




*Do you know who's been here?*

*75 years of Intriguing people who have visited Hofstra,  
1943-2018.*

*Information from the University Archives*

A group of six men in dark suits and ties are standing in a room with large windows in the background. The men are smiling and appear to be in a formal setting. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Over the course of Hofstra's history we have been visited by many different sorts of people. Presidents, First Ladies, celebrities, athletes, musicians, dramatists, writers and even royalty have all visited to perform, to give speeches, accept awards or walk our campus. Here are just a few of the famous people who have been here!

Alicia Patterson, the founder of *Newsday*, became a Hofstra Trustee in December 1943. This photograph shows her at commencement.



Robert Moses was on Hofstra's Board of Trustees and was the first person to get an Honorary Degree from Hofstra in 1948. Here with two of his grandchildren.



Dwight D. Eisenhower received an Honorary Degree from Hofstra in 1950 while Eisenhower was president of Columbia University.





**In 1955 Lt. Col. Charles Dryden, a Tuskegee Airman, completed his graduate education at Hofstra while stationed at Mitchel Field Air Force Base. He later came back to receive an Alumni Achievement Award.**



Dan Ingram a New York disc jockey for 40 years graduated from Hofstra in 1956.



Ellie Greenwich an esteemed songwriter, was a student at Hofstra in 1960.





**Margaret Meade visited Hofstra in 1963 to discuss how to connect the north campus with the south campus and have commuting students feel more like Hofstra was their "home."**



Madeline Kahn who graduated in 1964 is shown here in "Love's Labour's Lost."





