

# *Dartmouth 1955*

*Read all about it!*

July 2013

## *The Boys of Summer, in Vermont*



**A hearty group of octogenarians gathered at the sign identifying Calvin Coolidge's boyhood home in Plymouth, Vermont, the place where he later took the presidential oath of office administered by his own father when President Warren Harding unexpectedly died while traveling in the summer of 1923.**

# WOODSTOCK, PLYMOUTH,



**Ruth Blodgett,  
Carol Cacciamani**

**In the words of Betty Brady, once again a prime mover in a warm and most enjoyable '55 mini-reunion:**

“We had 52 classmates and wives in attendance. Jill and Dick Hastings were our hosts. Frank and Nancy Carlton [Eugene, Ore.] and Justie and John Braestrup [Portland, Ore.] came the farthest. Gale Roberson and wife Barbara drove from Chicago and Bob and G Edwards came from Indiana. Barbara and Jim Morrissey had not attended a mini in the past. Many veterans from previous minis were there.”



**Jack Doyle and  
Pete Buhler at  
the Woodstock  
Inn**

**Karen Gorton,  
Celia Willi**



**Bob and G**

**Betty  
Brady,  
Joe  
Donovan**



*Special thanks to Jill Hastings and  
Karen Gorton, who took these photos.*

# NORWICH, AND HANOVER!

“Most classmates have turned 80 or are about to turn 80. We had a beautiful birthday cake to honor all classmates on the occasion of their birthdays. Woody Goss led in singing Happy Birthday.”



**John Brastrup and Stan Bergman turned 80 on the same day, May 29, during the reunion.**



**Jill and Dick Hastings, our hosts**

**Elena Daniel (right) really liked the scones. Other diligent students in the scone class were (below, from left) Leon and Marilee Martel, Marta and Buck Kuttner, Justie and John Brastrup, and (lower right) Jere Daniell and Joe Donovan. But Tom Byrne (at the end of the table) reserved judgment.**



“We visited the King Arthur Flour manufacturing and educational center in Norwich. We learned how to make scones. King Arthur will send someone anywhere in the U.S. to do a class on how to use flour. Their store is well stocked and has very interesting products to eat and utensils for cooking and serving.”



# WOODSTOCK, PLYMOUTH,



“At the Calvin Coolidge Homestead we had a reenactor entertain us with tales of Calvin and his family. Very special. John French shared childhood memories of summers on the Billings Farm in Woodstock. The animals, barns and museum on the property were much to everyone’s liking. Friendships were renewed and new ones were forged. There is a group of “regulars” who always join in the fun. The Woodstock Inn took very good care of us.” [The Coolidge reenactor was Jim Cooke, brother of our classmate Al Cooke; he also was ‘Daniel Webster’ at our 45th reunion, in Boston.]

**Carole and John French with Ralph Miller. John recalled boyhood visits to Billings Farm.**



## All In

*Stan & Lillian Bergman  
Dick & Ruth Blodgett  
Betty Brady  
John & Justie Braestrup  
Peter & Betty Buhler  
Lynmar & Claudie Brock  
Frank & Nancy Carlton  
David & Jane Conlan  
Jere & Elena Daniell  
Joe Donovan  
Jack & Marilyn Doyle  
Bob & G Edwards  
Bob & Iris Fanger  
John & Carole French  
Mike & Karen Gorton  
Woody Goss  
Lou Hance  
Dick & Jill Hastings  
Dick Hopkins & Renee Malone  
Buck & Marta Kuttner  
Leon & Marilee Martel  
Ralph Miller  
Jim & Barbara Morrissey  
David Page  
Brooks & Gale Parker  
Gale & Barbara Roberson  
Ralph Sautter & Carol Cacciamani  
Ed & Cecilia Willi  
Paul & Margot Zimmerman*

### 2014 Mini-Reunion

Asheville, N.C., Sept. 8 or 15  
Hosts: Shirley & Paul Merriken

# NORWICH, AND HANOVER!

Betty: “One of the highlights for me was remarks by Jere Daniell about the Upper Valley. He had done considerable research to determine the origin and usage of the phrase ‘Upper Valley’.”



## *A Summary Of Jere’s Talk, By Himself*

“Talk was about the relationship between Dartmouth and the roughly four-dozen-town region--half in N.H., half in Vt.--known locally as the “Upper Valley.”

I handed out a two sided single page with a map and a slightly edited piece I wrote about the Upper Valley for the Valley News.

“Central theme of the talk was twofold: Dartmouth’s dependence on the towns for housing, labor, and differing styles of living; and the region’s dependence on Dartmouth for employment, entertainment, and many services. Among show and tell was a directory for the Dartmouth Club of the Upper Valley: listed members had addresses in nearly 30 of the towns on my map.”



