

Class of 1971 50th Reunion Survey Results

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Demographics

- 36% live in the Northeast
- 13% live in the Midwest
- 22% live in the South
- 18% live in the West
- More than half of us are retired (55%)
- 86% are married/remarried/ in a relationship
- About 2/3 of us have grandchildren (range 1 >6)



Career Choices

- Law 20%
- Medicine 16%
- Banking/Financial Services 13%
- Education 9%
- Consulting 5%
- 71 % were happy with career choice, 10% would have chosen differently, 18% unsure



Personal Information

- 86% exercise regularly
- 97% still drive independently
- 78% report no major health issues
- 63% have gained weight since college (range 3-100 lbs., mean 25 lbs.)
- 44% expressed "more confident" approach to life
- 36% still working full or part-time (9% part-time consulting)



Choices at Williams

- Most significant influences on application decision: high school guidance counselor, family friend, relative, alum, parent, teacher (each with 18-26% response)
- Most popular majors
 - English 13%
 - Political Science 12%
 - Chemistry 11%
 - History 11%
 - Economics 9%



Choices at Williams

- Most popular majors, continued:
 - American Civilization 8%
 - Psychology 5%
 - Biology 5%

15 of 18 poli. sci. majors would choose differently today, largely favoring the humanities – English, religion, music, art



Looking Back

- 76% would choose Williams again
- 14% would have studied elsewhere co-ed or large university
- 87% were happy Williams moved to co-education