In celebration of our 50th year reunion, University School will publish a Reunion Mabian. We ask each member of the class to submit an entry to be included in the publication. Each classmate submitting information will have his own page(s), containing his senior picture from the 1966 Mabian, a current photograph(s), and an update on his life over the past fifty years. Attached you will find samples of Reunion Mabian pages from last year’s edition. Those participating will receive a copy of the Reunion Mabian approximately a week before Reunion Weekend.

Next week you will receive an e-mail with instructions and a Word document attachment to complete and submit. If we do not have your e-mail address and you do not receive these instructions, just prepare your entry and mail it to Colleen Melena at the University School Office of Advancement, 2785 SOM Center Rd., Hunting Valley, OH 44022. Even if you aren’t planning to attend Reunion Weekend, please submit your photo and information. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 3, 2016.

To help the school compile the Reunion Mabian, please submit an update on your life over the past 50 years using the format below. The length of your submission is not limited. We do, however, ask you to follow the format to facilitate the publication’s creation.

**Family and Career** - Tell us about your family, your college years, military service, and the career path you followed.

**Hobbies and Interests** - What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time? Do you belong to any organizations? Are you involved with your community?

**Favorite Memories of University School** - As you reflect back on your years at US, what are some of your favorite memories?

**Words of Wisdom** – You’ve learned something about life over these past 50 years. Share it with us.

**A Surprising Fact** - Tell us something about yourself that will surprise your classmates.

**Photo(s) to Provide**: Please send a current photo of yourself - a headshot is preferred. Perhaps you have one you use for professional purposes. If you don’t have a headshot, ask someone to take one. You may also send additional photos – your family, a vacation, an interest. Digital photos may be attached to an e-mail to Colleen Melena at cmelena@us.edu. If you only have printed copies, please label them and mail them to Colleen at the Advancement Office, 2785 SOM Center Rd., Hunting Valley OH 44023. We’ll scan the photos and return them to you by mail.

Don’t miss out. **Only those classmates who make a submission will receive a copy**. It’s sure to make for some wonderful reading. If you have any questions regarding the submission, please contact Colleen at cmelena@us.edu or 216-831-1984 x7307.
Family & Career
After graduation, I spent the next four years at Duke University where I graduated in 1969. I spent the next three years serving as a Naval Officer aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CVA 67). Between 1972 and 1975, I attended Case Western Reserve University Law School, together with Os Mills, whose law school education was also delayed by military service.

I have spent my professional life as a defense insurance trial lawyer in Canton, Ohio, where I have handled over 4,000 lawsuits and 150 jury trials. Currently, I am a partner at Day Ketterer Ltd. It is interesting to note how many members of the class became defense insurance lawyers, including Tupper Kinder and Jim Irwin.

I met my wife, Holly Merkel, during law school, and we were married in 1976. We have been blessed with two children, Christopher (age 35), and Laura (age 31).

Hobbies and Interests
When not at work, I enjoy outdoor activities and sports. Due to several knee and shoulder surgeries, I no longer play competitive tennis. Instead, I have taken up (in no particular order) golf, sailing,
bicycling, and motorcycling. My family and I continue to enjoy summer vacations at the family cottage in Elk Rapids, Michigan.

Favorite Memories of University School
There are many favorite memories, but the one that stands out in my mind is “Senior Speech” – our introduction to public speaking – an ordeal which all of us had to undergo in order to graduate.

Words of Wisdom
I have always enjoyed the following quote from T.S. Eliot:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

A Surprising Fact
Over the past twelve years, I have ridden over 50,000 miles on motorcycles.
Family & Career

I followed our graduation from US with an undistinguished, but fun, four years at Colgate University. Perhaps like many of us, I was somewhat immature during that time and did not have a great perspective on what I was doing. When I graduated I had no ambition and did not know what to do with myself.

Uncle Sam helped out. 1969 was before the draft lottery and I had no desire to be a teacher. So my options were few: get drafted, go to Army OCS (Navy OCS was out of the question because of my mediocre grades and poor eyesight) or enlist in the Navy. I chose the latter. In retrospect, I am very happy I did. Four years as an enlisted man in the Navy did a lot for me. After having spent 14 of the previous 16 years in private schools, I do not think I was a snob, but I certainly did have a skewed view of the world. Let me just say that some of the finest people I have ever met were less educated, unsophisticated lifers in the Navy.

Still not knowing exactly what to do with myself, upon discharge from the service I enrolled in law school. I practiced law for thirty plus years mainly as a sole practitioner. I worked hard and established what might be described as a family practice, representing primarily individuals. But I did not like those 60 hour work weeks. I closed my office in 2007 and spent the next several years winding down the business. Nevertheless, the career choice has been good to me, no more so than for the fact that I met my wife in law school. It took me six years to woo and win her, but we have spent 35 years very happily together. She was also kind enough to provide me with my two stepdaughters, with whom I am
lucky to have a loving relationship, no less than that of actual parent and child.

