

Reflections of the Class of 1991

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Shortly after our arrival at Franklin & Marshall in the fall of 1987, we witnessed Wall Street's Black Monday. By the end of our four years, the financial pendulum had swung the other way and we saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average close at over 3,000 for the first time in history. While we worked on our Mac Plus and Mac SEs (the ones WITH the internal hard drive) the first known webpage was written and the first person had been convicted for releasing an Internet Worm. As we used maps to navigate downtown Lancaster, the first 24 satellites of the Global Positioning System (GPS) were sent into orbit.

We saw environmental changes on campus and off. Brendan Shane began F&M's recycling program; the Exxon Valdez ran aground spilling 11 million gallons of oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound; and fellow Fummers went to South Carolina to assist with post-Hurricane Hugo clean-up efforts. Diane Bankert led the charge to bring Teach for America to our campus and F&M's Habitat for Humanity Chapter was born.

We witnessed history in the making as David Souter & Anthony Kennedy were sworn in as US Supreme Court Justices and as George Herbert Walker Bush defeated Michael Dukakis to become our 41st President. We watched the past come alive again as the German battleship Bismarck was located 600 miles off the coast of France. On our own campus, Richard Kneidler took over the Presidential reigns from James Powell.

We participated in student-run productions of Pirates of Penzance, and Damn Yankees, Fiddler on the Roof, Little Shop of Horrors, and Davy Jones Locker. We watched the adminand 5w8

