

COLLEGE

Soon after I became involved with Fran (a euphemism for all that takes place before we married), we found ourselves, among other things, comparing our undergraduate college experiences. Fran went to Brandeis from 1953 to 1957. I went to CCNY from 1945 to 1949.

Brandeis was founded in 1948 with the idea of being a Jewish community sponsored, non-sectarian school, located in Waltham, Massachusetts, nine miles from Boston. City College was founded in 1847, as the Free Academy of the City of New York with the idea of providing free public higher education to deserving young men, based on academic merit. It was originally located at 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue, but moved to its present site in 1895. We both feel a great attachment to our schools. Both schools had a large Jewish student enrollment when we attended.

The first thing that struck me when Fran described her Brandeis experience, was the difference between attending a school where you lived on (or near) campus, as opposed to living at home. When I went off to college in September 1945, it was no different than when I went off to high school in September 1942. The only difference was that I took the trolley to get to CCNY, whereas I took the subway to get to Stuyvesant. I went to my classes, and after the last class I went to work, and after work, I went home.

Fran could not have lived at home. It would have been too complicated to commute. There were dorms and there were housing facilities near campus.

The next thing was Fran's relationship to faculty versus mine.

1. living on campus (or near campus) vs living at home.
2. Relationships with faculty.
3. Extracurricular activity
4. Politics
5. Friends
6. Post college involvement and alumni assns.
7. Feeling of indebtedness
8. Material addressed to alumni