**Pondering the giant spider sculpture outside the stunning new Black Family Visual Arts Center in Hanover. Inside, at left, Dave Conlan scrutinizes a student’s sculpture.**



**Dick and Ruth  
Blodgett**



# Class Award: Ralph Miller

## Citation by Class Awards Chairman Ken Lundstrom:

Ralph has had several “firsts” in his career. He was the first Dartmouth alumnus, and the only '55, to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated, prior to the Olympics in 1956. In August 1955 in Portillo, Chile, while serving in the army, he was the first person to ski more than 100 m.p.h. In 1957, now back at Dartmouth, he was the first NCAA skimeister. Beyond that, he is the first '55 to be married to the mayor of his city. And, interestingly enough, he is the first '55 to graduate from Dartmouth – with the Class of 1954. We also think he was the first, and perhaps the only, classmate to switch from the boards to a hang glider.



### **Ralph Miller accepted the Class of '55 Award from Dick Blodgett.**

As an undergraduate Ralph was named to Casque and Gauntlet. After graduation he was an instructor in rock climbing and skiing in the army, 1954-1956. He returned to Dartmouth Medical School, graduated in 1959, and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1961. He interned at Mary Hitchcock, was a research fellow in neuroendocrinology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and then head of its physiology section 1962-1964. He married Pam Gunderson, Smith '60, in 1962, and returned to Boston as a special research fellow in physiology, Harvard School of Public Health, 1964-1969, where he earned an M.S. in physiology in 1966, followed by an Sc.D. in physiology in 1969. He had a research fellowship in neuroendocrinology at Stanford University, 1969-1970.

Then it was on to Kentucky where he would be associated with the university, the medical school, and the hospital in Lexington until his retirement in December 2009. He was an associate professor of pharmacology, a resident in medicine, and a research fellow in endocrinology. He taught in the department of internal medicine until his retirement. It was during a sabbatical year as a visiting professor at the Institut de Biochimie Clinique, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 1977-78, that Ralph was introduced to hang gliding.

Ralph is a member of several professional societies and is a past president of the Kentucky Chapter of the Society of Neuroscience. He has served as a member of the NIH Review Group, and is a reviewer for professional journals such as the American Journal of Physiology. He has received several research grants and is the author or co-author of over 50 professional papers and abstracts.

Ralph has played an active role in the community. More recently, post retirement, he is a physician volunteer at the Mission Medical Services Clinic of Lexington which serves the underprivileged and the working poor. Ralph has had a lifelong passion for the outdoors and conservation and serves as a trustee of the Kentucky Land Conservancy to, as he says, “educate students and others about the flora, fauna, history of the region, and conservation of natural resources.”

In addition to his scientific writings, Ralph authored in 1961 with David Bradley '38 the book Expert Skiing, which has a wealth of information for the beginner as well as the expert.

Ralph is a member of the Dartmouth Sports Hall of Fame--the Wearers of the Green --and also the Boylston Society of the Harvard Medical School.

Ralph and Pam have three children: Ralph '87, Erik, and Karen, and three grandchildren.

Ralph wrote in our 25th reunion book “the realization that at any stage of life one is capable of accepting and succeeding in totally new challenges.” That has been truly demonstrated in his personal life in his recovery from his hang gliding accident; in his professional life as scholar, physician, and teacher; in his athletic life, setting records, and lately the challenge of preserving the environment.

# *Class Award: Dave Page*

## **Citation by Class Awards Chairman Ken Lundstrom:**

Dave came to us from the Ryan School, Oak Park, Michigan. He worked in Thayer, majored in English, joined Tau Epsilon Phi, was a Rufus Choate Scholar and a Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with highest distinction. He attended Harvard Law School, was editor of the Law Review, and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1958. He was a Fulbright Scholar and attended the London School of Economics 1958-59 where he studied corporate law.

And this was just the beginning.

Dave joined the Detroit Law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in 1958 where he remains to this day as a partner. He focused his practice on corporate transactions including governance, financing, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, private placements and estate planning. Dave rose quickly through the firm and held various high positions such as board of directors and executive committee, and chairman of the corporate department and the management committee.

The Honigman firm had a history of giving back to the community and Dave was soon very involved. He was asked to serve on the board of the Michigan Children's Hospital over 40 years ago – their son, Mark, had been a patient there – and was later named chairman. Currently, he continues as a trustee and chair of the foundation. Today, the list of his many boards includes the Jewish Fund, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, City Year Detroit, Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Zoo, and Detroit Chamber of Commerce. That's the short version; on his official bio, there are over 60 bullet points for community involvement.

