

Class of 1952

An intriguing internet website well worth surfing is Wikipedia, an encyclopedia to which anyone can contribute or modify entries on literally millions of different subjects, including biographies. By following the site's internal links I discovered that there are 528 Dartmouth alumni who have biographies in Wikipedia of whom two - **Buck Henry Zuckerman** and the late **Marshall T. Meyer** - are classmates.

Buck's ascendancy to cyber-immortality is understandable. In Hollywood, publicity is the lifeblood, and virtually every notable has "people" whose job is to exploit all areas of exposure for their clients. However, that the minutiae of Buck's long career as a comic character actor were probably compiled by professional publicists does not diminish his two significant contributions to contemporary culture in the 1960's - as co-screenwriter of the ground-breaking film, "The Graduate" and as co-creator of the television spoof series, "Get Smart".

Marshall Meyer achieved distinction in an entirely different manner. After rabbinical studies in New York, he moved to Argentina in 1958, where he quickly rose to prominence in Buenos Aires' large Jewish community, founding a rabbinical school and ultimately his own congregation. During the 1970's when a fascistic military junta seized control of Argentina, he became a leading critic, not only on behalf of the Jewish community, but for all freedom-loving Argentines. Upon the return of democracy, he was awarded Argentina's highest civilian award for his courageous outspokenness.

Marshall returned to the United States in 1984 and became the leader of a languishing New York City synagogue. His spiritually uplifting religious services, emphasis upon social action as a central part of the synagogue's principles, ecumenical work with other faiths, and a major role in Arab-Israeli peace efforts, led to the rapid growth of his congregation, which became a model for many other American Conservative synagogues. His work was cut tragically short by his death from cancer in 1993.

On another topic, deeply felt apologies are tendered to **Charlie Blakemore**, whose long and successful career in advertising was inadvertently overlooked in my recent column on classmates who had succeeded in that field. **Dave Drexler**, 100 Waters Edge Dr., Jupiter FL 33477(561-747-3874; dave@drexler.com)