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I continue to remember those proverbial bright college years with great warmth and a comforting sense of nostalgia. Yale was certainly a wonderful place and time to be young. Since graduation my contact with New Haven has, in large part, been through the forty or fifty students whom I have prepared in French and Spanish who have gone on to Yale. It has been great fun to have so many of my own memories rekindled as I have listened to stories of their adventures. During my years of teaching at the Nichols School in Buffalo, New York, I also enjoyed being President of the Yale Association of Western New York for a time—Bart Giamatti’s visit being one of my fondest remembrances of that period.

It was during those Buffalo years that I met my partner, Ross Kleinian, a psychologist of renown here in the Boston area, where we have spent these most recent ten years of our fifteen years together—not an insignificant milestone in the world as it is.

After chairing the Language Department at Nichols, I went on to the French Department at Buckingham Browne and Nichols in Cambridge and now the Park School in Brookline. I’ve had the chance to develop some interesting interdisciplinary study programs in France and the United States and count myself quite fortunate in having had a most pleasant and rewarding quarter century since Yale. It should also be said, however, that I am not particularly “a la recherche du temps perdu” though I have certainly enjoyed mon temps Vecu.