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HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY TO THE CLASS OF 1954!

Do you remember when Omar N. Bradley was promoted to the rank of five-star general? Or when Patty Berg won the LPGA Sunset Hills Golf Open? Or when the Nobel peace prize was awarded to Ralph J. Bunche (first black winner)?

Well, all of these events occurred in the month of *September 1950!* And that was the month the Class of 1954 matriculated as pea-green freshmen on the Hanover Plain... *And here we are - 60 years to the month later - almost impossible to believe!* Congratulations are definitely in order, even if we are just congratulating ourselves on having enjoyed the Dartmouth experience and are here to look back on the intervening 60 years - - many of us probably saying, *"Where did all those years go?"*

Who can forget our first experience in Webster Hall, when Dartmouth President John Sloan Dickey addressed us as *"MEN OF DARTMOUTH"* for the first time, as he opened the College's 182nd academic year on September 27, 1950 and we heard the following concluding remarks of his convocation address to the Class of 1954:

"Gentlemen, these are the kind of days when men are tried for size. May you be worthy of the privilege of being judged as a Dartmouth man at such a time.

"And now, men of Dartmouth, as I have said on this occasion before, as members of the College you have three different but closely intertwined roles to play:–

"First, you are citizens of the community and are expected to act as such.

"Second, you are the stuff of an institution and what you are it will be.

"Thirdly, your business here is a learning and that is up to you. We'll be with you all the way and "Good Luck!"



DETAIL of Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire: gift of an Anonymous Donor

Were Dr. Dickey with us today, I'm sure he'd lead the chorus in wishing the Class of 1954 a Happy Anniversary and would probably also say, *"Job well done Class of '54!"* (To read the entire convocation address, go to the '54 Web site: www.dartmouth.org/classes/54/)

With this issue of the newsletter, my first as editor, it seems appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of those who have preceded me in the position and to extend to each of them, on behalf of the Class, a very special ‘thanks’ for their efforts. To Jon Moore ('54-59) (Remember Hazqui?); Jim Fisher ('60-64)(dec.); Tom Kelsey ('64-69); Fred Alpert ('69-73)(dec.); Jim Love ('73-77); Bob McCartney ('77-79); Dave Martin ('79-84); Herb Hillman ('84-91); John Heston ('91-94)(dec.); and, especially, our longest-serving newsletter editor, by far, Pete Barker ('94-2010), we extend our gratitude for your efforts and important contributions in keeping classmates informed about each other's activities, about events and trends at the College and other areas of common interest. Since I'm following on the heels of a guy who has kept classmates up-to-date for over 16 years, and who has done so in an entertaining and engaging way, I certainly have my work cut out for me. All I can say is that I'll do my best to maintain the high standards that have been set by my newsletter editor predecessors and attempt to provide you with newsworthy items, special features and columns, pictures, and other interesting items. My goal is to present readers with an enjoyable experience and to create an air of excitement that will make you look forward to future issues. Of course, none of this can happen without your help. Many of you are eager to provide news of yourselves, your families, your lives, your opinions, and many of you are not, or haven't been - but hopefully will be in the future. While I promise not to hound you, you've probably noticed that I'm not shy about reaching out to you collectively – as well as individually – to find out what's happening or to get you to address a specific topic; I'll continue to do that and to say thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

So, here we go with numero uno. You'll note the inclusion of some new features and columns, the continuation of which will depend entirely upon your preferences (well, to some extent anyway)– so do let me know what you think.

...REPORTS FROM CLASS PRESIDENTS-

Including our undergraduate years, the Class of '54 has fielded 16 class presidents; early on in post-graduate years, they were referred to as “chairmen.” Typically, these are individuals who aspired to leadership roles, were/are willing to devote their time to the perceived needs of the Class and the College, and eager to mobilize their executive committees, committee heads and others in pursuit of the common good and specified '54 goals, be they planning reunions and mini-reunions, assisting in the Dartmouth College Fund drives, developing special projects that serve the community, and other noble and worthwhile tasks. One common trait that impelled all of them was that they felt they had something worthwhile to say. On the premise that they still do, we introduce this new feature column and will be inviting contributions from past '54 presidents. Appropriately, the following are our first two submissions: *Jay Chandler*, Freshman class president ('50-51), and *Peter Geithner*, Senior class president and first post-graduate ('54-60) chairman.

Here's what **JAY CHANDLER** has to say:



“SUMMER MUSINGS BY THE LAKE....*Bouchette, Quebec, August 2010*

“*Tony, God bless him, has requested a reflective or some such from 54's first president:*

....”*But every one knows that ours was a fraudulent regime! Chester Cobb won by a landslide through admirable campaigning by his professional staff. Tom Scott's rousing campaign speech for Chet was heard and applauded by all of us would-be presidents and the seven other people who showed up for the speeches. Cobb's victory was then set aside by Parkhurst Hall lackeys! Leaving the legendary accomplishments of my administration to melt forever into the fogs of time. Alas! Only Gary McKee remembers those heady daze....!*

“The boys of 1950 became the Men of Dartmouth, a metamorphosis remarkable! Understanding that what one leaves behind is truly important, our classmates have done just that as business leaders and philanthropists, entrepreneurs, fathers, husbands, physicians, teachers, engineers, lawyers and judges, leaders in our nation's Armed Forces and in other strivings. How could you not be proud of our Class? Every member? And also the many contributions along the way to Dartmouth College.

*"The presidents and their teams that followed as we stumbled out of the gate in 1954 have done a great deal for all of us and I, for one, am most grateful to them all. The more recent emphasis on Staying Connected has been impressive and is working. (I just recently took up golf, of all things, losing fourteen golf balls down in Tampa this past spring with '54, during my first two eighteen hole attempts. What a blast! Fortunately, I was playing as a team with **Gary Zwart** and **Donnie Brief**, who did not abandon me as I fed the gaters on white, hard, round indigestible offerings. Although Brief had peptic distress when I didn't take his sound advice.)*

*"**Jay Davis**, **Don Berlin** and prior teams have done and are doing their very best to get us all up to speed and involved. The recent emphasis on promoting involvement and leadership roles for our wives and widows is commendable.*

"In the past few days I have received via e-mail the death notices of classmates, along with contact information of their families. While I take time to reflect on these names and these men I once knew and admired, this connecting thoughtfulness is most appreciated!

