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August 2015

A Bold Stroke for Conservation Before it Was Politically Correct

A Word From Our
New Class President



Dear Classmates:

Thank you for the honor and your confidence to elect me your class president for the next five years. Jack's presidency was outstanding, and I know I shall require the help of all of you to even come close. Please feel free to contact me if there is a role in the class going forward for which you would like to volunteer.

Sincerely, with thanks,

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When Defense Department historian Jean Mansavage, Ph.D. (right) set out to write the story of the Department's 30-million-acre conservation program initiated by the Air Force in the 1950s, she was surprised and delighted to find that the author of the Pentagon memo proposing the program, one Lieutenant Jim Perkins, was very much alive and able to help. She recently



wrote a book about the program, *Natural Defense*. Jean and Jim will collaborate once again during our Homecoming mini-reunion, at 3 p.m. Friday, October 9, in Rockefeller Hall. Here's a plug from event organizer Tom Byrne, who's also quartermaster of the Dartmouth Uniformed Service



Alumni: "Jean will share her informed perspective of this little-known effort of the military, working with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, inspired by Rachel Carson's writings in the early '50s, and moved by Jim Perkins and Corey Ford, Hanover author and A.F. reserve colonel, to gain the support of top generals Henry H. 'Hap' Arnold, Nathan F. Twining and Thomas D. White. Open to the public."



Here's our classy transportation for the Alumni Parade on Dartmouth Night, thanks to our 60th reunion transportation maven Tom Byrne. Nice! Whether you're riding or walking, it's time to register for our mini-reunion, October 9-10 (Yale game), and to reserve at the Fireside Inn. For registration, fill out the enclosed form and send it with your check to Lou Hance. Separately, call the Fireside Inn in West Leb: 603 298 5900 or 877 258 5900, and mention Dartmouth '55.

Hod Symes Honored as "Rotarian of the Half-Century"

The St. Joseph, Mo., Rotary Club at its 50th Anniversary Dinner this spring named Hod Symes as the Rotarian of the Half-Century in recognition of his 45 years of "service above self" as a member of the club. Hod stated in a note to Ken Lundstrom, "I couldn't have been more surprised, humbled and speechless! That group, just like my Dartmouth 1955 classmates, is made up of men and women whom I carry in the highest regard--and they picked me. I don't do anything in Rotary to garner notice, but this recognition, now displayed with my 1955 Award, means a lot to me because these are people I am close to, just as with my Dartmouth classmates. Both awards, to me, stand out in a very special way."

College Thanks 1955 for Our Memorial Field Gift

The class executive committee voted \$1,000 to support the relocation of various war memorial plaques to the refurbished Memorial Field. The field was originally named to commemorate alumni killed in WWI, and with the addition of these other plaques will be truly a memorial field honoring alumni lost in all wars. A message of thanks from Jennifer Casey '66a, Director, Class Activities, Dartmouth Alumni Relations:

Jack –

Thank you so much to you and your class for this gift.

Your \$1,000 will be used to help move the existing plaques that already commemorate the deceased '55s that you mentioned. These plaques are currently in a courtyard in front of the Hopkins Center.

A new plaque will be installed at the stadium that salutes all alumni who have served their countries. This will not have any names, but a sentence/phrase will be inscribed that salutes their service.

Also, there will be one plaque that lists all classes, such as yours, that have helped in the creation of this new consolidated memorial.



Bob Brown sent this photo from his birthday observance at home in Torrance, Calif. He and his wife Betty for years have been helping youngsters like these with their homework at the Torrance library. “It involves children whose parents are not fluent in English. They really do progress after we have worked with them for a while. We work primarily with those that are Mexican, Korean, Chilean, and Cuban. Sometimes we work with the parents.”

Dick Morrill Writes That 2016 Election May Turn on Divided Counties in Upper Midwest, Some in South

Dick Morrill, emeritus professor of geography and environmental studies at the U. of Washington, stated in newgeography.com that 2016 presidential campaigning and perhaps results will focus on narrowly-divided 2012 counties concentrated in the Upper Midwest, with some scattered through the South.

