

Dartmouth 1955

Read all about it!

November 2014

Towering Bonfire Lights the Way To '55's 60th!

Exciting Prospects Reported At Homecoming Mini-Reunion

- > Jud Hale is Reunion Weather Chairman
- > Hotel rooms available to forego the dorm
- > Gifts to Hood approach \$50,000 goal
- > Woody sees \$800,000 for College Fund
- > Magnificent Paganucci Room reserved
- > Engaging symposia planned
- > Class dues payments show strong interest
- > Jim Wright hopes to join us
- > Jere foresees "truly historic" event

N.B.: It's June 15-18, 2015.



Parade Honored '55

Along with '88, The Classes of the Year in 2013



Ken Lundstrom

Bruce Alexander joined '88s to herald the old (more than 25 years out) and young Classes of the Year leading the Alumni Parade up Main Street on Dartmouth Night.



Rodrigo Ramirez Photography

Ward Rowley made a cameo appearance before marching.



Ken Lundstrom

Dick Hastings carried DUSA sign and doggy-bag for new puppy Murphy.



Ken Lundstrom (far left), Jennifer Whelpton and Ward and Thelma Rowley stepped up.



In recovery: John Braestrup, Tom Byrne and Justie Braestrup.

Happy Homecoming!

Bruce and MJ Alexander
Stan Bergman
Dick and Ruth Blodgett
Betty Brady
John and Justie Braestrup
Tom Byrne
Bill Cassell
Don Charbonnier
Dave Conlan
Jere and Elena Daniell
John Dinan
Jack and Marilyn Doyle
Ted Ely
Bob Fanger
John and Carole French
Woody Goss
Pete and Caroline Greenfield
Lou Hance
Dick and Jill Hastings
Jed and Sue Isaacs
Ken and Kathy Lundstrom
Leon and Marilee Martel
Joe Mathewson and
Jennifer Whelpton
Brooks and Gale Parker
Larry and Kathy Pilchman
Ward and Thelma Rowley
Ralph and Carol Sautter
Pat Siskind

Betty



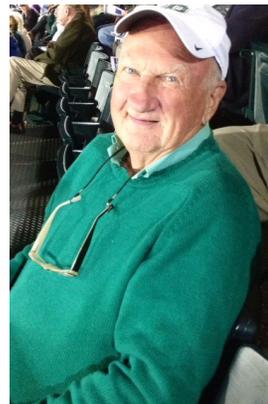
Lou



**Lou Hance,
our new Ha-
nover mini-
reunion chair**



Dave



Jill Hastings
Dick



**Bill, in original
1955 blazer!**



**Kathy and Larry, whom
Jack thanked for his many
years of running our fall
reunions**



**Caroline and Peter; in re-
tirement he's still minister-**



**Bruce and MJ. He stepped
down after 40 years on the
board of Milton Hospital.**

Class Awards go to John Braestrup

Our first awardee has traveled a long way from Oregon to be here this evening. Not only has he come here before as a regular at our Hanover reunions, but he even had us out his way as host of our 2003 Portland mini-reunion – John Braestrup.

John came to Dartmouth from Scarsdale, New York, was in Kappa Sigma, freshman crew, and graduated with highest distinction in his history major. He paid his own way entirely after freshman year in order to help his parents with future college expenses for his siblings. He was commissioned from ROTC as a Second Lieutenant in the Army, served his obligation including seven years reserve time, and began his professional career with International Paper in sales for nine years. He then was with Boise Cascade for 15 years as a district manager in Chicago, and then sales manager in Portland headquarters sales group. At age 49 he started his own company, American Fibre Supplies. He has been an active member in the TAPPI professional trade association.

While in Chicago, he earned his MBA from the University of Chicago at night.

