

## 1961 Class Notes Archives

(Yearbook photo: Class of '61 in Terminale: See bottom of page)

### September 13, 2011 reunion in Paris for LFNY classes of '58 to '62



----- From December 2015 AALFNY Newsletter -----

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**In Memoriam:**

- **Barbara (Bailer) Smiley** († November 25, 2013)

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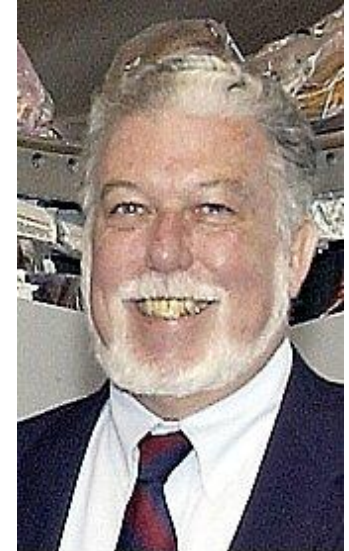
TOP: Eileen Bransten ('61);  
BOTTOM: Joan (Gutnayer) Engel  
(LSY:6eme in 1955)

- **Bernard Edinger** (LSY: 4eme in 1957) wrote: "LFNY Alumni president **Roger Liwer ('68)** , **Tony Polgar ('59)** and I have been meeting once or twice a year over the past few years, sometimes with other former Lycée pupils, for very pleasant lunches just opposite the leafy Jardins du Luxembourg in Paris' Latin Quarter. The venue is the vast café "Le Rostand" which has a wonderful, original Belle Epoque décor and typical, old-style Paris brasserie food, i.e., harengs à l'huile, paté de campagne, boeuf bourguignon etc. We usually meet in summer when Tony comes in from the U.S. where he resides, and have been joined then or at other times, by **Mike Bleier ('59)** , also a U.S. resident, and **Harold Hyman ('77)** who now lives in Paris. A regular until her untimely demise in February this year was dear **Catherine Temerson ('61)** who lived in New York but had a Paris holiday apartment. We miss her. Anyone who wants to join one of our lunches (and the simultaneous banter as we reconstruct the world) is welcome. Please let me know ([edinger@wanadoo.fr](mailto:edinger@wanadoo.fr)) and I'll advise you the next time we meet.

I took early retirement from Reuters news agency in 2001 after 32 years as a journalist based on four continents and reporting from more than 50 countries. I've done journalistic freelance work since then and my favorite "string" is writing the monthly history pages of Terre Information Magazine, the main French Army monthly. I'm also a member of the board of the "Association des journalistes de defense" where I'm in charge of organizing at least one annual visit to foreign military establishments. The trips usually last a week and about a dozen French journalists specialized in defense affairs participate, representing the general press (Le Monde, Le Figaro etc) or specialized publications (Air et Cosmos, Aviation Week, etc). I'm the tour leader and have had the privilege of taking groups to see foreign armies, bases, vessels etc and meet defense ministers and other top officials in: the U.S. (three trips), China, Britain, Israel, Germany (two trips each), Japan, South Korea and Mongolia. It's very interesting..... and great fun!"

- **Michel Demonfaucon** (LSY: Terminal in 1961) shared this with us: "Retraite calme sur Oléron, retape vieux bateaux, musique, chant, et bénévolat divers. Je suis joignable sur Skype."

- **Beata (Phillips) Ballard** (LSY: 1ere in 1960) told us that she was a featured reader at a poetry reading in July 2014 for "Poets of the Palm Beaches." (Click [HERE](#) to see her video)



Top : Pierre Perrolle ('61) ;  
BOTTOM : Herve Segalen ('61)



TOP: Gilles d'Aigremont ('61);  
BOTTOM: Girard Pessis ('61)



Marie-Calixte (de Lagarde)  
Bordeaux ('61)

