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It all began at Beverly

Among former Normans, stories of lasting friendship and creative collaboration abound

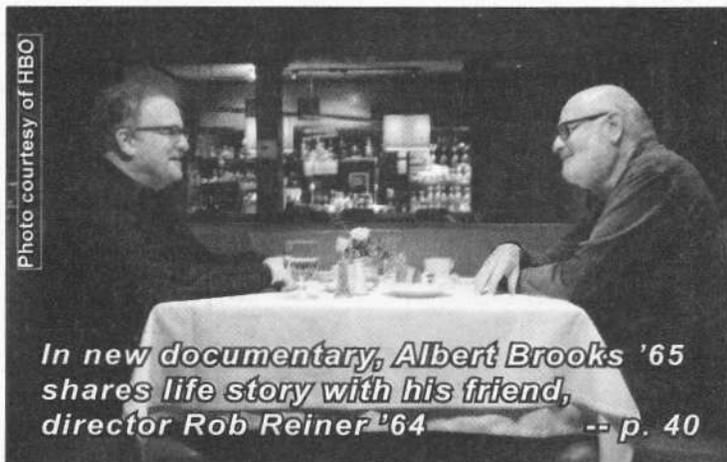


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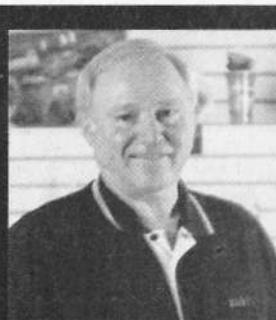


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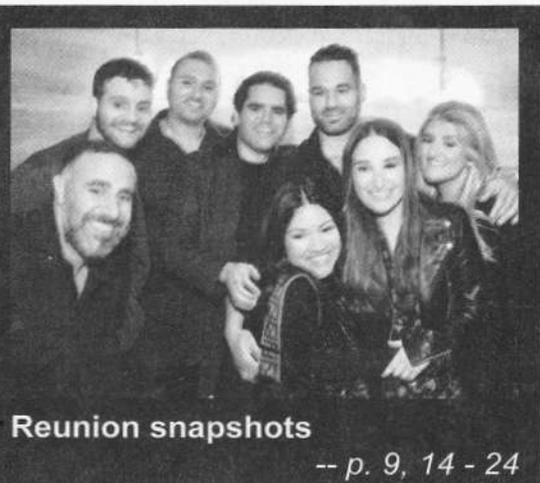


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child and nearly died, but he recovered after many grueling treatments. His family moved from Iowa to Wisconsin, where he enjoyed fishing, camping, scouting, and basketball. As a senior in high school, his parents moved to Beverly Hills. After graduating from Beverly, he attended LA City College and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. He graduated with a BA degree from Cal Lutheran. Tom really enjoyed his summer job of ushering at the Hollywood Bowl, when the Beatles performed. Tom and his parents attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Inglewood, where he met his wife, Janelle Cohen. The first sparks

ignited in 1966 at a church square dance. Janelle and Tom married on July 4, 1970, moved to Ventura and later settled in Camarillo. Tom worked as a manager for Chief Auto Parts, at Port Hueneme Naval Base, and as an accountant and substitute teacher. Janelle and Tom traveled to many wonderful places. Tom's hobbies included reading, watching sports, and collecting Disney and Olympic pins. He volunteered at the Camarillo Loyal Order of the Moose. He adored his rescued dogs, Amber and Abe. He contracted RSV shortly before his passing. He and Janelle were members of St. Paul's Episcopal/Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Santa Paula. He is survived by his

wife, Janelle, and his sister-in-law, Linda Cohen.