**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored by Hofstra University at commencement in 1965.**

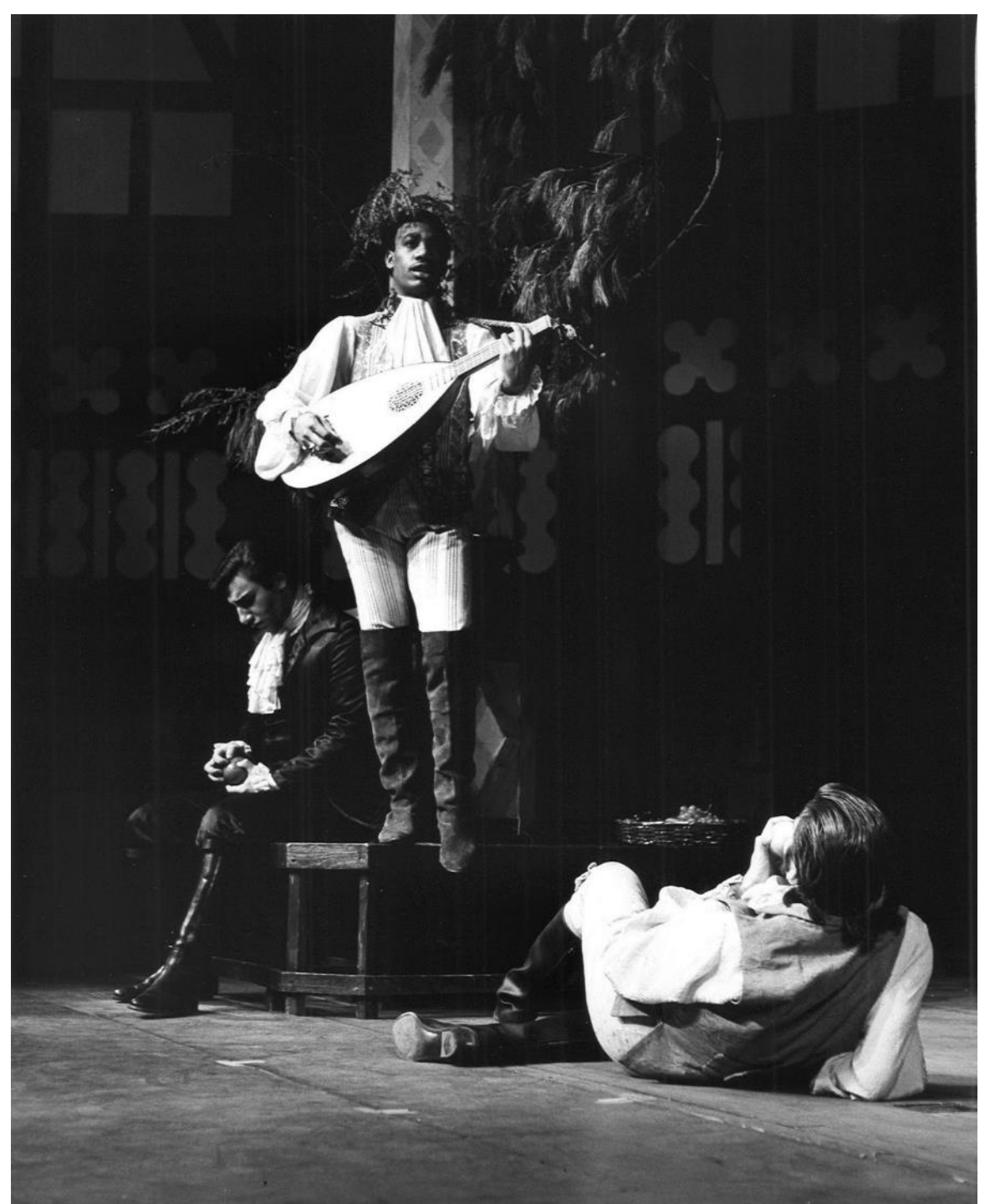


**Roy Campenella, a former Brooklyn Dodger's baseball player and Hall of Famer, helped to promote Hofstra's initiative for physically challenged students in the 1960s.**





Actor Joseph Morton attended Hofstra in the 1960s as a drama major.



**William Shea, who brought National League baseball back to NY, was a Hofstra trustee from 1967 until 1972.**



William Alfred Shea

Diahann Carroll, first African-American actress to play a title role in a television show came to Hofstra to sing at a fundraiser in 1968.

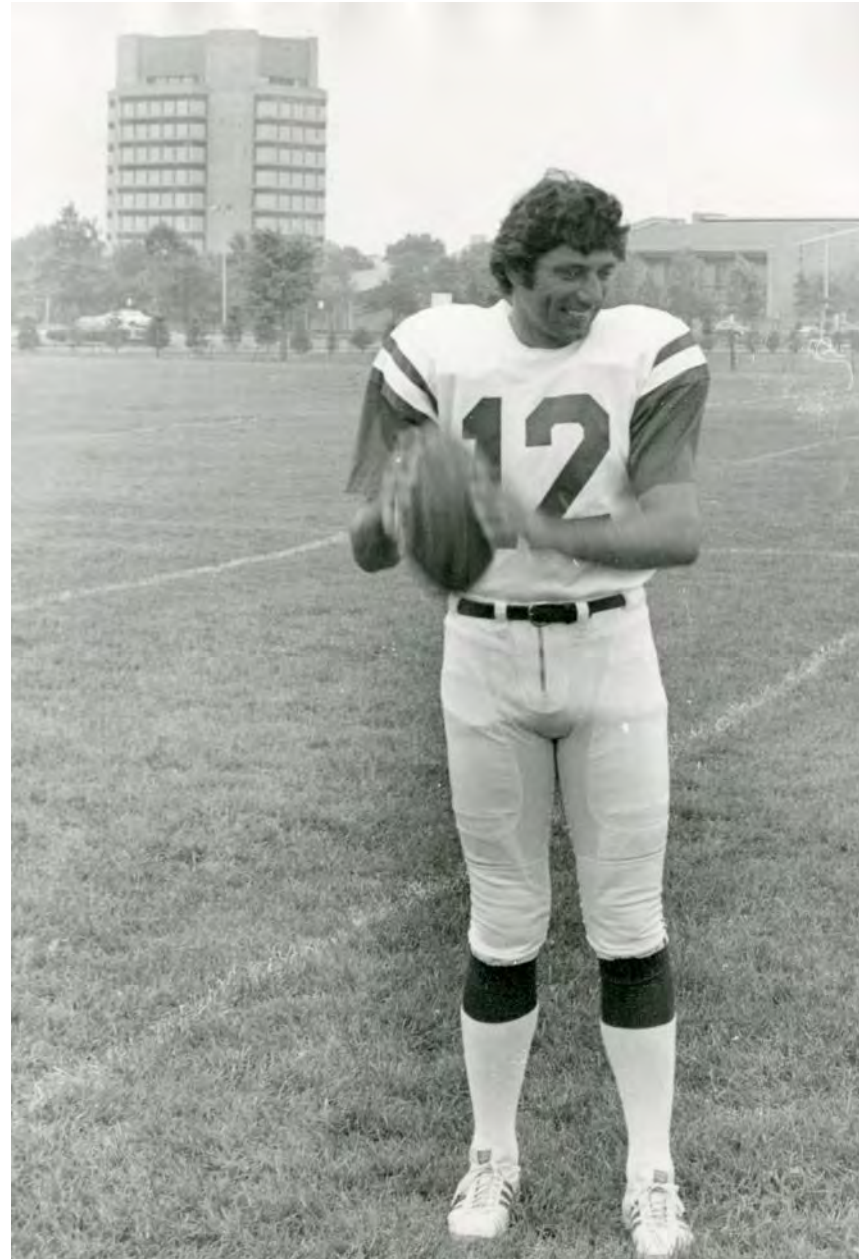


Mrs. Theodore  
Roosevelt Jr. and her  
daughter in law,  
Eleanor Butler  
Roosevelt at the  
Shakespeare Festival,  
April 1968.





