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1953 — A Class Act

A Class Act Continues

The Spirit of *John Springer*, President of the Great Class of 1953, a Gentle Giant of a Man with a Kind Word for All, a Lover of His God, His Country, His Family, and His Friends, John's Spirit will be with us Forever, and Ever. *"He kept his Spoon."*

It was only fitting that the Celebration of John's Life took place on May 25th, 2010, that historic day that the Class of 1953 Commons was dedicated. The final arrangements for the site selection and Thayer upgrade were made by *John* and *Bob Simpson* with *President Kim* during the latter part of 2009. At the Celebration for John, Rollins Chapel was filled to capacity with family, friends, classmates and an inspiring service created by our *Deacon Donald Carpenter Goss* set



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the tone of John’s life of service with the gift of perfection of the Communicator Extraordinaire, with Joy, with Reverence, with Love. John, in spirit, and Jane and family were moved by it all.

“He kept his Spoon.”



The listing of all those in attendance is provided on the final page of this *‘53Out*. Thank you all for providing our President a sendoff to his Creator befitting of his beautiful life.

The picture that follows captures the “C’s” of John! His **Cherie**, Jane; His **Church** he loved so dearly; His **Chopper** that he flew that served so many; and his **Corps**, who guard the ramparts here and we are sure welcomed him Home with their great Hymn. “First to fight for right and freedom, And to keep our honor clean” And, “when the Army and the Navy, look aloft on Heaven’s scenes; they will find the streets are guarded By United States Marines.”



Add to those four C’s His **College** and His **Class** and you have all the ingredients of our great friend and classmate, John. I am sure John did better than C’s on his GPA, but only He and the College know that, and all of these other C’s are so very much more important! **Bob Malin** sent out a wonderful summary of all of the events associated with the Celebration of John’s life, the dedication of the Class

of 1953 Commons, and a preliminary report on the study that *Tom Bloomer* and *Bonnie Siegal* are doing on the bonding of the class. Here is his report in his usual Mole eloquence!

“(1) - 10:00 a.m. [Class meeting] *Tom Bloomer* and *Bonnie Siegal* reviewed results of the “bonding” survey. There were probably not a lot of surprises, but it was good to have statistically confirmed a great deal of what we’ve all felt for many years.

(2) - 2:00 p.m. Memorial service at Rollins for *John Springer*. *Al Collins*, *Bob Simpson*, and *Don Goss* all spoke well and the music was superb (incl “Three Bells” of Charlie Fleet fame during the Hum). These memorial services have now become an established tradition for our Class and, despite the sad occasions necessitating them, they always seem to be well received by everyone, a further tribute to the bonding that has taken place over these many years as brothers. *President Emeritus Jim* and *Susan Wright* joined us in the front row.

(3) - 3:45 p.m. – The dedication of Thayer Hall as The Class of 1953 Commons was held in Collis owing to the crowd. *President Jim Kim* was to have spoken but was called out of the country, so the Provost, *Carol Folt*, stood in for him and gave a “stem twister” of a talk of gratitude to the Class of 1953 for this extraordinary gift to Dartmouth. *Al Collins* presided and *Bob Simpson* gave an excellent recap on how *Pag* and *Fred Whittemore* formed and initially funded the Trust, eventually growing it to \$12 million plus with over 400 individual contributors. Bob carefully explained how the promised free-standing building on the North Campus (itself a Pag initiative in McLaughlin’s presidency) morphed—by reason of the recession’s impact on the endowment—into a reconstruction and upgrading of Thayer. People seemed generally satisfied that this was the best practical solution and one that will keep the Class name very visible on the main campus. Overall, it is always truly grand to see so many Classmates; *Al Collins* said there were 150, including wives [and all are listed following this note]. Still, it would have been even better if all of us had been there and I think one would have felt—as I did—that our Class has acquitted itself as Alumni in a unique and honorable fashion. It seems clear that our legacy will endure to the substantial benefit of the College and its students. And, after all, that is what it is all about!” Thanks Mole.

And here is what your Scribe heard about the same day from our Class Secretary, our Historian, and the One of Poetic Heart, *Dr. Mark Smoller*.