- Justice **Eileen Bransten** (*LSY: 9eme in 1952*) “was elected to the New York State Supreme Court in November 1999. In 2008, she was assigned to the Commercial Division after having spent seven years presiding over a Medical Malpractice Part. Before that, Justice Bransten was elected to the Civil Court in 1993 and was appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 1996. As an Acting Justice, she presided over a General Trial and then a Matrimonial Part.....Throughout her legal career, Justice Bransten has been active in numerous bar associations and organizations.....Justice Bransten served as the Presiding Member of the New York State Bar Association’s Judicial Section in 2008. Justice Bransten is currently a member of the City Bar Association’s Council on Judicial Administration. She also previously served on the City Bar Association’s Committee on State Courts Of Superior Jurisdiction and on the City Bar Association’s Medical Malpractice Committee.....Justice Bransten is a graduate of Hunter College (summa cum laude, 1975) and Fordham University School of Law (class of 1979). After law school, from 1979 to 1984, she served in the Queens County District Attorney’s Office and then worked as a solo practitioner for seven years. In 1992, she became the Principal Court Attorney and Law Secretary to Supreme Court Justice Jacqueline W. Silbermann.....In 2000, Justice Bransten was inducted into the Hunter College Alumni Hall of Fame and presently serves on the Board of Directors of Fordham University Law School.....Justice Bransten and her husband, John Simpson--former Director of Constituent Services and Senior Affairs to Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer--are long-time residents of Manhattan. They thoroughly enjoy traveling, reading books, going to the theater and spending time with their family: their two sons Richard and John, Richard’s wife Sarah and their grandchildren Brendan and Erin.....”  
([http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/ny/newyork\\_bio\\_Bransten.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/ny/newyork_bio_Bransten.shtml))

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- **Pierre Perrolle** wrote: “I have very very fond memories of my years at the Lycée, and of my classmates and teachers. My Lycée education was the foundation of a very satisfying career, promoting international scientific cooperation. I am grateful to my parents for this gift, which influenced my life in many ways, both personal and professional. I would love to hear from some of my classmates. I like to believe that at least a little piece of our youth still resides within each of us.”

- **Gilles d'Aigremont** “was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1978 and later admitted as an *avocat* to the French Bar (Court of Appeal of Paris) in 1992. Born in France but brought up in America and Canada, [he] read law at the University of Paris, Public International Law at the Institute of Political Sciences of Paris and undertook the English Bar course in London. His sphere of practice is French law, European law and private international law. He specializes in advising clients, both professional and private in the field of French property and commercial law, French inheritance, business and property taxes, French inheritance law, European Conventions and Regulations.”



Benedetta Barzini ('61)

(<http://www.1gis.co.uk/profile-6.html>)

● **Girard Pessis**, Ph.D. “is a serial investor and Keiretsu Forum East Bay member focusing on high technology, Healthcare, and the due diligence process and standards. He was Chief Executive Officer of MEDePass, an Internet secure Identity company specializing in healthcare, Vice President and CTO of the California Medical Association, Vice President of Enterprise Architecture and Emerging Technology and Vice President of Trading Systems development for Fixed Income and Derivative Trading Systems at Bank of America. He is a former Professor at the Faculty of Business at the University of Alberta and Visiting Professor at the Graduate School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley specializing in Management Science, Marketing, and Information Systems.”

([www.linkedin.com/pub/girard-pessis/0/322/28b](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/girard-pessis/0/322/28b))



● **Marie-Calixte (de Lagarde) Bordeaux-Groult** : « Le château de Monclay, à une dizaine de kilomètres au nord de Besançon, non loin de la nouvelle gare TGV est un chef-d’œuvre de l’architecture néoclassique [.....] Le bâtiment représente un brillant et rare témoignage d’architecture néoclassique en France, et particulièrement en Franche-Comté [.....] Resté dans la même famille depuis sa construction, le château et ses dépendances sont classés au titre des monuments historiques depuis le 13 janvier 1944 et il est ouvert à la visite de mai à octobre. Aujourd’hui, Marie-Calixte Bordeaux-Groult, la propriétaire, maintient tant bien que mal cette demeure qui n’a jamais quitté la famille : « Chaque génération a contribué à faire vivre à sa manière ce château qui a toujours été ouvert au public », précise-t-elle. Pour faire vivre cette demeure la propriétaire aimerait créer une résidence, ce pour de jeunes artistes. « J’aimerais faire de Monclay un lieu de création et de partage, afin de mettre en valeur l’architecture et le paysage franc-comtois ».

