

# Dartmouth 1955

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January 2010

## Welcome Class of 1955!



Joe Mehling

Just as John Sloan Dickey greeted us here nearly 59 years ago, our class will be especially welcome in Hanover June 14-17. **It's '55's 55th!**

Class President Jack Doyle and John French, our reunion chairman, extend a special invitation to those of you who haven't been close to the College or to classmates in recent years. "The fellowship of '55 is truly extraordinary," Jack says. "Dartmouth is part of all of us, and now's the time to renew and refresh this unique lifelong bond that we have with each other."

*See List of Classmates  
Indicating Early Reunion  
Intentions, overleaf*

# 'Healthy Class Metrics' Rank '55 One of Dartmouth's Best Classes (but we knew that)

*This just in:*

**Hanover, New Hampshire--**The Dartmouth Class Officers Association, in its Healthy Class Metrics Project to gauge the vitality of alumni classes, has awarded the class of 1955 the top rating of Excellent, one of only 12 classes out of 70 to achieve that distinction. The ratings are for the academic year 2008-2009.

The metrics used in the class rankings include alumni fund participation, class dues participation, class gifts and projects, number of class mini-reunions and other gatherings, class news and communications in the Alumni Magazine, newsletter and Web site, and participation in class officer meetings.

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Among our class projects: trips to Hanover for prospective varsity athletes, for instance, Pete Pidermann '10, Blackman Trophy winner



Four years ago our class financed the visit to Hanover by a Florida high school athlete, Pete Pidermann. Pete decided to attend Dartmouth and has been a regular on both the football and track teams since the fall of '06. That's meant some disappointments in football, but this year, as co-captain, Pete led the Big Green's turnaround. At free safety he made 55 tackles, intercepted a goal line pass in the Columbia game to preserve Dartmouth's first victory, and blocked a last-second Cornell field goal to send that game into overtime, resulting in another win. At season's end Pete was awarded the Bob Blackman Trophy as the team's most valuable player.

**Also:** Amanda Trunzo '11, of Minnesota, whose visit we sponsored, is again a top hockey scorer. She notched 42 points last year to lead the team. Rower Davilyn Barnwell '13 of Oregon says it was her trip to Hanover, financed by '55, that sold her on Dartmouth.

# These things don't show up in class statistics, but '55 boasts innumerable memorable personalities who have engaged life deeply and purposefully.

Take John Baldwin and Dave Anderson, for instance . . .

John, who performed 1,000 battlefield operations in Viet Nam, was featured in November on WHP-TV in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It reported that a local veteran of the war, Dennis Haines, had recently found the surgeon who saved his life after he was severely wounded by AK-47 bullets to his head.

Haines was an 18-year-old draftee, just clinging to life. All the brain surgeons in the evac hospital were tending to other wounded, so they turned to John, a thoracic surgeon who was head of surgery. John told the TV reporter he was apprehensive but did "as best a chest surgeon could," adding: "All you have to know is how badly damaged his brain was on that one side to realize how incredible it is that the guy is still out there. Dennis Haines never gave up. He had the can't-quit ability that one can only admire and that is very, very special."

In fact Haines's vision and mobility were permanently impaired, but he went on to work as a medical center administrator, retiring recently, and continues to volunteer at the VA Hospital in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He found John via the Internet.

John comments: "Take a moment and reflect on duty honor, country, and what our kids have been asked to do by politicians who served safely in the halls of Congress, without the courage to have declared "War" since December 9, 1941. Think about that."

**Dave Anderson:** Like his father, Dave spent decades as a banker in and about the Middle East. He remembers as a high schooler seeing the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, later king, subsequently assassinated by his nephew, calling at their home for tea. Now, on his Web site, [www.InquiryAbraham.com](http://www.InquiryAbraham.com), Dave expresses deep concern about our foreign policy in that critical area.

"Invasion along with occupation of a Muslim country by Western 'infidels' is not an option," he declares. "It is fruitless



**Soldiers once: John Baldwin with Dennis Haines, on television in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

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for the Western nations to protect Islamic society against itself. . . The most powerful Western force against radical Islam is an economically and culturally powerful West." But, he contends, we can team up with paid Muslim surrogates in and out of government, assisting them "with intelligence and quick military entry and exit for the specific purpose of destroying those individuals and institutions planning acts of violence against the West."