John and Justie were married in 1983 shortly after John started his business. As their two boys, Paul and Carl, were starting their elementary school years in the early '90s John and Justie became very involved in the schools. (Paul is taking John's place in the business now.) Because of a cut in public school funds, they saw a need to raise additional funds to augment classes with special equipment and additional teachers. As a result, John, with another individual, initiated a public school foundation - a parent-led advocacy and fund-

raising organization - which became his primary focus of community involvement for the next 15 years. John served as chair; individual fund raising activities were organized, primarily an annual auction, at each school. Justie volunteered continuously for 15 years of elementary, middle, and high school as PTA president, fund raiser, recruiter, committee chair, etc.

Since those early days, to quote from the foundation web site, "(the) PPS parents have created vibrant Local School Foundations to raise funds to support teaching positions. Today that initiative has grown to 44 active local foundations that have

raised tens of millions of dollars for PPS schools, of which roughly \$10 million has been distributed through the PPSF Equity Fund. This is amazing work that is also an incredible Portland story.

School leaders and parents from across the nation have looked to Portland as a national model for how to raise funds that support kids across the entire district."

We might add that beyond his commitment to the public schools, John is an elder in the

Presbyterian Church and served on the session. He also served terms on the board of trustees including chairman.

We noted earlier that John and Justie hosted our memorable Portland mini-reunion in 2003. John also serves as a class agent and has been active in the Dartmouth Club of Portland. John - and Justie - we thank you for your remarkable community service and your support of the college and the class. Will you please come forward.



Awards Chairman Ken Lundstrom (left) made the presentation to John, and delivered this citation.

and Pat and Bernie Siskind

(Pat accepted the award for herself and Bernie, who died earlier this year.)

Our second award this evening is for a classmate who may be said to be here but in a different context. Bernie Siskind passed away in June 2014. If we were able to construct an equation about Dartmouth and the class, Bernie would be an additive constant.

Bernie, it seemed, was always part of the Dartmouth and 1955 community. We do not believe he and Pat ever missed a major reunion, homecoming, or a mini-reunion until his illness finally prevented his travel. Throughout, he maintained his trademark ready smile and great sense of humor. I recall 3-4 years ago now Bernie started coming to homecoming with a cane. I remarked on it to him, he gave that smile and said, "It helps me to get a cab."

He came to us from Bronx High School of Science, New York, and participated in the DOC, Corinthian Yacht Club, and Aegis. He made the Dean's List and graduated from Tuck in 1956. Frank Davidson recalls freshman year when he asked Bernie why he had come to Dartmouth, Bernie's reply was, "To really enjoy this place." And he did – including a drive to Mount Holyoke in the middle of exams junior year with Frank to hear a lecture by Frank Lloyd Wright and return the same night. And, they did very well on exams!

Bernie worked in the clothing industry until 1992: International Latex, Lane Bryant as Director of Sales Promotions, and Maternity Dress Company, President. He switched careers in 1992 and became a residential real estate broker with Phyllis Koch Real Estate until his retirement. Bernie had a strong interest in architecture and houses so he had a good fit for this last position. He stated that it

was not only fun, but key, that you could "run your own business."

He and Pat were married in 1959 and have two boys, Lawrence '86 and Peter '90, and two grandchildren.

Bernie was very active in the class: the executive committee, reunion committee, reunion giving committee, and class agent for the DCF.

He and Pat were a real team. She is a 1956 Wellesley graduate. When the children were grown, she began work for Citibank and attained the position of Assistant Vice President. Pat retired in the mid-1990s.



They were able to travel extensively. One of the delights of sharing a reunion meal with them was to listen to Bernie and Pat relate their latest adventures.

They also shared a strong interest in the Hood Museum and demonstrated their combined loyalty and dedication to Dartmouth and the Hood with the establishment of the Bernard R. Siskind '55 Fund. Since 2005 Bernie and Pat's fund has "made possible", as it says in the Hood announcements, eight major exhibitions.

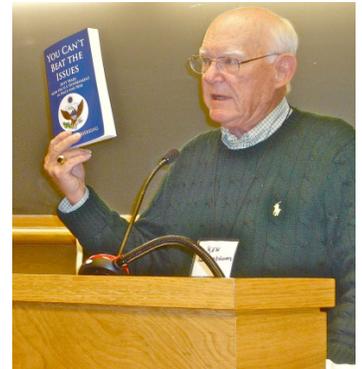
So tonight, we deviate a bit from the award format and are pleased to honor this great team of Bernie and Pat Siskind with the Class of 1955 Award. Pat, will you please come forward.