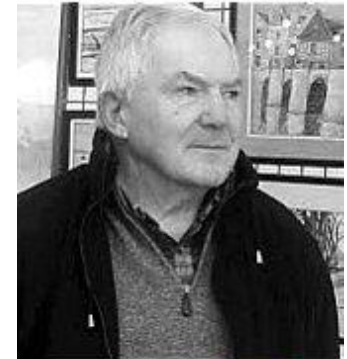
(<http://www.lepays.fr/actualite/2012/09/03/monclay-reste-dans-la-meme-famille-depuis-la-construction-en-1778>)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

● **Charles Charles de Croisset** talks about SciencesPo ([Click here](#))

----- From December 2012 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Charles Wiener de Croisset** : « Né le 28 septembre 1943 à New York, est un administrateur français d’entreprises cotées au CAC 40. Son père, Philippe Wiener de Croisset (1911-1965), dirigea le magazine Marie-Claire ; ce dernier était lui-même le fils de Franz Wiener, homme de lettres, dit Francis de Croisset. **Carrière** : Il est membre de l’Inspection générale des finances (IGF). Il est président directeur général du Crédit commercial de France (CCF) de 1993 à 2004. Depuis mars 2004, il est conseiller international chez Goldman Sachs et vice-président de Goldman Sachs Europe. Il préside le conseil d’administration de la Fondation du Patrimoine depuis 2005. Il est membre d’honneur de



TOP: Henri Duroselle ('61);  
BOTTOM: Exposition de ses œuvres



TOP: Charles de Croisset ('61);  
BOTTOM: Catherine Temerson ('61)



TOP: Serge-Edward (Ned) de Bourmont ('61); BOTTOM: Bernard Edinger ('61)

l'Observatoire du patrimoine religieux (OPR), une association multiconfessionnelle qui œuvre à la préservation et au rayonnement du patrimoine culturel français. »

[http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_de\\_Croisset](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_de_Croisset)

● **Catherine Temerson** "was brought up bilingually in French and English and has advanced degrees from Harvard and New York University. She has worked in film and theater, taught language and literature, authored books in French, and translated fiction and non-fiction books, plays, interviews, essays, and screenplays. Her most recent translations include Elie Wiesel's "The Sonderberg Case" (Knopf), "Rashi" (Nextbook) and "A Mad Desire to Dance" (Knopf), Amin Maalouf's "Origins" (FSG, awarded a grant by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy), Florence Noiville's "Isaac B. Singer, A Life" (FSG) and Hiner Saleem's "My Father's Rifle: A Childhood in Kurdistan" (FSG). Her translation of "The Shadows of Ghadames" by Joëlle Stolz received a Batchelder Award and was on the IBBY Honor List 2006 for the quality of the translation."

● **Bernard Edinger** told us that he was recently in Mongolia and sent us an article describing his trip: "An early bout of cold weather for Bernard Edinger in Mongolia (THE BARON, October 9, 2012): Paris-based former correspondent Bernard Edinger huddles in sub-zero weather at a Mongolian army base two hours from Ulan Bator on the latest of his trips leading members of *Association des journalistes de défense*, the French defence correspondents association. They spent ten days in Mongolia and South Korea. 'On this visit, the Mongolian army took us round the base where they train their troops for international peacekeeping missions in countries with climates as different as Sudan and Afghanistan,' Edinger says. 'Average winter temperatures in Mongolia itself hover between minus 20 and minus 30 centigrade while summer temperatures can reach plus 40 centigrade.' They also visited South Korea including two days inside and close to the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) between the two Koreas. 'Incidents are relatively rare but a North Korean soldier killed two of his superiors and defected to the South the day after our visit.' "

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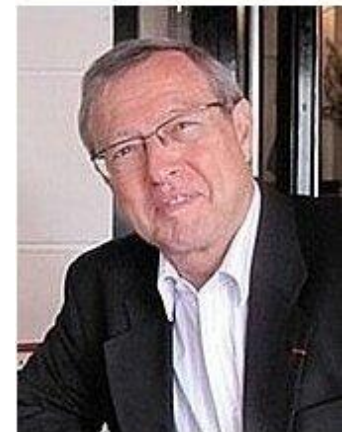
**In Memoriam:**

● **Aude-Monique Courtines** (†2011)

(See In memoriam section of this newsletter for further details, or [click here](#))

● **Barbara (Bailer) Smiley** told us that she "is retired from teaching and is living in Columbia, SC."

● **Benedetta Barzini** "(born September 22, 1943, in Porto Santo Stefano) is an Italian actress and model, daughter of Italian journalist and author Luigi Barzini, Jr. and his second wife, heiress Paola



TOP: Michel-André Bossy ('61); BOTTOM: Bernard Edinger ('61)



At the October 5, 2011 reunion in Paris, organized by the LFNy; LEFT: Jean-Paul Olivier ('61); MIDDLE: Jean-Claude Valode ('61); RIGHT: Anne (Giraud) Lamassiaude ('61)

Gadola Feltrinelli....She was a model from 1963-1969 and established a successful fashion career in New York City. In December 1966, she was named one of the "100 Great Beauties of the World" by the American fashion magazine Harper's Bazaar. That same year, Barzini became involved with, and later engaged to, New York poet and media artist Gerard Malanga, an early collaborator of Andy Warhol. Malanga's black-and-white film *In Search of the Miraculous* (1967) is an emotional, vivid poem of adoration for Barzini.

