

# Friends of Dewey

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This latest issue of FRIENDS OF DEWEY invites you back to Dewey to enjoy the company of your fellow graduates and teachers on Wednesday, June 7, 1978. We could simply tell you what to expect at the

## BAR-B-Q

As with last year, we plan to start at 12:00 with REGISTRATION and VISITING CLASSES. At 3:00, the end of the regular school day, we will move our operation outside for more festivities. Expect an alumni/teacher basketball game, a huge memorabilia display, outdoor sports, and socializing. At 5:00 the food will be served (but not for free -- we're not crazy). At 7:00 we will have run out of food but not entertainment. A band will play outside and further socializing will continue. ("Aren't you the teacher who failed me in.....?")

This June's BAR-B-Q will probably be the most important we have ever had.

(1) We are only one year away from celebrating the completion of our tenth year of existence. Within the next six months, we must update our list of graduates with accurate address and personal information. We must plan a wide variety of activities surrounding our 10-year celebration (and anyone who has attended Dewey knows of the difficulties and challenges we have faced in those years). To do this we must find a group of Dewey graduates interested in ACTIVELY planning these activities and getting the updated information.

(2) We will be welcoming the new principal of Dewey, Dr. Michael Costelloe, and you will be able to speak to him personally.

(3) We will be discovering whether Friends of Dewey will be financially supported by its graduates (since the January get-together was able to be put on only because the seniors came to the rescue with early registrations). This issue alone will cost \$60 to print and \$100 to mail and we have three or four mailings a year. We are badly in need of financial support, whether it be \$3.00, \$10.00, or even 25c, from you, the people who have grown through Dewey and now are needed to assist your own alumni association so that it will be there when you need it.

We will also have early registration. If you join FRIENDS OF DEWEY today and mail in your membership form and the questionnaire, you can join for \$3.00, instead of \$4.00 at the door.

**Please help us to make this BAR-B-Q and all future events enjoyable and relevant. Be an active member!!!**

## CAN YOU PASS THIS SIMPLE DEWEY TRIVIA CONTEST? (answers below)

- When does mod 8 usually begin?  
(a) 10:40 (b) 11:00 (c) 11:20  
(d) 11:40 (e) none of these
- Approximately how many seats are there in the Auditorium with both wings open (A-20 and A-24)?  
(a) 750 (b) 900 (c) 1055 (d) 1200  
(e) 1450
- When were the first graduation ceremonies held at Dewey? In June of....  
(a) 1970 (b) 1971 (c) 1972 (d) 1973  
(e) 1974
- Which room is nearest to Staircase Six?  
(a) the Library (b) the Gym (c) Principal's Office (d) Marine Science Rank Room  
(e) the Auditorium
- Which teacher has been placed in the wrong department?  
(a) Rubino/English (b) Salzman/Science  
(c) Krauss/Social Studies (d) Constantine/Phys. Ed. (e) Gustafeste/Music
- Which of the following worked as faculty advisor to the S.O. or C.O.S.A.?  
(a) Sigelakis (b) Chan (c) Kapica  
(d) Okalica (e) Ralph Constantine
- If you were going to try to double in English (that is, to take two English courses in one cycle) in order to graduate on time, who would you see FIRST?  
(a) English Chairperson (b) Your Guidance counselor (c) an English teacher during Program Change time (d) Ben Ballin or Steve Stendel in the Program Office (e) Your Parents for a note
- When does the Country Fair Dewey usually occur?  
(a) April (b) early May (c) late May  
(d) June (e) November
- Which of the following publications has never existed at Dewey?  
(a) STREAMS OF CONSCIENCE (b) 50 AVENUE X  
(c) VANGUARD (d) GADFLY (e) ALPHA/OMEGA  
(f) none, they all have existed
- Which of the following letters do NOT indicate a room or an area in Dewey?  
(a) A (b) G (c) L (d) M (e) all of these  
(f) none of these

And, if these questions aren't enough, how many of the following can you remember???

- Can you name at least 10 teachers in any of the smaller departments and at least 15 in the larger ones?
- Can you remember the names of at least fifteen students in your freshman or sophomore official class?
- Can you name the classes you took during the first cycle you were in the school?
- What did the Principal or the principal speaker say at your graduation?
- And now for the devastating question: Can you name all lockers you had and the combinations to all your locks? Good luck!

ANSWERS: (1) a, (2) b, (3) b (five graduates left Dewey that year), (4) e, (5) c, (6) b, (7) b, (8) b, (9) f, (10) c.

# Questionnaire and Membership Form -for- FRIENDS of DEWEY

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO JOIN FRIENDS OF DEWEY.

It is very important that we receive the opinions of ALL Dewey graduates. Therefore, please fill out questions and return by May 26 and try to get other graduates to return their questionnaires (or if they can't receive one, have them use a Xerox duplicate and tell us their address and the fact that they can't receive an issue).

**DEADLINES:**  
 MAY 26, 1978 ----- questionnaires and advance membership (only \$3.00, you save \$1.00).  
 JUNE 7, 1978 ----- late questionnaires and at-door membership (\$4.00).

We will try to have the results of the questionnaires ready for you on June 7th at the BAR-B-Q, as well as a special issue of FRIENDS OF DEWEY, using the information you give us.

Please remember that Friends of Dewey needs YOU to exist. We need your information, opinions, participation, and financial support. Without it, Friends of Dewey simply do not exist. Therefore, we will be allowing only those who have joined Friends of Dewey to participate in the June 7th activities.

