joel in concert at McCarter Theater*

## **APRIL**

***N. Vietnam invades S. Vietnam***

***Apollo 16 returns from the moon***

- *John McGloughlin and his Mahvishnu Orchestra, plus Ravi Shankar appear in Princeton, along with Curtis Mayfield, and Mark/Almond Band*
  - *Women's swimming team goes undefeated*
- *109 Male students evicted during Room Draw to make room for coed dorms*
  - *Princeton beats Indiana in NIT but loses to Niagara*
  - *100 protesters occupy Woodrow Wilson to protest ROTC*

## **MAY**

***Nixon mines Hanoi harbor***

***Nixon meets Breshnev in Moscow***

- ***Jerry Rubin speaks at Princeton and endorses McGovern; Route 1 blockaded***
  - ***58 arrested in protest at Institute for Defense Analysis***
    - ***Biafra fast for famine***

## **JUNE**

***George Wallace shot by Arthur Bremer***

***Death penalty ruled unconstitutional***

***Watergate burglars caught***

***"No new draftees will be sent to Vietnam" –  
Richard M. Nixon***

***Jane Fonda goes to North Vietnam***

## **JULY**

***George McGovern named Democratic candidate  
for President; Thomas Eagleton resigns citing his  
earlier electro-shock treatment for depression***

***John Mitchell resigns as head of CREEP***

## **AUGUST**

***Last ground troops in Vietnam are deactivated***

## **SEPTEMBER**

**11 Israeli Olympians are murdered by Arab terrorists at Summer Olympics in Munich; Mark Spitz wins 7 gold medals; Frank Shorter wins marathon and "jogging" becomes the latest fad**

- *Tricia Nixon and Daniel Ellsberg visit Princeton*
- *Sexual Education Counseling and Health Unit opens in McCosh Infirmary*
  - *Class of 1975 wins Cane Spree again !*
  - *Gay Alliance of Princeton holds first meeting*
- *"Damien's Rathskeller" opens in basement of Cannon Club to raise money*

## **OCTOBER**

*Henry Kissinger declares that "peace is at hand"*

## **NOVEMBER**

***Nixon wins election in landslide***

***B-52's conduct massive bombing of North Vietnam***

- *Princeton beats Harvard 10-7*
- *Yale beats Princeton 31-7*

## **DECEMBER**

***Bombing of North Vietnam continues, then ends on 30 December***

***Apollo 17 returns from moon; last trip for US astronauts***

- *Tiger Inn in trouble for giving 32 early bids during Bicker*

- *Emerson's opens on Route 1; \$2.95 for a steak and all the salad you can eat*

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*SPORTS Jack Nicklaus wins 4<sup>th</sup> Masters*

*Stan Smith and BJ King win at Wimbledon*

*Joe Namath signs for \$500,000*

*Frank Shorter wins Olympic Marathon, first American since 1908*

*Bobby Fischer beats Boris Spasky in Iceland*

*Oakland defeats Cincinnati in World Series*

*MUSIC Moog Synthesizer invented*

*LITERATURE Watership Down – Richard Adams*

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**1973**

*January*

***Cease-fire in Vietnam (Paris peace accord)***

***Lt, Col. William Noble is last combat casualty in Vietnam War***

***Guilty pleas for all Watergate burglars***

***Smoking is linked to fetal health problems***

***Mandatory pre-boarding X-rays of all passenger baggage on US airlines begins***

- *Jake McCandless resigns after 4-5 and 3-5-1 seasons*
  - *Pub opens*

***FEBRUARY***

***POW's begin to return***

***US devalues dollar to improve balance of payments***

*Women barred from men's contact sports at Princeton*

*Cheech and Chong appear at McCarter Theater*

## **MARCH**

### ***Allegations continue in Watergate probe***

- *Bob Cacciola named football coach; installs "veer" offense*
- *Miles Davis concert at McCarter; Miles leaves stage after 40 minutes, pouting over small turnout and bad acoustics*

