

# *Dartmouth 1955*

*Read all about it!*

Summer 2010

***Big Turnout, Big Reunion!***



John French

# 190 Attended Dartmouth's

Dick Aberle  
Neal Allen  
Harry and Margie Ambrose  
Jon and Mary Anderson  
Kilt Andrew and Jeanne Guenard  
Don Aronson and Joan Gelman  
Marty Aronson and Ellen Sax  
Joe and Frances Bachman  
John and Sue Ballard  
Dick Barr  
Jay and Karen Benenson  
Stan and Lillian Bergman  
Jerry and Sandy Bernstein  
Dick and Ruth Blodgett  
Tom and Elaine Blumberg  
Walt Boden  
Buddy Bombard and Suzanne  
Johnston  
Betty Brady  
Pete Branch  
Dick and Jean Margo Brief  
Lynmar and Claudie Brock  
Pete and Betty Buhler  
Tom Byrne  
Frank and Nancy Carlton  
Bernie and Sandra Carpenter  
Don Charbonnier  
Frank and Carole Chase  
Bob and Evelyn Comer  
Dave and Jane Conlan

Jere and Elena Daniell  
Fred and Nan Darche  
Frank Davidson  
John and Pat DellIsola  
John Dinan  
Joe Donovan  
Jack and Marilyn Doyle  
Bob and G Edwards  
Ted Ely  
Bob and Iris Fanger  
Pete and Bette Fishbein  
Bill and Lynn Fogle  
John French and Carole  
Bailey  
Buck and Joanne Frisch  
Bernie Fulton  
Bill and Shirley Gavitt  
Mike and Karen Gorton  
Woody Goss  
Pete and Kathy Gulick  
Larry Hagar  
Jud (one d) Hale  
Lou Hance  
Dick and Jill Hastings  
Randy and Betty Hayes  
Jill Hennigar  
Joe and Bonnie Herring  
Elliott and Alison Hersey  
Dick Hopkins and Renee  
Malone

# *2d-Biggest 55th Reunion!*

Colin and Jane Hunt

Jed and Sue Isaacs

Bill Kehoe

Al Keith

Tina Kister

Buck and Marta Kuttner

Swift and Kit Lawrence

Tex Levy and Angela Coughlin

Harry Lewis

Fred and Nancy Lione

Ken and Kathy Lundstrom

Neil MacNeill and Gabrielle  
Smith

Joe Mathewson and granddaugh-  
ter Emily Niehaus '12

Doug and Diana Melville

Paul Merriken and Shirley Tenney

Lou Miano

Don and Peggy Mix

Dick Mount

Alan and Caroline Murray

Jim and Betty Jo Nelsen

Dan and Tamara Nixon

Jack and Sue Palmer

Brooks and Gale Parker

Bob and Kay Perkins

Jim Perkins

Larry and Kathy Pilchman

Ross Robbins

Allen and Janet Root

John and Betty Rossiter

Mal and Barbara Roth

Ward and Thelma Rowley

Barry Rubens and grandson

Daniel Rubens

Gordie Russell

Ralph Sautter and Carol

Cacciamani

Tom and Ann Schoonmaker

Bernie and Pat Siskind

Jake Stewart

Horace and Mabel Symes

Alan Uris

Larry and Patti Veator

Alan and Bobbie Weiler

Matt and Barbara Weinberg

Carl and Bobbi Weisenfeld

John and Betty Wetzel

Jim Wiggin and Ann Gorey

Web and Rose Marie Wilde

Ed Willi, daughter Denice

Willi and grandson Sean

Steve and Carolyn Wilson

Dave and Anne Winograd

Ray and Pat Woolson

Roger Young, daughter

Krista Mears and grand-

daughter Kelly Mears

Howie Zelikow

# *Giving Back: \$363,655 This Year, \$13,868,555 since July 1, 2002*



John French

**At a class luncheon on the Baker Library lawn, John Ballard conveyed the good news to President Kim (at right) with the able assistance of Class President Jack Doyle (at left), Head Agent Woody Goss, Paul Merriken, Bob Perkins and Harry Lewis.**

## **Our Class Dues-Related Gifts Top \$306,000 Over 30 Years**

For details, see the Class Treasurer's Report inside. Ken Lundstrom reports that our dues-related contributions to the Hood Museum and the athletic sponsor program in just the last five years were \$28,735, "a lasting legacy." High-scoring hockey forward Amanda Trunzo '11, whose campus visit we sponsored, was named to the U.S. Under-22 Select Team.

