Tom Lyons Andover Obituary Comments

Stewart Crone @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 10 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Mr. Lyons was one of the finest instructors I was ever privileged to have, in any school. His 'Man & Society' course, taught along with Wayne Frederick in 1969-70, (and hopefully after) was the single best course I have taken anywhere (UCB & UCONN included) Respect and thanks, belatedly, and to his family.

phone @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 13 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Tom and I shared a sports-filled youth in Reading, MA as well as an intimate relationship on the high school football field where he was the team's quarterback and I was his center. Thank you, Tom.

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harga kamera nikon @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 19 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Tom and Eleanor have always been wonderful friends. The love that is expressed by so many students and friends in their comments, bears clear testimony to his success as a caring and inspirational teacher and man.

Goodbye, good friend! My earliest, ill-fated effort to obtain a beginning principalship occurred in Andover. Tom and Eleanor have always been wonderful friends. The love that is expressed by so many students and friends in their comments, bears clear testimony to his success as a caring and inspirational teacher and man.

ponsel spesifikasi @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 20 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I hope to incorporate very briefly some of the reminiscences of others about him including some of the above. If you have other stories about him, please either post them or email me at cvdh@med.unc.edu. Thanks, Charlie van der Horst. ill-fated effort to obtain a beginning principalship occurred in Andover. Tom and Eleanor have always been wonderful friends. The love that is expressed by so many students and friends in their comments, bears clear testimony to his success as a caring and inspirational teacher and man.
Goodbye, good friend!

Marlene @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 41 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Hi
My laste husband John Martin and Tom were very close, and I lost track of him. Does anyone know how I can reach his wife?
John met Tom when they were both young jocks and landed in the hospital together for many months.
mlmartin4@aol.com
831-624-796

Josh @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 42 weeks ago · 1 reply · 0 points
Lyons taught history from 1963 to 1999, and for a number of years also served as department chair before retiring to Newburyport

Karen Lam '98 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 56 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I was very lucky to have the chance to attend Mr. Lyons' Constitutional Law class in 1998 before he retired. I will always remember Mr. Lyons' passion and encouragement in our class, and his belief in each of us. It was Mr. Lyons who got me truly interested in a career in law, a path which I have followed after graduation from Andover. Looking back it is still Mr. Lyons' classes, and not my university law courses, that I would remember as inspiring me the most. Thank you Mr. Lyons, God bless and may you rest in peace.

jamclean @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 61 weeks ago · 0 replies · +1 points
From my memoir, "Loon: A Marine Story" (Random House, 2009):

"My American History teacher was Tom Lyons, even then a legend at Andover. When he informed me that
I had passed his rigorous course that spring (1966) with a 63 (60 was passing) he said that I had earned every point of it. Several weeks later, I received the following letter from him:

'Dear General McLean,
I know I echo the entire faculty's sentiments when I state that Andover is no prouder of any member of this class than of Private McLean. You showed a lot of people - adolescents and adults - something about character and courage in your stay here.
I wish you the best of luck in your math exam and in the months ahead, from Parris Island on. Come back and see us when you can. Our best wishes are always with you.
Sincerely,
Field Marshall Thomas von Lyons'

Lyons gained national notoriety years later when candidate George W. Bush, in a rare public acknowledgment of his Andover experience, referred to Lyons in the 'New York Times' as his most outstanding teacher.

On July 2, 1966, I sat for my math makeup exam and passed with flying colors. Later that afternoon, the Headmaster called me into his office and handed me my high school diploma."

Thank you, Tom, for your confidence in me.

Rest in peace.

Jack McLean '66

Bob Gardner @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 62 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Tom and I shared a sorts-filled youth in Reading, MA as well as an intimate relationship on the high school football field where he was the team's quarterback and I was his center. As my career as a high school teacher and football coach progressed, we followed parallel paths toward our goals. My earliest, ill-fated effort to obtain a beginning principalship occurred in Andover. Tom and Eleanor have always been wonderful friends. The love that is expressed by so many students and friends in their comments, bears clear testimony to his success as a caring and inspirational teacher and man.
Goodbye, good friend!

