

## Twenty Questions to get to know you better: Edward Maxcy, Former HS English & Drama Teacher



*Edward taught High School English at ISB in 1971-77. He was also the Director of the HS Theater. Alumni from the 70s remember him as a great teacher and friend!*

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### **Q1. Where did you grow up?**

I grew up in Connecticut.

### **Q2. Where did you live before Brussels?**

I lived in Florida and Washington DC before moving to Brussels.

### **Q3. What can't you live without?**

I would be very unhappy without my family, friends and the arts.

### **Q4. What is your favorite movie or book of all time?**

There are too many: King Lear, The Heart of Darkness, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Bluest Eye, Equus, and Death of a Salesman, to mention only a few.

### **Q5. What do you think about right before falling asleep?**

I think about those people and circumstances about whom or about which I pray.

### **Q6. What makes you laugh?**

A well delivered pun.

### **Q7. What really gets on your nerves?**

People smoking, texting or talking on a cell phone while driving, or just showing a lack of civility to others...

### **Q8. What cartoon character best describes you?**

I do not know any cartoon characters well enough to pick one, but I bet my former students can think of several!

### **Q9. Your favorite place in Brussels?**

Le Sablon, La Forêt, and, of course, La Grande Place and its cafés and restaurants (moules!)

### **Q10. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

Once again there are too many places I wish to visit; however, next on my list (I hope) is Croatia.

### **Q11. What talent do you wish you had?**

I wish I could master any of the performing arts.

### **Q12. What is the best advice you've ever received?**

Early in my teaching career, a colleague told me (when I was considering teaching in Europe) that not to go forward was to stand still, and life's journey required movement.

### **Q13. Name 1 thing you miss about being a kid.**

Being irresponsible and, oh, sledding down a snow covered hillside!

**Q14. What made you want to pursue a career in education?**

My father had been a professor at Yale and the first President of the University of New Haven and my mother had been an elementary school teacher, so education was always an important aspect of my life.

**Q15. What would you be if you weren't a teacher?**

I am not sure what I would have done if I had not become a teacher, but I like to think I would have been involved in the arts in some way, perhaps a theater producer.

**Q16. If you could have a lunch with any three people (real or fictitious, from any time period, dead or alive), who would you choose?**

Henry VIII, Alexander Maxcy (my first ancestor in America, 1657), and Dame Judi Dench

**Q17. Share your most unforgettable experience at ISB?**

Opening nights of the high school plays

**Q18. If you were given a million euro and 24 hours to spend it (no depositing it in the bank or investing it), what would you buy?**

A villa in Provence. (I might actually learn to speak French!)

**Q19. Name 1 thing not many people know about you.**

I am dyslexic.

**Q20. What have you learned from your students at ISB?**

My students have taught me so many things, including to get out of myself and to try better to understand those with national, cultural, racial, social, economic and sexual differences. They are still teaching me and for this I forever will be thankful.