*"And so, Tony, I wish you well in your new role. To date the king of connecting has been your predecessor, **Pete Barker**. And I send Pete special thanks and aim healing thoughts his way, directed to his lovely Gail. "Carpe diem!" ...*

PETER F. GEITHNER, Senior class and first post-graduate chairman, writes:



*"I am sure you all join me in expressing gratitude and appreciation to **Pete Barker** for his years of outstanding service as '54 Newsletter Editor, and to **Tony Kane** for agreeing to take over as editor. Tony's inaugural issue reminds us, the Newsletter remains our primary vehicle for keeping up with our classmates and all the changes that have occurred in our lives over the past now 56 years since we graduated.*

*"As the periodic newsletters and **Bill White's 'More Reflections,'** the 50th Reunion Book, make abundantly clear, the **Class of 1954** is distinguished by the wide-ranging interests, impressive accomplishments and multiple contributions to the College of its members. We can all take pride in being members in that unique fellowship.*

"Having gone to high school in center city Philadelphia an hour and a half commute from home and with some 5000 students, the friendships formed during the four years spent in Hanover were and remain the most meaningful for me. For that reason, it was a special privilege to serve as senior class president and to continue in that role in the years immediately following graduation.

"I remember fondly those classmates who are no longer with us and send warmest regards to those who, like me, look forward to subsequent issues of the '54 Newsletter".

.....SPOUSES' CORNER

Over the past 56 years since our graduation, the Class of 1954 has had many reunions, mini-reunions and innumerable other events that have brought classmates, their wives and significant others together. A few of our wives were asked to report on impressions they may have formed over the years with regard to the "stuff" of our class. Here's what they had to say:

*....from **JUDY McLAUGHLIN***

"Hello, Tony

"It was nice hearing from you and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you concerning reunions.



"For us, reunions were always a time for the continuation of friendships. It enabled new connections with classmates and it kept us in touch with the College. Now, I experience a new sort of multi-generational reunion. Classmates of our children have stopped by en route to their own reunions in Hanover and many Dartmouth friends of my children now have their own children attending 'D.' Just a week ago, our granddaughter was hostess for her sophomore summer friends and parents here on Lake Sunapee and we spent considerable time walking through the many and

varied Dartmouth connections of siblings, friends and parents. What fun to meet and renew friendships from Wayzata and Winnetka. I believe this is what is meant by the 'D' family. May our '54 reunion gifts of hats, bags, pens and even frisbees bring forth many happy memories.

"Many thanks for reaching out. "

....and from **BARBARA Z. BERLIN**



"The term "Dartmouth Family" certainly is apt. We Berlins might be called a Dartmouth family unit. It includes Don '54, our two sons, Geoff '84, Eric '89 and Eric's wife Laura Hartwell '89. Even I became part of the Dartmouth Family before Don and I met. My photo is in your yearbook.

"How does this happen? It occurs because of a larger Dartmouth Family at the College and the close friendships fostered by attending College functions. In our case it began with the 5th reunion where **Luke Case** told us how wonderful Alumni College was. We became loyal attendees for many years. Our boys loved the activities organized for the children, especially the annual trip to Moosilauke. Eric's first school experience was at Dartmouth's Nursery School where he met another Eric who also became an '89. The professors at Alumni College were so friendly

that one guided me toward a career in teaching art history.

"Fifty-four class reunions, mini reunions, and trips expanded our friendships. We are blessed with Dartmouth friends who truly are family to us, and we are most grateful for these enriching bonds. Some '54 spouses have become as dear to me as my own closest college friends.

"Thank you, Tony, for including us in your column."

....and from **JANE PAGE**



"My first exposure to Class of 1954 activities was with **Bill White's** wonderful Executive Committee. After the day's work was finished, the fun began and I knew then that I was going to love being a Dartmouth '54 spouse.

"Through the years I have been privileged to spend many happy hours with '54's and their families in Hanover at Homecoming and reunions. With smaller groups in Gettysburg, Chicago, Cape Cod, Snowmass, New York City, the Greek Islands, Istanbul, the Dalmatian Coast, Casablanca, Spain and especially fishing at the Megantic Club, the fun continued. "You are a remarkable group of men. You are devoted to your College and each other. You are loving, caring, humorous and hard working. But your greatest achievements were your selections of fabulous spouses. I am honored that you have enriched my life with your friendship.

"My thanks to you, Dick, for making it all happen."

....and from **ROSEMARY MANDELBAUM**



"I've been a Dartmouth wife since June of 1954 and, for three years before that, a Dartmouth girlfriend. Sounds a little narrow? Maybe – but not to me. During our undergraduate years, though my visits to Hanover were often confined to college events, the fraternity house, Lou's, the Green Lantern and Sunday morning milk punch, our closest friendships for the next 56 years were fostered then and I wouldn't trade them for the world. In the years since graduation, our horizons have expanded to include 54's and spouses who weren't part of our earlier world and I love that. I love being at '54 events and feeling part of a family - which is what we are. Sure, we're boring to people with no Dartmouth connection. They're always envious of our relationship to the College and to the class. They're right!

"Being the wife of an involved Dartmouth grad is very special. Why else would I own a home in Norwich, Vermont, have a shared memory with Bill and Jane White having to do with demers, or acted out the 2000-year-old-man on a class cruise to the Greek Islands? "

....and, finally, from **SONJA RAND KANE**



"When I met Tony 14 years ago, I had not really known much about Dartmouth College or Hanover, New Hampshire, having grown up in Pennsylvania and having graduated from the much larger University of Pittsburgh. Since that time, I have had many opportunities to visit the campus with Tony. I have been warmly welcomed by his classmates and their wives over the years and am always struck by the camaraderie, commitment and conviviality that are so evident among those I've encountered. I've learned the history of the College and have become familiar with many of its traditions. I'm always struck by how close many of the '54 classmates are to each other and how caring they can be.