**Jets quarterback Joe Namath on Hofstra's north campus with Axinn Library in the background. Namath and the Jets practiced at Hofstra until 2008. This photo is from 1969 – the year the Jets won the Superbowl!**





In 1971 Hofstra hosted a special weekend sponsored by the Organization of Black Collegians (or OBC.) Poet LeRoi Jones later known as Amiri Baraka, and heavyweight Muhammad Ali spoke to over 500 students.

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May 15 but this sense of urgency suggested we make an exception this spring. Now it is the students who want a postponement. That bites of irony." Student Representative Hearne explained that despite constant front page coverage in the Chronicle, "the students were not informed enough to be motivated (to run for the Senate). We have to hit them with ditto sheets until they drown in them. I admit that is a job for the Student Senate . . . All we were asking for was the benefit of the doubt.

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# Black Weekend Hosts Ali, Jones

## Poet Declares Blacks Lack Nervous System

By RICHARD KAUFMAN

"We Blacks have not yet developed a nervous system. You could burn off one of our toes and no other part would know about it," Leroi Jones told an audience of 500 at the University on Friday. The noted Black poet was speaking on behalf of the Organization of Black Collegian's Black Weekend.

He was referring to the fact that Blacks around the world, especially in this country, are not united in a Pan-African movement. "Jews in New York are fighting for Jews in Russia. That's a nervous system," he said.

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Leroi Jones  
Black playwright



Muhammad Ali  
Ex-champ

## Dethroned Champion Seeks True Objective

By ALTON KINSEY

One thousand people were on hand Saturday afternoon as Muhammad Ali spoke at the Physical Fitness Center. Ali was one of the main attractions of Black Weekend, sponsored by the Organization of Black Collegians.

Ali opened the speech by stating that when he is not boxing he spends a good deal of his time reading and thinking. The object of this is to find what he called his true objective. Once he finds this, he feels he will have determined most of his "purpose in life," a theme which he repeated throughout his speech.

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Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy  
visited Hofstra in 1971.





