

# Dartmouth 1955

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**. . . in which Lieutenant Jim Perkins initiated a conservation program that now protects 30 million acres**

**Corey Ford**, Hanover writer and Air Force reserve colonel, was the focus of this 1957 Air Force photo, depicting a visit with a conservation officer at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, but the junior officer who sparked Corey's highly influential participation was the guy in the middle. In response to a bill threatening Air Force control of its own bases, Jim Perkins took pen in hand. The rest is truly history: See inside.

*“So, what qualifies me at 24 to suggest a conservation program? No one thing. Coincidence. Some of my reading. Small town and rural isolation. Youth spent out of doors. All of the above, arriving at a point in time and at a place where circumstance might prevail. But mostly Dartmouth. . . ”*

“If I had but one picture to put in the only scrap book I ever owned, it would be of what I saw entering the Office of the Chief of Staff of the U.S Air Force. Three men quickly stood, grinning, each warmly grabbing Corey’s hand, greeting him as they would an old and familiar team mate: General White; General Nathan Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and General Carl “Tooley” Spaatz, who had commanded the air war in Europe and was the first Air Force Chief of Staff in 1947 when it was spun out of the U.S Army Air Corps. Twining and Spaatz had both worked for General Hap Arnold and like Corey were fishermen.”



**Gen. Thomas White**



**Gen. Nathan Twining**



**Gen. Carl “Tooley” Spaatz**

“For twenty minutes or so, I sat agog as they talked, reminiscently -- little about the Conservation plan, but about fishing, where they’d been, what lake, what stream, what fish were running, what flies were working and so on. White concluded the meeting by telling us he’d approved the memo, that I was to run the project, that he had assigned Lt. Colonel Ben Royal from the Provost’s office to work with me, to write the regulations and issue the orders, adding that Royal would keep me out of trouble. He asked that I keep him informed of my progress.”

**Letter to Jim in 2010 from Jean Mansavage, Ph.D., an Air Force historian who had found his original memo in Dartmouth’s Rauner Library:**

“I am not certain if you are aware of the impact that your research and proposal had on not only the U.S. Air Force, but later all military conservation programs and ultimately all land-holding federal agencies’ conservation programs, but it has endured. For example, today the Department of Defense manages 30 million acres of land on which there exists the highest density of threatened and endangered species of any federal land-management agency. The DOD works closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect over 420 species on 355 military installations.” In November Dr. Mansavage called on Jim at his home in Kent, Conn., to learn more.

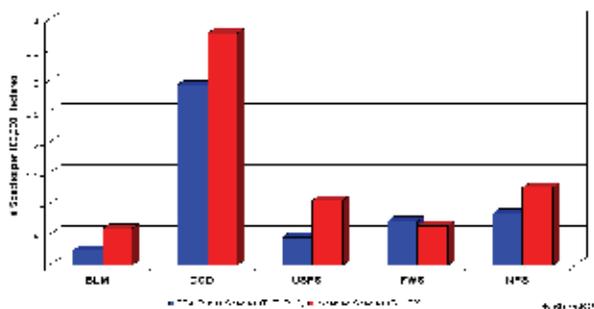
*"It went national quickly. The publicity I was able to generate was effective, and with the support of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service I corralled some of the biggest names in conservation to publicly support us. When a naval captain and later a marine colonel showed up in my office, asking questions, and taking notes, I knew our work would be successful. When I was sure of that, Corey and I together wrote a piece for the Saturday Evening Post entitled 'Operation Wildlife.'"*

*"A Big Idea Reaches Fruition," The Litchfield County Times, Nov. 26, 2010: "Dr. Mansavage said promoting the program through the popular press was essential. 'Prior to World War II, a lot of land was subsumed by the military,' she said. 'It took away places to hunt at a time when hunting may have put food on people's tables. There was a real need to make sure that the public understood these conservation efforts were for their own good. Jim and Corey got out there with their stories before the program could be misunderstood.'"*

## Threatened and Endangered Species on DoD Lands

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) plays a vital role in the conservation of many rare plant and animal species. In the U.S., DoD manages approximately 30 million acres of land across approximately 420 large military installations (greater than 500 acres); 355 of those installations have natural resources significant enough to require active management plans. Access limitations due to security and safety concerns shelter many military lands from development pressures and large-scale habitat loss. As a result, some of the finest remaining examples of rare wildlife habitats are found on military installations. In fact, DoD has the highest density of species listed as threatened or endangered (T&E) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of any other federal land management agency, as shown in the following figure.