## **APRIL**

***Martha Mitchell says that Nixon lied about his contacts with her husband***

***Haldeman and Erlichman quit***

- *Rugby team wins Ivy Championship*
- *Gloria Steinham speaks at McCarter on Sexism and Racism*
- *El Deuco Perverto protests results of Student Government election*
  - *Sun Ra and his Arkestra appear at Alexander Hall*



## **MAY**

***Mitchell and Stans indicted on perjury charges***

***Senate Watergate hearings begin***

***Nixon admits role in Watergate break-in***

- *Lou Reed in concert at McCarter Theatre*
- *Triangle Club does "Future Schlock"*
- *Angela Davis speech cancelled due to bomb threat*
- *Daily Princetonian advertises for 6 Tony Orlando look-alikes to join Tony at the Copa in Las Vegas*

## **JUNE**

***John Dean testifies about a "cancer on the Presidency"***

## **JULY**

***Nixon tapes revealed***

***Agnew under scrutiny for kickbacks as Governor of Maryland***

***Alaska Pipeline approved***

## **AUGUST**

***First CAT scan approved for use in London***

***Judge John Sirica asks for Nixon tapes***

## **SEPTEMBER**

***Allende shot and killed during coup in Chile***

- *Spellman Dorms open*
- *Imee Marcos comes to Princeton*
- *Statistics released that 1223 patients visit SECH in 1972-1973!*

## **OCTOBER**

***Agnew resigns; Gerald Ford named Vice President***

***Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox fired ("Saturday Night Massacre")***

- *Rev. Sun Myung Moon speaks at Princeton*
  - *Bonnie Raitt concert*
  - *Benny Carter concert*
- *Princeton loses to Brown 7-6; first loss to Brown since 1954*

## **NOVEMBER**

***Yom Kippur War between Egypt/Syria and Israel***

***NJ Turnpike lowers speed limit to 50 MPH as "Energy Crisis" hits US consumers***

***Stock Market goes to lowest level in 19 years***

- *Marshal Tucker concert*
- *Salary of Princeton professor - \$19,536*

## **DECEMBER**

***All US gas stations close on December 2***

## ***Kissinger wins Nobel Prize***

- ***William Shockley speaks about relationship between intelligence and race***
  - ***Final exams in jeopardy due to energy problems***

***SPORTS Dolphins beat Redskins in Superbowl***

***Designated hitter rule is adopted by American League***

***Secretariat wins Triple Crown***

***John Newcombe and Margaret Court win Wimbledon***

***Willie Mays retires***

***BJ King beats Bobby Riggs***

***Oakland beats Mets for World Series***

***OJ Simpson goes over 2000 yards***

***LITERATURE "Fear of Flying" by Erica Jong***

***"Breakfast of Champions" by Kurt Vonnegut***

***"Fire in the Lake" by Francis Fitzgerald***

***"Best and the Brightest" by David Halberstam***

## **JANUARY**

### ***55 MPH speed limit made mandatory on interstate highway system***

- *Women granted "equal access" admission to Princeton*
  - *Dave Brubeck concert*

## **FEBRUARY**

### ***Patty Hearst kidnapped***

### ***Anwar Sadat takes over in Egypt***

- *Women's squash team finishes undefeated season*
- *Bicker terms we can all be proud of ----- "Deep read cut," "face cut," "face bid," "gross bid," " lunchmeat," " hat bid, "uppercut," " tree-troll fight," " 200 bid"*

## **MARCH**

### ***Nixon named co-conspirator in Watergate cover-up***

- *Princeton Women win Eastern Swimming championships*
  - *Men's Squash team ties Harvard for Ivy Title*