"The campus is beautiful and the town of Hanover is charming. I do love visiting and hope to do so for many years to come. See you soon!"

....a very special '54 project

Among the many fine achievements of the Class of 1954 was the establishment of a special projects committee in 2004, whose specific purpose it is to provide project-related financial assistance, on behalf of the Class, to a number of well-deserving Dartmouth students recommended as potential interns by various on-campus organizations.

At present, the *Dickey Center*, *Rockefeller Center*, *Tucker Foundation* and *Dartmouth Partners in Community Service* each propose three or four candidates for an internship funded by our class. Under the able leadership of *Peter Kenyon*, assisted by *Dick Trowbridge*, along with committee members, *Dan McCarthy*, *Jon Moore* and *Tony Kane*, the committee carefully considers the sponsoring organizations' recommendations and reviews the backgrounds of proposed candidates, as well as the stipulated student projects, and then each member makes his recommendation of one student for each internship. The students with the most votes win the internships. Very democratic. Each year, the committee honors the memory of deceased classmates by naming one of the internships after that classmate. For 2010, the lineup includes: *Dickey Center*, John C. Heston Intern David Johnson '11, *Rockefeller Center*, Nathaniel R. Hopkins, Jr. Intern Samuel E. McIntire '11, *Tucker Foundation*, Harry C. Rockefeller Intern Mbumbijazo Katjivena '12, and *DPCS* Robert O. Collins Intern Shelly Sood '11.

This year's projects include assistance with a Harlem (NYC)-based non-profit organization established to provide important health education to preadolescent children. Shelley Sood was responsible for serving as liaison between schools and the organization. Mbumbi Katjivena spent this past summer volunteering at the El Dorado Secondary School, his alma mater, a high school situated in the poorer half of Namibia's capital city of Windhoek. The school has low pass rates for grades 10 and 12, and students who fail these examinations are forced out of the education system and caught in the cycles of teenage pregnancies, HIV infections, and crime.

David Johnson was deeply involved in developing a comprehensive investment policy for a savings and credit co-op in Uganda, and Samuel McIntire worked at the United States Department of Homeland Security in its Office of International Affairs, assisting foreign leaders in creating security agreements and in establishing immigration policy and building support for actions against global terrorism.

Our involvement with – and financial support of – the intern programs represent a source of pride for all members of the Class. Classmates are encouraged to continue contributing to this worthwhile program. (See great photo in August 2009 newsletter.)

.....EVEN MORE REFLECTIONS

As we members of the Class of 1954 approached our 25th and 50th reunions, respectively, we were asked to share our reflections on the preceding 25-year period and to provide an essay of sorts that would form the basis of a reunion book to chronicle the 25-year span. The result, as we now all know and appreciate, was the publication of two incredibly informative and professional reunion books, *REFLECTIONS* and *MORE REFLECTIONS*. Former '54 class president *Bill White* published and edited these wonderful keepsakes. We're now pleased to introduce a new newsletter feature entitled, of course with Bill's approval, *...EVEN MORE REFLECTIONS*. Each column will feature reports by a few classmates who have been engaged in interesting activities and are willing to share their reflections since last they reported. Here, then, are the first such reports:

....*BARRY NOVA is still just winding up –*



"I thought my 70s, like some other guys I know, might be a time to wind down, lounge about, smell the roses, etc. Wrong. Instead, it seems, I'm winding up.

"Just after a most enjoyable 50th in Hanover, I auditioned and became a tenor in the 84 -year-old Greenwich Choral Society (www.greenwichchoralsociety.org) a 125-voice chorus considered one of the finest in New York metro area. It's been a delight...good music, good people, a great director, 5-7 concerts and about 55 rehearsals per season. I was the society's president for the last two years. It was a true labor of love.

"In 2007, a Greenwich friend got me interested in the Innocence Project (www.innocenceproject.org). Lawyer Barry Scheck, he of the O.J. Simpson defense team, and his partner Peter Neufeld began the IP to utilize DNA evidence to help exonerate those wrongly incarcerated. To date, they have exonerated 255 inmates in 34 states who have served an average of 13 years in jail. A worthwhile cause deserves a worthwhile effort, so my friend and I worked the town and produced a fund-raiser at the Greenwich Library, featuring Scheck, his lawyer team and a well-spoken exoneree; the event raised \$45,000! And I still push for funding to help them. I commend them to classmates.

"Fifteen months ago, I went back to work – after eight years of retirement - as Director of Communications and Racial Justice at YWCA Greenwich. (It's the longest title I've ever had.) I'm really enjoying the effort. It keeps my head young. The body...I've given up on. What's not to enjoy. I'm mostly surrounded by women. I'm earning nice money. And I'm mostly surrounded by women. The CEO is a lady I've known for years, who called when my predecessor was dying of cancer. I started at three days per week, and now it's almost full-time. You can call me there at 203-869-6501, ext.104 or b.nova@ywcagreenwich.org

"I join my working wife Susan who is in the 26th year of writing her best-read column about the residential real estate market in Fairfield County that appears in three local newspapers. By last count she has produced 1,368 stories. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to Barcelona and the Costa Brava.

"At the moment, I'm proudest of son Scott, Dartmouth '87, who is Executive Director of the Worker Rights Consortium in Washington DC (www.workersrights.org), a group funded by colleges and universities to help assure that their logoed merchandise sold on campus is manufactured in factories around the world that practice fair labor standards. Recently, as reported in the New York Times and other papers, he faced down Nike and Russell Athletics and won compensation awards, union approval and rehires in Honduran factories. But, best of all, WRC, has been instrumental in helping to open a plant in the Dominican Republic that is the first to pay a living wage (3 X the going hourly rate) in a third world country. Each garment will carry a tag with the photo of a worker who made it. They will be available for sale in college bookstores in September. Stop in and buy a T-shirt or sweats...or buy 10 of each.

"I hope to see you all at our 60th. "

....BILL MURANE revisits Guantanamo –

"In 2009 President Obama declared that the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba would be closed by January 2010. That did not happen and, in my view, is not likely to happen for some time, if ever. Here's why:

"Today, around 175 detainees remain, including some 90 declared eligible for release if countries willing to grant them asylum can be found, 35 facing formal prosecution before military commissions, and about 50 who cannot be prosecuted successfully but are deemed too dangerous to release and are being held in indefinite detention, until 'the end of the war on terror.'