Density of Endangered and Imperiled Species on Federal Agency Lands



DoD is responsible for the management and protection of all 420 T&E species found on its installations. Each installation has different requirements for both species protection and military training. To best manage for its diverse training requirements and for T&E species, DoD communicates and collaborates with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). This partnership enables DoD to carry out its mission requirements, while ensuring the continued use of sound science in the conservation and protection of T&E species on DoD lands.

### DoD T&E Expenditures

Each fiscal year (FY), the Military Services are required to file a report with the USFWS outlining their T&E species expenditures. These data summarize the costs of T&E species management on DoD lands, and include actions such as species surveys, monitoring, research, and management efforts. The USFWS then reports these expenditures in its report of all federal agencies to Congress.

This fact sheet provides a summary of DoD reported T&E species expenditures from FY1993-FY2008. The number of T&E species and expenditures for each of the Military Services during this period are listed below:

Service	Species <sup>1</sup>	Expenditures FY93-FY08
Air Force	90	\$152,172,060
Army	174	\$335,881,930
Marine Corps	58	\$45,786,790 <sup>2</sup>
Navy	120	\$80,094,315
Total	420	\$613,935,090

1. Many species are managed by more than one Service.
2. FY93 and FY99 totals reported with the Navy.

From FY93 to FY08, DoD invested most heavily in the following ten species:

- 1.Red-cockaded Woodpecker \$99.6 million
- 2.Desert Tortoise \$71.3 million
- 3.San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike \$24.7 million
- 4.Mexican Spotted Owl \$20.8 million
- 5.Bald Eagle \$18.2 million
- 6.Black-Capped Vireo \$16.4 million
- 7.Golden-Cheeked Warbler \$14.4 million
- 8.California Least Tern \$11.5 million
- 9.Western Snowy Plover \$11.2 million
- 10.Southwestern Willow Flycatcher \$10.4 million



The Desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) is listed as threatened under the ESA and is found on 11 DoD installations.



**Dartmouth Medicine**, the magazine of DMS, asked a number of its alumni and faculty: “What nonmedical book has had the greatest impact on your professional life?”

Dr. John Porvaznik '55 DMS '56, surgeon, Indian Health Service, U.S. Assistant Surgeon General (retired) | Chesterfield, Mo.

I join generations of physicians who have been influenced by the essays of Sir William Osler. In “Aequanimitas,” he speaks to physicians at all stages of their careers, from intensely focused medical students to harried practitioners to physicians in their later years. His essays have provided inspiration, sustenance, wisdom, and guidance to me, and I continue to find them ever-fresh.

As a physician serving American Indians from 1962 to 1991, I also found inspiration in the writings of John Collier, a sociologist, advocate for Indian rights, and commissioner of Indian Affairs from 1933 to 1945. His book *Patterns and Ceremonials of the Indians of the Southwest* was based on his experiences in and out of government. In the book, he discusses the Navajo, Hopi, Apache, Pueblo, and Zuni peoples. While Collier clearly acknowledged the material poverty of these tribes, he also recognized the richness of their culture. Collier has his critics, but his writings reflect respect and admiration for the tribes and a desire for Anglo-Americans to partner with the tribes instead of trying to dominate them.

The message I took from his writings was that while we non-Indian physicians brought invaluable, often life-saving skills and knowledge to the Indian people, our efforts could be enhanced by an understanding and respect for their culture and traditions—a message that prevailed through my 29 years with the Native Americans.

## The Dartmouth Family

**Gordie Russell and Tina McAdoo**, a pediatrician at the Palo Alto Clinic where Gordie is a longtime board member, were married on Jan. 8 in Portola Valley, Calif. Gordie continues as a member of the Native American Visiting Committee at Dartmouth and reports that there are now more than 150 Native Americans at the College, including 42 “first years.”

**Bob Lieder**, whose wife Lucy died in 2004, is “joined together for life” with Mary Evans, whose deceased husband was a good friend of Bob’s. They shuttle between Sun Valley and San Francisco. He’s “happy as a pig in garbage.” Does that sound like Spots?