## **APRIL**

### ***Lowest birthrate in US history recorded in 1973***

### ***US TV Networks agree to lower the level of violence in their programming***

### ***Hank Aaron hits 714<sup>th</sup> Home Run***

## **MAY**

***Nixon turns over tapes to House Judiciary  
Committee***

***India tests nuclear bomb; number of nations with  
nuclear capability now six***

## **JUNE**

***Isabel Peron takes over Presidency of Argentina***

***Heimlick maneuver introduced at Xavier  
University***

## **JULY**

***House Judiciary Committee recommends 5  
Impeachment charges***

## **AUGUST**

***Nixon resigns and Gerald Ford becomes  
President***

## **SEPTEMBER**

***Ford names George Bush as envoy to China***

***Ford pardons Nixon***

***Ford offers amnesty to draft evaders***

***Ted Kennedy withdraws from 1976 Presidential campaign following Chappaquidick incident***

***Freon named as ozone-depleting gas***

- WAWA opens
- Princeton dorms found to violate many New Jersey fire codes
- Princeton ties Rutgers 6-6. Rutgers students tear down both goal posts and Princeton is not able to kick the extra point. 2-point try fails.

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

***Ella Grasso of Connecticut is first elected woman governor in US History***

- Golda Meir speaks at Princeton
- Princeton loses to Harvard 34-17
- Princeton loses to Yale 19-6

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**JANUARY**

- *Fire empties Princeton Inn*

## ***FEBRUARY***

- *Herbie Hancock concert*

## ***MARCH***

- *Jackson Browne Concert*
- *Men's swim team wins third straight Eastern Title*

- ***NIT RESULTS***

- *Princeton 84-Holy Cross 63*
- *Princeton 86-South Carolina 67*
  - *Princeton 58-Oregon 57*
  - *Princeton 80-Providence 69*

- ***Princeton finishes season ranked #13 in the US!***

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## ***SPORTS – Ali-Frazier in MSG***

***Hank Aaron beats Babe Ruth's HR record***

***Connors/Evert at Wimbledon***

**Moses Malone goes from  
high school basketball  
directly to the pros for  
\$150,000 per year**

**Frank Robinson named first black  
manager in baseball**

**Oakland beats Dodgers for  
World Series**

**Ali beats Foreman in the  
"Thrilla in Manila"**

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**LITERATURE – Gulag Archipeligo by  
Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

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**"Films of the 70's" by Robert Bookbinder**

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**1971**

**Carnal Knowledge**



**Play Misty for Me**

**Last Picture Show**

**Clockwork Orange**

**Dirty Harry**

**1972**

**Plat it Again Sam**

**Godfather**

**Last Tango in Paris**

**Deliverance**

**1973**

**Serpico**

**The Exorcist**

**Sting**

**Magnum Force**

**American Graffiti**

**1974**

**Godfather II**

**Towering Inferno**

**Chinatown**

**1975**

**Shampoo**

**Jaws**

**Nashville**

**One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest**

**Famous Books of the early 1970's : "I'm OK,  
You're OK"**

**"Your Erroneous Zones"**

**"Looking Out for Number One"**

**"How to be your own Best Friend"**

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**Encyclopedia of Rock, Pop, and Soul**