Dick looked at the 2012 vote in all 3,180 U.S. counties, grouped them into “ultra Republican,” “ultra Democrat,” and more balanced votes, and then analyzed the 2012 demographic characteristics of the voters in a selection of 93 counties—farthest right, farthest left, and most-closely split.

He wrote: “The extreme R counties are an amazing set. Ten of the 28 (8 in Utah, 2 in Idaho) are dominantly Mormon. The non-Mormon counties include 17 scattered across the high plains from Montana, 1, Nebraska, 3, Kansas, 1, Oklahoma 1, and 11 in Texas, with one outlier in eastern Kentucky. . . Basically conservative on social issues. . . They are overwhelmingly white (92%) and less than 1% black. . . They have the highest shares of husband-wife families, with and without children, and the lowest shares of single parent families, roommates and singles. . . Male labor force participation averages a high 73% and unemployment a low 3.8%. . . Farming is a frequent occupation . . . Church attendance is far higher . . . It is probably not worth a Democrat candidate spending much effort in these locales.”

Describing the “extreme D” counties as equally

“amazing,” Dick found that “the dominant characteristic is the very high minority share – in all 26 counties – and correlated with that high shares of single parent families, unemployment, and general and especially child poverty. . . The second distinguishing feature is dense urban character and sheer size, but only for a subset of 12 counties, as 9



are rural or small town minority counties. . . These metropolitan counties are mainly coastal (plus St. Louis and New Orleans), while rural minority counties are mainly in the northern plains (Native American) or the southern “Black belt”. . . The highest share of people 18-44, of singles

and of roommate households, and the lowest in families, as well as being lowest in labor force participation and church attendance but highest in poverty and unemployment. . . Without the dominance of race, Republicans might do better, if voter turnout of minorities falls.”

As for the 50-50 counties, Dick wrote that “In social and economic characteristics these counties tend to be intermediate . . . averaging 22% minority . . . These counties represent the impressive diversity of the more balanced areas of American electorate, where campaigning will be especially critical.”



Bonnie MacAdam '55a, Hood Museum curator of American Art, reports that “we did some reinstallation work in the American gallery last week and moved the tannery painting to the nineteenth-century painting wall, where it looks very much at home. We are ever grateful for the Class’s support of the Hood Museum of Art’s acquisitions program.”

FROM PRESIDENT KEN:

Reviewing info from the reunion packet flyer re Dartmouth on Location:

Sept. 26, Boston Museum of African American History: Ivy League Pioneers of 1775 to 1950: Dartmouth’s First 133 Black Students - “Woody” Lee '68 one of the speakers

Nov. 14, California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco: Whales: Giants of the Deep, with Professor Donald Pease

The College promotes these events as a consideration for a mini-reunion, ergo, if some local '55s attend it would be a plus for the class’s rating.

More info: alumni.dartmouth.edu/learnandtravel/onlocation

1955 MINI-REUNION – OCTOBER 9 -11, 2015

Make room reservations directly with the Fireside Inn and Suites, 25 Airport Road, West Lebanon, NH 03784. Phone: 877-258-5900 or 603-298-5900. Our rate is \$119.95/night plus tax (Friday and Saturday). Make sure to mention Dartmouth '55 to request a room, on the first floor if desired. Reminder: Columbus Day is Monday 10/12.

I/We will attend the following class events, as checked:

Friday, October 9, Rockefeller Center

_____ 3-5:00 pm, Room 002, lower level, Jim Perkins and Defense Department historian Jean Mansavage, describing the extraordinary results of Jim's initiative to manage Defense Department acreage for conservation

_____ 5:30 pm, cash bar. Dinner catered by the Hanover Inn,
1930 Room, ground floor \$40.00/person

_____ Grilled Chicken breast _____ Pan seared Salmon

\$ _____

Saturday, October 10

Breakfast on your own.

_____ 9:00 am, Class Meeting, Rockefeller 003, open to all '55s and guests.

_____ 6:00 pm, cash bar; dinner 7:00 pm (wine included in dinner price).
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_____ Herb & parmesan encrusted haddock \$45.00/person

_____ Roast beef tenderloin, w/basil curry mayo \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to Dartmouth 1955. Mail check & form by SEPTEMBER 30.

TO: Lou Hance, P.O. Box 1766, Grantham, NH 03753

Name(s) _____

Address: _____