**Allen and Janet Root** attended the Hood Museum’s 25th anniversary and the annual Allen W. Root lecture in contemporary art, endowed by their children. A grandchild, Jilliane Mayer, daughter of Jennifer Root Mayer '85 DMS '89 and Peter Mayer DMS '87, is a '14.

**Don Charbonnier** saw Ray Woolson and Ted Storrs at the Brown football game in Hanover. He adds: “This amazes me almost as much as it will my classmates, but I’m sitting here by the fire doing needlepoint. Our church is on a program to replace all kneeler benches with kneeler cushions. That’s my project. My cushion features a likeness of our beloved West Highland white terrier, Victoria.”

**Ralph Miller** reports that “Pam and I remain in our house of 40 years [in Lexington, Ky.] . . . just the right size now that our children have left. Alex (Dartmouth '87) is in charge of marketing for Idexx Co. and is stationed in Amsterdam with Holly and 3 daughters. Erik, a Yale!, just became tenured in computer science at UMass (2 daughters and wife Carole). Karen, a Vassar girl, lives in Bethesda, Md., with Carl and 2 boys, and works at a non-partisan think tank: CSIS.”

# The Time is Now: Reserve Your Room for June 11-14 at Mackinac Island, Mich.



*Straits of Mackinac*

**Come join** your classmates for what looks like our biggest mini-reunion ever, on sublime and charming Mackinac Island, at the confluence of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Contact Betty Brady, at 508 785 0790, or [doverhugh@comcast.net](mailto:doverhugh@comcast.net). To extend a day for a boat ride and luncheon at another island, thanks to Dave Robertson '75, of Chicago, contact Joe: [josephmathewson@gmail.com](mailto:josephmathewson@gmail.com), 312 670 7210.

## Dan Musser's Half Century At the Grand Hotel



**Dan worked at the magnificent Grand Hotel** for his uncle, William S. Woodfill, for several summers as a student, and then, fresh out of the Army, he took the full-time plunge in 1957 (the same year, incidentally, that the graceful, five-mile Mackinac Bridge, part of the hotel's superb views, opened to link Michigan's Upper Peninsula with the Lower Peninsula).

In time Dan became the manager of the popular summer resort and ran it for many years, enlarging it to 385 rooms and 600 employees. He inherited the hotel when his uncle died. These days Dan is a very active chairman of the board. His son Dan III manages the business, and has headed both the state's tourist board (as his father did) and the state Chamber of Commerce. Daughter Mimi Cunningham oversees the many shops within the hotel.



# Dartmouth

From Your *Scholar*

## CLASS OF 1955 JOHN SLOAN DICKEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

January 28, 2011

Dear Members of the Class of 1955,

I just wanted to take the time to say thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in contributing to my education here at Dartmouth. Being recognized by the Class of 1955 John Sloan Dickey Scholarship Fund is a great honor, and it helps remind me why I love going to this school so much.

I remember hearing in his Inaugural Address, President Jim Yong Kim quote President Ernest Martin Hopkins' description of the students at Dartmouth. He described them as having a "sweetness" that makes relationships here special, and makes me feel like I am a part of a family. Contributions such as yours bring to mind this sweetness that I take for granted every day. I did not realize how much Dartmouth would mean to me until I got here, and I was not even really convinced that I had made the right decision when I started a year ago. However, the moment I saw H-Croo in front of Robinson Hall when I arrived for my Dartmouth Outing Club trip, I knew this was the place for me. Not only are Dartmouth students sweet, but they encouraged diversity and individuality.

As an unaffiliated student surrounded by friends in sororities and fraternities, I have never felt ostracized or outside of anything. I love that I can be me and still feel like I am a part of something so unified.

As a sophomore, I am declaring my major in the spring which is English. I will also potentially minor in Theater. I went to a performing arts high school in New York City, and I love being able to keep drama as a hobby here while still pursuing my more academic interests. This winter term I will be in Barcelona on the Spanish Language Study Abroad program. I took six years of Spanish in middle school and high school, but I want to perfect my fluency by living there for a long period of time. I am so excited to go! Outside of school I am a member of The Dartmouth Rude Mechanicals, a student-run Shakespeare acting group. I also write for the arts section of *The Dartmouth* which helps me practice a form of writing I don't use in classes. It has been very satisfying to be able to pursue my artistic interests while still taking academics seriously. Again, alumni like you are a big part of helping that.

So thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Sophia H. Archibald '13

# Lives of Fifty-fives

**ROBERT NICHOLAS PRIMO**, born December 3, 1932 passed away on July 10, 2010. He was a lifelong resident of Syracuse.

There is something unique about Bob's life and in particular his Dartmouth experience that I would like to share with you, his classmates. Having written obituaries for several years, I have found sadness in many, elation in their accomplishments in a large number but for a few I have known little but that they lived and died. The advantage of living near Hanover is the ability to search the archives for a little personal touch. My first question was, when did he graduate and why was he not pictured in the Aegis, neither in 1954 nor 1955? Doug Melville, Jim Nelsen and John Dell Isola all remembered funny stories about him, mostly dealing with football, but were clueless as to when he received a diploma.

A letter, addressed to the administration dated June 11, 1954 recommending reinstatement and signed by eleven members of the Dartmouth Club of Syracuse, provided the answer. Bob had received a notice of separation in January of 1954, but these Dartmouth alumni felt both his background and the questionable incident should be reviewed. Bob's father drowned in an accident when he was three. His older brother was a severely handicapped spastic requiring Bob's mother to singly support the family working as a machine operator.

By February 1954, he was enrolled in Syracuse University's night school and received credit for five courses come June. He worked at three jobs during the day to help with family expenses and his Tuition. That summer he took two courses in the morning and three in the evening while running a dry cleaning route in the afternoon. By October, Bob received a notice of reinstatement from the Trustees and spent his last semester at Dartmouth. On June 11, the college voted him a degree and his name appears in our commencement program on June 12. Football was a passion for Bob and as a bruising fullback he played for North High School in Syracuse, received his numerals at Dartmouth and varsity letter in 1953. After graduation while attending Syracuse Law School he was an assistant coach at North High, played and subsequently coached in a semi-pro league and found time to coach a youth group.

In 1959 he received his law degree and embarked on a career which involved ownership, development and leasing both commercial and residential units including several strip malls, Pondarosa Steak House Restaurants and 27 sites for an upstate drug store chain. Bob devoted his time and money to the development of North Medical Center and aided his needy friends and his church.

He is survived by his wife Mary, four daughters, three sons and fourteen grandchildren. He was indeed the epitome of a self made man and I am sure his family is so proud of him just as his classmates applaud his life and mourn his passing.

~ Dick Hastings

Other deaths; obituaries will follow in a future newsletter:

**Rex Martin**, July 5, 2010    **Jay Whitehair**, Dec. 13, 2010

**Hart Perry**, Feb. 3, 2011; see article from The Dartmouth, overleaf

# The Dartmouth, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011:

## *W. Hart Perry '55, American rowing pioneer, dies at 78*

Executive director of the National Rowing Foundation W. Hart Perry '55 died on Feb. 3 following a 10-day hospitalization in New London, Conn., U.S. Rowing Chief Executive Officer Glenn Merry said in an interview with The Dartmouth. Perry — who rowed for the College and served as a rowing coach and official during his career — was 78.

Perry was traveling on business in London the week before his death. He reported not feeling well upon arrival back in the United States and checked himself into a New London hospital, where he passed away, according to Merry.

In a professional and personal capacity, Perry acted as “everyone’s godfather,” Merry said. “[Perry] operated on so many different levels that it is hard to pin down all he has contributed,” Merry said. “As director, he helped raise two and a half million dollars to support Olympians, senior and junior rowers. Aside from fundraising, he was giving and generous with his time, effort, connections and support so that rowers could achieve their dreams.”

Perry’s passion for rowing reflected in his work, according to Merry. The construction of the Rowing Hall of Fame at the Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Conn., was largely a result of Perry’s decade-long negotiation of the opening of a dedicated rowing section in a museum — the only in the United States, Merry said. The exhibition finally opened in 2008.

Perry was honored with a number of awards during his career, including the U.S. Rowing Medal of Honor, the 2010 World Rowing Distinguished Service to Rowing Award and induction into the National Rowing Hall of Fame.

