

Dartmouth 1955

Read all about it!

Summer 2007

In Chile with Willi!



Thirty-four long-haul travelers gathered in Santiago, Chile, March 20-25, to savor an exquisite mini-reunion organized by Cecelia and Ed Willi. A pig roast, a breathtaking coastline, a casino, an antique "wine train," a country estate, history by Jere, and more! Jill Hastings told Ed: "I could live here." See pages 3-5.

Save the Dates!
Homecoming & mini
October 19-21

News from here and there

Eric and Nancy Bergstrom moved to 1754 SW Crane Creek Circle in Palm City, Florida 34990, phone 772-219-9820, e-mail bigepacker@bellsouth.net. Eric writes; "Nancy and I are fine with the usual age related aches & pains."

Peter Greenfield, though retired from the Episcopal ministry, still serves a small rural church in Lancaster County, Pa., "the oldest church of any denomination in the county." He and Carol have been married 52 years and have eight children ("four biologically") and 14 grandchildren. Whew! Peter and Carol missed the 50th because she had had a stroke but later made a "strong recovery. We feel blessed," Peter writes. They live at 122 Greenview Drive in Lancaster, 17601, phone 717-560-0272., and they keep in touch with **Jim McKendry**.

Jack and Betty Ann Westphal, after he retired from the law, moved first to Florida and then to the Hilton Head area. He writes: "We love to travel and take cruises as often as we are able. My back pain continues, but with meds I have learned to live with it." Married in 1955, they have three children, two granddaughters and three step grandsons. The Westphals are at 114 Crossings Blvd., Bluffton, SC 29910, e-mail bjwestphal@hargray.com, phone 843-706-2802.

Ken Lundstrom enjoyed getting a consulting call "in an area which I have no knowledge (anti-microbials and their applications on nonwovens and markets)."

Jim Perkins, ever seeking new fields to conquer, has been a principal organizer of a significant new annual film festival in South Kent, Conn., a town without a movie house, he says, so now he's undertaking to raise "a few million dollars" to build a local theater and stage and commence live production. Jim laughs that some people refer to folks our age as "the distant generation" because we're "so far removed from reality that we're not able to understand it."

Frank and Nancy Carlton enjoy their lively retirement community in Eugene, Ore., and proximity to daughter Amy, which leads to grandsons' soccer and basketball games. They also jaunt around the country to see daughter Linda in Connecticut and friends, and got back to Pikeville, Ky., where Frank was city manager for 25 years and Nancy taught for 14.

John Baldwin, following his speech to fellow Vietnam veterans and family survivors in Rhode Island, attended by Jack Doyle, wrote to Jack that, looking back, "Viet Nam was an incredible waste of 58,000 lives and national treasure" and in Iraq we are again "pretending to 'protect American values and freedom' with a fruitless, undeclared battle against forces we cannot even begin to comprehend. And the forward legacy will be one hundred times greater in its impact upon our children and grandchildren."

Santiago Scenes



Frances and Joe Bachman with friend.



After Joe Donovan had trouble exiting the bus's head, a solution was found. Kay Perkins demonstrates.



Dick and Jill Hastings safely back in Santiago after nearly missing the bus for more dancing.



No need to limit your tastings when you have a driver through the wine country.



A surprise birthday cake for Marty Aronson.

*Photos
by Doyle*



Claudie and
Lyn Brock at
Valparaiso

Swinging
in Chile



Harry Ambrose and
John Braestrup



Cecelia and Ed
Willi were moved
as Brooks Parker
read Ed's Class of
'55 Award citation
composed by Ken
Lundstrom (next
page)



Guest of
Honor



Jerry Bernstein,
John and Anne Barlow

A truly surprised Ed Willi was honored with the Class of '55 Award for his determined creation of the DCARE program

From the citation:

We honor a classmate who from the depths of his own experience recognized the need to undertake and accomplish one of the most difficult tasks in society: to prevent individual destructive behavior and to change the behavior of those on a downward spiral and who seek help. The result is a program called DCARE--Dartmouth Center on Addiction, Recovery and Education...

Two examples of the outreach of DCARE and your involvement are the Dr. C. Everett Koop '37 scholars and interns. The scholars go out from the community and the interns work within the center in the Upper Valley...