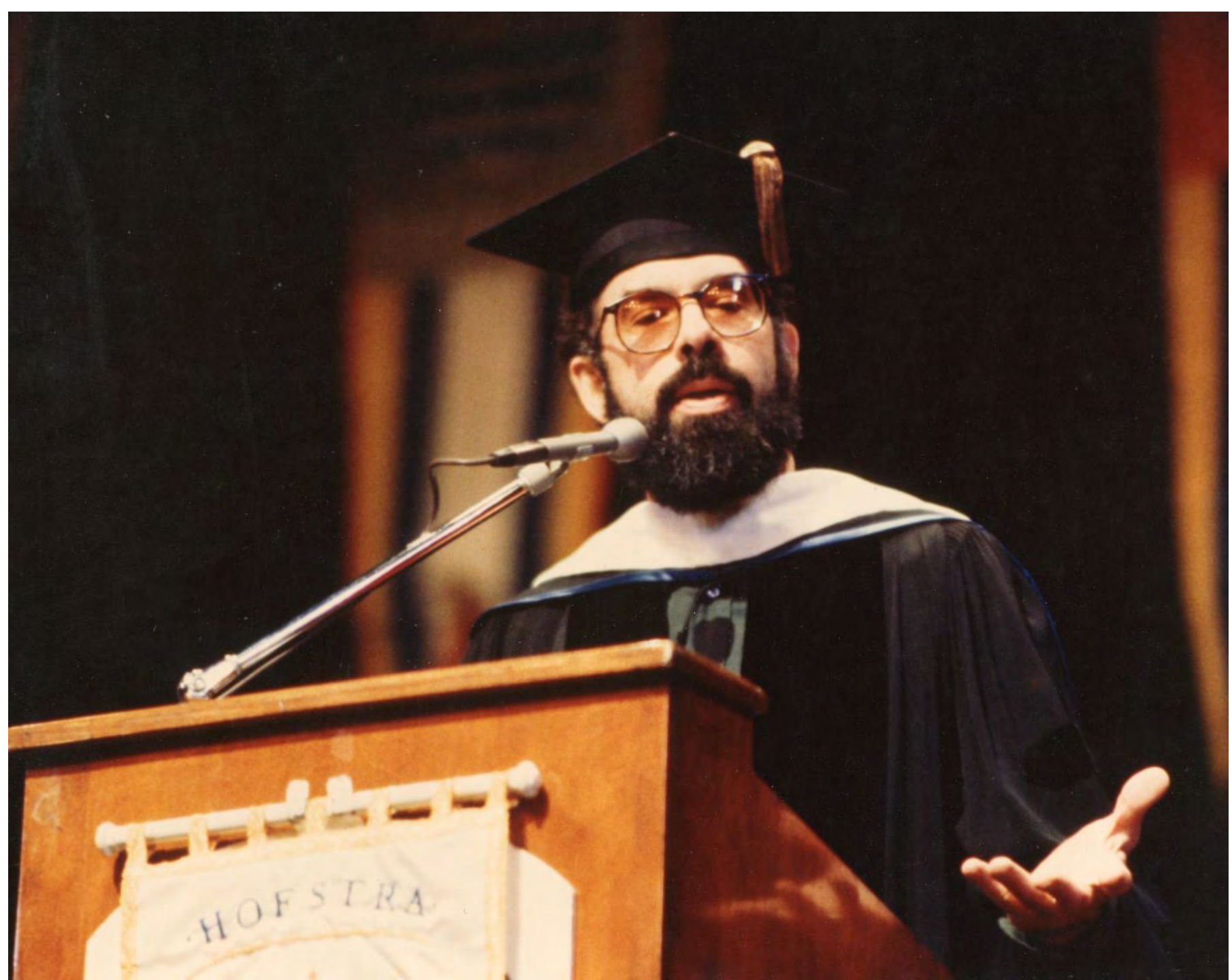
Stevie Wonder came to Hofstra in 1973 and tickets cost \$6.00.



STEVIE WONDER...will perform Saturday, April 28 at 8 and 11 P.M. Tickets are on sale at the service desk and OBC office.



Francis Ford Coppola received his B.A. from Hofstra in 1960 and came back to receive an Honorary Degree in 1977.



First Lady Betty Ford visited Hofstra in 1981.





Left to right: Stevie Ray Vaughn (1984) Jimmy Cliff (1985) and Jerry Garcia (1977, 1980 and 1981) all played at Hofstra.