Perry was inducted into the Dartmouth Rowing Hall of Fame and was a member of the Wearers of the Green, a College organization that honors outstanding athletic accomplishments. He also served as chairman emeritus of the Friends of Dartmouth Rowing organization.

As a coach, Perry maintained a professional demeanor and helped rowers improve their techniques, according to his daughter, Lissa Gumprecht.

“The summer before my freshman year at the Kent School [in Kent, Conn.], my dad took me out on the water to teach me how to row,” Gumprecht said. “It was a wonderful experience to spend this time together. When I returned to school that fall, my dad was my rowing coach. I had a problem where I would sky my oar a lot, which is improper rowing form, and my dad kept harping on me to fix it. When I asked him to get off my case he told me, ‘I am not your father on the water, I am your coach.’”

When coaching, Perry most enjoyed the ability to teach people a new skill, Gumprecht said.

“He always reinforced the importance of being on a team, respecting your fellow oarsmen, respecting the sport, the equipment and every aspect of rowing,” she said.

# YES, WE ARE EXCELLENT!

Of course we knew that, but now it's official! The College's ranking of 71 classes, based on many factors such as mini-reunions, class projects, class news reports and College Fund participation, placed us among only 12 classes ranked excellent for 2009-10.

In fact only five classes scored higher than '55. Interestingly, we're also part of the second largest cluster of excellent classes, because '53 and '54 made it, too. The largest cluster was the four classes of '79-'82, which include a number of our children. Good genes!

## And Among the Excellent...

**Roy Nyren** reports that he and **David Anderson**, though they didn't know each other as students, now meet regularly for lunch in Boca Raton. Roy recommends Dave's essays at [www.InquiryAbraham.com](http://www.InquiryAbraham.com).

**Tom Wittenberg** says his "hobby of Tai Chi has gotten out of hand, what with classes I now give in and around Athens. Ga." He's joined the faculty of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, with "outposts in more than 100 cities."

**Gus and Noreen Aberle** had to cancel a Florida Christmas because of their golden retriever's cancer, but "all the rest of our life is good!"

**Dick and Lois Frieder** spend four months a year in Jupiter, Fla., where they see **Cliff and Valerie Friedrichs**, **Jed and Sue Isaacs** and **Al and Lois Pill**. Among the Frieders' 11 grandchildren **Jessica Frieder**, a high school lacrosse player in Princeton, N.J., received a "likely" letter for the class of '15. Dick still sees his roommates and their wives, **Aaron and Lynne Simon** and **Larry and Bemis Kretchmar**, and remembers with "great love" his other roommate, Ron Schreiber, who died more than 30 years ago. "No one ever loved Dartmouth more than Ronnie did."

Coincidentally, Ron's widow, **Faith Schreiber Feingold**, writes that she retired three years ago from her career as a psychiatric social worker, her last assignment in the geriatrics division of Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, "when I realized I was becoming my own social worker!" Their children Ron and Hope, each with two children, are also in Baltimore. Faith and her husband Ed have enjoyed "outstanding times" with Dartmouth folks and faculty on Dartmouth alumni trips.

**John Chafee** is recovering well but slowly from his stroke last year, still at a rehab facility in Denver, reports **Paul Merriken**.

**Joe and Bonnie Herring** are now in the Atlanta area, where Joe, allegedly retired from the ministry, serves "a variety of churches as preacher, pastor and teacher." He continues to interview Dartmouth candidates, "but the College gets more selective."

**Ed Willi** reports that the class donated \$9,800 toward the Hopkins Center performance of the off-Broadway play "Dr. Bob and Bill W.," about the founders of AA. Ed continues working with DCARE and operating his fruit import business, which his daughter Denise has now joined. Ed, Cecelia Denise and her family spent the Christmas holidays together in Chile.

**Joe Mathewson's** book, "The Supreme Court and the Press: The Indispensable Conflict," was published by the Northwestern University Press in January: [www.supremecourtandthepress.com](http://www.supremecourtandthepress.com).

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“Betty, we want to attend the Mackinac mini-reunion from June 11 to June 14.”

Or e-mail her: [doverhugh@comcast.net](mailto:doverhugh@comcast.net).

You’ll be soooo glad you did!

And your classmates will be soooo glad to see you!