Woody Goss reports that an anonymous gift of \$55,000 helped us surpass our goal for this year. The number of givers rose by 33 from last year, to just shy of 72 percent, significantly exceeding our ambitious goal of 68 percent.

The class's total giving since July 1, 2002, is noteworthy because that was the beginning of the College's recently-completed, successful \$1.3 billion capital campaign, the Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience.

**Jay Benenson (on release from the witness protection program), Tom Blumberg and Jerry Bernstein**



**Bernie and Sandra Carpenter**



**Dave Conlan and Gordie Russell**



**Horace and Mabel Symes with Lou Miano (center)**

# *Seen on the Green*



**Jill Hennigar with Pat and John Dellisola**



**Larry Pilchman, Ross Robbins, Woody Goss and Tom Byrne. Tom, who organized our reunion transportation, was recently recognized for his Hanover civic service by this bench on Main Street.**

**Al Keith and Joe Donovan**



**Ken Lundstrom**

# Art and . . .

In an illuminating exhibit at the Hopkins Center organized by Bob and Iris Fanger, several classmates displayed their work: Dick Barr, Claudie Brock, Lynn Foggie, Karen Gorton, Joe Kagle, Gale Parker, Pat Woolson and Howie Zelikow. Howie contributed expressive photos he took in Southeast Asia (right).



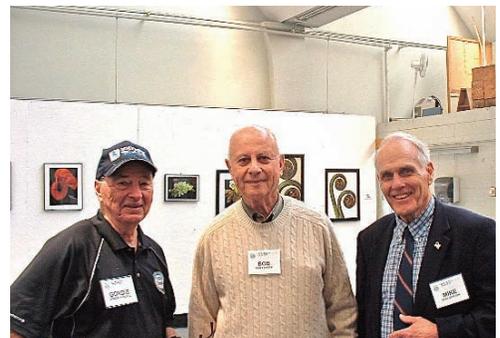
Shirley Tenney and Paul Merriken (left) addressed the mind-stretching images of Joe Kagle, as did Pete Gulick and Ted Ely (below).



Jim Perkins pressed a sophisticated interpretation on Claudie Brock, while Betty and Pete Buhler reserved comment.



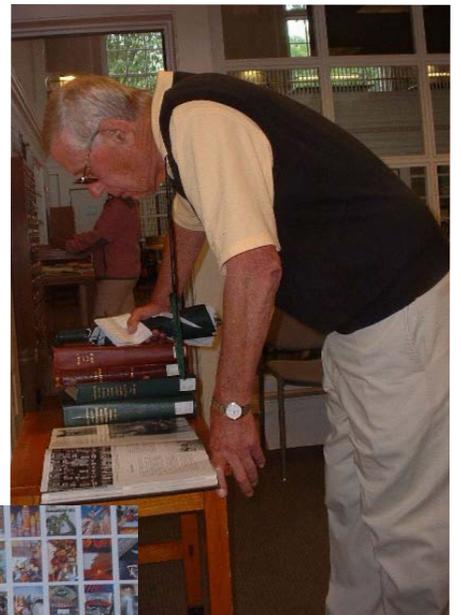
Volunteer curators Gordie Russell, Bob Fanger and Mike Gorton



# Artifacts



John Dinan (left) viewed Winter Carnival posters, and Jon Anderson (below) checked out the *Aegis*, in the Rauner Library's display of photos, books, magazines and other memorabilia of the 1950s at Dartmouth. The exhibit was enhanced by Lou Miano's treasure trove from his mother's attic, including many of his drawings and his correspondence with classmates in our early post-graduation years. Lou contributed his well-indexed materials to the Rauner's permanent collection.



