Summary of Short/Objective Questions

Favorite Course at Smith: 138 responses
- Art 11 and other variations of art courses were far and away the most memorable, with 24 mentions (17%).
- Shakespeare (9 mentions) and other English courses (6 mentions) were the next category (11%).
- American Intellectual History/American Studies ranked next, with 11 mentions (8%).
- The remainder of responses ran the gamut from aesthetics to Victorian nonfiction, including horticulture, French, History 13, religion, philosophy, Russian history, and many others.
- Many mentioned particular professors rather than specific courses. Multiple mentions went to Richard Young, Arthur Mann, and Ramon Ruiz, who was cited by one classmate as being “the first teacher I had who suggested that I was capable of thinking and of asking the right questions—something that was life-changing for me.”

Wish I had more time for: 131 responses
- Reading is far and away the most coveted activity, with 21 classmates (16%) wanting either to read more or to read more intensively.
- Close behind reading is the wish for more travel, either in general or to a treasured locale (e.g. Hawaii in the dead of winter, France) or to visit friends and family: 18 (14%).
- Some feel that they enough time: 9 (7%).
- Some wish they have more time for “everything”: 8 (6%).
- To be with various family members (e.g., parents, grandchildren): 7 (5%).
- Painting: 4 (3%).
- The remainder of responses was quite varied, including wishing for money available for travel, exercising/physical fitness, doing nothing/hanging out with friends/goofing off, writing, handwork/paper crafts, gourmet cooking, laughing, learning/learning musical instruments, living, music & writing, my garden, organizing myself, personal growth, playing the piano, puttering around, sewing, singing, sleeping, socializing, finding a good volunteer activity, thinking, savoring life, “those rewarding items”, spending time in nature, taking classes, things I’ve put off for years, things I used to do when I was a “too busy mother”, tennis, and walking aimlessly outdoors.

Favorite Book: 140 responses
- Can't choose one; too many to name; impossible question (two classmates said they are librarians, which makes it really impossible!): 19 (14%).
- Pride and Prejudice: 13 (9%).
- Anna Karenina: 5 (4%).
- War and Peace: 5 (4%).
- Don Quixote: 3 (2%).
- Gift from the Sea: 3 (2%).
- The Bible/New Testament: 3 (2%).
- To Kill a Mockingbird: 3 (2%).
- Several books were mentioned twice: Count of Monte Cristo; Crossing to Safety; Little Women; Pillars of the Earth; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; The Good Earth; The Power of Now; To the Lighthouse; and Winnie the Pooh.
- Two self-referential responses: My dissertation; the one I am still trying to write.

**Favorite Movie:** 126 responses
- Casablanca: 14 (11%).
- Gone With the Wind: 6 (5%).
- Out of Africa: 5 (4%).
- The King's Speech: 5 (4%).
- Sound of Music: 3 (2%).
- The following movies received two mentions each: Twelve Angry Men, Chariots of Fire, Dirty Dancing, My Fair Lady, Singing in the Rain, Star Wars, The Sound of Music, To Kill a Mockingbird, and Tom Jones.
- The remainder of responses varied from A Fish Called Wanda to Chinatown to Pretty Woman to Witness, and so on.
- Can't decide on one: 7 (6%).
- Don't care/no time to watch movies: 11 (9%).
- One classmate mentioned that “the Saturday movies at Smith were another complete education.”