Jane, my wife, early on became interested in the Judiciary, which resulted in our participation in elections. I was initially rather leery of all that but my life view had been changing over the years. I distinctly remember campaigning in the Stone Age of the 1980's by going door-to-door to pass out literature. I was amazed that I was treated better, more politely in the poorer neighborhoods than I was in the middle class and lower middle class areas.

I have been involved in many civic activities over the years: Akron Area Soap Box Derby, Akron Civic Theater, Summit County Mental Health Board, Akron Jaycees and others. Currently, I am on the board of directors of Oriana House, Inc., a non-profit provider of addiction and correctional services in Summit, Cuyahoga and other counties. I also donate pro bono legal time at the local legal aid office and am a volunteer in the Summit County Bridges Out of Poverty Program. Also, because I am more or less fluent in Spanish, I have the opportunity to help local immigrants, those with papers and without, with minor legal problems.

**Hobbies and Interests**

I like to play golf (I am a real hacker) and play bridge with my US friends - Gascoigne, Harris, Daane, Barr, Boles. My wife and I have a place in the country in south central Ohio where we enjoy the good life, and I get a lot of reading done. Jane and I also relish live theater, having season subscriptions to three companies. Since retirement we have also had season subscriptions to the Cleveland Orchestra. We take advantage of those various entertainment nights to do research on the many fine restaurants in Northeast Ohio. We loved to travel even before retirement and have indulged even more extensively since then. We have enjoyed Europe (nous aimons la belle France), Africa, China and of course the incredible diversity of the United States.

**Favorite Memories of University School**

The great friends I enjoyed. Thanks to Brad Gascoigne, I have been able to rekindle some friendships in recent years. Memories also involve the superior education I now know I received, especially those superb courses I took from Carter Sanders. Also, I will never forget in our senior year several of us in the Senior Room rigging a bridge hand for Day Shields where he had thirty points in his hand, bid seven spades and ended up taking no tricks; the look on his face was priceless.

**Words of Wisdom**

I am not sure I have any words of wisdom except to say that we all should appreciate what we have been given and what we continue to enjoy.

**A Surprising Fact**

I love classical music, including opera.
Family & Career

After graduating I attended Colgate University and spent my summers playing and sailing at Lake Chautauqua where I met my future wife of nearly 40 years, Molly. My first job was in sales with NCR where I learned the large corporate world was not for me - too specialized. I spent the next decade wearing many (mostly sales) different hats at the former family owned small business— the Columbia Match Company. I liked the ever-changing variety of responsibilities. The last 30 years of my working life was spent in the manufacturing of industrial gears first with the local Horsburgh and Scott Company where I quickly learned where geometry is used, the difference between a sprocket (on bicycles) and a gear used in gearboxes, heavy lift cranes, the steel, bridge and mining industry, and even the oil patch. Again I wore many hats. On the way, I made time for an MBA from John Carroll University which proved invaluable when given the opportunity to first start a small (< 36 inches in diameter) gear division for H&S and then acquire it. In spite of two bad recessions, GearTec, located in Willoughby, Ohio steadily grew in size (up to 60” diameter gears) and reputation. My brother Tim supplied all the tech support needed and with my wife Molly all the moral support as well. Thanks to one of my fathers many life lessons ‘timing is everything’, I sold GearTec in July 2008.
to another large gear company - who to my extreme delight retains to this day all my former employees, the company name, and all the old customers. Known to family and close friends as ‘the energizer bunny’ in retirement, I have stayed very busy doing “what I want to do, when I want to do it- stress free”.

**Hobbies and Interests**
Both Molly and I enjoy our family of three cats and using a bit of my newly found time doing

some domestic and international travel with a group focused on the antiquities and decorative arts. In between trips I have enjoyed acting as my own general contractor ‘like running a business’ on several home additions and remodels. I continue to work out, ‘mostly weightlifting’, almost daily and enjoy doing yard work, sailing and reading to fill-in the quiet times.

**Favorite Memories of University School**
US Day Camp (Crow, Falcon, Hawk and Eagle), then a counselor as a kid and of course swimming. Winning was/is always fun and under Don Molton’s tutelage our 1965 team won a lot - dominating all the local teams. Our only loss was to a Cleveland Heights team that we went on to beat just before they became state champs. Lots of fun.

**Word’s of Wisdom**
Find a mantra to guide ones life - mine, the Golden Rule - “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” and be thankful.