**Visiting the Hop exhibit: Dick and Jill Hastings (above), Joanne and Buck Frisch (right), and Joe Bachman (above, center).**



# *John Ballard Honored With College's Alumni Award*

Presenting the coveted award at a class dinner in Alumni Gym, Janine Avner '80, president of the Dartmouth Alumni Council, praised John for his enduring commitment and manifold contributions to the College. Among other achievements, John served as chair of the Thayer School Board of Overseers during an important expansion, was co-leader of the spontaneous alumni fund-raising campaign that saved the swimming and diving teams, and chaired capital gifts campaigns for the class. A graduate of Thayer, John has excelled as an entrepreneur and inventor in the field of specialized antennas.



**Collegii Dartmuthensis  
Classis of MCMLV, adminsit  
*Jere Rogers Daniell '55***

qui compleverit honoris et nota tasca pras-  
esantare ad classis, alia alumni corporis, ad-  
ministri, facultus, discipuli, amici et communi-  
tas the historia Collegii Dartmuthensis et part  
of her alumni around zona terrea ex Bostonia  
ad Oregonensis ad Chile et in maribus, titulus

***Collegii Dartmuthensis Circumi et Praesenti  
in Perpetuitas for Classis of MCMLV***

Cum omnibus juribus, honoribus, et privilegiis  
ad hunc gradum paertinentibus. In cuiua rei  
fidem subscripsi chirograoha nomen meum.  
In urbe Hanoverae, Nova Hamponia die XVIa  
mensis Iunium AD MMX.

**John J. Doyle, Jr. '55, Praesidens  
Honoris Causa**

## *And a Cheer For Jere*

Ken Lundstrom, chair of our class awards committee, presented a special citation to Jerry Daniell for his lifelong service to Dartmouth as a history professor, and to our class and all alumni as “Dartmouth researcher extraordinaire to relate ‘Dartmouth connections’ to classmates at mini-reunions, alumni, and friends of the College from sea to sea, and on the seas,” recognizing Jerry’s lectures on Dartmouth alumni cruises. As set forth in the accompanying citation, which Ken alleged is in Latin, Jerry was appointed Dartmouth College Researcher and Presenter in Perpetuity.

# John French's Long-Awaited Verdict On King Richard III: Not Guilty

John French, while planning and organizing our very successful reunion (again!), also prepared and finally delivered the judgment he's been pondering for many years: despite Shakespeare's dramatization, Richard III did not murder his two nephews whom he had imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1483.

Refuting the Bard's tragedy by historical evidence and reasoning, John concluded that there was no reason for Richard to dispose of his young relatives, for they presented no serious threat to the throne he had seized upon the death of their father, Edward IV. John theorized that the Duke of Buckingham, a malcontent in the secret employ of Louis XI of France, may have done the dirty deed. Richard died in battle after only two years on the throne.

John delivered his verdict in the context of an Alumni Reunion College session in Kemeny Hall that attracted a large audience from several reunion classes.



**John was paired with retired English professor and Shakespeare expert Peter Saccio (listening in the background). Jere Daniell (also shown) was the moderator.**

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## *Jud's Wit and Wisdom*

Jud Hale had the class in stitches once again with droll recollections of his life with *Yankee* magazine and *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

Question from a reader: "When should I castrate my bull?"  
Answer: "Try it when he's asleep."

On a more serious note, Jud said this poem by Wendell Berry comforts him in difficult times:



### The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's  
lives may be,

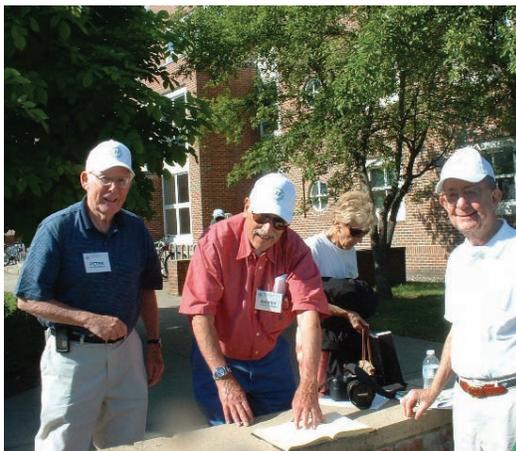
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the  
great heron feeds.