Recently Dr. Joseph O'Donnell of the Medical School advised us, "Ed is a real source of strength to the Advisory Committee. He does it because he loves Dartmouth and sees a need for a source of help to undergraduates who are a bit lost. He is a bulldog who won't let go until something good happens."

Hail, hail, this gang was there!

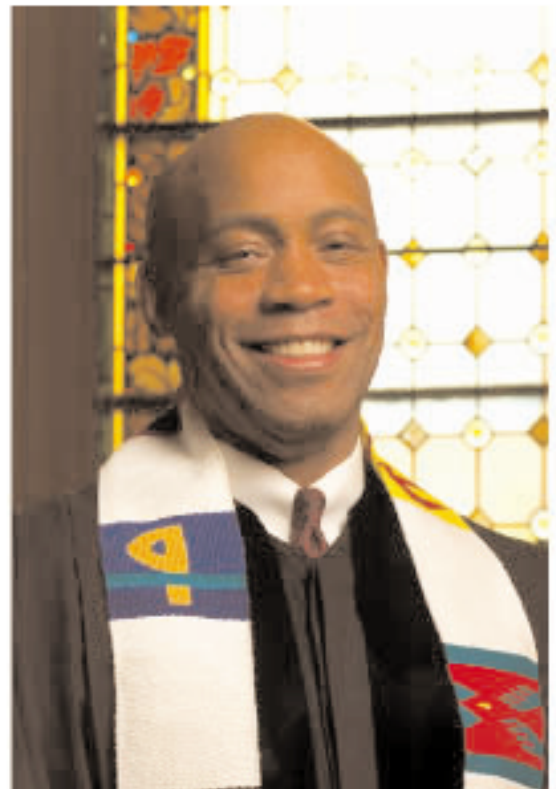
Harry and Margie Ambrose
Marty Aronson and Ellen Sax
Joe and Frances Bachman
John and Anne Barlow
Jim and Sue Beisman
Jerry and Sandy Bernstein
John and Justie Braestrup
Lynmar and Claudie Brock
Dick Bueschel

Dave and Jane Conlan
Jere and Elena Daniell
Joe Donovan
Jack and Marilyn Doyle
Dick and Jill Hastings
Paul Merriken and Shirley Tenney
Brooks and Gale Parker
Bob and Kay Perkins
Ed and Cecelia Willi

*Next year: Savannah, April 3-6, 2008
Hosts: Bob Garver, Sandy Phillips, Dave Walton*

Adopted Classmates

Stuart Lord, dean of the Tucker Foundation and associate provost of the College, has accepted “with great delight and enthusiasm” our invitation to join us as an adopted ’55. Stuart is a remarkable man of boundless energy and enthusiasm for Dartmouth, for Tucker’s immense variety of service and religious programs, and for its student participants, who number about a quarter of the student body each year. He’s been at Dartmouth since 2000 and has distinguished himself as an innovator, a sparkplug who inspires all around him, and as a fund-raiser for the College. When Dartmouth created early this year a new vice presidency for diversity, Jim Wright appointed Stuart to fill the post temporarily while a search is conducted. Stuart holds two master’s degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. Please join us as we welcome Stuart and his wife Adderly into the ’55 fellowship at our mini-reunion dinner on Saturday, Oct. 20.



Joe Mehling

David Halberstam, 1933-2007

We adopted David Halberstam, who as a New York Times reporter shared a Pulitzer Prize for articles questioning the Vietnam war, after he delivered an entertaining and delightfully Dartmouth speech at the College’s 1996 Commencement. A 1955 graduate of Harvard, David was killed in a car accident in California as he was being driven to an interview with former New York Giants quarterback Y. A. Tittle for a book about the memorable 1958 Giants-Colts NFL championship game. He wrote “The Best and the Brightest” and more than 20 other books, including several on sports. In its obituary The Times wrote: “His reporting, along with that of several colleagues, left little doubt that a corrupt South Vietnamese government supported by the United States was no match for Communist guerillas and their North Vietnamese allies. His dispatches infuriated American military commanders and policy makers in Washington, but they accurately reflected the realities on the ground.”

Our Dickey Scholars...super!

