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## 1957 CLASS NOTES

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[Herbert Schwartz](#) retired as a partner in the Ropes and Gray law firm on January 1. He had been practicing law with the firm of Fish and Neave since 1964, serving as managing partner and a member of the managing committee for many years. In 2005, Fish and Neave merged with Ropes and Gray. During his 43 years of practice he had the good fortune to be lead trial counsel in many significant intellectual-property lawsuits. Retirement will give Nan and Herb more time to enjoy their eight grandchildren.

[Gil Fryklund](#) reports, "I'm only semiretired. For over 20 years I've been freelancing and on call for several development teams, still getting involved when there's work to be done. With all of the software tools available, the design process has become 'play-for-pay,' and it has become a real pleasure compared to what we had to go through only 15 years ago, not to mention when we graduated."

From [Bruce Butzow](#): "After taking a manufacturing business (automated material-handling equipment) from two people to 125 employees, I sold it in 1999 and moved to sunny Arizona. I stayed retired for all of six months and couldn't stand it. I did some consulting work through SCORE, which I enjoyed. Then an opportunity came along and I bought into a custom motorcycle business, Evolution Custom Motorcycles ([www.evolutioncustoms.com](http://www.evolutioncustoms.com)). I have had several bikes featured in national magazines and just finished a bike that will be raffled off for the benefit of Tiger Woods's 'First Tee Foundation.' We are able to sponsor charity events with motorcycle rides and open houses. That is one of the most satisfying parts of the business. I'm having a wonderful time in retirement and even applying some of the concepts from my Course XV education."

[Bob Laurence](#) reports, "In January 2007, Alan Hatton, director of the MIT school of chemical-engineering practice, asked whether I might consider serving as the station director at a new station at BASF in Ludwigshafen, Germany. This seemed to be an opportunity to see whether, after five years of retirement, I could still contribute. In August, Carol and I left for Germany and a new adventure. I had not traveled overseas since 2003, and though I was girded for the security, we weren't ready for the stress of a five-hour delay in leaving Portland, ME, the hunt for a new Frankfurt flight at Dulles, misdirected luggage, late arrival in Frankfurt, etc. With that behind us, we began the school. I had eight great grad students. The BASF hosts were skeptical that they could do effective, valuable work in the short period that we were in Ludwigshafen, but after the first project (four weeks), they were convinced. It wasn't all work for the students. They had trips to Köln, Strasbourg, Munich, and Berlin, in addition to the Würstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim and Heidelberg. Technically the work was challenging, and we all responded. Carol, however, suffered isolation: she speaks no German and almost all the neighbors spoke only German. To boot, Ludwigshafen is not a tourist magnet like, say, Heidelberg. For her, only the weekends made any sense. For me, the three months passed quickly, though I didn't get enough of the good Rieslings and Gewürztraminers. We're back now and coping with a Maine winter ... being snowbound."

[Frank Regan](#) says, "I graduated with a BS in aeronautical engineering in 1957 (got an MS in 1958). I am semiretired and living in Ellicott City, MD, working as a consultant for the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, VA, but at a detachment at the Naval Observatory in

Washington. Two days a week is fine, with a few extra days as needed. I have been married for 53 years and have three living children and five grandchildren. I remain enthusiastic about my area of technology and continue to believe that through technology, the needs of the future will be met. Unfortunately, there is a large Luddite contingent among the intelligentsia in America; the exaggerated man-made global-warming nonsense has me a bit sad. However, I am working on my third book and am a great fan of Matlab from Mathworks. I enjoy reading about the history of technology and have several favorite books on this subject. My e-mail is [fjregan@comcast.net](mailto:fjregan@comcast.net), and I would love to debate various issues with alumni."

[Alan Budreau](#) provides an update: "I still work for the air force at Hanscom Air Force Base on the border of Bedford and Lincoln, MA, as an engineer in the AWACS program office. I am also a musketeer in the Lincoln Minutemen and teach scuba diving at Harvard University and Hanscom. Our big excitement right now is the birth of a granddaughter in Pennsylvania on Dec. 26. Our Pennsylvania daughter is the only one of our four who does not do computer work. My wife, Diana, has just semiretired as volunteer coordinator at Human Rights Education Association, a small local (Concord, MA) nonprofit that conducts human-rights education over the Internet."

[Arnold Orange](#) says that he hasn't communicated in the last 50-plus years, so here goes: "After graduating as a Course VI-A EE I went to work for AFCRL in Bedford, MA, as a communications engineer concerned with airborne communications research. By a series of strange circumstances, I found myself spending a lot of time on problems that were much closer to geology and geophysics than classical EE (buried antennas, propagation through the solid earth, so-called 'deep-based structures,' etc.). Finding geophysics fascinating, I left AFCRL in 1965 and entered the world of small-company exploration geophysics; as the saying goes, I've never looked back. This has taken me all over the world and into some fascinating research areas. After 'retiring' from my latest employer (Schlumberger) at the end of 2006, I am currently working at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (UC San Diego) as a part-time (unpaid) research geophysicist, and also serving my old company, AOA Geophysics, which I founded with my wife, Margit, in 1989. AOA (which started out as Arnold Orange Associates) is now run by classmate and friend [Lionel Fray](#). Of course, each step along the way has a long story attached."

[Martin Zombeck](#) reminds me to remind you about the Alumni Association's free online services. Go to [alum.mit.edu/choose\\_relationship.vhtml](http://alum.mit.edu/choose_relationship.vhtml) to register for an Infinite Connection account. Once you have registered, you can sign up for e-mail forwarding for life, use the advanced features in the directory to search for classmates and friends, and update your personal information so that friends and colleagues can keep in touch with you.

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