She was clearly headed for the top rank of New York models, but decided to return to Italy to act. She met Italian film director Roberto Faenza, and they married in 1969....In 1973 she left the modeling business to become a Marxist and radical feminist organizer in her hometown of Milan. She joined the Italian Communist Party. As of 2008, she is teaching in Milan."

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedetta\\_Barzini](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedetta_Barzini))

----- From November 2010 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Nicole (Hervé) de Montmorin** shared this update with us: "Now living in Paris. On the board of *Bienvenue en France* (Welcome of foreign diplomats) and teaching Porcelain Painting. Member of Paris Chapter of French Heritage and of the Wellesley Club of Paris.

We have eleven grand children (two in Dubai, four in Hong Kong and five in Clermont-Ferrand). Their parents graduated from the Lycée.

Our daughter **Sophie du Boucheron ('81)** teaches American History in Clermont Ferrand, is working on her PhD in English, and has found many former classmates from the Lycée through Facebook. She has met on several occasions the designated new President of the Lycée.

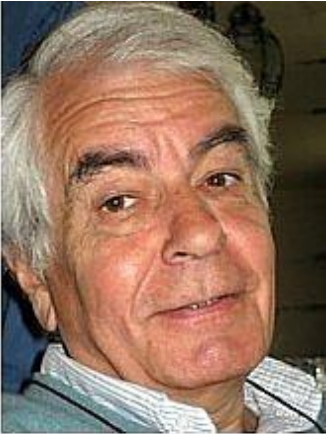
We share fond memories of the Lycée with **André Baeyens ('48)**, the Gounod, Dormeuil, Paret, Carrasco-Saulnier, **Marie Alice Bérard ('64)**, Montebello, Cédelle, Casala etc...

The 75th Anniversary cocktail at the Interallié in Paris was a wonderful warm reception where I met up with friends not seen in 50 years! Thank you for organising it. Our son Paul in Dubai wanted a full report. Loved the appearance on screen of Mr. Lombrozo's and Mr. Otalora's pictures! **Marie-Noelle Pierce ('85)** is doing a remarkable job as President of the Alumni Board."

● Le peintre **Henri Duroselle** nous a informé que ses œuvres seront exposées le 21 novembre 2010 (de 9h30 à 18h30, 18 bis avenue de Maintenon, Le Chesnay – tel : 06 86 08 83 79) (*To view a sampling of his works, see newsletter section "Les artistes du LFNY" or [click here](#)*)

----- From July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Michel-André Bossy** is a Professor of Comparative Literature and French Studies at Brown University. He "studies medieval cultural connections between France and its neighbors, especially during the period of the troubadours and the Hundred Years' War. His fields include medieval French, Anglo-



TOP: Jean-Claude Valode ('61);  
BOTTOM: Barbara (Bailer) Smiley ('61)



TOP: Naomi Schor (Deceased 12/2/2001);  
BOTTOM: Virginia (Utermohlen) Lovelace ('61)

Norman, and Occitan literature, 12th- to 15th-century lyric poetry, and social interpretations of literature. His emphases involve literary patronage and court politics, troubadours (especially Guiraut Riquier), manuscript compilations, cultural rivalries among book collectors, Chrétien de Troyes, Froissart." (Brown University, [http://research.brown.edu/myresearch/Michel-Andre\\_Bossy](http://research.brown.edu/myresearch/Michel-Andre_Bossy))

----- From June 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Avis de Décès: Pierre Blanchenay**

Anne (Giraud) Lamassiaude ('61) nous a communiqué cette triste nouvelle:

« Notre camarade **Pierre Blanchenay ('61)** qui a fait parti du lycée pratiquement de la maternelle à la première, s'est éteint le vendredi 1er juin. Je crois que pas un de ses 'classmates' ne sera indifférent à cette triste nouvelle. Il était l'élément fédérateur de la classe, le fondateur du club de théâtre, et un "malade imaginaire" inoubliable. Malheureusement cette fois, la maladie n'était pas imaginaire. Il a fait preuve d'un immense courage et ne s'est jamais départi de son humour, même dans les moments les plus durs. » (For more remembrances of Pierre by his classmates, please go to the **In Memoriam** section of this newsletter by [clicking here](#))

