“I always wanted to go to Princeton.”

So remembers Bruce Millman. Rolling south on Route 1, on the annual trek to visit family in Trenton, Bruce’s father without fail would point out the Gothic towers: “That’s Princeton!”

In the fall of 1966, Bruce’s dream was fulfilled as he arrived on campus, the first graduate of his high school to be admitted. Although he was “scared as can be,” he quickly acclimated to the Class of ’70, which in four short years experienced a seismic shift in the world of Princeton University, including the advent of cars and women, the disappearance of parietals, and innumerable student protests. “We’ve been described as a ‘turbulent class,’ as much for the era we lived through as the turbulence we caused, and we caused plenty.” His memories range from Judy Collins in Alexander Hall to presidential advisor Eric Goldman in the classroom, freshman rioting in Brown Hall to coxing the heavyweight crew to a course record in its last home race senior year, and of course the cicadas at graduation, which gave the Class its recurring reunions theme.

Columbia Law School followed Princeton. Bruce is managing shareholder of the New York office of Littler Mendelson, the world’s largest labor and employment law firm.

He didn’t always return for major Reunions, and it wasn’t until after his 25th that he became an active volunteer. “Someone asked me to make calls for Annual Giving. I enjoyed reconnecting.” And from then on he became actively engaged. He was finance chair for the Class of ’70’s 35th, with classmate Mike Camp as chair. For the 40th they switched places, with Bruce as chair. They kept that team together for the 45th and already have their eye on the 50th!

So… is all the work entailed in being a Reunions chair worth it? “Absolutely,” says Bruce. “It’s deeply rewarding. I get to work closely with wonderful people in our great Class and the larger Princeton community whom I might otherwise not have known. I am thankful for the close bonds and new friends. And it’s fun!”

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