

**The Princeton Class of 1975 Chronology**  
**September 1971-June 1975**

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# 1971

September 1971

**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 1971

***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 1971**

### **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 1971**

### **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 1972**

***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. Dalrymple 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 McLean sings "American Pie" at Princeton*

## **FEBRUARY 1972**

***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 1972**

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

## **APRIL 1972**

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

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

- *John McLaughlin and his Mahavishnu 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 1972**

***Nixon mines Hanoi harbor***

***Nixon meets Brezhnev 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 1972**

***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 1972**

***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 1972**

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

## **SEPTEMBER 1972**

***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 1972**

*Henry Kissinger declares "peace is at hand"*

## **NOVEMBER 1972**

***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 1972**

***Bombing of North Vietnam until 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 1972**

*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 1973***

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

***Lt. Col. William Noble - last combat casualty in Vietnam***

***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*
  - *Princeton Pub opens*

***FEBRUARY 1973***

***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 1973**

### ***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 1973**

### ***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 1973**

### ***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 1973**

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

## **JULY 1973**

***Nixon tapes revealed***

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

***Alaska Pipeline approved***

## **AUGUST 1973**

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

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

## **SEPTEMBER 1973**

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

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

## **OCTOBER 1973**

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

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

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

## ***NOVEMBER 1973***

***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 1973***

***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 problem*
    - *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 Meets 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*

# 1974

## JANUARY 1974

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

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

## FEBRUARY 1974

***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 1974**

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

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

## **APRIL 1974**

### ***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 1974**

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

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

## **JUNE 1974**

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

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

## **JULY 1974**

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

## **AUGUST 1974**

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

## **SEPTEMBER 1974**

***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 1974**

***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 19-14***

# 1975

## JANUARY 1975

- *Fire empties Princeton Inn*

## FEBRUARY 1975

- *Herbie Hancock concert*

## MARCH 1975

- *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 Archipelago by Alexander Solzhenitsyn\_**

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

### **1971**

Carnal Knowledge

Play Misty for Me

Last Picture Show

Clockwork Orange

Dirty Harry

### **1972**

Play 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

## **1972**

American Pie – Don McLean  
Bangladesh Concert - George Harrison  
Hot Rocks – 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

## **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 from 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**

### ***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)***

## ***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*

### ***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.**

## ***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***

***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 girls 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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And one final factoid.....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?