Bob Gardner

cvdhmd @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 65 weeks ago · 0 replies · +2 points
Hi Everyone, I have been given the honor of giving the "student" perspective on Tom at his memorial service December 1 at 11AM. I hope to incorporate very briefly some of the reminiscences of others about him including some of the above. If you have other stories about him, please either post them or email me at cvdh@med.unc.edu. Thanks, Charlie van der Horst

Doug Crabtree @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I had posted a comment earlier and it is not included among the 25 shown on your website. Makes me think you've lost a whole bunch of others. Tom was loved by hundreds (at least!) of former colleagues and students. See if you can find those other comments and get them posted! Thanks.
Doug Crabtree, P.A. faculty 1971-2001

Perrin Tingley '78 @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I'm sure all of us who took History 35 or the like remember the hair standing up on the backs of our necks at the sound of Mr. Lyons coming down the uncarpeted hall of Sam Phil to class on his crutches. Talk about a room going quiet! In our very first class, he used said crutches as arm extensions to pick up a wastebasket and move it from the floor to a desk, to the openmouthed awe of an otherwise unflappable group of students. That might have gotten out attention, but it was his generosity of spirit, the volume of his
intellect, his anecdotes and his horrible puns ("Samoa, and Samoa and Samoa...") that kept it. As a high school history teacher myself - a coincidence? probably not - I think of him often.

Howard Borgstrom @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
While I did not have Tom Lyons as an instructor, I was privileged to have him as a housemaster for two years prior to my graduation in 1966. His hearing was acute, and he could arrive promptly at the scene of any disturbance! He was immensely strong, and could toss a mattress in an untidy room with the flip from a single crutch. But, his spirit and his love for his family and students were obvious to all, and I will forever remember his kindness. Howard Borgstrom, PA'66

Richard Brock @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
A great teacher and a personal inspiration to me.

Jim Lynch @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Tom Lyons made American History come to life for his students:
My personal favorite was Tom's passionate rendition of William Jennings Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech: "Thou shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns. Thou shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold." His depictions of Charles Sumner on the floor of the Senate and Shoeless Joe Jackson ("Say it ain't so, Joe") were also great favorites.

Tom was a terror in the classroom and through a combination of intimidation, humiliation and passion motivated his students to get involved.

He was an American Original and his spirit will be kept alive through his beautiful family and the thousands of students who have shared his classroom. I will miss this 'Gentle Warrior'.

Jim Lynch '68
Abbott Stevens House

Nancy Liva '79 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Mr. Lyons was my academic adviser when I arrived at Andover in 1975. I was a scared little girl, just turned 14, away from my family for the first time and I was terrified. Mr. Lyons scared me. He insisted on using my middle name (no one EVER did that), and he didn't seem to mind that I was uncomfortable with it. He was honest and earnest and kind and I have always remembered him with the utmost respect. In the course of my four years there were many times when he let me know he was paying attention. He did favors for me when he didn't have to and he and read me the riot act when he thought I was slacking off. My life has been better for having known him. I am sorry I never went back to say thanks.

Raymond Liddell '64 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I have vivid memories of Tom Lyons as both a history teacher and as a junior varsity football coach. In the classroom he taught us how to think, not what to think. On the football field he taught young boys a lot about being a man. I frequently talk about Tom Lyons as a role model to my undergraduate students. He represented the best about Andover. He will not be forgotten.

Alex Magoun '77 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · -1 points
Tom Lyons was my advisor for my one year, and one of the reasons I was sorry I wasn't able to spend two at PA. It was a privilege to take the Teaching Constitutional History summer course he organized in the late 1980s. Not only did he demonstrate his knowledge and expectations, Tom did so in the company of Harry Schieber of Boalt Hall at Berkeley, John Doar of civil rights and Watergate fame, and Judge Garrity of the Boston desegregation case. It was a constitutional dream team for us motley high school teachers, that only Tom could have recruited.
Lon Haber @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Mr. Lyons was and still is a pinnacle of learning for me, from the first day of class when I was 16 years old for possibly the rest of time. I'll never forget his powerful nature and his no nonsense attitude which made learning so much fun for me. His enthusiasm and force made me want to be the best I could be, and nearly everything he said or did commanded my attention.

I remember the first day of American History when he said, "You can't get through this class if you don't work hard. I failed JFK, Jr., and George W. Bush and don't think I won't fail you too!" And in my day, when he was in his motorized wheelchair, he'd zoom around our class in Sam Phil as we had heated discussions about the Bay of Pigs and Cuban Missile Crisis, and if you were leaning back in your chair, he could very well glide past and you'd be on the ground!

There may have never been a more exciting, entertaining and enjoyable class with a more thoughtful, kind, genuine and powerhouse of a teacher.

My time with him was priceless and I am changed for the better for it.

My love goes out to everyone who loved Mr. Lyons, his family, friends, students and anyone who had the benefit of knowing him.

