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Twenty-five years ago in the Yale Dramat green room I dreamt of living in New York City with a nice wife and children, working in the theater, and reading Variety on the job.

I now enjoy an approximation of that dream. I live in New York City (after a brief unhappy attempt at suburban living) with a nice wife, Kathy, and two kids, William (eight) and Thomas (four), and work as the general counsel of Sony Music (a major worldwide record company) while reading Billboard at my desk every week.

My addictions to opera, theater, and ballet remain unabated. One of my favorite memories is working with George Balanchine on a business deal two years before he died.

I’m surprised and disappointed at how seldom I see good friends from Yale. The demands of work and family are to blame I suppose.

I’ve played more rounds (twelve) of golf at Yale in the past four years than I did as an undergraduate (one). If I had it to do over again, I’d have cut more classes and played more golf.