"Some five years ago my law firm Holland & Hart undertook the pro bono representation of five Algerian detainees being held in Guantanamo. We went to Federal Court seeking writs of habeas corpus for each of them that would require the government to disclose why they were being held. One client, a medical doctor, was shipped to Albania, over his objection and without notice to us. He remains there today. One was declared eligible for release and sent back to Algeria, after being held for some eight years. He was never charged. The remaining three are still being held without charge. No country other than Algeria has been found who might be willing to take them. They fear torture and prolonged incarceration if they are sent back to Algeria.

"The Supreme and other Federal Courts have in a series of cases declared that Guantanamo prisoners have the right to habeas corpus hearings. But, even if they prevail they can only be sent where the Executive Branch, not the courts, directs. I met in secure facilities with our clients at Guantanamo. Suffice to say, it is frustrating to try to explain our legal system to a man being held without charge for eight or nine years.

"Guantanamo is a political hot potato. The Congress balks at granting asylum and, for that matter, even bringing detainees into the United States for trial. In the current political climate we and many other habeas counsel do not see a satisfactory end game to this sorry affair."

....JON MOORE continues to think, and act, globally--

"Since last reporting, I've continued at the Kennedy School at Harvard, although more part-time and with the privilege of a lot of independence in what I work on. I've re-allocated some of my ongoing activities --more writing, family immersion, attending to various afflictions of the aged, taking naps! I'm still engaged with the targets of my heart's desire (e.g., Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Haiti), but with less travel to the field.

"I am using the opportunity presented by Tony Kane's invitation to list a quick summary of my own principles on the conduct of U.S. foreign policy in the globalization era -- hoping this will interest some of our classmates, and welcoming any response and thoughts which it might stimulate.

"1. Recognize that we are just at the beginning of a new era characterized by global connectedness and confusion and the unprecedented convergence of largely uncontrollable threats of great speed and force, including climate change, ocean-hopping disease, intricately-connected economic systems, the rise of new global powers, international terrorism, and a widening rich-poor gap which infects everything else.

"2. Think of our interests and strategies in very long time frames, not quick engagements and exits.

"3. Calculate our investment of resources and capacities more carefully, in order to avoid both exceptionalist illusions abroad and short-shrifting critical needs and priorities at home.

"4. Employ military resources as an essential component of a multi-faceted overall strategy serving political objectives rather than the dominating element, and let alone as an end in itself.

"5. Despite its noble intentions and ultimate necessity, beware of over-commitment to 'nation-building,' lest it become overwhelming and entrapping.

"6. Commit our international efforts less to "winning" and more to getting the best we can out of intensely complex crises characterized by events beyond our control.

"7. To the extent possible, try to base our various negotiations with foreign powers on what outcome would best serve the interests of everyone, in addition to our own: acting cooperatively not just competitively.

"Of course nothing will work without the replenishing of our democratic institutions to be more functional and responsive rather than oligarchic and stop-gapped. And this will require our polity to seek more solidarity and less polarization, more serious pragmatism and less fervent ideology -- and a cleansing of our putrid public discourse. Tall orders."

In his contribution to *MORE REFLECTIONS*, JOHN STEEL commented on his concerns with regard to the College and on other problem areas, as he saw them. John continues with a description of what he labels as "Projects:"



"1. Islam--When I was quite busy in the 1970-1980s removing kidneys, prostates and bladders, and serving on the Board of Trustees (1980-90), I noticed 16 episodes of Islamic terrorists killing American citizens. I knew nothing about Islam but decided to learn after retiring in 1994 and then a few joint replacements so that I began an in-depth study of the same in 1997. This included reading the Qur'an four times, taking detailed notes, reading over 50 books on the mid-east, review of the life of Muham-

mad, review of the history of Islam. After 9/11/01 I began making presentations on Islam, exposing it for what it is directly from the Qur'an and the above studies. Have made over 60 presentations (45-50 minutes), several of which have been on radio and TV. Audiences vary from 20 to 150, seem most interested in the subject and give very favorable responses. At our 50th and 55th reunions, I offered well in advance to make presentations on Islam, but our esteemed class leaders rejected such.

"2. Maintaining the Mt. Soledad Memorial (in La Jolla) as is, which includes a large Cross that can be seen from all over San Diego with a pair of binoculars. The ACLU has been trying for 30+ years to get State and Federal judges to order it removed. The memorial remains intact. There were and are many people engaged in this effort including the voters of San Diego

"3. Children's Pool of La Jolla--Upholding a trust for children to swim at the pool. The State legislature added seals to the trust in 2009 but the children (adults as well) are still able to use the beach and interact with seals. Approximately 15 people formed a 501 (c) 3 organization (Friend's of the Children's Pool) around 2002 to maintain children on the pool beach. Because I insist on well-run meetings, the group decided I was to be president. We meet 4-5 times a year and raised a stash of \$ for this project in 2002-03 to pay legal expenses and educate the public on use of the Children's Pool. On almost a daily basis I ocean swim from the pool, as my replaced joints no longer tolerate running (Editor's note: Welcome to the club!).

"4. Dartmouth College--Attempting to return parity to the Board.

"As you can imagine, I have come to know some very good trial lawyers. My other major projects are Suella (# 1 ranked tennis player in tennis age group 65-70 in USA last year in singles and doubles but recuperating from knee surgery this year) and family with 16 grandchildren.

An abiding interest many of us share of late is the quality of the Dartmouth athletic program and the performance of various teams. The football program has been conspicuous within the recent past as a result of its poor record. Interestingly, *"the team possesses a storied tradition that includes a national championship, seventeen Ivy League championships, and eleven College Hall of Fame inductees,"* according to historical records. One of the Class's chief sports aficionados has assumed the reporting responsibilities for this new feature column and weighs in, in his first commentary, by providing an overall view of where things might be headed.

