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I have been very fortunate in the years since I graduated from Yale. I am happily married to Lissa Vernon, who attended our graduation, and we have been blessed with two wonderful children, Rebecca and Michael. Lissa directs a private, nonprofit social work agency for the Casey Family Program in Okla- homa City, and I’m Head of Westminster Day School. Family and work occupy a majority of our time, but we enjoy both very much.

When I graduated from Yale I joined the Teacher Corps and received my M.Ed. and teaching certificate through that program. After five years of teaching in a variety of public school settings, Lissa and I went to Stanford University, where I entered a Ph.D. program in education and history. While at Stanford I realized that what I wanted to do professionally was to have a school of my own. We returned to Oklahoma after an exciting year on the West Coast and without a Ph.D., and I taught two more years in the public schools. In 1977 I joined Westminster Day School with the opportunity to develop a separate middle school, and I have been there ever since. Teaching is what I enjoy the most, and administration gives me the opportunity to afford to teach and the freedom to teach as I wish.

I am active physically and enjoy walks with my wife and basketball and tennis with friends. Having a school gym definitely prolongs one’s playing days, and my health has been excellent. What I do most, as my daughter aptly observed during a recent interview for high school, is work. I work to improve my teaching and my school, and the work is exciting and rewarding. As I said, I have been very fortunate. My family is wonderful, my health is excellent, and my work is satisfying.