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After marrying Peggy Sawin at the end of my first year in law school and graduating from Yale Law School in 1972, I began teaching law at the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville. I’m still happily married to Peggy and still teaching law at the University of Tennessee College of Law. We have two great daughters, Emily (eighteen) and Katie (thirteen). Emily will be a freshman at Princeton—telling Yale in response to their inquiry that she did not apply to Yale “because her father went there.” Nothing negative about Yale, Emily’s just not one to follow footsteps.

Special memories from Yale are about cross-country and track, many miles running with good friends. Special pleasure today is running with Emily and Katie, both of whom have endurance and speed which must have been inherited from their mom. I’m still running but have added biking and swimming to save the knees. Triathlons are fun.

The Pierces are a two-career (Peggy’s a nursing professor at University of Tennessee), two-kid, two-dog family in which everybody’s too busy but loves everything they are doing (except, on occasion, being too busy). It’s sort of the way it was for me at Yale—except for the wife, her career, the two kids, and the dogs!

Major regret is that I have never attended a Yale reunion—always thought we were too busy. That was a mistake. Have lost contact with some valued friends. That was a mistake. Am President of Yale Club of Knoxville—that probably is a mistake, but I especially enjoys visits to Knoxville of Yale singers (the Glee Club and Mixed Company) and Yale athletes (volleyball).

My academic “passions” are American legal history, professional responsibility, and corporate law. While I enjoy research and publication, I prefer working with students—as did some of my best professors at Yale. Helping students to learn is a real joy. I hope Yale does not lose sight of teaching undergraduates as its primary mission.