....**BIG GREEN ATHLETICS**

by **BILL WHITE**



Back on March 31, I had an occasion to talk on the phone with the sports editor at the *Valley News* in Lebanon after he wrote what I felt was a disquieting article entitled 'Dartmouth Should Not Be Afraid to Win.' Here are a few excerpts:

"Why couldn't this be Dartmouth? That was the question I recently put to Big Green coaches and alums, Ivy athletic officials, collegiate administrators and former players. Although none would speak for the record, the answer became abundantly clear: Winning simply is not a priority at Dartmouth.

"They are afraid to succeed there, and it shows,' one Ivy athletic official told me.

"While Cornell is flying high, Dartmouth is at athletics crossroads. Jim Yong Kim, the new college president, certainly doesn't sound like someone who's afraid to succeed in any realm, so this is the chance -- maybe the last best chance in a long time -- to turn things around athletically.

"The new athletic director needs to be someone with the personality and vision to pull off a drastic makeover, working with a mandate to do what it takes to change a culture of losing."

Since that time, the College has hired a new AD and seemingly, at this early juncture, the search committee, with help from a search firm that specializes in ADs, has done an excellent job. A former men's basketball coach, Paul Cormier has returned (why, I am not grasping at this point) to try and rescue a program that is on life support. There have been a few other good coaching appointments, and a number of assistant coaches (some former standout alumni/ae players) with good resumes have returned to the Plain. With the exception of football and men's basketball, most of the Big Green teams do pretty well, so, as we approach the 2010-2011 athletic sports scene, it appears some significant steps are being taken to create a new image and improve some of the higher profile teams' performances which, if for nothing more, will make recruiting quality athletes an easier task.

From my personal perspective, I think it is important to note that in his first year as president, Jim Kim, whose dedication and enthusiasm are infectious, is among other things, very much involved in raising the bar for all athletic teams. What he and those with whom he has surrounded himself have accomplished overall in every aspect of leading our alma mater has caught the attention of alumni(ae), the faculty and students, and it certainly bodes well for the College's future.

Remember that old saw "it only hurts when I laugh?" Well, a lot of us have been hurting lately—even when we're not laughing! Guys and gals, the reality is most of us—at least, I can be sure, all the guys—are dealing with the fact that we are now in the category referred to as "elderly." While each of us may have specific health challenges that can (and should) be discussed only with one's personal doctors, there are no doubt many of us who have similar questions that can be answered by a knowledgeable physician. With that in mind, we have asked one of our prominent classmate-physicians, Dr. John Fenn, to respond to questions posed, hypothetically or actually, by members of the Class of 1954 and/or their spouses.

...**ASK DR. FENN**

by **JOHN FENN**



"Dr. Fenn, my wife and I are in our late 70's and, while we happily continue to enjoy reasonably good health, we're feeling somewhat overwhelmed in the 4500 sq. ft. house in which we've raised our three children; we're having difficulty climbing up and down stairs; we're sick and tired of trying to maintain the lawn, etc. In other words, we wonder if it isn't time to consider making a change in residence to a retirement community? What

can you tell us are some of the criteria we should evaluate in contemplating such a move.”

This whole subject is clearly relevant to all of us, since unless my math is seriously flawed, we are all approaching the magic 80, and one or two of us have developed some health issues over the years. As many of us may have noted, our homesteads have become burdensome in many ways, and a simpler lifestyle becomes more and more attractive. Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) are flourishing across the country, and the one where I serve on the board generally runs at 97% capacity. But let's look at the health issues of these places specifically, with particular focus on health care services provided. Many of them advertise as “life care” centers as well, but be careful to understand what this means. What one would like it to mean is that the CCRC offers as part of its admitting fee a health care resource that includes assisted living, dementia care, and skilled nursing should it become necessary. In other words, it is an insurance vehicle as well as a place for independent living. Lots of CCRCs may offer health services and nursing units or buildings, but be sure that the cost of such services is not an add on. Were you to need nursing home care these days, and did not have long-term care insurance, the annual cost when paid out of pocket can run up to 150K, and in some instances even more. When looking at a CCRC, investigate the nursing leadership and the administration staff. Are the personnel stable, i.e., does the director of nursing have the support of the staff? What do the residents who are living in the medical unit or building think? Has the facility adopted the person-centered care plan that allows total flexibility within the unit and a new level of independence that is unique to long-term care facilities? It is sweeping the country and ought to be part of the medical unit's health care system.

So in short, this is a complex and life-altering decision that many of us will be making in the immediate future. It is worth careful investigation and an understanding not only of what independent living will be like, but consider what the cost and quality will be should illness result in the need for care in the medical complex of the organization.

(Editor's note: John's credentials for writing on this subject include his life as a physician wherein he had the opportunity to visit patients in the medical units of these facilities, but of more recent importance, his membership on the Board of Directors of a premier CCRC, Whitney Center, in Hamden, Connecticut, where he serves with two other physicians, two nurse leaders in the community, and a bunch of business people and financial wizards. John is still actively teaching at Yale as a Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery, having served 11-years as Chief of Staff of Yale-New Haven Hospital. Non-personal or non-diagnostic questions, i.e., likely to be of general interest to classmates, can be sent to John at john.e.fenn@yale.edu)

MINI-REUNION CO-CHAIRS JAY DAVIS AND STEVE MULLINS report exciting fall, winter and spring '54 minis in the works. Starting with the October 7-9 Class Meeting in Hanover, followed by holiday luncheons in Boston (12/8) and New York (12/9). 2011 mini plans will be announced in the near future. Jay says to save Jan. 5-8 for Mt. Snow ski trip. President *Don Berlin* is planning the seven night '54 Italian Lake District trip starting June 18. Contact Don for more information or brochure: BERLIN1954@AOL.COM or 973-267-8122.

Regular *first-Thursday-of-the-month* Yale Club luncheons continue for NY-area and visiting classmates. Check '54 Web site for dates and time. Here's a photo from recent gathering.



Standing L. to R. Kane, Classon, Fenn, Mandelbaum; seated L. to R. Rauch, Chandler

....NOW, MORE FROM AND ABOUT CLASSMATES...