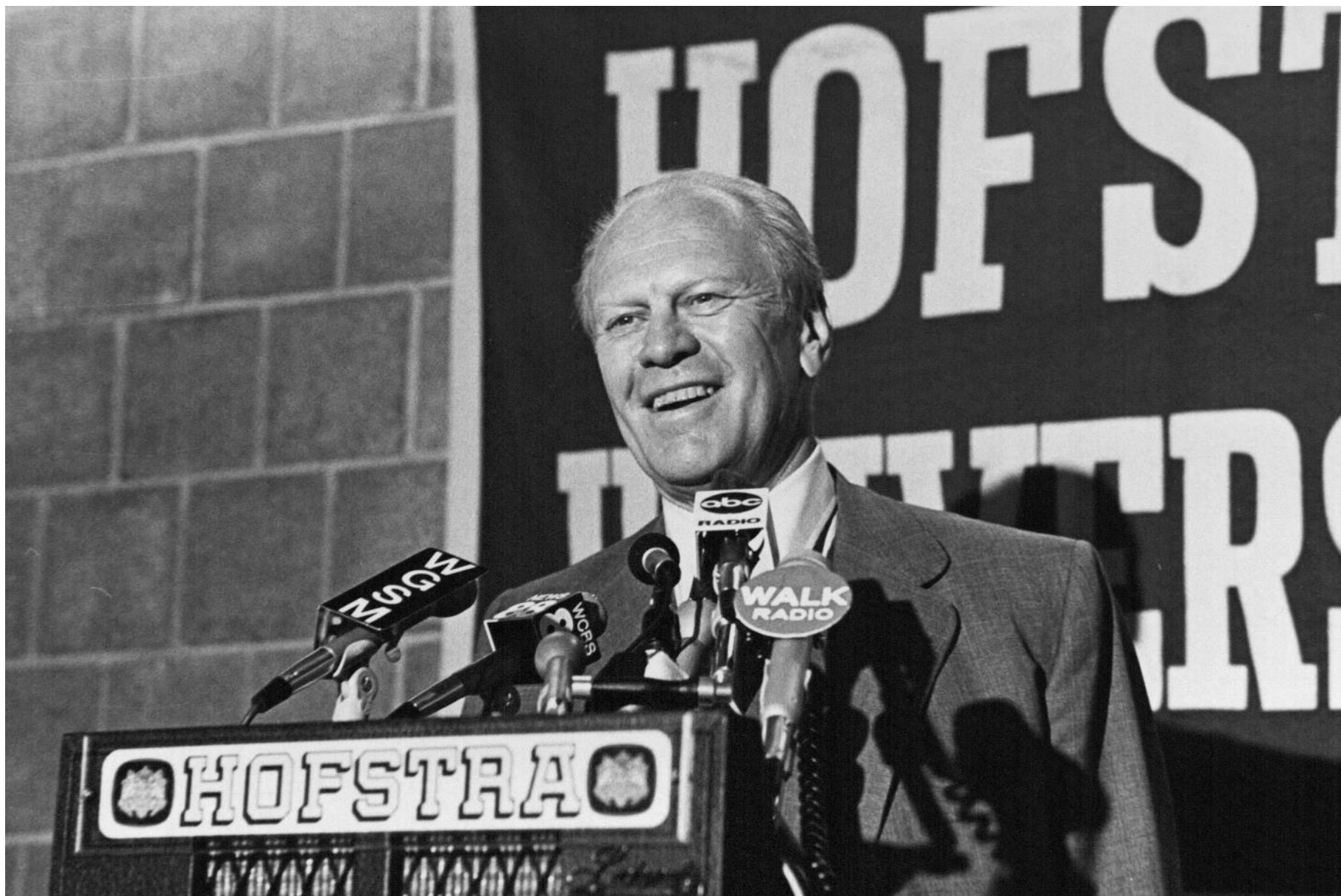




John Ehrlichman and  
H.R. Haldeman  
reunited at Hofstra's  
Nixon Presidential  
Conference in 1987.



President Gerald Ford attended the Hofstra Presidential Conference on his presidency in 1989.





President Jimmy and First Lady Rosalynn Carter visited Hofstra during the Carter Presidential Conference in 1990.





Princess Margriet of The Netherlands visited Hofstra in 1991.





*Associate Justice Antonin Scalia (center in gray suit) visited in 1991.*



Marilyn French who graduated from Hofstra in 1951, received an Honorary Degree from Hofstra in 1992. She was most known for her book, *The Women's Room* which was considered a feminist treatise.







**Shari Lewis, actress and ventriloquist, shown with “Lamb Chop” received an Honorary Degree in 1993.**

President  
George W.  
Bush visited  
Hofstra  
during the  
Bush  
Presidential  
Conference  
in 1997.





**First Lady Barbara Bush read to the children at Hofstra's Child Care Center during the Bush Presidential Conference at Hofstra in 1997.**