THIS IS A QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT YOU!

PART I: YOU: (Circle response)

1. Year of graduation (or intended graduation):  
 1971 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79
2. How many years of post-high school education will you have received through this June?  
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
3. What degrees or certificates, if any, have you completed or will you have completed through this June?
4. Will you be attending a post-high school educational facility in September?  
 yes probably no
5. How many separate college or college-level schools have you attended since Dewey?  
 0 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5
6. If you did not attend college or vocational school, please explain why.

- (a) How many different jobs have you held since Dewey?  
 0 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5
- (b) Are you presently employed?  
 yes no no but I will shortly be
- (c) Do you presently consider the job you hold to be in the field you intend to remain?  
 yes no I don't know
- (d) What course(s) in Dewey helped you the most in preparing for your job?
- (e) What course(s) do you think Dewey should develop to help people with job interests similar to yours?

7. Since Dewey do you find that your personality and viewpoints have become  
 more liberal more conservative  
 more moderate have remained the same
8. If you could relive your high school years, which high school would you attend?  
 Dewey another public high school  
 a private high school
9. If you have children and have a realistic opportunity to send them to Dewey, would you?  
 yes I don't know no
10. If you could live anywhere in the world right now, where would you choose?  
 (a city, state, country)
11. Which Dewey course(s) did you feel had the most relevance to your own personal growth?
12. Which Dewey staff member did you feel had the greatest beneficial influence on you?
13. Would you now change the Dewey marking system to a numerical (1-100) or an alphabetical (A-F)?  
 no yes to numerical yes to alphabetical
14. What do you consider the most beneficial aspects of the Dewey educational system?
15. What do you consider the least beneficial aspects of the Dewey educational system?

(Please use additional sheets to express further opinions about yourself and the relationship you had to Dewey.)

## PART II: YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

1. How many previous Friends of Dewey meetings have you attended so far?  
 0 (I'm graduating this year)  
 0 1 2 3-4 5-6 more than 6
2. Which one would you consider the most successful and why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you previously attended any June BAR-B-Q's?  
 yes no
4. When should the BAR-B-Q be held?  
 end of May 1st week of June  
 2nd week of June the end of June
5. What day of the week is best for the BAR-B-Q?  
 mon tues wed thurs fri sat sun  
 (more than one may be circled)
6. Have you previously attended any of the FOD January reunions?  
 yes no
7. Should we continue to hold them?  
 yes no maybe
8. Which of the following activities of FOD would you definitely support?  
 theater films dude ranch trip skiing  
 ice-skating rock concert howling  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

(Remembering that Friends of Dewey was almost unable to bring off this year's January reunion because of the lack of funds and remembering that our existence has been financially marginal for years, please answer the following by indicating whether you

- (a) agree completely with the statement
  - (b) agree partially
  - (c) are uncertain
  - (d) disagree partially
  - (e) disagree completely with the statement.)
9. It is alright to attend the June BAR-B-Q without paying membership dues to FOD.
  10. One room in Dewey should be made available throughout the school day so that visiting graduates can have a place to meet, exchange information, find out about fellow graduates, and assist FOD when they can and so that FOD will have a place to keep records, plan activities, encourage seniors to join, and make the organization visible to other Deweyites.
  11. The room referred to above should be on the first floor to gain the maximum visibility to returning graduates, present seniors, and other Deweyites and future graduates.
  12. The yearly membership fee of \$3.00 in advance and \$4.00 at the door is too high.
  13. Dewey and the Friends of Dewey are part of my past, not my present or future life.
  14. I plan to revisit Dewey within the next year (excluding the times I may come for Friends of Dewey reunions).
  15. No one should be required to join Friends of Dewey to attend FOD reunions and activities.
  16. Friends of Dewey is there to entertain me and I shouldn't have to become actively involved in making it work.

## FRIENDS OF DEWEY Membership Form

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year of Graduation or Intended Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A) Permanent Address or Address at Which Mail Will Always Reach You (Eventually)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 (B) Temporary Address (Good Until \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Which of the Above Addresses Do You Wish FRIENDS OF DEWEY to Use to Contact You? \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check one):  
 \_\_\_ \$4.00 (registration at door in June)  
 \_\_\_ \$3.00 (advance registration -- mail by May 26 along with questionnaire)  
 Donation---Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$10 will pay for one flyer to the seniors;  
 \$25 will pay for one annual award to a senior;  
 \$40 will pay for one flyer to the entire Dewey student body and staff;  
 \$50 will pay for mailing labels for one issue;  
 \$60 will pay for the printing of one issue;  
 \$100 will pay for the postage for one issue;  
 \$150 will pay for a FOD button for one year)  
 (Please remember that the annual membership fee is for a June 1 to May 31 year.)

Check here if you wish to become actively involved in Friends of Dewey planning.  
 Check here if you wish to help plan the celebrations for the tenth anniversary of John Dewey High School -- we complete out tenth year in June of 1979.

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
 Friends of Dewey can operate only when it has accurate address and personal information on Dewey graduates. Will you help us gather and update our information about yourself and other past-Deweyites by supplying us with as much of the following information on people you keep in touch with?  
 (1) Change of Address or Name,  
 (2) School or Occupational Information,  
 (3) Interesting Trips, Activities, Awards, or Other News Items.

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