I come onto the peace of wild things  
Who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief.

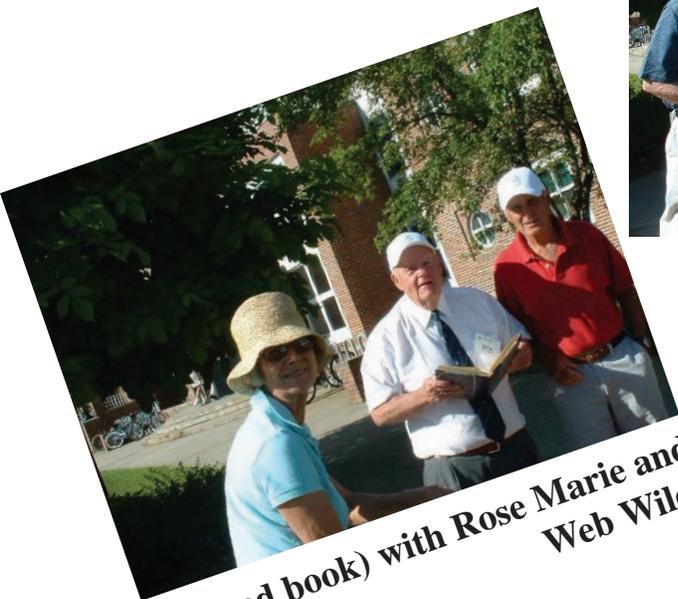
I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blond stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

# Scriveming, with Dick Barr

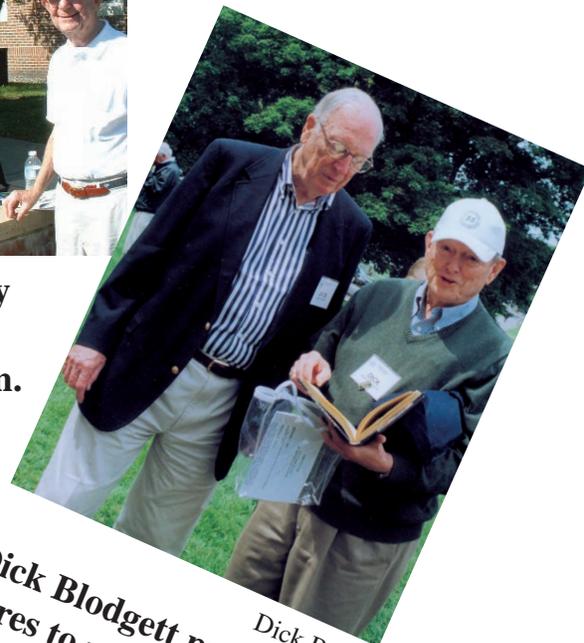
Dick again cheerily circulated his "memory book" gathering inscriptions from scores of classmates and President Kim to boot.



**Pete Branch, Barry Rubens and Jed Isaacs about to sign.**



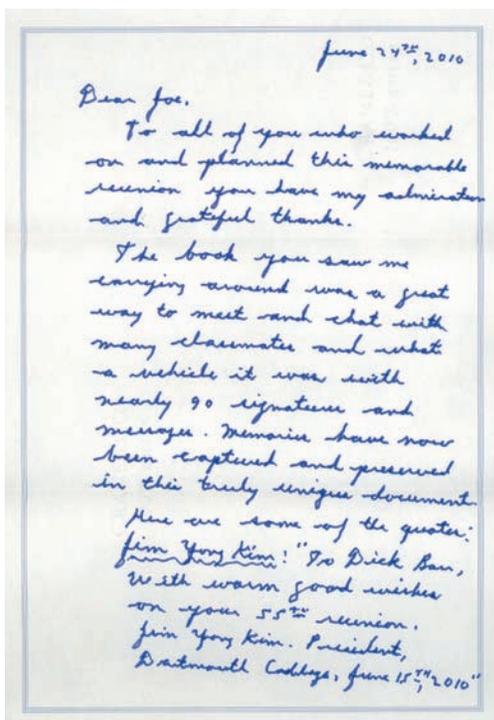
**Dick (and book) with Rose Marie and Web Wilde**



**Dick Blodgett prepares to write, as Jack Doyle awaits his opportunity.**

Dick Barr

And here's a partial reproduction of Dick's later reflections:



Dear Joe,

To all of you who worked on and planned this memorable reunion, you have my admiration and grateful thanks. The book you saw me carrying around was a great way to meet and chat with many classmates, and what a vehicle it was with nearly 90 signatures and and messages. Memories have now been captured and preserved in this truly unique document.