Condolences to *Phil Cooke* on the loss of his beloved Sally on July 10, the day following the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. *Bill Grover* supplied a lengthy obituary of Sally Smith Cooke that appeared in the Boston Globe on July 11. Bill writes that classmates attending the wake, besides himself, included *Pete Bullis*, *Tom Corcoran* and wife Daphne, and *Des Tihonen*. *Pete Bullis*, The Corcorans, *Jim Clark* and *Jim Porath '53* also attended the funeral. Phil's brother *Jim '52* and son *Jonathan '84* were also there with the rest of the family and many friends, all attending a post-funeral reception at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

Jim Bowers tells us: "Having taught writing as an English professor during my professional career, I decided to do some writing myself in retirement. Now I understand why so many writers become alcoholics. I've never said much about my wife or my family and their accomplishments. That can perhaps best be articulated in the concise form of poetry if I am to convey my true feelings. The following is a poem written on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary. To understand it better you should know that our son is a Downs syndrome."

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

16 MAY 2009

You and I are dead, reborn as We,
To pierce the fog of all hypocrisy,
To see with eyes unblinking, face to face,
The sorrows and the joy our hearts must face,

For they are both the same and beat as one:
Three daughters' love, the Christ'ning of a son
Who transforms our despair to pride again
By straining to transcend his ravaged brain.

My academic mind, your heart made pure
 By doing what we must, though not so sure
 That others understand our true intent,
 To not be false, say only what we meant.

These bodies soon must fade to dust, unseen
 That we be One, as we have always been.

"Should anyone actually be interested, I have published a book of short stories entitled Voices From the Underground, which is available at Amazon.com. A copy of it is in the Dartmouth Library. As for memories of Dartmouth, I guess the two that stand out are my audacity to go to John Finch's office simply to have a chat (In his classes I was mesmerized by his lectures and could not take notes) and my getting drunk on a glass of wine in Philip Wheelwright's home (At that time I did not drink alcohol since it was so much the thing to do). At Dartmouth I learned how great teachers teach."

Luke Case reports: *"After 42 years of pleasant memories and accumulating mountains of stuff we have moved out to a new Old Folks' Home - South Franklin Circle - which is newly up and running and operated by Judson which has been in business over 100 years and runs two other retirement thru nursing places in Cleveland. From 5,000+ square feet of usable floor space (including finished 3rd and basement) we now have 1,830. We have been thoroughly frightened by friends who have cut 60% from their living space and cut only 30% of their worldly goods. This makes us reasonably certain that the 1/4 of the 2 car garage that now contains boxes and things can be emptied into the house. It also leaves us wondering if anything at all can be moved from a chock-a-block filled 10' x 15' storage unit nearby. Moving is not for wusses. The new place is 30 minutes east of our old home. At least a third of the inmates are acquaintances - people we have known over the years, meet every year or every ten years but enjoy one another's company when we do. We expect this to work just fine. We enjoyed the Mini-Reunion in Washington and hope to make the one in Hanover this fall. Hope to see a goodly number of classmates."*

From **Dave Sices** : *"After missing two earlier deadlines, I'm working full speed (with my friend and colleague, former Dartmouth English professor Jim Atkinson) to complete a new annotated translation of selected Montaigne "Essays." We're working on the final draft of the last essay in our selection; unfortunately, it's over eighty pages long... This being my twelfth published book (if it ever gets finished...), I've decided that an even dozen is a nice place to stop and enjoy retirement here in Chapel Hill, NC."*

Jim Doig writes: *"I've just finished an essay on judicial independence (and lack thereof) in the US, to be published this fall. Currently working on a project on port competition and economic development, focusing on NY and Los Angeles -- with a research assistant from Singapore who is Dartmouth '12." We understand that Jim's essay will appear in a book titled Judicial Independence in Context, available in November (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2010). Jim has offered an online copy of his essay to interested classmates (jjmdoig@princeton.edu). Jim concludes "A slightly related point - in their undergraduate years, both Sonya Sotomayor and Elena Kagan were students in my class on law and social control."*

Nice to hear from **Dixon Bain**, conspicuous by his absence from our two Reunion books. After an extended stretch at AT&T as Group Manager in marketing and public relations, Dixon, together with architect Richard Meier - and with financial assistance from the J.M. Kaplan Fund - as well as federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, brought into being in the late sixties the Westbeth Artists Housing in the West Village neighborhood of New York City, now home to close to 400 artists of all disciplines. Recently, Westbeth was designated a National Historic Site. Assuring us that he is not to be considered as such, Dixon participated in the 40th anniversary celebration of Westbeth's creation last May.

Congratulations to Mary and Jim Colby on their 50th wedding anniversary.



“So there! Skip breaks his silence (as in Skip Abbey) Best news I’ve heard lately: Sally and Seaver Peters will once again be gracing us with their presence for six months next winter. He must enjoy the small but steady income he receives from me on the golf course. The Lulu & I seem to be busier as we get older. Took her home to the Hague in April for a 15-day family visit. Three sisters and two brothers still doing well, healthwise. Six days after we got back, went to my 60th from McDonogh School, Baltimore, MD. I had difficulty with the realization of how old many guys have become—two were even in wheelchairs, can you imagine? Then, in July, we went to D.C. to visit our oldest daughter and her family. Two wonderful grandsons. Love being feisty and using the Metro from Reagan to get to their N. E. Location without seeming ‘up there’ and asking for a ride. After all, 79 is really only a number. In October, we’re going to Montréal and Québec City and then a nice cruise back to Florida, with a two-day stop in NYC (think two or three shows). As I hunt and peck through this piece, I think there’s a pattern showing up, isn’t here? Lulu & Skip are trying to run away from old age. Hey, it’s a plan. Try it!”