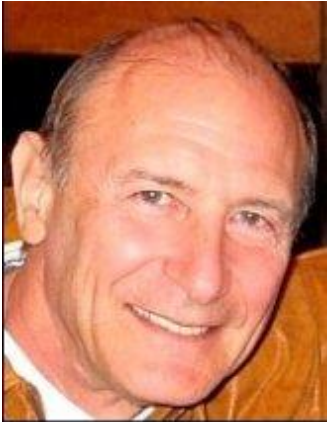
----- From December 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Jill Newman Iversen** wrote: "My son, Jeremy Iversen, came out with a book called High School Confidential that was published September 19, 2006, by Simon & Schuster, and shot to 100 its first week of publication on Amazon's countdown list. He also made the round of talk shows, including Good Morning America, Inside Edition, and The View, and Rosie O'Donnell told him not once but three times he was cute (<http://www.jeremyiversen.com/>). Proof that the whole is often greater than the sum of its parts. Bonnes nouvelles to all!"

----- From November 2004 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● From **Lynn Bochner**: "When my wife, Madeleine, and I retired down to Florida, we enrolled in CERT classes: Certified Emergency Response Team, under Homeland Security. We followed nine evenings of training, including First Aid, CPR, Search and Rescue, Triage, Fire suppression... We've also gone back to the Fire Department for recertification and refresher sessions.

As you probably know, this was Florida's year of the multiple hurricanes. So we got to put our training to good use, though not the kind of activities we expected...actually much less traumatic than we were prepared for. Mostly we waited out the storm, and then donned out hard hats and brightly colored vests, grabbed saws, and went around cutting branches around neighbors' homes, that were preventing them from getting out of their homes. I think the most important service we rendered was



TOP: Lynn Bochner ('61); BOTTOM:  
Annette Somers ('61)

looking "official", giving people a sense of security.

All in all, out of 901 homes in our association, we lost 150 trees, some roof tiles, a few windows, quite a lot of our sprinkler system. But no one was injured, except in the pockerbook. If anyone is curious, you might look up CERT on the internet."

- **Jill (Newman) Iversen** wrote: "I would like to report that I have a 24-year-old son, Jeremy, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford. He is having a coming-of-age novel called 21 published by Simon & Schuster in March, although as my kid likes to point out, he'll be 25 by then!"

----- From Winter 2003-2004 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Lynn Bochner** has retired to Florida, after 33 years working in IT for Chase, Young & Rubicam, Burroughs, EDS and FORD

----- From Winter 2002/2003 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Catherine Loudes** nous a écrit: "Divorcée, mère de 4 enfants (tous indépendants), 4 petits-fils et une autre naissance prévue fin octobre. Depuis la mi juillet 1963 je vis en Afrique, Côte d'Ivoire, à Abidjan (l'ex capitale). J'ai assisté à l'émergence de ce pays depuis pratiquement ses premiers jours d'indépendance. Mon premier mari, qui du reste fut la principale raison de ma venue en Afrique, était Ingénieur et Député à l'Assemblée Nationale de ce pays. Côté travail, j'ai eu plusieurs postes intéressants au cours de ma carrière (entre autres 10 ans avec l'OMS (in English WHO)) et le dernier poste chez Apache Int'l, exploration et exploitation pétrolière, en tant que DAF, d'où j'ai fait valoir mes droits à la retraite pour aussitôt installer une cellule de traduction (home-based). J'ai un tantinet élargi la gamme de prestations et offre maintenant des "Services de la Paie" (payroll) et l' "Archivage électronique".

A côté de cela, j'aide autant que possible ma fille (la plus jeune parmi mes enfants et la seule fille) qui a étudié la gestion hôtelière en France et s'est lancée depuis le début de l'année dans un "Service Traiteur" à Abidjan. Les autres enfants, 3 garçons, (un Informaticien, à Paris ; un Banquier -MBA en Californie, résidant à Abidjan, à la Standard Chartered Bank ; et un Chirurgien-Urologue, pratiquant à Paris) tous mariés. Mon point de chute pour les vacances est Paris. Souvent j'ai eu à me poser la question que sont devenus mes ami(e)s de classe. Le premier contact avec une ancienne, Virginia Utermohlen, a été malheureusement motivée par la triste nouvelle concernant Naomi Schor, que Virginia essayait de faire parvenir à un maximum de camarades. Grâce à votre rubrique "Find a classmate", j'ai eu l'agréable surprise de recevoir un mot d'Annette Somers."