**Here are some of the quotes:**

**Jim Yong Kim:** "To Dick Barr, with warm good wishes on your 55th reunion. Jim Yong Kim, President, Dartmouth College, June 15th, 2010."

**Jim Perkins:** "Dick—nice to see you! It is you, isn't it?"

**Dick Blodgett:** "Wonderful that we are both here in 2010! We really can declare VICTORY!"

**Harry Ambrose:** "Even without the kilt you look great. Keep smiling."

**Bernie Fulton:** "I'll never forget the bagpipes at our 50th reunion. Peace."

**Jack Palmer:** "What a neat idea (the book). Obviously it's a pleasure to be here with you and the rest of the survivors."

**Dave Conlan:** "What would we without you to inspire and scribe? Thanks."

**Bill Gavitt:** "Shirley and I thank you for helping us celebrate our 53rd wedding anniversary, 15 June 1957 – 15 June 2010."

**Bill Kehoe:** "A hearty WAH-HOO-WAH for you, Dick!"

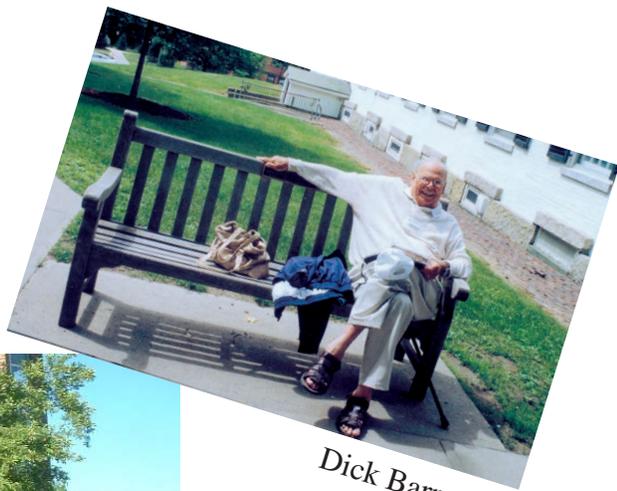
**Web Wilde:** "A friend forever."

How then, can I sum up my thoughts on our 55th? Oh that's easy, I paraphrased an old Scottish saying, "Dartmouth, I love thee still." Indeed!

**Thanks for a great reunion - Dick Barr**



**Sandy Bernstein and Karen Benenson**



*Dick Barr*

**Randy Hayes relaxed**



**Harry Lewis, Harry Ambrose, Jane Conlan and Colin Hunt**

# *On the Campus*



**Classmates, teammates, roommates: Bernie Fulton and Tex Levy**

**Below: Carole Chase, Tom and Ann Schoonmaker, Frank Chase**



**Bill Gavitt and Bob Edwards**



**Ed Willi and Joe Donovan**

**Buddy Bombard**



**Elliott Hersey and Joe Herring. Reverend Joe led our memorial service in Rollins Chapel.**



**Joe Mathewson's granddaughter Emily Niehaus '12, Barry Rubens and his grandson Daniel Rubens**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CLASS OF 1955 – DARTMOUTH COLLEGE – JUNE 14, 2010

The 1955 Treasury is funded almost exclusively by the class dues program. In recent years basic dues have been \$55, however classmates are asked to consider an additional \$25 for the class scholarship fund and another \$25 for the class gift fund. Of the 300+ classmates and widows who pay their dues each year approximately 80% also contribute to the scholarship and gift funds. The two largest expenses paid out of basic dues are the class newsletter and the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.