Lon Haber '95

John Nettleton '67 @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I'm deeply saddened at Tom Lyons's passing- he was bar none the best teacher I ever had; I still have my History 4 notes, and my wife continues to delve into them for her work as a museum educator. His enthusiasm and passion for history was obvious and legendary, ditto his focus on the impact of public policies and legislation on 'everyday Americans' far from the heights of Supreme Court decisions. He would (and regularly) stop to remark -"Who pays? The consumer pays!" Woe to the dozing student, awakened by the sound of crutches cracked together inches from his head. I loved the man and remember him with pride and fondness. My condolences to his family and friends.

Bill Pruden '72 @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I am now in my 31st year as an independent school educator and the model and inspiration for my years of teaching American History and Government has long been Tom Lyons. Indeed, a copy of the article that appeared in the New York Times after his retirement sits in a prominent place in my office, a daily source of inspiration, and a constant reminder of what a great educator can be. In fact, one of my most treasured professional memories is of being with him at an invitation only, week-long conference studying the Constitution and Liberty. To be on an equal plain, a fellow participant and professional, left me with a feeling of unimaginable satisfaction and worth, and yet as the same time I was never more the student for his wisdom, his drive, his exhortations to think and rethink, and question and probe was unstilled, and inspiring. Tom was a singular teacher and a singular man. My heart goes out to his family, but surely they know that the legacy he left behind is unparalleled. Thanks, Tom.

Will Myers '98 @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Mr. Lyons created a really engaging classroom that keenly balanced his own intellect with those of my peers. When Souter failed to show-up in his 1998 Constitutional Law class, I was worried that it would be a bad send-off. I'm glad to hear he got another round in 2000.

Roderick McNealy @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 66 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
Mr. Lyons was a giant in a era of Andover faculty giants. While many PA faculty of the 1960-70's era were intimidating and often distant, Mr. Lyons was engaging, personable, and approachable. That did not mean his History 4 course was any less terrifying, it was. But his students knew he cared for their progress and
learning the important lessons of this critical course. He was always very kind to me, though I was far from a great student, but he knew I was trying my best. He was one of the few faculty who congratulated me on my college choice and did so with some very kind, thoughtful words that I will always remember. When my daughter considered attending Andover for her last two years of high school, Mr. Lyons was the faculty member I approached about this personal subject and he provided very wise counsel. Those who knew him as a teacher, coach, house-master, will always remember him as what was GREAT about Andover. He is the role model for all current and future Andover faculty. He will be terribly missed.

Ron Ryan '1978 @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 67 weeks ago · 0 replies · +1 points

I too knew Tom Lyons from my work on The Phillipian. His impact on all of us who worked on The Phillipian was profound.

As Advisor to the Phillipian, Tom Lyons read every word of every issue that we published, and in his Sunday evening reviews, in those days held weekly in the basement of Evans Hall, he taught us about everything from expository writing and critical thinking, to journalism, politics and constitutional law. These sessions were more valuable than any course I have taken then or since.

Mr. Lyons was not always happy with us, but he was at once tough, fair, and supportive. He always had our interests and those of the school at heart.

Tom Lyons left his mark on a generation of Phillipian Editors, many of whom went on to work as journalists, and in the media. His legacy is too large for me to document adequately here.

For me, Mr. Lyon's impact was lifelong. Though I chose business over journalism, to this very day I cannot start a piece of expository writing without wondering what Tom Lyons would think of it.

My condolences go out to the Lyons family, along with my heartfelt thanks for sharing such a great man with the Andover community over all these years. Rest in Peace, Mr. Lyons. And thank you!

cvdhmd @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 67 weeks ago · 0 replies · +2 points

Although my heart is breaking over the death of my high school American history teacher, my friend and father figure of 44 years, I shall forever be grateful to Tom and El and their children for taking me into their lives when I was a lonely high school student at PA and then nurturing me for 4 summers as I learned about teaching and being a caregiver. It was as formative and enriching an experience as any person could hope for as a young man. In the years since during frequent phone calls and visits, I would share my triumphs and low points with Tom and El and always received love and pride in return. I learned lessons that have stood with me for all of these 44 years and made me, I hope, a better husband, a better father, a better brother, a better teacher, and a better physician. Charles van der Horst MD '70

cvdhmd @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 67 weeks ago · 0 replies · +2 points

Before turning to medicine, I toyed with a career in history, largely in homage to Tom. Instead, I took the lessons I learned dodging Tom’s crutches and applied them in my life as a physician. Don’t rest on your laurels, look for wrongs to right, challenge yourself, work hard, think critically.