Amanda Brown '07, Dick Fairley's granddaughter, graduated with a 3.6 average and two "Outstanding" academic awards. Her most graifying extracurricular experience was volunteering in the Tucker Foundation's Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth (SEAD) program for inner-city high school students. With a Rockefeller grant, she worked for Senator Barack Obama in Washington. She's heading for the Peace Corps in Africa and then law school. She wrote to the class in mid-year: "I truly appreciate all of your support and I am honored to be a recipient again."

Monica de Bustamante '08, John Ballard's granddaughter, is double-majoring in engineering and romance languages, plays varsity soccer, studied in Italy, and was selected as a Presidential Scholar, in which capacity she's researching and translating documents and interviews for a professor's book. Monica wrote to us: "I am delighted to be a Dartmouth student and be able to enjoy everthing this college has to offer and this is, of course, all thanks to you.!"

Minal Caron '09, from a potato farm in Maine, plays tenor sax in the Dartmouth Wind Symphony and is a member of the Nordic ski team, which he terms "a very close social network." Upperclass skiers "have advised me on everthing from which classes to take to what is delicious at dining halls." He studied in France and interned with one of his home-state U.S. senators, Susan Collins, an experience that encouraged him to point toward government service in the future. He calls his time at Dartmouth "incredible" and says to '55: "Thank you again for helping to support my Dartmouth experience."

'55s' Scholarship Recipients Are DCF Scholars of the Month

To highlight its focus on student support, the Dartmouth College Fund names a "Scholar of the Month." In January it was AJ LeGaye III '07, recipient of the **John French III '55** Scholarship and a mentor, through the DREAM (Directing through Recreation, Education and Mentoring) program of an 8-year-old boy who was abused at an early age. AJ wrote to John: your gift "has literally defined my life."

The DCF's scholar in March was Rictrell L. Pirtle '07, recipient of the **Robert D. Fanger '55** Dartmouth College Fund Scholarship and a research intern for the Tucker Foundation's dean. He wrote to Bob: "Through your generous gift to the Dartmouth College Fund, I have had the opportunity to experience three wonderful years here."

Class Gifts (from class dues)

Class of '55 Dickey Scholarship Fund \$5800

Hood Museum \$2850

Athletic Sponsor Program \$2850

A Rendition of Marriage

John Bassette married Ruth Carol Newman on April 28 in the Quechee (Vermont) Community Church, U.C.C., where both are choir members. To the delight of their audience, which included **Dick and Ruth Blodgett** and **Bob and Mary Louise MacFadyen**, John sang in a gospel quartet, John and Ruth each soloed, and they sang a duet, before finally saying their vows.

'55 Writings

Joe Kagle, recipient of the Class of '55 Award last year for his extraordinary achievements in art and life, is the 2007-2008 president of Rotary Global History Fellowship, which draws a million visitors a year to its Web site. Take a look at <http://www.rghfpeacejourney.org>, and click through to an impressive collection of Joe's thoughtful, often moving essays on peace, love, patriotism, education, history, philosophy, and creativity and art.

Bob and Judy Garver were among 16 couples married in 1956 who jointly celebrated their 50th anniversaries last year at Hilton Head. For the occasion Bob wrote a long and light poem that was published, along with then and now photos of Bob and Judy, in The Island Packet newspaper. Some excerpts:

There was goodness and civility in the land where we were born,
Where grass was mowed but seldom smoked, and "Peyton Place" was porn.

Where "gay" meant bright and lively, and "E.D." a talking horse
And the rock groups and the rappers had not yet arrived in force.

Where you didn't have to censor what your kids watched on TV,
And the terrorists had not begun their ugly killing spree.

But I'm a cockeyed optimist and would say to all my peers,
We've got a whole lot going for us in these, our golden years...

And on that note, it's time to bring this sonnet to a close,
But there's one final item that I'd like now to propose.

And that's a toast to all of us in this, our year of gold
Let's celebrate again some day, before we get too old!

Who's for Bartlett Tower?

Stan Bergman repeats his generous offer to provide free, expert consultation on your estate plan if it includes a bequest to Dartmouth, perhaps simply by naming the College as a beneficiary of your IRA, pension or insurance policy. He'll probably save you income or estate taxes if you'll contact him at 203-974-0304 or stanley.bergman@withers.us.com. A bequest qualifies you for enrollment in the College's Bartlett Tower Society that Stan leads. He says we're about even with '54 and '57 in Society membership, but '53 has twice as many, and he exhorts us to "Beat '53!"