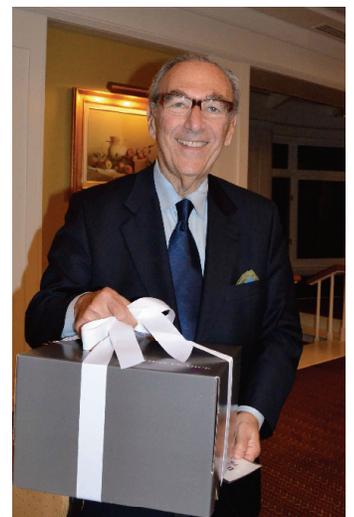
Dave's key involvement is as vice chair of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, which he sees as the linchpin to the redevelopment and growth of Detroit. Ten years ago the riverfront scene was unattractive to put it mildly. He led the Kresge Foundation board, which he served on, to establish a public-private partnership to improve the riverfront and change the face of Detroit. Today, he says, "there are parks and people walking and biking with their kids." The list of improvements is long and significant and includes not only an amphitheater, but plans for high-rise residential living and mixed-use development. Dave's vision is that by 2020 the potential will be fully transformed. He quotes others when describing these efforts: "This is the most successful public-private partnership that has ever been seen in this state." Dave had a major leadership role in the fund-raising activities for these projects.

His role in business has been also significant. At present he is a director Keyco Bond Fund, Inc. and chairman of the board of Meadow Brook Insurance Group, Inc. In prior years he was corporate secretary and chairman of the board of Allied Supermarkets, 1963-1987; Meadowdale Foods, Inc. chairman of the board and CEO, 1987-91; Highland Superstores, Inc. director and corporate secretary, 1985-92.

Dave's tireless community work has been recognized in a number of awards: Jewish Federation of Detroit Young Leadership 1971; ORT Man of the Year 1985; Wayne County Winning Ways Community Leadership Award 1991; American Jewish Committee Learned Hand Human Relations Award 1997; and Fred M. Butzel Distinguished Community Service from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit 1999.

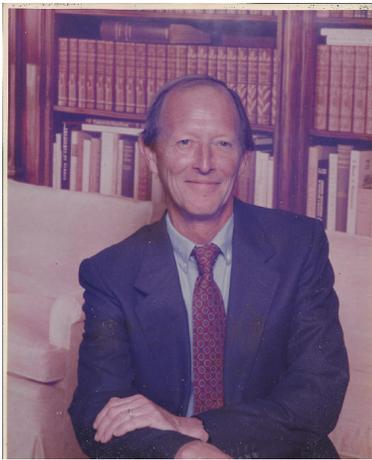
His Dartmouth activities include the Dartmouth Lawyers Association, Campaign for Dartmouth Leadership Committee, and class agent. Dave has been a strong supporter of memorials for deceased classmates, The Tucker Foundation, and the Class of 1955 John Sloan Dickey Scholarship Fund.

He has thought about slowing down for retirement, but as he says, "I never do anything about it. You can come to my retirement party at the funeral home."



# *Lives of Fifty-Fives*

TRUMAN HICKS BRACKETT, JR., 79, passed away May 24 after a brief illness. Born in Boston in 1933, he was educated at the Rivers School, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1957. Truman spent



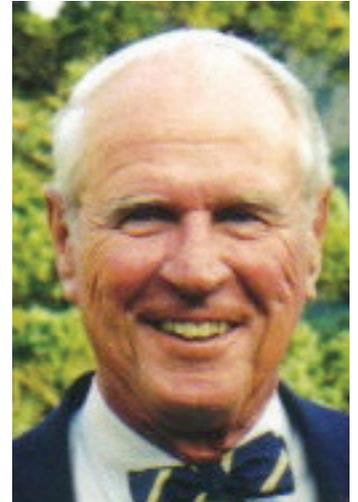
an extended tenure as art history professor and director of the Hopkins Center Art Galleries at Dartmouth, where he elevated the galleries as a premier exhibit space for emerging artists. He married Kristin Sanborn Brackett in August 1954, with whom he founded Sawyer Brook Distinctive Fabrics in Orford and Merrimack, New Hampshire. They retired to the Florida Keys and then to Melbourne, Florida. Truman is survived by his wife of 58 years and sons David, James, Daniel, Anthony, daughter Jennifer (Brackett) Steele, ten grandchildren, and his brother Nathan Scott Brackett. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

--Dave Brackett

WILLIAM BUCKLEY FRISCH died on March 30, 2013. Buck came to Dartmouth from Towson high School where he played on a championship lacrosse team his senior year. He was a member of Theta Delta Chi and majored in history. After graduation he worked for McCormick and Co. Buck was followed at Dartmouth by a brother Richard '58 and a nephew Alexander '88. Always a staunch Big Green supporter, Buck attended most of our reunions and several Theta Delta Chi mini-reunions. He is survived by his wife Joanne, two sons and five grandchildren.