Class Meeting: All Good



Head Agent Woody Goss said our reunion gift goal of a record \$801,955 is doable.

Secretary Ken Lundstrom promoted Bill Lenderking's new book, "You Can't Beat the Issues."



John Dinan assured would-be reunion hikers that a new cabin at Moosilauke will have plumbing, to Ted Ely's amusement.



Treasurer Ralph Sautter reported \$72,000 on hand, \$28,000 of it in the reserve for memorial books (278 donated to the library so far). Ralph hopes 60% will pay class dues.

Brooks Parker said our special-gift drive of \$50,000 for the Hood Museum now stands at \$43,000.



Stan Bergman announced five new '55 members of the Bartlett Tower Society, which recognizes reported bequests to Dartmouth.



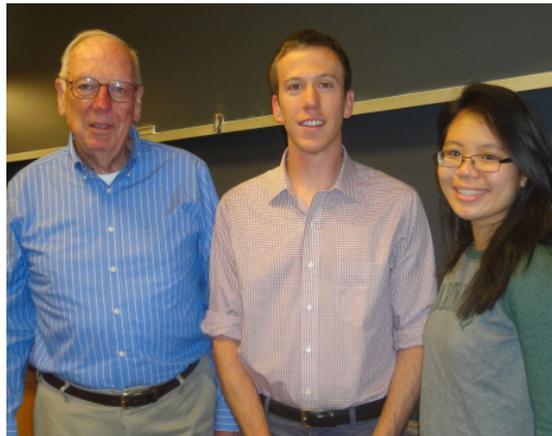
Reunion co-chairs Bob Fanger (left) and John French said that reserved reunion rooms are still available at the Hanover Inn, Sixth South Street, and other hotels, but don't wait to make your reservations. Artists of all kinds should contact Bob about the class exhibit at reunion: robert@fanger1.com



'Our' Students Joined Us



Anmol Ghavri '18 expressed gratitude for his '55 scholarship.



President Jack Doyle welcomed '55 scholarship recipients Minal Caron '09, Harvard Law graduate now headed for Ropes and Gray in Boston, and Tiffany Wang '16, who said she's thinking of med school.



Prajeet Bajpai '16, now majoring in math, again said thanks for his '55 scholarship grant.



Standing in for their daughter, field hockey star and co-captain Ali Savage '15, Matt and Lisa Savage of New South Wales, Australia, thanked us profusely for financing Ali's recruiting visit to Hanover four years ago. They said she's majoring in neuroscience and "is lost to the U.S.," intending to stay here. (See back page.)

Kyran McKinney-Crudden '18, of Glastonbury, Conn., made the football squad, but wears the same no. 10 as the starting quarterback.



Your Input Needed Here!

Your 60th reunion committee, headed by Bob Fanger and John French, is cooking up a plan for two symposia on current important public issues, provided that from our classmates and their wives we can recruit a few with specialized knowledge of or personal experience with these issues. One symposium or panel would be on health care, a subject of obvious interest to us all, and we have already identified several doctors with appropriate special credentials. The other, tentatively, would be on poverty and income equality, subjects that we can do something about.

Leon Martel, who has volunteered to MC these symposia, puts it this way:

“Income statistics of the past three decades have shown a steady decline in median annual income and an even steeper rise in mean annual income. This has attracted the attention of almost the entire economic profession and produced many notable treatises, most recently ‘Capital in the Twenty-First Century’ by the French economist Thomas Piketty.

“Generally speaking, liberal economists have focused on the decline in median income, attributing it to a variety of causes, including slower wage growth, lesser-paying jobs, and smaller and thus weaker unions. In their view, the growing consequences are families and individuals with less disposable income to spend, resulting in slower economic growth overall and greater demands on government ‘safety net’ programs such as earned income tax credits, unemployment benefits, and food stamps. And their remedies call for increases in these programs as well as increases in the taxes for those with higher incomes.