**By Irwin Stambler**

**(What were we listening to during our 4 years at  
Princeton?)**

**1971**

**Tumbleweed Connection**

**Mud Slide Slim – James Taylor**

**Sticky Fingers – Stones**

**Tea for the Tillerman – Cat Stevens**

**Tapestry – Carole King**

**LA Woman – Doors**

**Allman Bros at Fillmore – Allman  
Bros**

**Blue – Joni Mitchell**

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**1972**

**American Pie – Don McLean**

**Bangladesh Concert - George Harrison**

**HotRocks – Rolling Stones**

**Low Spark of High-Heeled Boys – Traffic**

**Madman Across the Water – Elton John**

**Heart of Gold – Neil Young**

**Exile on Main Street – Stones**

**Thick as a Brick – Jethro Tull**

**Honky Chateau – Elton John**

**Candy Man – Sammy Davis Jr.**

**Super Fly – Curtis Mayfield**

**Rock of Ages – The Band**

World is Ghetto – War

One Man Dog – James Taylor

For the Roses – Joni Mitchell

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**1973**

**Loggins and Messina – Loggins and Messina**

**I Am Woman – Helen Reddy**

**Tie a Yellow Ribbon – Tony Orlando**

**Dark Side of the Moon – Pink Floyd**

**Can't Buy a Thrill – Steely Dan**

**Bad Bad Leroy Brown – Jim Croce**

**Killing Me Softly – Roberta Flack**

**Goat's Head Soup – Stones**

**Goodbye Yellow Brick Road – Elton John**

**Midnight Train to Georgia – Gladys Knight**

**Head to the Sky – Earth, Wind, and Fire**

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**1974**

**The Joker – Steve Miller**

**Eagles – Eagles**

**Court and Spark – Joni Mitchell**

**Pretzel Logic – Steely Dan**

**Band of the Run – Paul McCartney**

**Workingman's Dead/American  
Beauty – Grateful Dead**

**Desperado – Eagles**

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**1975**

**Average White Band – Average White  
Band**

**Blood on the Tracks – Bob Dylan**

**Katy Lied – Steely Dan**

**Born to Run – Bruce Springsteen**

**Piano Man – Billy Joel**

**Feelings – Morris Albert (Yes, this all-time classic came out in 1975)**

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**MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS**

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**(others are sprinkled throughout the chronology)**

**World Series**

**1971. - Pittsburgh over Orioles in  
World Series led by Roberto  
Clemente 4-3**

**1972. Charles Finley's Oakland  
A's over Cincinnati Reds Big Red  
Machine 4-3**

**1973. Oakland A's over Mets 4-3  
(Rollie Fingers)**

**1974. Oakland A's over LA  
Dodgers 4-2**

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**Super Bowls**

**VI – Dallas over Miami 24-3**

**VII – Miami over Washington 14-7  
(Miami's undefeated season)**

**VIII – Miami over Minnesota**

**IX – Pittsburgh over Minnesota**  
**("Steel Curtain" begins)**

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**TOP THREE STORIES of 1971-1975**  
**that continue to affect our lives 25**  
**years later**

**Watergate**

**End of Vietnam War**

**Women's Rights Movement \***

**\*Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 by**  
**Supreme Court makes abortion a**  
**"fundamental right "of women; 66%**  
**of all women feel that they are**



**"victims" of discrimination,**  
**according to polls conducted in 1974**

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**Change in Fees at Princeton 1971-1975**

**1971-1972: Comprehensive Fee (tuition, matriculation, graduation, medical insurance, use of library, infirmary and laboratories) \$2800, Board Rate \$590 to \$960, Room Charges \$580.**

**1972-1973: Comprehensive Fee \$3050, Board Rate \$590 to \$960, Room Charges \$595.**

**1973-1974: Comprehensive Fee \$3300, Board Rate \$590 to \$960, Room Charges \$660 (Spelman Hall \$710).**

**1974-1975: Comprehensive Fee \$3500, Board Rate \$645 to \$945, Room Charges \$730 to \$780.**

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# **Class of 1975 Statistics**

**Total number of applicants- 8155**

**Male applicants- 6137**

**Female applicants- 2018**

**Total number of students offered admission- 2105**

**Male- 1582**

**Female- 523**

**Total number of students who accepted admission- 1139**

**Male- 807**

**Female- 332**

**Enrollment - 1974-75**

**Total (all students)- 4336**

**Male- 3071**

**Female- 1265**

**Seniors (class of 1975)- 1061**

**Male- 756**

**Female- 305**

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**Graduation - Class of 1975**

**Total number graduated- 998**

**Male- 705 (Therefore, 102 men who arrived as Freshmen didn't make it to graduation)**

**Female- 293 (Therefore, 39 women who arrived as Freshmen didn't make it to graduation)**

**Class of 1975 Valedictorian was Cynthia Chase**

**Class of 1975 Salutorian was Lisa Seigman**

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**Did you know that:**

**The Princeton Women's Field Hockey team defeated Harvard and Yale in every game they played and went undefeated for the 1975 season?**