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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. "The greatest and why"...the greatest trip, friend, moment, adventure, commitment, food, job?
 2. Ever sneak into a paid event?
 3. Ever not pay for bad meal or bad service?
4. Have you ever rented an apartment or house in another country? How did it work out?
5. Do you think that our political season should be a couple of months, like other countries, or do you like the years-long campaigning?
6. If you moved away from the Rapids - do you think about moving back?

and responses:

Don Wylie - don.wylie@ssec.wisc.edu

Kent, I enjoyed the Words with Gender Dependent Meanings even though none of class mates had any responses. So here's my 2¢.

1. The Letter Club - had a letter for almost 2 years and don't remember much about the club. It was all about strutting around with the jacket. We were proud of LHS and ourselves (even though the football team had a disappointing record). But the next year I cut the W off and just wore the jacket because nobody in college wears a letter jacket. Its not cool anymore. Down here in Madison we know when its tournament time because the kids with their proud jackets appear.
4. Was I Ever sorry I went barefoot - Oh yes - I went jogging from Tom Brown's house the August after graduation. We ran around the east end of Lake Wazeecha and then swam back across the lake. Beautiful route but I didn't have my running shoes so I ran barefoot. It's supposed to be cool, natural and some say its better for you than shoes. Well I got enormous blisters on both feet from running on the blacktop roads.

They hurt.

5. Ever altered your life style for the "environment"? Yes, we all probably have - some by choice and some by evolution. We have lots of energy efficient light bulbs, drive cars for which better mileage is required by law, live in houses and apartments built with more insulation, use cleaners, pesticides and lawn fertilizers that have been modified because the old forms were "bad for the environment."
If you want to see a place where environmental laws are just starting to be used and a culture is just starting to deal with their garbage, go to China.
We took a tour in March. Its exotic, very different and we never saw clear skies. There is a perpetual haze in the cities and in the country and on the Yangtze river. It comes from the Gobi Desert dust north of Beijing, the coastal rain of

Shanghai and billions of cars. Chinese cities are crowded as you know. Now they drive billions of car. Bicycles are there but we see more in Madison.

They have a lot of scooters, but the streets and freeways look like the ball game at Lambeau or Camp Randal just ended - bumper to bumper traffic. Cars and buses all squeeze slowing along. Driving is an art. We were surprised, they was no road rage, no one finger gestures and very few accidents which is a compliment to their disposition and driving culture. They also have discovered street sweepers, garbage trucks and are cleaning up the Yangtze River so their environment is improving.

Kathy Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

Don and I rented our first apartment after we were married in Neidenback, West Germany in 1966. We lived upstairs from an Air Force couple and behind the home that housed our landlord and his family. It was a wonderful experience living in a very small village until November 1967. We spent our first anniversary there and are planning to spend our 50th next year (God willing). I think that just having each other for those 2 years cemented out bond. There were only 5 American couples in our little village so that also caused a wonderful bond.

I hope that this finds all of our classmates from Texas & Oklahoma surviving the storms that have been hitting this area the past couple of weeks.

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Answer to Number 4: We go overseas 1 to 2 times a year and always get an apartment . We have never been disappointed. The cost usually comes out to \$35 to \$55 per person, you can't beat that. I miss the continental breakfasts you get at hotels, but one can find some really good cafes on the streets.

This Fall we are going to Slovenia, Zagreb, and Venice and have apartments already lined up. After that trip we are going to Portugal and will stay in hotels there. If you go online and look up apartments in the country and city you will stay at and dozens will show up.

Jean Kruchten - jeankruchten1054@yahoo.com

I had 3 great moments in my life, the births of my 3 children. My 2 daughters and my son changed my life forever. In 1992 at the age of 20, my son died in my arms. That made me realize that even great moments can occur during the most tragic time of your life. I didn't realize it at the time but as time passed it was a great moment. I was blessed to have been the first to hold him when he was born (my third great moment) and I was the last to hold him when he left my life. Since then I have had 5 additional great moments, the births of my 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

I moved from Rapids in 1977. When my parents were still living I made monthly trips back to spend a weekend with them. Since I lost them, I make very few trips. I still have 2 brothers living in Rapids but just don't take the time to go home much. I have never thought about moving back and I never would. That chapter of my life is over.

Toni Weller Olsen - class of '64 - tonicrafty@gmail.com

Question 5 - I'm for shortening our political season. Although I'm kind of a news junkie, these two-year presidential campaigns are draining. Remember when the Democrat and Republican parties had people meet behind closed doors to pick the presidential nominee? That probably wasn't the best way to do it, but all these state primaries now make the process too long and too expensive.

Question 6 - I moved away from the Rapids around age 23. When you're that age, you think it's a simple thing to move back later if you want to. When you have kids and grandkids living in other places, however, things get more

complicated. My compromise is to visit as often as I can. When my parents were still living, those visits were at least once a year. Now it's every other year. After all these years away, I still feel like a Wisconsinite!

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SNEAK PLAY

2. Tom Parsons and I used to drive to Packer games in Green Bay on Sunday in 1963.

We did not sneak in, but we did wait until the fourth quarter..... at which time.....

They opened the gates and we and about 100 other kids would rush in.

We found we could climb the outside of the west bleachers in the north end zone and get a great view of the field

The Packers ran the end sweep to perfection and in one November game Bart Starr rolled out left led by Jerry Kramer and Fuzzy Thurston

Starr handed the ball to Jim Taylor and Kramer and Thurston whacked a defensive end and linebacker

Taylor could have walked into the end zone but instead swerved right ran over the free safety coming his way.

Everyone remembers the Packers. Can you name the hapless Minnesota Vikings who got blocked?

KEEP ME ON THE DOLE!

5. My son Chas has the best idea

Reinstitute the draft and conscript Congress

Kick them out in two years and redraft

To that I would add enlarge the numbers of The House of Representatives so that each represents a district of about 250,000 as it was in 1920 when they stopped increasing the numbers. After the 1913 elimination of states' rights with the 17th amendment and popular election of Senators, Congressional numbers have remained at 435. We should have 1,237 members of The House based on original intent of The Constitution.

More Representatives gets the governed closer to the government. With modern communications, members could conduct most business online, eliminating the need to live in Washington and develop Potomac Fever. Bribes would be harder for lobbyists to make since they would have to travel to flyover country in all 50 states.

But as Charlie Spees taught us in World History class. - "Don't expect the rulers to cede power—the Romans didn't!"

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One of the best adventures we had was a helicopter ride over the glaciers in Alaska. Bill was angry I booked it for \$160 a person and then when getting off at the end he said he'd pay and go again! We didn't, but it was thrilling to see the blue colors of the ice and snow, walk on the surfaces and fly over and then the bottom has disappeared. We've always encouraged friends to do this when in Alaska because we enjoyed it so much. I do think the price has doubled or more.

Marcie (Basler] Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

The answer to number 6 is yes. I think when both my grandsons graduate from high school and my son moves up to Antigo where his wife is from I will probably move back to be near family. I have driven highway 54 for over 40 years and it's not getting any better, with the roads, and traffic.

CONFUCIUS DID NOT SAY...

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.

Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.

Squirrel who runs up woman's leg will not find nuts.

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

Man who runs in front of car gets tired. Man who runs behind car gets exhausted.

Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.

War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.

Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night.

It takes many nails to build a crib but only one screw to fill it.

Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.

Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

Man who fish in other man's well often catch crabs.

Finally CONFUCIUS DID SAY. . . .

"A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood!"