“Conservative economists, focusing on rising mean income, argue that this is how free market capitalist economies should work, that more income at the higher levels means more for starting new businesses and investing in existing ones, thus increasing employment and contributing to economic growth overall; that indeed ‘a rising tide lifts all boats.’ And they add that increasing taxes and government programs would slow both employment and growth.

“However, the consequences of these differing views suggest an increasingly less cohesive society, with the small percentage at the top getting their larger incomes from capital (as Piketty argues) while the much larger lower group, with income from traditional labor employment, struggles to make ends meet, becoming more dissatisfied. Thus, income inequality is increasingly coming to mean a more troublesome social inequality, making it another great issue of our time.”

Now, this symposium calls for personal knowledge beyond statistics and reports. Donors or volunteers in local anti-poverty efforts would have much to say, and so would people who have experienced financial hardship and perhaps depended on government or charity assistance at some point. Do you have such personal knowledge or experience? If so, your classmates would benefit from your sharing it. Please contact Jim Perkins (jnper@earthlink.net) or Joe Mathewson (josephmathewson@gmail.com). We await your participation! Thanks!

Here, too!

From Woody Goss, chair of the Nominations Committee:

At the class meeting October 18 in Hanover Jack Doyle proposed the appointment of a Nominations Committee to recommend at our 60th reunion the next five-year slate of nine or more officers. The class voted to approve. FYI, current officers and their “temporary” back-ups, if necessary, are as follows:

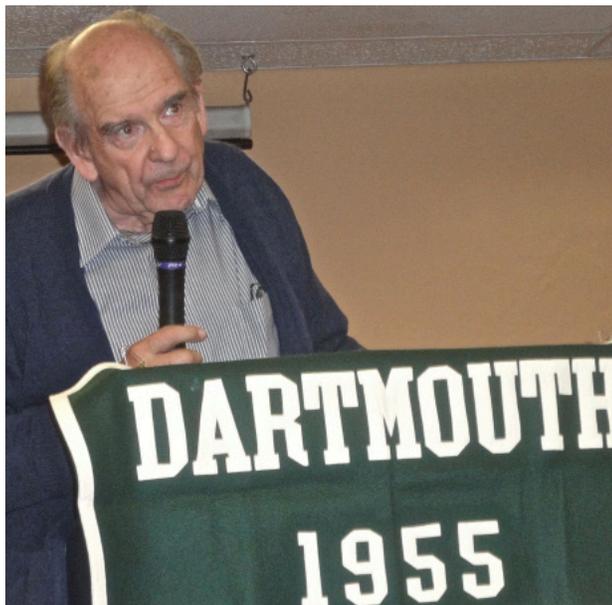
Position	Incumbent	Temporary Successor
President	Jack Doyle	Dick Blodgett
Vice President	Dick Blodgett	Dick Hastings
Secretary	Ken Lundstrom	Leon Martel
Treasurer	Ralph Sautter	Dave Conlan
Head Agent	Woody Goss	Eliot Smith & Paul Merriken
Webmaster	John French	Al Murray
Newsletter Editor	Joe Mathewson	Nick Kotz
Gift Planning	Stan Bergman	Gale Roberson
Widows Chair	Betty Brady	Lou Hance
Fall Homecoming	Lou Hance	Dick Blodgett

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Please feel encouraged to contact any committee member about your own interest and that of a classmate you know would like to serve as an officer or as a “temporary successor” as needed. For example, I'd be glad to assist a new Head Agent. Please opine. Woody

State of the College and the DUSA



Jere Daniell, ever the perceptive observer of the College, identified three significant current developments under President Hanlon:

1. A budget within inflation rates.
2. The one-time “associated schools” are now the “most progressive parts” of the institution.
3. “A dissonance between students’ goals and faculty disciplines,” which are still predominantly in the traditional liberal arts. Faculty hiring, especially in technology and sciences, emphasizes contract appointments, thus “30% of the faculty has no prospect of tenure.”

