

Dartmouth 1955

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Free at last! Free at last!

Thank God Almighty it's free at last!



Yes, it's true, class dues no longer will finance the Alumni Magazine

Class officers have fretted since time immemorial that adding the cost of the Alumni Magazine to the annual class dues bill, as required by the College, was inhibiting dues payment and thus impairing all classes' ability to carry on class activities.

Now that's history. Quite unexpectedly, the College's vice president for alumni relations, Martha Beattie '76, informed class officers in May that the "DAM will now be funded by a combination of advertising and College subvention," thus "classes will no longer need to strive relentlessly to collect dues (often an uphill battle) and may now focus their energies on class engagement and support for Dartmouth in different ways, most significantly through support for the Dartmouth College Fund (DCF)."

Martha continued: "Class support for the DCF will be critical to help pay for DAM *indirectly*, and it will be important to emphasize that this support helps to fund the independent magazine."

She called on all classes to emphasize support for the DCF, adding that "we will also need to clearly define what each class would like their additional class fundraising to support. We expect that class projects, newsletters and mini-reunions will still be a vibrant part of class activities."

For '55 this means, according to Treasurer-for-life Ralph Sautter, that you'll no longer see an Alumni Magazine charge (\$5.75 last year) on your dues notice, and the class will be relieved of its annual payment (\$2,668 last year) to the magazine.

Don Woods (Dunwoody, Ga., 770-396-6717) sends "Greetings from the Deep South! Mim and I continue to enjoy the 'good life' in Georgia--been here 40 years, y'all! Still doing some consulting while Mim subs at The Lovett School. Daughter Rachel and husband Joe Dillon busy raising 3 boys in Bronxville, New York. Try to get up to Cape Cod every summer. Talked to Tom and Carol Calloway out in Porterville, California. They divide their time between living in the Valley and having extended vacations in Cambria along the California coast."

Don Charbonnier (Stonington, Conn., donc55@yahoo.com) invites all '55s to the Calvary Church Annual Fishbake in Stonington on Sept. 15. He and Jane visited Colin Hunt and Harry Ambrose on the way to South Carolina in January, then stopped again in Williamsburg to call on Harry and Margie on the way north in April.

John Cavanagh (San Antonio, jcavanagh2@aol.com) reports that he and Beth have traveled extensively in Europe, Mexico and South America since he retired from teaching history at Duke, Suffolk University and the University of Tennessee.

Kip Dooley '12 Is Ivy Honorable Mention, Second in Lacrosse Team Total Points

It wasn't a great season for the lacrosse team, 5-9 overall and 1-5 Ivy, but Captain Kip Dooley, whose recruiting trip to Hanover was sponsored by our class, continued his leadership despite missing three games with injuries. He scored 13 goals and added 13 assists for a total of 26 points, second best on the team. He was accorded All-Ivy honorable mention.



Athletic Director Harry Sheehy Pays His Dartmouth Dues, To the Class of 1955!

Harry Sheehy, the Williams alumnus who has impressed everyone in Hanover with his personable energy and lofty goals for Dartmouth athletics, was adopted by '55 shortly after he arrived in town, thanks to quick action by John French. Ralph Sautter wants us all to know that Harry paid his class dues.

Did you?

Mitch Horacek '14 Led Pitchers in Strikeouts

Mitch is the big left-hander from Colorado whose Hanover recruiting trip also was sponsored by '55. He started nine games (tied for the most on the team), won four (also tied for best) and lost three as the Green nine went down to the wire for the Ivy championship. They won the Rolfe Division for the fifth straight year, but on the last weekend of the season lost to Cornell, which took the Ivy title. The team won 24 games and lost 18, 14-6 in Ivy play. Mitch struck out 47 to lead the team in that category.

Harry Lewis took a tumble *Headline in Valley News:*

“Dartmouth Raps Frat”

Harry’s assistant, Susan Keys, wrote classmates in April that “Harry had an accident in his garden on Monday that broke two vertebrae in his neck. He underwent surgery late yesterday to have his spine fused at C1 and C2, and the surgery was a success.”

She reported in mid-May that Harry was moved to Spaulding Rehab Hospital:

“Despite a couple of setbacks, Harry generally has a pretty good attitude--except for when he is being told what to do, which in a rehab facility is pretty much all the time. :) So...he is pushing them as much as they are pushing him. He enjoys reading papers and magazines, and looking through your cards and emails, and still dozes off constantly with the help of all the medications he is receiving. He wants to go home TODAY, to get back to his garden TODAY, and everyone is telling him the same thing: ‘Please be patient.’ And true to form, he is still wise-cracking --even asking someone if they wanted his blood sugar for their food.” But no outside visitors yet.

“As always, feel free to call me on my cell (720) 292-6104. Kevin would also be glad to speak to anyone. His cell is (303) 807-6824, and he has also offered his email: khlewis1959@msn.com.”

Susan is picking up Harry’s mail at his house: 105 Southmoor Drive, Denver, CO 80220.

Tom Byrne provided this summary of the front-page article in the newspaper:

EXCERPTS: Associate Dean April Thompson reported that the “Organizational Adjudication Committee” voted to ban SAE from “co-hosting parties or serving alcohol for three terms.” The committee, that includes faculty, students and Dartmouth staff members found that SAE engaged in “hazing and disorderly conduct” in 2009 and provided alcohol to underage students in 2009 and 2011.” The committee did not find that SAE engaged in the “most egregious” of the allegations detailed in the OAC Report.

Originally 27 members were charged, but all of these were dropped as the committee “couldn’t prove who was responsible for particular alleged violations”.

The “probationary period” includes an “extensive series of educational requirements” on SAE members to steer them away from improper behavior. Also included are a responsibility to engage in a campus-wide educational programming, and a commitment to adopt a new “alcohol management plan”. SAE could be suspended or have their recognition revoked if they fail to meet expectations.

Fraternity members consider the punishment to be “excessive” - considering that many of the infractions are three years old and much has been done within the fraternity to address the problems. With the SAE case having been chronicled in Rolling Stone, Thompson made it clear that Dartmouth is not taking the issues lightly.

“We are getting older” -- Stan Bergman

If you believe it, Stan will provide free expert advice on your will and trust if you do a deed for the Old Mother in your estate plan. Simple bequest, designate a piece of your IRA or life insurance, life income trust for your wife, whatever. Stanley.Bergman@withers.us.com.

College Fund deadline: June 30

And, while your checkbook is out, if you’re going to the Montana mini-reunion, don’t forget to send \$100 per person, payable to Class of 1955, to Betty Brady, P.O. Box 277, Dover, MA 02030.