Beyond what I learned as a student was the other aspects of Tom and his family, loving family man, father, brother, and husband. After three years at Andover, I was still lonely. First Tom, then Eleanor and their children John, Kathleen, David, and Joe welcomed me into their lives. From 1970 through 1974 I lived with the Lyons family and Tom’s history teaching sister Mardie every summer. We worked in his vegetable garden, cooked great meals, watched the evening news, discussed the end of the Viet Nam War, the Watergate Hearings, and watched the kids grow up playing summer baseball league.

cvdhmd @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 67 weeks ago · 0 replies · +3 points

On Sunday September 23rd my wife and I sat in the warm sun with Tom and El in the gazebo on Plum Island overlooking the estuary of the Merrimack River as the wind passed over the wetland grasses and
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sailboats danced in the distance. The vagaries of Tom’s illness had progressed to a point that he could savor the hours but no longer engage as vigorously as the previous week. That Sunday was almost 44 years to the day after I first entered his classroom in Samuel Phillips Hall, filled with trepidation about starting the legendary American History course as a 3rd year. Tom by then had longish hair, was barrel chested, arms akimbo with the aluminum crutches dangerously hanging from his massive triceps. I was a country rube, scholarship boy with limited writing skills intimidated by students who had honed their writing in New York elite private schools. All of my teenaged fears disappeared as I was drawn into the vivid world of early American history seen through the lens of Tom Lyons, from the formation of the Bill of Rights to Marbury v Madison using primary source documents rather than the traditional textbooks. He led lively discussions and challenged us to think and write critically.

jearuz01 @ Phillips Academy - An … - Phillips Academy - Faculty 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +2 points
I do agree with you David

Steven Hutcheson @ Phillips Academy - An … - Phillips Academy - Faculty 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +2 points
Serving in local government comes with its rewards and satisfactions. However, I found it rare to experience true graces with it. I consider getting to know Tom Lyons as part of my city council work to be a grace. I felt that way just from getting to know him personally and the excellent work that he did in Newburyport to benefit people with disabilities. I’m just learning now how great of a career that he had as an educator. Although I missed the opportunity to ask him about his life’s work outside of Newburyport, I’m not surprised he did great things in his career as well. I’ll miss him.

God Bless Tom and his family,
Steven R Hutcheson
Newburyport City Councilor-at-large
2006-2012

Bruce Poliquin @ Phillips Academy - An … - Phillips Academy - Faculty 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +4 points
Mr. Lyons was the most remarkable instructor ever, rivaled only by my father. His classes were tough and captivating. He was fair and engaging, and always pushed and challenged us. I remember his dynamic classes like yesterday. I so admired Mr. Lyons in and out of the classroom. He corralled me to help him pick tomatoes in his backyard garden on Phillips Street after lax games on Saturdays. When babysitting John, Kathy and David (I can’t recall if Joe had arrived yet), I’d sneak my Andover Cottage buddies in the back door to empty the frig. He and El just smiled as we swore eldest son John to secrecy. To this day, I have never heard anything but affection for our beloved Mr. Lyons - gentle but inspiring. That said, even during his retirement, I struggled to address him with anything other than "Mr. Lyons." We all so respected him. He taught us the inner workings and importance of the Supreme Court. He is why I wrote my U.S. History term paper about a Constitutional law case, taking buses and subways to Harvard Law School to conduct the research. Nobody ever even considered disappointing Mr. Lyons. And, most importantly, Tom Lyons instilled in us a passion for learning, asking questions, and deeply caring about our country and world. Without ever directly requesting such, Mr. Lyons and the rich and full life he led pushed me and my classmates to embrace non sibi. Better than anyone, he showed us what it was like to give back and to help others, in whatever ways we chose. Our world and Andover is a smaller place without Tom. I already miss him. For many of us, he was like our own father away from home. Let El, the kids, and the grand kids know how much we loved Tom Lyons. Bruce Poliquin, 1972

Will Buddenhagen @ Phillips Academy - An … - Phillips Academy - Faculty 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
For those who grew up in Reading, MA, in the 50's and were involved in sports, Tom Lyons was a very familiar name. Besides being an outstanding student, he was an incredible athlete. Lettering in three sports - football, basketball and baseball, his most outstanding sport was football, in which he is still considered the greatest quarterback in Reading High School history and is in the Reading Sports Hall of Fame. He went on to quarterback the Brown University football team, until he stricken with Polio. I am sure the students he taught remember him with fondest memories.
Those of us who knew Tom will remember his intellect and inspirational attitude about life. I am thankful that Tom introduced me to the Newburyport News & Views discussion group and I am honored to have known him and will miss him greatly. May he Rest in Peace.

Laura Bull Bailey @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +1 points
Mr. Lyons was an incredible spirit. I was not one of the fortunate ones to have him for a teacher, but I was privileged to know the Lyons family through my friendship with Kathy. Mr. Lyons was always so encouraging, and giving of his time for whatever concerns or joys we had to share. When in need of a boost, I loved nothing more than to go down to the Lyons' home and help him in his garden. I remember his big smile and wonderful laugh. His passion for life and learning, and it seems to me for mentoring as well, and the excellency with which he lived life in every aspect, are lessons to us all and will always be with me.