Judy McHugh Larkin '57 passed

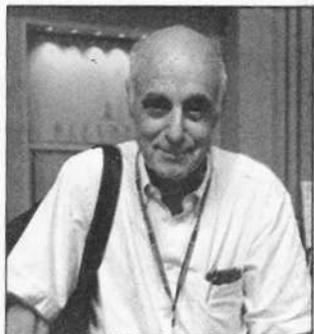


away Jan. 28, 2023. She grew up in a show business family that included comedian Eddie Cantor and

songwriter Jimmy McHugh. In the early 1960s, she worked for McHugh promoting his songs including "I'm In The Mood For Love" and "On The Sunny Side Of The Street." In the late 1960s, she worked in production on the NBC

television comedy series *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*. In the 1970s, she continued in television production, working at Universal Studios on *The Bionic Woman* and *The Incredible Hulk with Bill Bixby*. In the 1980s, she was an agent at the John LaRocca Talent Group, representing writers and musicians. In the 1990s, she toured the world with her husband, singer John Larkin aka Scatman John. Scatman John sold millions of CDs and earned 14 Gold and 18 Platinum Records. His hit songs included "I'm The Scatman" and "Scatman's World." Scatman John passed away in 1999. Judy will be remembered for her generosity and throwing a great party. Her

Levin '59, leader in the field of indoor air quality & building ecology



Hal Levin '59

Hal Levin '59, a pioneer and leader in the field of indoor air quality and building ecology, passed away in Laveno, Italy on Feb. 21, 2023.

Hal was born in Portland, Ore. After his father returned from World War II, the family moved to Beverly Hills. Hal played baseball from Little League through high school. He attended Cornell University before transferring to UC Berkeley, pitching on both baseball teams. He continued to pitch throughout his life and pitched in senior leagues until he was 77.

Hal was a volunteer architect in the Peace Corps in Colombia from 1966-1968. After returning from the Peace Corps, he

graduated from Cal with degrees in architecture and English. For the next several years, he worked at the Organization for Social and Technological Innovation and Building Systems Development, working on affordable and sustainable housing. Hal moved to Boulder Creek, Calif. in 1973 and built houses. He was a research specialist at the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley where he taught budding architects about the need to understand the realities of constructing the things that they designed. In 1972, he founded the Building Ecology Research Group.

In 1977, then-Governor Jerry Brown appointed Hal as a public member of the California State Board of Architectural Examiners, a position he held until 1985, and was president of the Board in 1983 and 1984. As a member of the Board, he held hearings on "sick building syndrome." These hearings ignited his interest in indoor air quality and the ecology of buildings. He was early to recognize the need for and value of examining the toxicity of building materials and systems used in their construction and operation. His

work focused on the integration of knowledge about indoor and outdoor air pollution as well as other risk factors into the design, construction, and operation of residential and commercial buildings and communities.

Hal was the president of the Indoor Air Institute and a principal in Building Ecology Research Group. He was a prolific author on the subject of indoor air quality. He was engaged by many institutions as a lecturer, research scientist, architect, and consultant throughout the world. These included Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, UC Davis, the University of California, the State of California, the National Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He lectured extensively all over the world and taught at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and Harvard University. Hal was the president of Indoor Air 2002, organizing the Ninth International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, held in Monterey, Calif. in 2002. In 2018, at the Fifteenth International Conference, Hal was given the Lifetime Service Award for his

exceptional contributions to indoor air sciences.

Hal's influence in the field was profound. Among his strengths was an ability to help his students and colleagues find both voice and encouragement where it had been absent.

Having developed an interest in South American music while in the Peace Corps, Hal hosted a show on Santa Cruz public radio station KUSP for 18 years. Hal was a vegetarian for 50 years and enjoyed organic gardening.

In 2003, Hal met the love of his life, Mariachiara Tallacchini, a law professor and ethicist, in Milan, Italy. They were married in 2004 and shared a bicontinental marriage for the next 15 years. In 2019, he concluded that it was time to retire and, with their dog, Aki, move to Reno di Leggiano, Italy, by Lake Maggiore so that he could be with Mariachiara full time. Sadly, Hal was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in April 2020, and his health declined rapidly.

Hal's survivors include his wife and his sisters, Ellen Jacobs '57 (Martin) and Nancy Levin '65 (Daniel Caraco).