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I began my post-Yale life as a professional sculptor and handyman. I rejected the “establishment” and embraced the counterculture “back-to-the- earth” values. I took up residence in northern New Hampshire and absorbed five carefree years working and playing. I emerged from this reality with a realization that the “establishment” was necessary and was potentially even beneficial. I got married (Leanne Poffenberger, July 3, 1973), went to law school (J.D. 1978, University of Maine; LL.M. 1983, Wayne State University), and entered the real world. Although I could get great jobs and do great work, I could not relate to the people who inhabited the corporate and legal establishment.

In 1990 I found my niche—I provide estate planning consultation services to nonlawyer financial and estate planners, and draft documents (wills, trusts, business agreements) for their clients. My clients and professional associates, like me, are individualists and solo practitioners.

My family ended up in Yardley, Pennsylvania, where I have been serving on the Borough Council since 1989 (Vice President in 1993). Leanne and I have brought two children, Anna (September 16, 1984) and Philip (May 23, 1989), into our family, and they are the primary source of joy in our lives.

I still try to get to a Grateful Dead concert every couple of years. The spirit of the sixties endures.

What 1 wish 1 had learned at Yale: 1) the vital importance of goal-setting, and how to do it; 2) the need to maintain balance among the various parts of one’s life: spiritual, family, occupation, recreation, community service. I think that some intensive career counseling should be done, taking into consideration personality type, aptitudes, and social orientation (like Johnson-O’Connor Foundation).

Every couple of years I have an insight or realization that makes me think that I have finally grown up. It makes me wonder how I ever managed in my prior state of “un-conscious” living. I imagine that in ten years I will look back at 1994 the same way.I want to thank my classmates who have stood by me during the past

twenty-five years—particularly Bruce Bolnick and Doreen, Pan Van der Laan, and Dave Lawrence. I apologize to those of my classmates and others whom I hurt or offended in my “un-conscious” college days.

Hobbies: psychedelic era poster art; stunt kite competition; photography.

I recently came across the paper banner that was taped to the U-Haul trailer the day I became a resident of Durfee Hall: Yak ’42, ’68, ’69. I hope that my Anna and Philip will continue the tradition. My father, Bernard N. Millner, M.D. (Calhoun ’42), recently attended his fiftieth reunion. His experience was very positive, as I expect my twenty-fifth to be.