### THE PAST THIRTY YEARS

Financial statements available for the thirty years since our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion show that contributions to the scholarship and gift funds have enabled the class to support the college in a number of ways. It is amazing how \$25 – presumably a small amount – will add up over time when given repeatedly by many.

Scholarship Fund .....	\$160,593
Dartmouth Athletics .....	70,548
Hood Art Museum .....	59,730
Dartmouth Outing Club .....	8,000
Memorial Book Program .....	<u>7,850</u>
	\$306,721

### THE 1955 TREASURY TODAY

The class treasury today is at a “comfortable” level. Both the scholarship and gift funds are at nominal levels as gifts have just been made to the college at the end of the annual dues cycle. The memorial book program has built up over the years in anticipation of a need to buy books for Baker Library as classmates pass on.

Regular Account .....	\$10,280
Scholarship Fund .....	100
Gift Fund .....	100
Memorial Book Program .....	24,125
55 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Account .....	<u>71,800</u>
	\$106,405

### REUNIONS AND MINI REUNIONS

While reunion funds do not flow directly into the class treasury, any surplus or deficit does end up there. The financial goal of any reunion, after providing funds that support the reunion program, is to break even. Since 1995 records are available for twelve reunions or mini reunions. Of the twelve all but one showed a surplus, and those surpluses totaled \$28,876 which was turned over to the treasury.

## CLASS ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Over the years the Class of 1955 – the Class and individual classmates – have contributed funds to establish three funds that are part of the college's endowment.

The Class of 1955 John Sloan Dickey Scholarship Fund was established at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion when the class turned over to the college \$87,935 that had accumulated over the years from many \$25 contributions. Since then the class and some individual classmates have made additional contributions. The fund today has a much larger balance. Descendants of the Class of 1955 will be given preference in this fund.

More recently The Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund was established in honor of James Wright and Susan DeBevoise Wright. This fund was created by gifts from individual classmates that exceeded \$155,000. Preference is given to first-generation students.

The third fund – entitled the Class of 1955 Fellowship Fund – supports the work of the Tucker Foundation. It has a balance of approximately \$100,000.

All three funds as part of the college's overall endowment have a June fiscal year end. Regrettably current balances are not available at this time. We will publish them in a future class newsletter.



Submitted By:

*Ralph L. Sautter*

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Treasurer – Class of 1955

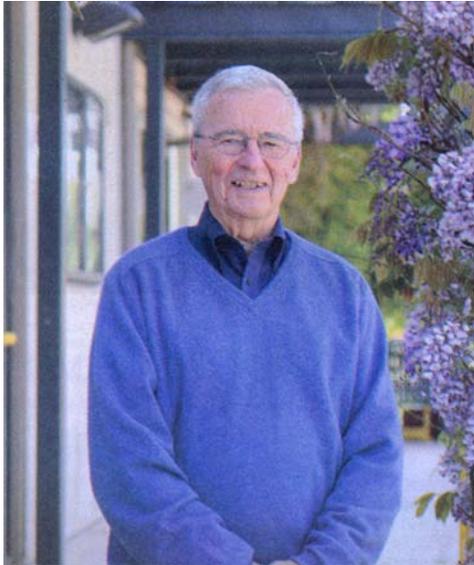
Treasurer-for-Life Ralph Sautter (center) with Bernie and Pat Siskind

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## *New Class Constitution, Officer Elections*

The class adopted a new constitution, drafted and recommended by John French, that will facilitate future management of class affairs, notably through a new, small executive committee--the class officers plus five at-large--with authority to fill officer vacancies and to act on behalf of the class. The class re-elected President Jack Doyle, Vice President Dick Blodgett and Treasurer Ralph Sautter, and elected Ken Lundstrom class secretary.

# From the Palo Alto Weekly Honoring 'Community Members Who Make a Difference'



*Venture capitalist and philanthropist Gordon Russell stands outside the main clinic at Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto, where he serves as a trustee.*

## Gordon Russell

Venture capitalist and one-man philanthropic force  
by **Monica Hayde Schreiber**

One day in the early 1980's, Gordon Russell opened his mail and everything changed.