I send my heartfelt condolences to his family.

Laura Bull Bailey '81

Ken MacWilliams, '54 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +3 points
After Tom retired from Andover he moved to Newburyport, Massachusetts, the town in which I was born and raised. That's where I first met Tom although I was by then living in Portland, Maine. We hit it off immediately and as a result I also joined the small contemporary affairs discussion group to which he belonged and which meets weekly in Newburyport. Even though it was a round trip drive of three hours from Portland, for years until Tom's illness I frequently attended these meetings because of Tom. I always made it a point to sit beside him. Before the meetings got started, at the break, after the meetings, and often sotto voce during the meetings Tom and I would talk about all manner of things. His ideas and thought processes were exemplary and rare. He was always marking up various articles in the New York Times which he always brought to the meetings. It was wonderful to watch him in action. His love of learning never ceased. His mind was razor sharp to the end. And, oh, how he loved constitutional law! Even more important, to me, were his ethics and his values, his fundamental goodness. I already miss him and those exchanges so terribly much.

Willie Nabors '83 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +5 points
Tom Lyons left too many permanent marks on the Andover community to list here, but his legacy will live on through the countless history scholars and teachers who came through his classes. My condolences to the Andover family at his loss, and to classmate David and the rest of the Lyons family. God bless you.

Roxane Williams '91 @ Phillips Academy - An... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +6 points
Together, Tom Lyons and Vic Henningsen inspired me to major in history in college. I still remember the thrill of getting into Mr. Lyons' Constitutional Law class, noting that its volumes of hard work prepared me well for college. I played Justice Kennedy for our culminating case, and, when I read my opinion, something was in it that struck Mr. Lyons as incredibly important. A bit timid, I hadn't read it aloud to his satisfaction. He approached me at the "bench" and whispered, "when you have something that prolific to say, you have to make sure people hear it, Roxane, like this" -- and proceeded to turn to the room and roar my words. He helped me to find my courage in many ways, in my writing and in my voice.

I am so grateful to Tom Lyons for being such an important part of my education. My condolences to all who loved him. May he rest in eternal peace.

Roxane Williams '91
David Parker @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · +4 points
I loved working with Tom Lyons through his advising role with the Phillipian.

His obvious passion for the finished product - he wanted it to be perfect - was inspiring and drove us constantly. But perhaps more important was his keen interest in all of us kids who were trying our best to act like adults and make responsible and mature decisions. He was forgiving but firm when he had to be, but effusive with praise more often than not.

I was not a writer nor an editor of the paper, but instead a layout person who by a twist of fate became the co-editor of the paper, in charge of all non-editorial departments. As our 1980-81 year ended, it turned out that the paper was owed a considerable amount by local advertisers, leaving us in a financial hole. Mr. Lyons was clearly pained to hear of this situation, and made it clear that if the dollars were not found, the paper would be vulnerable to criticism from within the school. He didn't ask me to do anything, but I was so ashamed that I made the rounds of the town and had retailers pull cash out of their registers to pay their bills. When I returned the money and reported this to Mr. Lyons, the obvious relief and joy on his face was something that I'll always remember. He expected us all to do our best, and rewarded us when the situation merited it.

I suspect there are dozens or even hundreds of similar stories from PA students who interacted with Mr. Lyons.

Condolences to his family.

David Parker '81

Doug Crabtree @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
What sad news. I feel so lucky to have known and worked with Tom for 30+ years. He combined humor, intelligence, and courage in ways that made us all glad to know him.
--Doug Crabtree, faculty 1971-2001

Scott Crabtree @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 68 weeks ago · 0 replies · 0 points
I'm very sad to hear this news. Mr. Lyons was a wonderful teacher who made a significant impression on me.

While I was at Andover I learned (for 1 extra point on my test, no less) that the Mandarin characters on the podium he spoke from every day translated to "roaring lions".

He was indeed a roaring lion, king of the jungle that was my history class!

I know he lives on through the many lives he touched, including mine.
--Scott Crabtree, '84

key nod32 @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 39 weeks ago · 0 replies · +1 points
Tom was a force of nature in the classroom, one of the most effective and memorable teachers I’ve ever encountered and someone students never forgot.

nod32 Keys @ Phillips Academy - An ... - Phillips Academy - Fac... 41 weeks ago · 0 replies · +1 points
He’s the only high school history teacher I know of whose retirement was covered extensively by the New York Times.