From Don Belcher we get the following report: *“Sheila and I have gone to Haiti with a volunteer medical team for three years. This year, three weeks after the earthquake, we were in a rural area 100 miles north of Port au Prince. Many homeless city residents stay with rural families or friends, so we saw quite a few. They are a resilient people, having survived difficult flooding, a stark economy, and political indifference. Debates regarding land ownership have blocked donor large scale construction of badly needed housing. We hope that the US and other nations will address Haiti’s long-term developments and political issues.”*

Mead Metcalf has sold his business THE CRYSTAL PALACE CABARET RESTAURANT after 51 years providing original shows in Aspen following a gourmet dinner. *“The Crystal Palace Bldg has been vacated, cobwebs appear in the windows and ‘Natural Gas’ has been turned off since the new owner has not paid his bill.” (Perhaps Mead might buy it back for 30 cents on the dollar!)* *“Wife Diane and I have been traveling three trips abroad each year: South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe....a cruise on the coast of Norway to the Russian Border....a Caribbean Cruise from Dec 18 to Jan 3....Egypt and Jordan.....a tour of Patagonia, Chile, cruising thru the Chilean fjords. Where next? Perhaps a river cruise from St Petersburg to Moscow, ending in Kiev.”*

Rev. **Dave Ransom** writes: *“Let me add my thanks for Pete’s readership leadership. Pete is one who read what I wrote and listened to what I said, an unusual experience for some of us folk.”* **Dave also thanks Perry Davis for referencing Dartmouth’s motto, Vox clamantis in deserto, in the June newsletter, and goes on to say:** *“I believe the motto’s original reference would be Isaiah 40:3 and followed by Mark 1:3. Dana Low has been involved in a literal interpretation of that, hopefully also*

carrying spiritual values! Speaking of which, I would commend to all the translations of 'The Lord's Prayer' and 'The Beatitudes' from Aramaic by Neil Douglas-Klotz in *Prayers of the Cosmos*. Neil takes the b.s. out of the familiar words.

When not planning '54 mini-reunions, **Steve Mullins** likes to take a dip in the pool. As a matter of fact, Steve has just returned from competing in the World Masters Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden and carried a suitcase heavier than when he left. After all, he's now totting three new medals, having won them in the 200, 400 and 800 meter freestyle races. Steve's lifetime collection of swim medals promises soon to equal his collection of Toby Jugs. You do us proud, Steve

Skiing Hall of Fame classmate **Bill Briggs** reports he's been a lifetime member of the Church of Scientology and is considered a Founding Member of the Church. .

... "CELEBRATIONS" OF LIVES



No longer serving as '54 Newsletter Editor but eager to continue exercising his writing skills, **Pete Barker** has assumed the responsibility of researching and writing "Celebrations" of the lives of recently deceased classmates. Here are five more:

JOSEPH THOMAS MURPHY, III – January 29, 2010

Tom often stated that he made a mistake in leaving Dartmouth in 1953, trading the grind of his Chem/Zoo major for the grind of med school at Penn instead of immersing himself in the liberal arts for this senior year. He passed away on January 29 in Wayne, PA. A native of Havertown, PA, Tom attended West Philadelphia Catholic High School and involved himself in dramatics, debating, school paper, tennis and track. He was vice president of his class and achieved honors, qualifying him for the National Honor Society.

Dartmouth was a natural place for a young man of Tom's talents and interests. He roomed with John Crowe and Bob Boyd in Lord Hall. In 1951, he pledged Chi Phi.

Following medical school, Tom married Marion Marshall, a nurse who graduated in her native England from St. Bartholomew's College Hospital in London. Six months after his internship ended, he reported to an Air Force base in Turkey with Marion and their first daughter in tow. Much to his surprise, he was the only physician on the base with some 5000 potential patients. Chuckling, Marion said that he was considered the "doctor" for any and all specialties, including psychiatry. The lack of an ob/gyn on base, led Tom to deliver his second daughter himself. In time, the Murphys produced five children.

After his two-year tour ended, the Murphy family moved to Wayne, PA where Tom established his practice in Diagnostic Radiology which he pursued until his retirement in 1994. Like many '54s, Tom and Marion had a second home - in the vicinity of the Skytop Resort in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. They spent many happy summer months there and Tom became the impresario of lawn-bowling at the Skytop resort. He so endeared himself to the hotel staff that many bellhops, bartenders and waiters made the trip to Wayne to attend his memorial service.

Doctor Tom Murphy has a full, satisfying life. May he rest in peace.

ROBERT EDWARD GILMAN – February 2, 2010

Bob succumbed to leukemia in Long Beach, CA on February 2.

Armed with a scholarship and the blessings of a Dartmouth uncle, Bob made the short trek from Concord, NH to Hanover, having enjoyed both scholastic honors and varsity letters at Concord High. His freshmen roommates in Hitchcock Hall were Ed Moore and Bob Bassett. The *Aegis* lists only Chemistry and Phi Beta Kappa - an indication of his dedication to a specialty he enjoyed and was inclined toward. He moved up a few academic notches with a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and launched into a lifetime of teaching and consulting in Organic Chemistry.

Bob is survived by sons Jeffery and Marcus, brother Dick '57, a sister and his loving partner, Doris

Koplik. He spent three decades at the Rochester Institute of Technology, teaching Organic and BioChemistry and conducting research in reaction mechanisms. An inspirational teacher, he was also a well-liked “good fellow” on campus. With sufficient industrial experience to make him plausible from the lectern, he also expanded his horizons with visiting assignments at Williams College and UCLA.

In 1944, Bob abandoned the long, cold winters of Rochester in favor of the warmth of Southern California where he blossomed into the arena of fine arts. He volunteered at the Los Angeles Opera, serving five years on the Opera Board and put in twelve years as a volunteer staff member at the Long Beach Opera. Described as a “witty, creative and perceptive observer of life”, Bob lived it to the fullest.

PERRY COTTON WESTON

Perry passed away on July 20 in Woodland Hills, CA after a two-year bout with liver cancer. A native of Longmeadow, MA, he attended Vermont Academy where he ran the gamut of activities - glee club, magazine, dramatics, track and graduated cum laude. Dartmouth was a natural move for Perry with alumni relatives - brother, father, grandfather and two great uncles. Starting in Smith Hall with roommate Deke Harrington, he may have set a Class “roommate record” by sharing space with Stew Stearns, George Fitzgerald, Ben Gilson, Tom Kelsey, Red Grundman, Mead Metcalf and Lyn Brock '55. A History major, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta, sang with the Glee Club and swam a year with the freshman team.