----- From "Printemps 2002" LFNY Magazine -----

● « **Naomi Schor**, ancienne élève du Lycée, occupait la chaire de français “Benjamin F. Barge” à l’université de Yale. En tant qu’enseignante et écrivain, elle a défié les conventions de façon implacable, ainsi que dans un journal féministe qu’elle avait cofondé en 1989 au Centre Pembroke, pour l’enseignement et la recherche sur la femme à Brown University. Née le 10 octobre 1943 à Manhattan, de parents artistes—son père, Ilya, était peintre, joaillier et spécialisé dans l’art judaïque, et sa mère Resia, également artiste. Ils furent contraints de quitter leur Pologne natale, sous l’occupation nazie, pour gagner Paris, puis finalement s’installer à New York le 3 décembre 1941, en passant par Lisbonne.

Titulaire du baccalauréat du Lycée Français de New York en 1961, elle suivit des études d’anglais et fut diplômée de Barnard College. Par la suite, elle reçut son doctorat de français de l’université de Yale. Elle est l’auteur de cinq livres publiés et plus de cinquante articles universitaires. Dr. Schor a enseigné à l’université de Brown, Duke, et Harvard avant d’intégrer Yale en 1999, où son époux, Howard Bloch, enseigne au département de français. Naomi Schor a succombé d’une hémorragie cérébrale le 2 décembre 2001, alors qu’elle était hospitalisée à New Haven. Elle était âgée de 58 ans et résidait à Hamden (état du Connecticut). Son époux, sa mère et sa soeur (Mira Schor ’67) lui survivent. »

----- From November/December 2001 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **DÉCÈS**: Une triste nouvelle nous est parvenue pendant la rédaction de cette Newsletter, nous annonçant le décès début décembre de **Naomi Schor**. Ceci nous a été communiqué par Michel-André Bossy: “Une nouvelle extrêmement triste m'a été communiquée hier: notre camarade de lycée Naomi Schor '61 est décédée dimanche d'une hémorragie cérébrale. Naomi Schor a fait toutes ses études scolaires au LFNY, depuis ce qui s'appelait à l'époque la onzième jusqu'au bac de philo en 1961. C'était une élève brillante et une camarade de classe inoubliable. Ensuite, elle a suivi une carrière universitaire tout à fait remarquable. Elle occupait en effet une chaire de lettres à Yale University, étant finalement revenue dans le même département de français où elle avait jadis obtenu son doctorat. Entre temps, sa carrière a été jalonnée de postes dans des facultés de haute volée: Columbia, Brown, Duke et Harvard. Etant encore sous le coup de cette nouvelle bouleversante, je ne suis pas en mesure de détailler ici, comme il le faudrait, les grands mérites personnels, l'immense talent intellectuel et les excellents ouvrages critiques de Naomi Schor. Néanmoins, je n'ai pas voulu tarder à vous transmettre cette nouvelle, qui va beaucoup attrister les anciens de la promotion de 1961 et bien d'autres amis.”

● **Pierre Perolle** nous a écrit, peu de temps après: «Quite coincidentally this morning I learned of the untimely death of my classmate, Naomi Schor, through a very random set of connections. We were good school chums from the ages of 6 to 17 then, sadly in retrospect, lost direct contact because of

different pathways in life. This would probably would not have been the case had the Internet been around sooner. I am grateful, though, that thanks to your efforts, our classmates are able to pick up the threads now, even many decades after our precious years together at 3 E 95th St.» Un second article relatant la vie de Naomi Schor est paru dans la rubrique nécrologique du New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/12/16/obituaries/16SCHO.html?searchpv=nytToday>

Classes de Philosophie, Mathematiques Elementaires, et Sciences Experimentales



de gauche, a droite:

1er rang: Martine Berger, Aude-Monique Courtines, Bernadette Wysznia, Virginia Utermohlen, Violette Barouk, Catherine Temerson

2eme rang: Daridjane Matchabelli, Anne Giraud, Keith Brenner, Thierry Delanney, Naomi Schor, Michel Demonfaucou, Laurence Hugueny

3eme rang: Serge de Bourmont, Nicolas Bosquet, Jean-Pierre Courtin, Bernard Mathieu, Michel Bossy, Jean-Paul Olivier