“The sun shone brightly as it streamed through the stained glass windows into Rollins Chapel on this beautiful, hot afternoon as more than 200 guests gathered to share the joyous celebration of the life of our late President, *John Springer*. Though the electric fans could not neutralize the heat of the day, and their whirring might have been a distraction, our focus and feelings of the moment were riveted on the dais from whence we were being lead by *Donald Goss* in this exercise of remembrance and devotion to John. I sensed an intense familial feeling, as if I were sitting with my brothers and sisters sharing our bittersweet feelings.

Emotions flowed easily and copiously as *Alan Shumway* and *Joanne Whiting* gave moving renditions of “The Three Bells,” “Sanctus”, and “On Eagle’s Wings.” We joined in singing The Lord’s Prayer and sang out heartily in “Men of Dartmouth.” There were various presentations to the family by *Allen Collins* for the Class, *Robert Simpson* for the Marines and *Dr. Joseph Stevens* (a family friend), and through it all came the reassuring, dulcet, and inspirational tones of *Donald Carpenter Goss*. Donald offered his wonderful Parable of the Spoon, and we were each given a spoon as a memento of the parable and of the occasion. *Maggie Flanagan* ‘13’s bugle sounded clarion clear as she played “Taps”. Donald read a letter of thanks and condolence to Jane Springer and their daughters from *President Obama*. After an inspiring rendition of Widor’s Tocatta during which we had time to contemplate all that had just transpired, we withdrew to Collis for the naming of The Class of 1953 Commons and the subsequent reception feeling even more closely bound in brotherhood than ever, and all could sense the spirit of John with us, now, and forever.”

Dr. Mark wrote further in words of hope, then of fulfillment: “May 25, 2010 was a bittersweet day for the Class of 1953. We learned and reflected. We remembered and rejoiced, and after 17 years of planning, our Class saw its longtime vision of a permanent physical on-campus legacy fulfilled with the dedication of The Class of 1953 Commons, forever symbolizing our eternal dedication to Dartmouth. From the first edgy moments we felt as Freshmen, hearing cries of “53 Out!” our class has collectively joined in a unique bond. This undeniable and inscrutable bond between classmates is no longer so much a mystery thanks to the efforts of *Tom Bloomer* and *Bonnie Siegal* whose survey and subsequent analysis has provided rich material for us and for future classes to use to understand the etiology of this experience. At our morning meeting, both Tom and Bonnie presented the results of the poll, and discussed its implications and pos-

sible uses for the future. They indicated that there might very well be follow-up polls. *Jennifer Casey*, Acting Director of Alumni Affairs for the Classes thanked them for their work and indicated that she would like to use the poll with other classes. After a break for lunch we gathered again at Rollins Chapel to celebrate John's life.

As if these were not sufficient activities and emotional gymnastics, we adjourned to what was arguably the day's most climactic event. *Bob Simpson* opened the proceedings with a history of our Trust fund from its inception in 1993 to the present. After a highly laudatory talk by *Provost Carol Folt* in which she detailed how our 12 million dollar gift to the College would modernize and improve the former Thayer Hall, the building's new name was unveiled to great cheers and delight from the assembled classmates. The Class of 1953 Commons was now, finally, a permanent fixture on campus. And so, we headed to Collis for a reception, a celebration never more in order than on this Tuesday."

Thanks so much, Mark.

Here are those who represented all of us at the Celebration of John's Life!

Thank You, One and All!

Phil Beekman	Bill King	Bob Bartles '64
Sue Berry	Lefty Leavens	Dick Blodgett '55
Put and Marion Blodgett	Bob Longabaugh	Dave Bradley '58
Tom and Arlene Bloomer	Bob and Gail Malin	Bill Breed '52
Dick Blum	Byron & Laura Menides	Jennifer Casey '53H
Clark and Linda Brink	Bill Murray	Mike Choukas '51
Charlie Buchanan	Jack Newton	Bernice Cohen W'34
Norm Carpenter	Dick & Cynthia O'Connor	Jay Davis '54
Seth Carpenter	Jack and Caroline Patten	Nancy Elliott '43a
Bill Chamberlin	Marilyn Paganucci	Patsy Fisher '81
Al Collins	Chuck and Donna Reilly	Jack Harned '51
Dick and Barbara Collins	Dave and Jeanne Replogle	Dave Hagerman
Russ and Marjorie Cook	Gil and Timmy Shapiro	Reverend Robert Merrill
Jack Crisp	Dave and Bonnie Siegal	Jerry Mitchell '51
John and Lore Dodge	Bob and Anne Simpson	Sam Peters '54
Dave & Cynthia Donovan	Russ Smale	Bob Rex '57
Fred & Valerie England	Andy Sigler	Jeff Sassarossi '75

