

# PRINCETON CLASS OF 1975 FIFTY-YEAR FLASHBACK

MAY, 2024

## WHO SAID IT?

“Resolved: The national interest compels the U.S. to revise its present policy of support to Israel.”

- a) Title of Columbia University faculty debate, May, 2024
- b) Title of Whig-Clio debate, May, 1974

Answer: B, with David E. Jacoby '75 arguing “no” and Stephen E. Fiamma '75 moderating

“The primary concern of alumni is and has been the ideological imbalance of the faculty.”

- a) U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), grilling university presidents at House hearing, May, 2024
- b) T. Harding Jones '72, executive director of Concerned Alumni of Princeton, May, 1974



Answer: B, in an [op-ed](#) in the Daily Princetonian.

“Given the many things that need to be done, it is discouraging to devote so much time and emotional energy to clearing up misconceptions and dealing with issues out of perspective.”

- a) U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), on Republican efforts to impeach President Biden, May, 2024
- b) Princeton President William Bowen, regarding the Concerned Alumni of Princeton, May, 1974.

Answer: [B](#)

“It is only when Princeton fulfills the goal of being a truly representative community that it can attempt to instill in society a respect for all people – regardless of race, color, sex, or national origin.”

- a) President Eisgruber, touting Princeton’s strides in diversifying the student body, May, 2024
- b) Sonia Sotomayor ’76, charging Princeton with discriminating against Latinos, May, 1974

Answer: B, in an [op-ed](#) piece in the Daily Princetonian

## OTHER NOTABLE QUOTABLES FROM PRINCETON, MAY, 1974

“Princeton as a university and town is not a particularly congenial place for a single woman to live, especially a single woman with an independent lifestyle.”

---Ann D. Wood, a popular assistant professor of English, after [resigning](#) to go to Columbia.



“They appear to have a great dedication to teaching. I asked them when they had office hours and they said, ‘All the time, Erich. This isn’t Yale. All the time!’”

--- Erich Segal, Yale professor and author of “Love Story,” recounting what he was told by Princeton faculty when he [accepted a visiting professorship](#) in the Princeton classics department.

“The flushing of a toilet while a person is in the shower should be punishable by fine.”

--- Keith S. Wishon '75 in a [satirical letter](#) to the Daily Princetonian mocking proposals to ban smoking and pets on campus

## IN THE WORLD: THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN (OR SOON WILL)

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica orders President Nixon to surrender tape recordings of White House conversations that had been subpoenaed by special prosecutor Leon Jaworski. (The Supreme Court subsequently upheld the ruling in July, leading to Nixon’s resignation.)

House Judiciary Committee begins formal hearings on Nixon’s impeachment:



Former Vice President Spiro Agnew is disbarred.

West German Chancellor Willie Brandt resigns over his aide's ties with East Germany's secret service. Helmut Schmidt succeeds him.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau loses no-confidence vote. New elections scheduled for July.

Valerie Giscard d'Estaing narrowly defeats Francois Mitterand to become president of France following the death in April of Georges Pompidou.

**ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD**

Six members of Symbionese Liberation Army killed in shootout with Los Angeles police and subsequent fire.

India becomes the sixth nation to explode an atomic bomb.

The Philadelphia Flyers, led by goaltender Bernie Parent, becomes the first NHL expansion team to win the Stanley Cup.

“The Dean Martin Show” broadcasts its final episode after nine years on the air

Israel and Syria sign agreement over the Golan Heights.

In Italy’s first-ever referendum, voters overwhelmingly favor retaining the right to divorce.

Senate rejects bill allowing states to raise the speed limit to 60 miles per hour, from 55.

Duke Ellington dies.

Top Hits: [“The Loco-Motion,”](#) Grand Funk Railroad; [“The Streak,”](#) Ray Stevens; [“Band on the Run,”](#) Paul McCartney and Wings

## MEANWHILE, ON THE CAMPUS

Faculty approves a plan to allow undergraduates to take six courses [pass-fail](#) over their four years.

The Class of '78, the first selected without separate admissions quotas for men and women, will be [30 percent women](#), up 2 percent from the Class of '77

Eating clubs conclude Houseparties weekend with a block party on Prospect Avenue.



*Jean Smith—Princetonian*

History is the [leading choice for major](#) by the Class of '76, with 128 students, followed by economics (96) and English (76).

The Residence Committee recommends [banning pets](#) on campus, though this was not the final word on the matter. "The committee's sentiment was that the present pet policy is definitely unworkable," said committee chairman Lawrence A. Cooperstein '75. Peter M. Lincoln '75, the student pet policy administrator, had urged a change.

The board of the campus Pub votes to [boycott Gallo Wines](#) because of its efforts to resist the United Farm Workers union.

Representatives of the New York Civil Rights Office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare [meet with Princeton Latino students](#) to discuss charges of alleged discrimination in hiring and recruitment.

Results of questionnaire show that [Spelman Hall](#), Princeton's first experiment in apartment living, has been a "major success" overall, though some residents feel a sense of isolation.

## GO TIGERS!

Men's tennis finishes first [undefeated season](#) in ten years and captures first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Louise Gengler '75 and Mo Curran '76 win the [doubles titles](#) at both the Middle States and the Seven Sisters-Ivy League tournaments.

[Golf team](#) finishes season undefeated but does not win the Easterns.

Late-season [losses to Harvard](#) doom baseball team's quest for conference championship.

The Class of '75 ("Big '75 Machine") faces the Class of '55 ("The '55 Hackers") in softball at Cloister Inn, followed by brunch. (Outcome not reported by the Daily Princetonian.)

## SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS

[Marvin Miller](#), executive director of Baseball Players Association

Defense attorney [William Kunstler](#)

Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen '38 (R-NJ): "Perspective New Jersey"



Frances Cress Welsing M.D., Harvard School of Medicine: "The Cress Theory of Color-Confrontation and Racism"

Rep. [Shirley Chisolm](#) (D-NY): "Reflections on the State of the Union"

Rep. [Martha Griffiths](#) (D-Mich) on women's rights

John D. Lofton, syndicated columnist: "If you think Nixon's isolated, try to get hold of James Reston sometime."

[Frances Fitzgerald](#), author of "Fire in the Lake" on "Indochina: The post-war war."

## ENTERTAINMENT ON AND NEAR CAMPUS

Billy Joel, Alexander Hall

"The Great Gatsby," with Robert Redford and Mia Farrow, Prince Theater

["Waiting for Godot"](#) The Truck Stop, Wilcox Hall.

"The Waste Land," multimedia adaptation of TS Eliot poem, Wilcox Hall

"The Last Detail" with Jack Nicholson at the Playhouse

University Dance Group, Alexander Hall

"'Tis Pity She's a Whore" Theatre Intime

Pianist Mimmi Fulmer, '74, Woolworth Center

"Magnum Force" with Clint Eastwood, Playhouse theater

The [Firesign Theatre](#), McCarter Theatre

"The King of Marvin Gardens" at McCarter Theatre

"Serpico" at the Playhouse

And last but not least, "Kiss My..." at Frick Hall



*Bill Casp—Princetonian*

**'KISS MY ACETYLENE'**—Clad only in molecular models, sophomores Jeffrey Smisek (left) and Glenn Swanson streaked past Professor Maitland Jones yesterday morning and exhorted their pre-med organic chemistry classmates to fill in the blank.

The class's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is only one year away!