Military service consumed two years and involved Army Communications in New Jersey and Hawaii. Perry and wife Polly brought forth Stephen, Dudley and Jody, each of whom continually made them proud. Life's work was Employee Benefits in its many forms, ranging from self-employment through executive positions at William Mercer.

Perry served as the Secretary of the Dartmouth Club of Southern California in the early 60s and could always be counted on to interview candidates for the College. He was a political moderate and a deacon in the Church of Christ.

A fine, well-rounded man and friend, he will be missed.

MICHAEL HURLEY BIGGS

Mike Biggs was the consummate pianist on campus during our years there. This is confirmed by Skip Weymouth asserting that he “personally enjoyed playing second fiddle to him - what a talent!”

On July 31, Mike died suddenly while laughing and trading stories with his brother Tony. His passing was attributed to natural causes. Beginning with a heart attack in 1980, Mike had had heart problems over the years, including two sessions of arterial by-pass grafts. Last May, while he and Ginny were on vacation in Hawaii, he was assailed by Congestive Heart Failure, a condition which began a series of emails with Pete Barker, comparing notes on their common ailment.

A native of Walnut Creek, CA, Mike attended Acalanes Union High School and was active in the glee club and orchestra while earning academic honors. As a Dartmouth freshman, he roomed with Walt Clarkson and Rolf Engelhart in New Hampshire Hall - a trio of high-achievers in various campus activities. Mike majored in Sociology and pledged Sigma Nu where was nicknamed Mike Hurley. He worked at WDBS and was one of eight NROTC guys who chose the Marine option under the tutelage of Major “Black Jack” Lindsay. His prominence on campus came from his musical skills, playing with the Green Collegians and leading the Sultans.

Mike and “Smithie” Virginia Perry were married in New York City in 1995 and launched into a two-year tour with the Marines at Quantico, San Mateo, then Hawaii. After his discharge, he earned an MBA at Stanford in 1958, then worked as a department manager at I. Magnin for eight years. In 1966, Mike began the career which lasted until his retirement in 1997 - investment counselor and portfolio manager with Scudder, Stevens and Clark in the Bay Area. He earned a CFA certificate in 1973. Mike and Ginny brought forth three children who presented them with four grandchildren.

Following retirement, the Biggs moved to Placerville, CA, a delightful community 45 miles east of Sacramento. Travel consumed a good bit of time with Mexico being a favorite destination. Mike knew a surprising number of “important” people in politics, investments, academia and music. When Stan Kenton brought his band to campus in the mid-50s, the Barbary Coast Orchestra quickly arranged to have a rehearsal and it was Mike who brought Kenton to listen to the band, then took him to White River for a beer.

The Biggs family has mounted a superlative memorial website at <http://michael-biggs.last-memories.com/> Give it a look and add your memories of this multi-talented and well-loved man.

CLARK SPAULDING DAVIS

Clark died in Erie, PA on August 8th. He was a most familiar face at the registration desk at many of our '54 reunions. More memorably, Clark and Donna gained a wonderful reputation for supplying *Maude's Old Juice*, the base for the Bloodies at the Sunday morning brunches in the Heston's back yard. The famous formula for the concoction is still available on request.

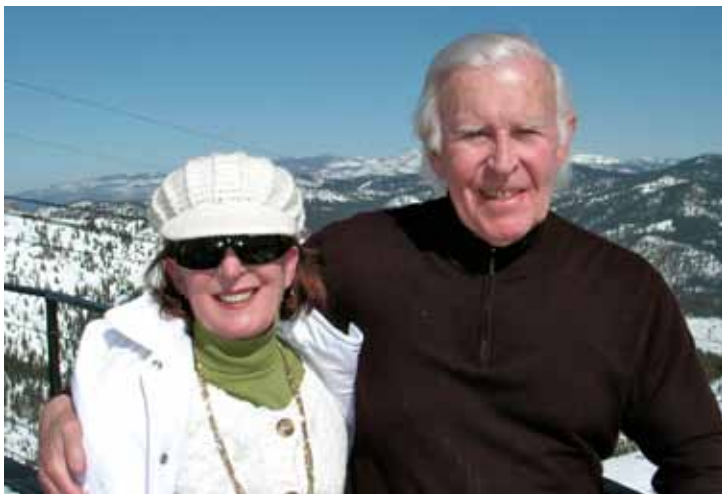
A native of Meadville, PA, Clark attended the Tilton School where he participated in the glee club, dramatics, yearbook, student council, soccer and won academic honors. At Dartmouth, he lived in Butterfield Hall and pledged Phi Sigma Kappa, where he led the house's voices at the '53 Hums.

He left Dartmouth in 1953 and earned his degree at Allegheny College in 1955. He dipped his toe into the practice of law with a year at Western Reserve University, but determined that his inherent skills lay elsewhere. The predominance of his business career was spent in marketing and management positions in a series of medical products/services companies which involved a total of fourteen moves ranging across the US and including points in Europe. In the early stages of this work marathon, Clark met Donna and they were married following her graduation in 1960. Donna's love of flowers gave her a portable activity which transferred nicely and she rose to a major position in the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Clark and Donna adopted their daughter, Susan, in 1969.

After a hostile takeover of his company in Pittsburgh, Clark worked with an engineering firm and a software outfit, then the couple decided that it was time to return to their roots in Erie, PA and a satisfying retirement began.

And so concludes my maiden voyage as '54's newsletter editor. I've enjoyed the experience of writing, editing, assembling, and presenting in what I hope is an interesting format, news about and from classmates, as well as other tidbits of information. Along with my responsibilities as class secretary, I've certainly had a lot on my plate of late. However, I do acknowledge the stimulation of having to put the whole thing together and have been tremendously rewarded by the outstanding contributions I've received from those of you who have provided us all with interesting and informative essays, comments, news about yourself or others, etc. I thank you for having taken the time to read what is a longer newsletter than I anticipated, but that's the way it worked out. Of course, your comments, pro and con, will be greatly appreciated, and I do hope you will be looking forward to receiving our next '54 Newsletter in early 2011. (Special thanks to Wayne Weil for the design of the new '54 Masthead) Good health to all,

Tony



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