**Billy Joel sang his acceptance speech for his Honorary Degree at commencement in 1997.**

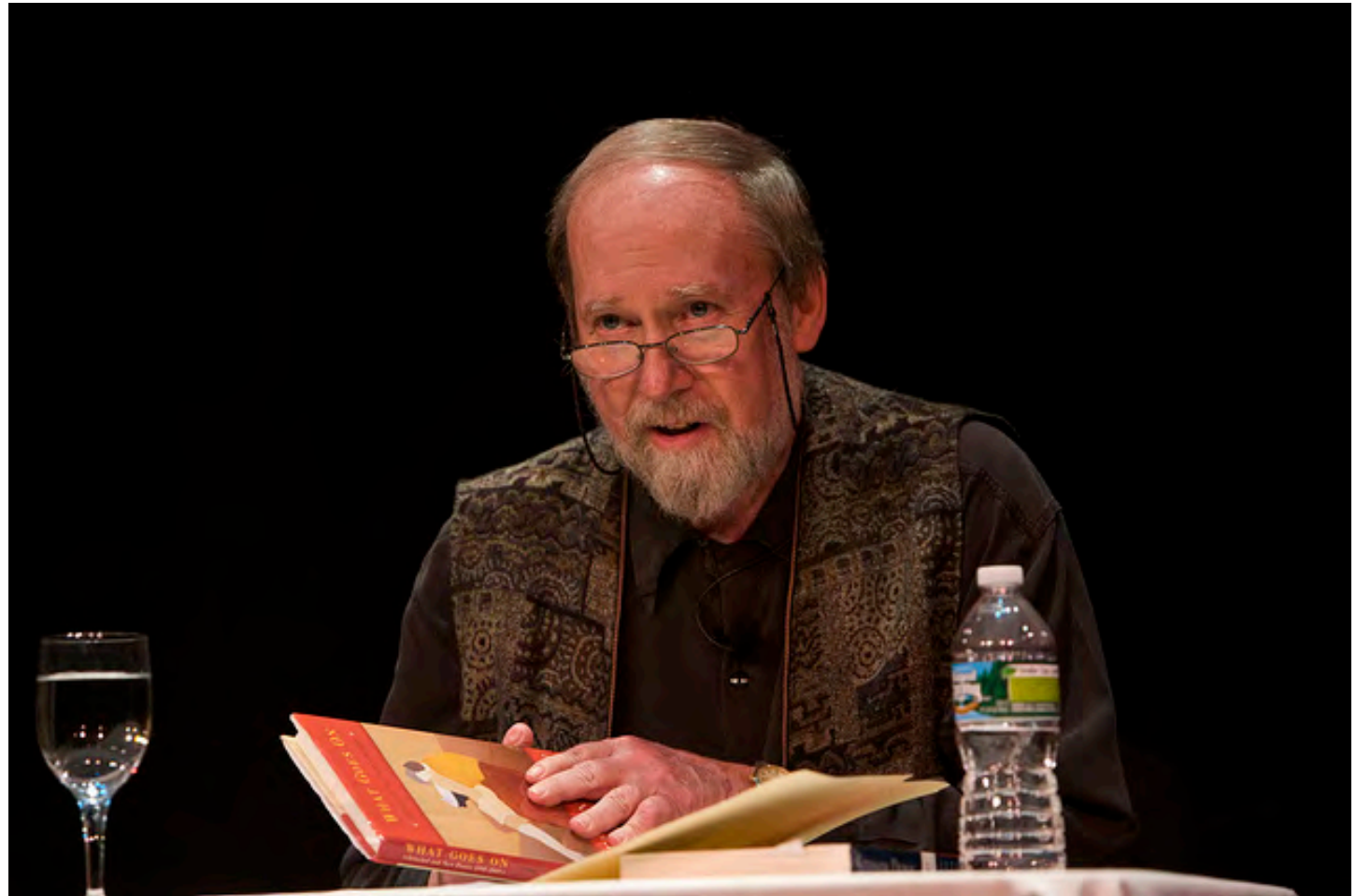
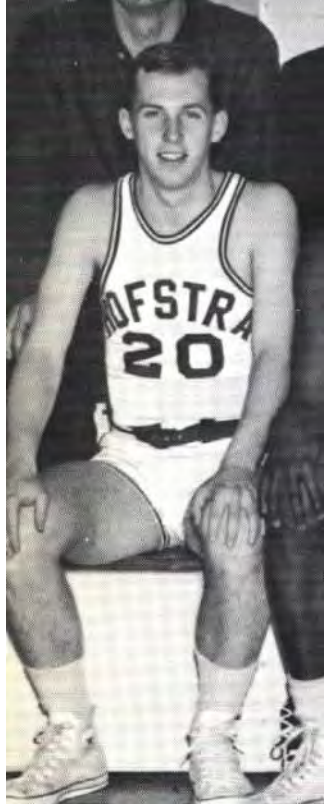
First Lady Hillary Clinton gave a speech in the Multi-purpose Room during an appearance at Hofstra in 2000.