Tom Byrne showed the new flag of the Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni purchased with '55 gifts, reported that the class is the leader in DUSA memberships, and urged other classmates to join. DUSA's annual dinner November 9 features Jim Wright presenting an award to World War II army veteran Clinton Gardner '44 of Norwich, Vt.



Health Care, Sexual Assault

In a superb Friday afternoon program at Rockefeller Center arranged by Dick Blodgett, Robert Staiger, a professor of economics and a participant in the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, said “there are incredible differences in productivity” among the states. “Productivity” referred to health benefits



per dollar expended.

He asked rhetorically whether there is a correlation between education and health productivity, pointing to Iowa as a state with high average education and, yes, better health benefits

for the dollars spent there. He said Iowa also shows a correlation of “early adoption of hybrid corn and health productivity.”

But he said New Hampshire ranks number one in health care productivity.

Despite great state disparities in health care productivity, Professor Staiger said he wanted to leave us with “an optimistic conclusion: there is tremendous potential for improving productivity in health care.” The “main reason,” he said, is “data like this,” showing local doctors, hospitals, government officials and the general public what they’re getting for the health care dollars expended locally.

Amanda Childress, the College’s assistant director of student health and wellness and part of the team addressing the problem



of sexual assault, told us that nationwide “one in four college women experience completed or attempted rape in their four years.” She added that “80 to 90 percent of the offenders target someone they know, and 70 to 90 percent involve alcohol

employed to incapacitate the victims.” She said Dartmouth is instructing students about “bystander intervention,” which the College describes as “a prevention program designed to empower students to recognize and intervene to stop potential assault.”

Heather Lindvkist, the College’s Title IX coordinator, explained that the statute outlaws sexual discrimination generally, not just in sports, and requires that a



college “take action on a second complaint”

in “a fair, equitable and prompt process.” She said “risk reduction advice is ineffective,” and Dartmouth has “separated students for sexual assaults, including recently.” She added that



New Hampshire law now covers “dating violence,” and that the federal Clery Act, which requires an annual public report of crimes on campus, “now includes date violence and stalking.”

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'55 at the Hood Museum

Bonnie MacAdam, curator of American art at the Hood, visited us to say that she feels a “special relationship and gratitude” toward '55 because of our continuing support of the museum, both in individual contributions (see list at right) and in our repeated donations of funds raised through our class dues solicitation to the Hood’s acquisition fund for American art.

She pointed out that the Hood, in addition to its current public exhibits, makes its stored art works available to Dartmouth students. In one recent term, she went on, “we pulled 996 objects for behind-the-scenes visits by dozens of different classes.”

Bonnie added that an expansion of the Hood will require the museum to close at the end of 2015 and “move 40,000 objects out. Ideally, construction begins in the spring of 2016.”



'55 Donors to the Hood

Dick Barr
Gerry Bernstein
Truman Brackett
Alan Cooke
Frank Davidson and
Carol Fishberg
Bill Gavitt
Lee and Paul Goddard
Nancy and Woody Goss
Charlie Greenebaum
Joe Kagle
Buck Kuttner
Harry Lewis
Morgan McGuire
Allen Root and family
Pat and Bernie Siskind
Harry Weil
Lew Weintraub
Paul Zimmerman

Ali Savage '15 Rolls On in Field Hockey



Ali in action against Penn: two goals, one assist.

Ali scored her 100th career point with two goals and an assist against Brown on September 27. She followed that with a two-goal game including the overtime game winner against Bryant the next day. She was named Ivy Player of the Week for the seventh time in her career.

She had two goals and an assist in the win over Penn on October 4; the overtime game winner vs. Holy Cross on October 13; two goals in the win over Yale on October 18 (explaining her first absence from our class meeting). Ali leads the team in scoring by a large margin with 26 points (10 goals and six assists) for the season through October 18. At that time the team was tied for first in the Ivy League with Cornell and Princeton.