

**Letter to members of the Class of 2010 – Elfing Day
Feb 2008**

Your Great Big Sisters from the Class of 1960 come to you in the depths of winter. We had more snow back then but the wind still whistled and the slush piled up and our hair was wet and our feet were wet and the buildings were too warm. We hung out in Wilbur or Glessie's or the College Inn or in OUR secret study places in the stacks or the nooks and crannies of Clapp.

We watched the snow fall through long narrow windows and some of us even found our way to the towers of the main buildings. Yes, they were unlocked!

YOU hang out in Kendade and in Blanchard or Computer Centers...none of which existed during our time. The Towers are locked. Our cars did not get stuck in the snow because cars were not allowed on Campus. We did not have computers. The only appliances allowed in our rooms were radios or record players. There was a black and white TV set in the living room of the dorm. There were smoking lounges. Every meal was served in every dorm. The College scheduled our exams. We had 8AM classes and Saturday classes. Our room doors were never locked but the dorm doors were barricaded at 10PM and we (or most of us) were inside at Milk and Crackers.

We had the same academic anxieties that you all share and Mary Lyon chimed every quarter of an hour just as it does today.

We are thinking of you. We lived through the snow and the 16 hour days. You will too!

Wilbur---a soda fountain in the basement of Mary Woolley Glessie's—a pharmacy/soda shop in the Center run by Romeo Grenier who conceived of and opened the Odyssey Book Store---an urban legend you all MIGHT want to learn about.

College Inn—a comfortable hang out in the Center There were actually empty spaces in Clapp where we could hide and study.