# Heading for Hanover!

Richard Aberle  
Bruce Alexander  
Neal Allen  
Harry Ambrose  
Jon (Tim) Anderson  
Kilt Andrew  
Marty Aronson  
Don Aronson  
John Barlow  
John Bassette  
Dick Batchelder  
Jerry Bernstein  
Dick Blodgett  
Tom Blumberg  
Walt Boden  
Betty Brady  
John Braestrup  
Pete Branch  
Lynmar Brock  
Bill Bronk  
Bill Browning  
John Callahan  
Frank Carlton  
Bernie Carpenter  
Bill Cassell  
John Chafee  
Don Charbonnier  
Frank Chase  
Bob Comer  
Dave Conlan  
Jack Cornman  
Tuck Creamer  
Jere Daniell

Alice DeLana  
John Dinan  
Roger Dolliver  
Joe Donovan  
Jack Doyle  
Bob Edwards  
Gene Elsebree  
Ted Ely  
George Fenzl  
Dick Forsberg  
John French  
Mike Gorton  
Bob Garver  
Bill Gavitt  
Woody Goss  
Pete Gulick  
Jud Hale  
Lou Hance  
Dick Hastings  
Ted Hawkins  
Randy Hayes  
Joe Herring  
Elliott Hersey  
Dick Hopkins  
Colin Hunt  
Jed Isaacs  
Earl Jette  
Dick Johnson  
Bill Kehoe  
Al Keith  
Buck Kuttner  
Bill Lenderking  
Harry Lewis

Ken Lundstrom  
Joe Mathewson  
Tom McGreevey  
Doug Melville  
Dick Mount  
Jim Nelsen  
Dan Nixon  
Pete Packard  
Brooks Parker  
Phil Reilly  
Carole Rogers  
Allen Root  
Mal Roth  
Tom Roulston  
Ward Rowley  
Gordie Russell  
Steve Schmieder  
Bernie Siskind  
Eliot Smith  
Bob Stirling  
Will Stratton  
Pete Teal  
Al Uris  
Alan Weiler  
Matt Weinberg  
Carl Weisenfeld  
Jim Wiggin  
Web Wilde  
Steve Wilson  
Charlie Williams  
Ray Woolson  
Don Wright  
Roger Young  
Paul Zimmerman

# Reunion Morsels

*Save the dates: Monday, June 14 to Thursday, June 17*

*From John French:*

**Jud Hale**, beloved star of stage, screen and radio, has succumbed to popular demand and will again be the master of ceremonies at our dinner at the boat house, on Tuesday evening.

**Jere Daniell** will moderate a discussion about Richard III with Professor Peter Saccio and John French himself. The event is now considered of such broad interest that it has been adopted by the College as part of the Alumni College program that runs during reunion week. More details on Alumni College, a very popular event featuring distinguished Dartmouth faculty, will be forthcoming.

**Ladies** attending our reunion will each receive a zippered tote bag and a folding umbrella, green and white with Dartmouth and 55th Reunion logos thereon.

*From Brooks Parker:*

**Class Officers and an Executive Committee** to serve from 2010 to our next reunion in 2015 will be elected at a class meeting during this year's reunion. At Jack Doyle's request, Brooks Parker chairs a nominating committee that will recommend a slate to the class at reunion. Brooks asks that names of prospective candidates be sent (either by the candidates themselves or by classmates) to him (BGParkerF@aol.com) or to any member of the nominating committee, by February 1, please:

Dick Blodgett (blodgetts@gmail.com)

Bob Fanger (fanger1@msn.com)

Woody Goss (WNPgoss@aol.com)

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**Unrelated, but another Dartmouth alumni delight:** With the growing number of applicants for admission, the alumni interview is increasingly important (no more interviews in Hanover), so the Admissions Office seeks more interviewers. This is enjoyable and doesn't take much time. To volunteer, click the "Sign Up for Interviewing" link at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~interviewers/>. Also, see "Notes to Interviewers" at [http://www.dartmouth.edu/~interviewers/pdfs/notes\\_winter09.pdf](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~interviewers/pdfs/notes_winter09.pdf).

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