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To: Ali

I cannot emphasize enough my thrill in receiving a copy of (ALUM NECC). What a pleasant surprise.

NECC was founded in 1961 and was housed in a former elementary school and was re-purposed to suffice for a college one building college campus. Not a very an elaborate building, but a happy one for those of us who were in fact a founding class. Everyone knew everyone and we were proud to know each other.

I was proud to be elected the President of the original Student Council. We developed many student/administration communications. It was a challenge, however well worth the effort and what we hoped would last for many many years. That included a student constitution and by-laws. We debated with each other and finally made a decision along with Administration that this would be a bench mark for the future. After sixty years who knows but it was a beginning and we were proud of that.

After reviewing the alumnecc it sparked a thought that maybe for future publications to highlight those formable years and what NECC transitioned to over those many years. We were the genesis of a much larger institution of learning and proud of it.

Just a thought for the future. All of us from that generation hold NECC as a proud period of time and to this day continue to feel an integral part of its original growth and to boot have great affection for our collective experience of our part at the inception. As a footnote the President of the College at that time was Harold Bently of which your Library is named after.

I am now 78 years old but hold dear my affection for those years and the friends made. It's lasting.

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PS: I am sure a yearbook from 1962 is available somewhere.