Harlan and Anne Fair	Mark and Bobbie Smoller	Jack Skewes ‘51
Dick Fleming	Jane Springer	Dudley Smith ‘60
Len & Marita Gochman	Fred & Thelma Stephens	Joe Stevens
Dick and Lynn Goodman	Mitch Strickler	Buddy Teevens ‘80
Don and Lillian Goss	Bernie and Joan Sudikoff	Jim Varnum ‘62
Bob & Carol Henderson	Tim Thomas	Jack & Jody Zimmerman
Fred Whittemore	Jack Tukey	Tom Wilson
Nancy Johnson	Jean Vitalis	
Jack & Barbara Kennedy	Elaine Hitt	

**“Other days are very near us, as we sing
 here soft and low,
 We can almost hear the voices of the boys of
 long ago.
 They are scattered now, these brothers,
 up and down the world they roam
 Some have gone to lands far distant, from
 the dear old college home
 Some have crossed the silent river, they
 are looking down tonight
 And the thought of these old brothers,
 makes our love now burn so bright.”**



College Official Class Picture

During these times of having to say “Goodbye for Awhile” to many of our Classmates, and right after the tribute to *John Springer* in Hanover in May, we received from *Al Collins* this picture of his granddaughter, the lovely *Kate Parizeau, Class of 2010*, and *Hal Ripley, Class of 1929* and good friend of our beloved *John Sloan Dickey ’29*. Hal is one of the oldest Dartmouth graduates, and Kate one of the youngest, and to have them pose together on campus portrays to me, and I hope to all of you, the magnitude of the devotion we all have for Dartmouth College. There is “Green Magic” in this photograph that struck me the moment *Jennifer Casey* sent it out to all the Alumni, and it reminded me of a picture of my father, *Paul Halloran ’19*, my brother *Richard ’51*, and me sitting on the steps of Dartmouth Hall at Dad’s 15th reunion in 1934. Then, I was slated to be a member of the Class of 1954, but the good fortune of starting first grade at 5 where we lived in American Samoa saved me and the Class of 1954 from that fate, and brought



me home to where **I was destined to be with The Great Class of 1953.**

The Dartmouth Alumni Ski Club

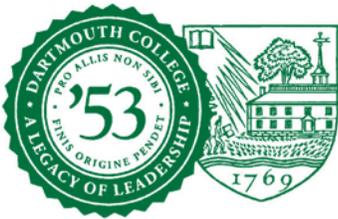
Bruce Sherman is prolific with ideas and this is one of his best, and we will mention it again in the next newsletter as we approach the ski season. Here is a note from Bruce received in late May on the Ski Club. “As you are probably aware, Dartmouth has been a leader in skiing...both recreational and competitive. I’m sure that we probably have an atypically high number of both undergraduate and alumni skiers than the average college. For this reason, I have had several conversations with appropriate people at the college re-

garding the creation of a “Dartmouth Alumni Ski Club”! Dues from a modest annual dues fee would go towards support of the “Friends of Dartmouth Skiing” which is the fund that supports the ski team. Members would receive a “patch” to wear on their ski suit or parka...thereby permitting alumni to identify one another at ski areas/resorts and get together to ski, après/ski or whatever. In time...depending on the response, a newsletter might be created that would announce special events during the holidays at leading resorts...special tours to European ski resorts to be run by Dartmouth Travel and/or other activities. **For example, I would be pleased to host a cocktail party next Christmas at the Cliff Lodge at Snowbird with a cash bar and refreshments for visiting Dartmouths!** Dave, I think this is an idea whose time has come and I am optimistic about the college going along with it. It would be interesting to see what level of interest exists for this among the skiers in our class. I already have the “patch” designed. Reaction? — our reaction, super idea and I think amongst the intrepid skiers in our Class—**Buchanan** of helicopter lift fame, **Beekman** of para skiing fame, **O’Connor, Donovan, Dodge, Blum**, these intrepids come to mind. We will have more from Bruce next issue, plus a picture of the patch, and then plan the Race of the Octogenarians right after Bruce’s Cocktail Party at Snowbird.



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