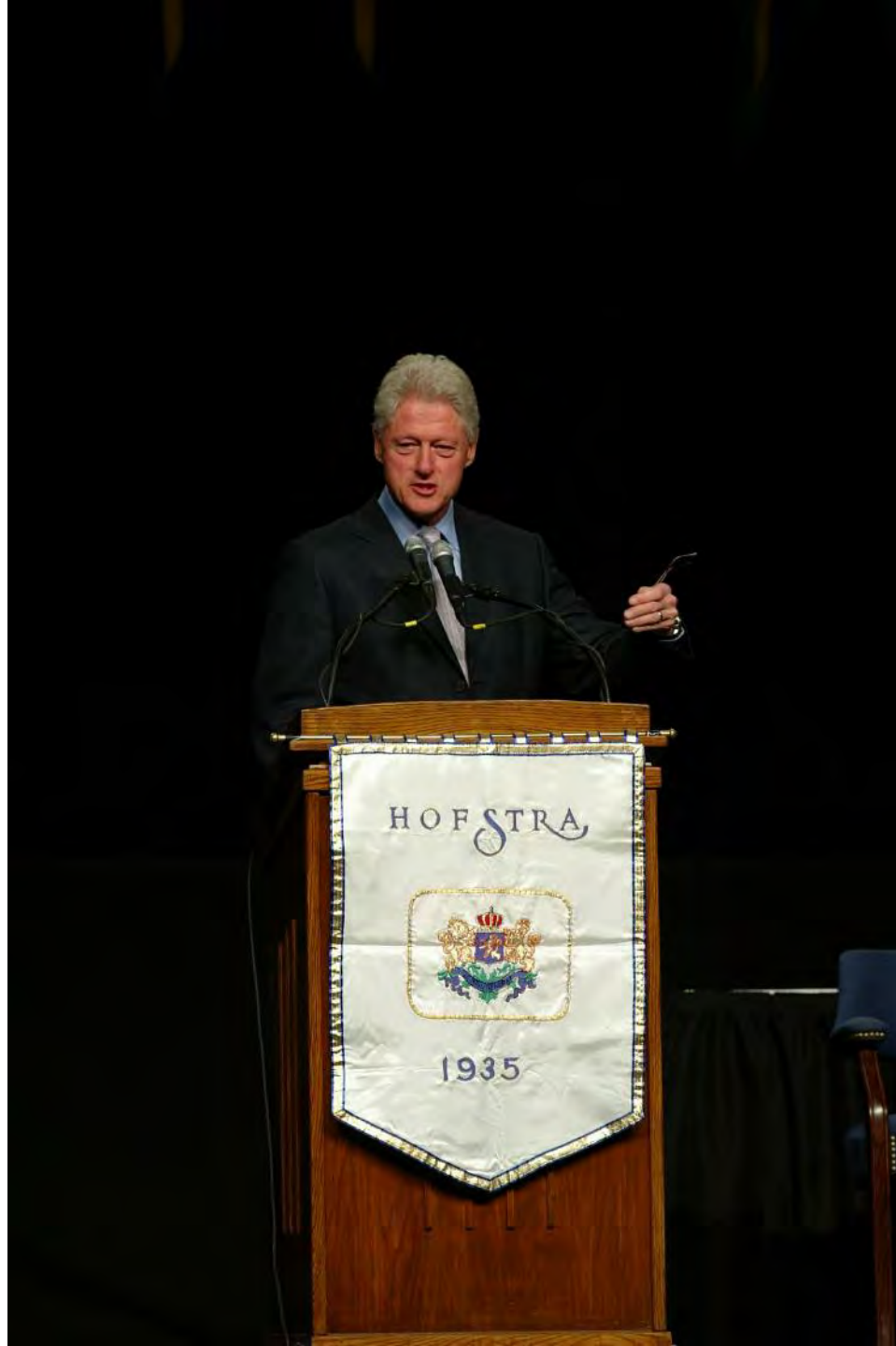
**Margaret Thatcher, England's first woman Prime Minister, attended the Thatcher Conference at Hofstra and received an Honorary Degree in March, 2000.**





**Pulitzer Prize winner and Hofstra alumnus Stephen Dunn '62, who played on Hofstra's basketball team, returned to Hofstra for a poetry reading in 2003.**

President William Clinton spoke to a full house during the Clinton Presidential Conference at Hofstra in 2005.



Anderson Cooper was one of a large number of media people who covered the debates at Hofstra in 2008.





George  
Stephanopolous, at  
Hofstra's Presidential  
Debate in 2008.



John and  
Cindy McCain  
(left) with  
Barack and  
Michelle  
Obama  
(right) after  
the  
Presidential  
Debate at  
Hofstra, 2008.





Joan Jett performed at the “Vibe Live” event at Hofstra in 2011.







**Jimmy Fallon at "Vibe Live" performed in the Mack Arena, 2011.**



**Hofstra Professor Leonard (in front kneeling) performed with original members of Sha-Na-Na at "Vibe Live," 2011.**



**Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, spoke with students before the Presidential Debate at Hofstra, 2012.**





Cory Booker, Mayor of Newark, spoke to students before the Presidential Debate at Hofstra, 2012.



**Mitt Romney and Barack Obama after the 2012 Presidential Debate held at Hofstra.**

Snoop Dogg,  
performed at Fall  
Festival, 2012.





Kesha performed at  
Fall Festival in 2013.



Soccer great,  
Pele, received  
an Honorary  
Degree in  
2014.





**Candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton at Hofstra for the 2016 Presidential Debate.**



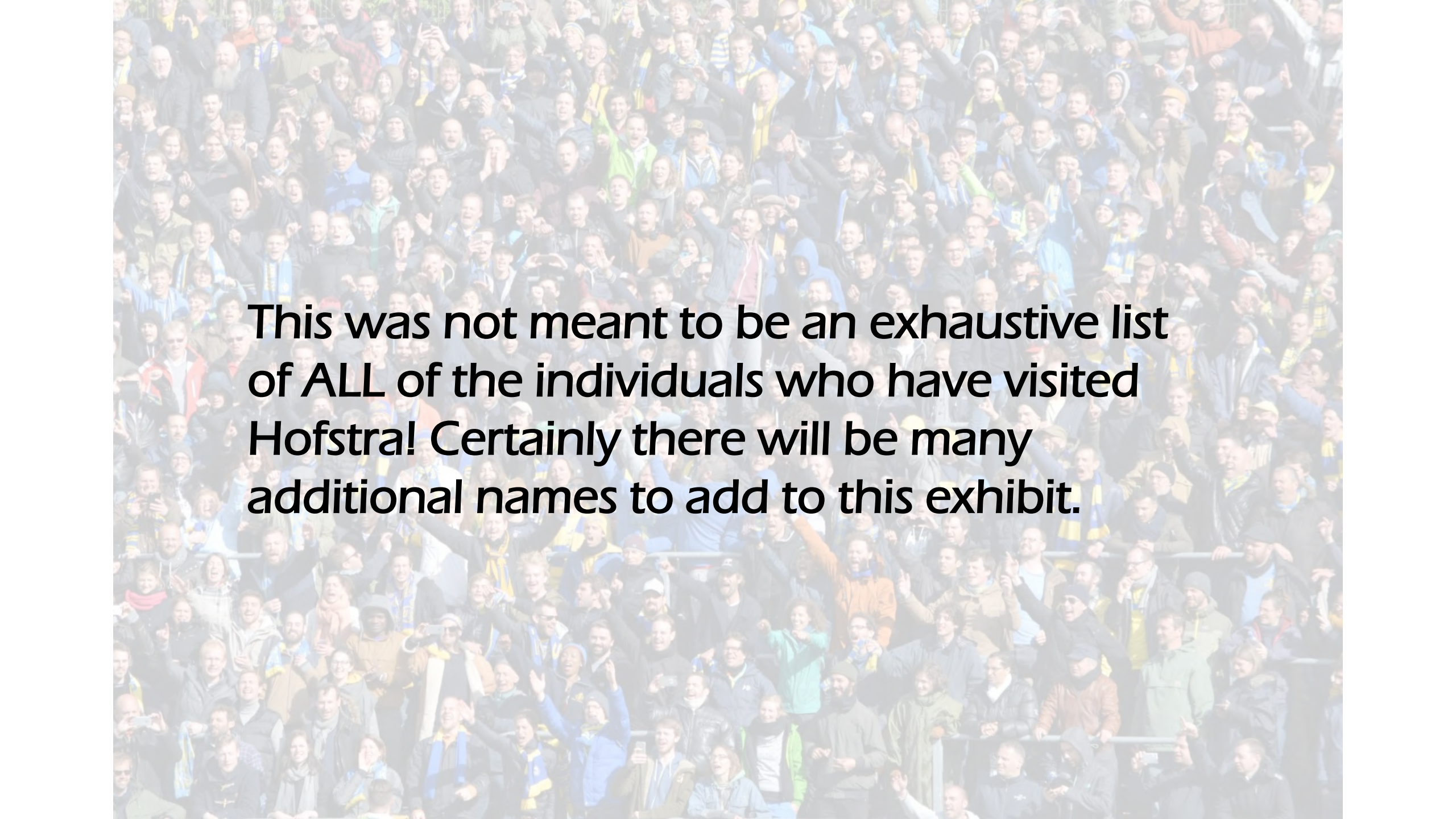
Mr. and Mrs. Hofstra came back to "life" and entertained students during the "Haunted Ghost Tour," on Halloween, 2017.



**Astronaut Mike Massimino was honored at Commencement on May 20, 2018. He was the first person to tweet from space! He also appeared on several episodes of “The Big Bang Theory” and was born on Long Island.**





A large, dense crowd of people, many wearing blue and yellow scarves, cheering and raising their hands. The image is semi-transparent, serving as a background for the text.

**This was not meant to be an exhaustive list of ALL of the individuals who have visited Hofstra! Certainly there will be many additional names to add to this exhibit.**