--Submitted by R.J. Hastings, M.D., D'55

HOWARD RANDALL DEMING died peacefully on May 5 surrounded by his family. Randy Deming was born to John G. Deming and Isabelle McGovern Deming, April 8, 1932 in St. Albans, Vt. He attended Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans and later the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., as a post-graduate scholarship student, graduating in 1951. He graduated from Dartmouth and the University of Vermont School of Medicine. This was followed by internship and residency in radiology at the University Hospital in Burlington and the Boston Children's Hospital. He entered the U.S. Navy as an attending radiologist at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., where he practiced for two years. Upon completion of his tour, he joined the Department of Radiology at the Maine Medical Center. During his 30 years at Maine Medical he taught residents, served on multiple committees and chaired the department between 1984 and 1987. He was a director of the Maine Medical Insurance Co. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Radiological Society of North America, American College of Radiology and Maine Medical Association. He was president of the Maine Radiology Association and represented it to the American College of Radiology, which honored him for his services to local and state medical communities. Randy was a member of the Portland Country Club and Fiddlesticks Country Club in Ft. Myers, Fla. He loved spending free time with his family and friends water-skiing and sailing, playing golf and tennis, skiing, birding, hiking, reading, and watching his beloved Patriots.



He was predeceased by his first wife, Nancy Stewart Deming. He is survived by his wife, Ann Farnham Deming, his children and grandchildren: Liz, Kent, Jenna, Mandy, Ben and Kit Dauten; Kit, Dave, Ella, Wes and Lauren Farnsworth; Jon, Hannah, Grace and Norah Deming; Laura Deming; Bill, Tylee, Charlie and Dani Kessler; and Chad Kessler and Bob Colquhoun and their twins Will and Lily. Over the last three years, Randy handled his illness with optimism, grace and dignity.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Wildlife Drive Sanibel, Fla. 33957 or the charity of your choice.

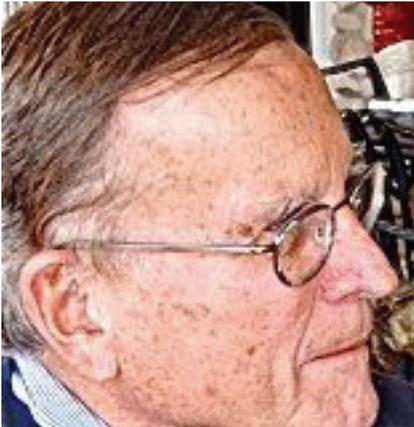
--Liz Deming Dauten '79

**Addendum from Liz:** My great grandfather, Colin C. Stewart II ("Big Daddy"), taught physiology at Dartmouth Medical School. His son, my grandfather Colin C. Stewart III, was class of 1923 and a pediatrician in Hanover for many years. My mother grew up in Hanover and all three of her brothers attended Dartmouth--Colin C. Stewart IV '48, Andy '52 and Jake Stewart '55, a fraternity brother of my dad's. He introduced my dad and mom and was best man at their wedding (he was released from Dick's House for the day to attend the ceremony as he had broken his back in a car accident shortly before the wedding). I met my husband, Kent Dauten '77, at Dartmouth and two of our daughters are or soon will be graduates -- Mandy Dauten '08 and Kit Dauten '14. My sister, Laura Deming, is a member of the class of '83 and my step-brother, Chad Kessler, is a '94.

# *A Dartmouth Memory*

*Dave Anderson*

In 1951 when I got off the train in White River Junction I had a feeling that much was going to be expected of me. Although he never said so, I knew that Dartmouth meant a lot to my dad. He started in Wall Street at 15 and rose to become a senior officer at Morgan. He had not even finished high school. I was going to be a part of his American dream, the first Ivy Leaguer in the family. At the age of 14 my grandfather went to sea. He sailed tall ships until settling in America in his mid twenties. He became a master carpenter. It was much the same story for the other grandfather. He left Sweden for America at about the same age. After putting himself through university, he became a Lutheran minister. In fact I learned three years ago that he confirmed Ken Lundstrom's mother at his Swedish Lutheran church in Arlington, N.J. Ken sent me the picture.



A word about my dear mother. When I came home after the first semester at Dartmouth with the first—and only—“D” (freshman English) I had ever gotten and ever would, she just said; “I know you are working very hard, David, I am very proud of you.”