He thumbed idly through the stack of letters, still preoccupied by his busy day as a partner with the venture capital firm Sequoia Capital. A newsletter caught his eye. It was from Parca, a local provider of services for people with developmental disabilities. He thought he'd just take a quick glance, but an article about a boy with Down Syndrome drew him in. He sat down to read, his mind drifting back to his boyhood in Boston and a neighbor boy, Brian, who had Down Syndrome.

"My parents loved Brian," he recalled with a smile. "He was always at our house. I remembered how welcoming and kind my mother and father were to Brian and how that was unusual then — in the 1940s

— when children like him were often kept almost in hiding."

Memories of Brian turned to memories of his parents, people of modest means, neither of whom had more than a high school education. They both worked demanding jobs but always volunteered, always helped people in need.

A day later, Russell was standing in the Parca offices with a large check and a list of questions about what he could do to help.

"It was an incredibly powerful experience," said Russell, a Portola Valley resident who, at 77, has all the exuberance and energy you'd expect of a man who took up golf at 70 and wonders aloud at what additional projects he could fit into his schedule.

The former medical technology executive still gets a little choked up remembering that day at Parca. "I felt so good. To suddenly realize how I could make a difference — it was truly a catalyst."

A catalyst indeed. Over the next two decades, while running the go-go life of a VC and raising a son and two stepsons, Russell quietly became a one man, philanthropic force of nature, providing superhuman levels of time and money to dozens of nonprofits and other organizations. Whether helping Native American students find their way from the reservation to his alma mater, Dartmouth College, or serving on the board of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, or promoting environmental research through the Woods Hole Research Center, Russell's motivation to give seems to have contrained neither by the type of cause nor the number of hours in a day.

Since he retired from Sequoia Capital seven years ago, one initiative in particular has captured his heart and dominated his time: Ravenswood Family Health Center, the East Palo Alto-based provider of free or low-cost primary medical care to the uninsured or under-insured. As a long time donor and member of the board of directors, Russell has helped guide the non-profit clinic from its early years.



*A Gracious Thank-You to the Class  
from our scholarship recipient  
Kate Schnippering '10*

**Dartmouth**

From Your *Scholar*

**CLASS OF 1955  
JOHN SLOAN DICKEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

April 23, 2010

Dear Members of the Class of 1955,

My senior spring has arrived, and I find myself reminiscing on my Dartmouth experience and everything that made this possible and helped me to where I am. A large part of this has been your generosity in supporting my studies and the wonderful opportunities I have had here to make lifelong friends and gain a strong sense of self and, above all, preparation to make a great difference in the world.

I have made an effort to work with a diverse group of people on campus, most of whom I've met through varied involvements. As a computer science and studio art double major, I am exposed to two extremely different worlds and recently have been working to combine them with my honors thesis project, a sculpture integrated with physical sensors, motor, camera, and computing to produce a projection through the paper sculpture body. Over the winter, I also had the wonderful opportunity to paint two murals for President Kim's sons in their newly renovated house on Webster Avenue.

I played cello in the Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra for most of my time here, which allowed me to deeply study classical music and collaborate with others devoted to a somewhat esoteric subject. A highlight of this was our tour to Europe and playing in Vienna and Prague. In the last year, I've started cycling a lot—a great way to explore the beautiful surrounding area—and this summer, I'll be biking from Boston to Santa Barbara with Bike & Build to raise money and awareness for affordable housing. After that, I'll be in Cambridge, Massachusetts, working in web development for a few years before hopefully returning to school for a Master's of Fine Arts.

With each passing year I am more amazed by how much the Dartmouth experience has developed my ability to think critically and creatively, to be an active and passionate participant. Thank you so much for helping to make this possible for me and many other students.

Sincerely,  
Kate Schnippering '10

# *A Good Time in Hanover!*



Photo by Dick Barr

*Time to  
Reminisce...*

*...and Time to Reflect*



*And There's More Fun Ahead!*

**Hanover, October 29-30: Dartmouth Night,  
Class Breakfast and Mini-Reunion Dinner**

**Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, June  
11-14, 2011: Mini-Reunion suffused with the  
gracious hospitality of Dan Musser and family,  
overlooking Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.  
Longest front porch in the world! Glorious!**