After that freshman year I went west with my Dartmouth friend Jim McCarthy to work at a lumber camp outside of Seattle. At the end of the summer he and some of his friends wanted me to transfer to Stanford. Also, my Seattle girlfriend wanted me to stay. Without a second thought, no, I said. I reasoned: as cold and miserable and lonely as Hanover is (the nearest girls' school was thirty miles), I am going to go back and graduate.

And what I learned at Dartmouth has followed me all of these years. I can describe it as an unfulfilled sense of inquiry, a desire to know the depth beneath the depth. There was just the germ of it when I got off that train at White River Junction. Now at 80, as I sit in my study and peck away on this keyboard; it has become an obsession. It is the reason that that I continue to write books about the world that I witnessed over the years (my career took me to almost every country) and the one we are now witnessing, and how religion, geo politics and the violence and insatiable greed that are woven into the million-year fabric of this hominid mind of ours is taking over our future.

The new book explores the ecological implosion taking place and sets the conditional parameters for our future. It can be seen on my website at [www.InquiryAbraham.com](http://www.InquiryAbraham.com). In it I call for a new form of scientific/religious understanding, a new ethics, a new economics, all to keep us from destroying our precious resources and ourselves along with them. The book looks to Spinoza, Einstein, Bohn, Jesus and many others to guide us as we attempt to extricate ourselves from the looming planetary breakdown. My hope in writing it is that the book will move the discussion to the forefront at institutions like Dartmouth. After all, if not those like Dartmouth, then where?

# *Doyle Appoints Health Issues Task Force*



**Claudie Brock,  
Justie Braestrup**



**Gale and  
Barbara  
Roberson**

**It's French & Fanger**  
“Although our 60th reunion will not be held for another two years,” President Jack announced, “much planning and organizing is necessary. I am pleased that John French has agreed to again chair our next reunion and that Bob Fanger has agreed to serve as vice chairman.”  
Jack said that the names of those who volunteered on the questionnaire to help with the reunion will be forwarded to John and Bob.



**Ralph Sautter,  
Tom Byrne**



**Marilyn Doyle and Betty Buhler**

Jack announced at the reunion that Harry Ambrose, Dr. John Baldwin, Dr. Lew Weintraub, Rev. Joe Herring and Rev. Roy Nyren have agreed to serve on a Health Issues Task Force that will consider how classmates can support, assist and perhaps advise members and their wives who become ill, and first determine whether the ill person would welcome such support. John Baldwin says that each month he receives about five requests from elderly acquaintances seeking advice and counsel, on medical matter and others as well. Jack noted that at least one other Dartmouth class has established a “compassion committee.”

The '55 Task Force will consider the numerous responses to this idea that were submitted in the recent class questionnaire.

Jack asked the Task Force to present a preliminary report to the class meeting at the October mini-reunion in Hanover.

***Vt. Workshop  
Publishes Story  
By Al Uris '55***

A book titled *The Best of the Burlington Writers Workshop 2013* includes a short story by Al Uris, "Sand in the Shoes." The book's introduction states that his story is "tight, streamlined, full of nuance and beauty." It's about a man who returns to lifeguarding in the wake of a crumbling marriage. Al was an ocean lifeguard for many years at Jones Beach, N.Y. He practiced law in Queens County, New York, and now lives in Waitsfield, Vt.

## Horacek Drafted by Baltimore

HANOVER, N.H. — In the ninth round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, the Baltimore Orioles selected Dartmouth junior left-hander pitcher Mitch Horacek with the 279th overall pick. This is the second time he has been chosen in the draft, as the Colorado Rockies took him in the 46th round out of high school in 2010.

[Mitch's recruiting visit to Hanover when he was a high school senior was sponsored by the class of '55.]

Horacek, a 6-5, 210-pound southpaw from Highlands Ranch, Colo., was part of a Dartmouth pitching staff that posted an Ivy League-best 2.75 ERA (15th-best nationally) in helping the Big Green set a school record with 32 victories. In eight games this spring, he posted a 6-2 record with a 2.20 ERA over 45.0 innings. The opposition hit just .241 against Horacek as he struck out 42 batters and walked just 10, giving him the second-best strike-out-to-walk ratio (4.2) in the Ivy League. In only one of his seven starts did he allow more than two runs, and in each of his two losses, the Big Green were shut out.

*In an e-mail, Mitch told Ken Lundstrom that he'll sign with the Orioles and play for a farm team this summer. That ends his collegiate eligibility, but Mitch said he'll return to Dartmouth in September for his senior year, which the Orioles will pay for.*