

Dartmouth 1955

Read all about it!

October 2014



Karen Gorton

Fun in Asheville!

Front row: Alan Weiler, Mike Gorton, Bob Fanger, Jack Doyle, Joe Mathewson, Brooks Parker, Gus Aberle, Joe Bachman, Dick Blodgett, Frank Carlton, Paul Merriken, Jim Wiggin, Bob Edwards, Dave Miller, Neal Allen.

Back row: Leon Martel, Lyn Brock, Colin Hunt, Jay Benenson, Jim Perkins, Dave Anderson, Woody Goss, Dave Conlan, Marty Aronson, Dave Heegaard.

And the ladies . . .



Front row: Shirley Tenney, Gale Parker, Betty Brady, Cathi Ellsworth, Bobbie Weiler, Nancy Carlton, Ellen Sax, Jane Hunt, Jane Conlan, Judy Perkins, Merilee Martel. Back row: Karen Gorton, Marilyn Doyle, Lou Hance, Claudie Brock, Karen Benenson, Ruth Blodgett, Linda Anderson, G Edwards, Betsey Miller, Frances Bachman, Iris Fanger.



John Meyer, though disabled by a stroke 20 years ago, made the trip from Maryville, Tenn., with his caregiver, Debby Smith. They talked with Betty Brady.



Miles and Sally Garrod moved recently from New Hampshire to a house they bought jointly with their daughter and son-in-law in Rock Hill, S.C.



Jim and Betty Jo Nelsen (right foreground), along with others, listened intently to our informative guide.

Class of 1955 Award Goes to Eliot Smith

(Citation by Awards Chairman Ken Lundstrom; delivered by Dick Blodgett, vice president, below at left)

Eliot for years has been one of two principal lieutenants in our class agent organization. He entered Dartmouth from New Trier High School, Winnetka, Illinois; he received a master's degree in civil engineering from Thayer in 1956. He was active in the glee club, wrestling, Undergraduate Council, Green Key and Delta Tau Delta where he was treasurer and president of the interfraternity treasurers council. Eliot was freshman class vice president and transitioned to president when Pat Morgan left the college. He served two years in the Army's engineering school where he received commendation ribbons.

Eliot was with Combustion Engineering Corp., then Veeder-Root Co., and rose to executive positions in sales and marketing and general management in the building products business at Veeder and other companies until retirement from Jessup Door in 1988 as v.p. of sales and marketing. He then consulted on quality and customer service. The Smiths moved around— Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana.

Eliot's first wife, Pat, passed away in 1988. In 1989 he married Elaine Holbrook, a widow. Their marriage brought together six children and now nine grandchildren. In 1999 they moved to St. Augustine, Florida, and then about five years ago to their lakeside home in the Piedmont foothills of Salem, South Carolina.

Eliot has always shown a strong involvement in his community. Windsor, Connecticut, presented him a certificate of appreciation in 1964 for his research and providing signage for historic buildings. He was active in the St. Joseph's County, Indiana, Chamber of Commerce and received its Volunteer Appreciation Award in 1996. He tutored Spanish-speaking men there in English and was recognized with an award by the Literacy Council. He was chairman of the St. Joseph County Committee for the Advancement of Labor and Management Relations, 1990-1997.

In Florida, he was active in Habitat for Humanity from 2001 to 2009: president and board member, and received two appreciation awards. He was facilitator for the American Cancer Society Man to Man Program (prostate cancer) 2003-2008 and received the American Cancer Hope Award in 2005. Eliot received the Volunteer Jacksonville Heart of Gold 2004 Good Neighbor Award, "for hands on exceptional service to bring about positive community change." He has been treasurer of three churches including their current Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church where he serves also as a deacon. He has been a member of the Community Golden Corner Barbershop Chorus and Barbershop Quartet since 2005 and has written a song for our 60th!



Elaine gave a pat on the back.

Eliot and Dartmouth have been synonymous since graduation. He has interviewed prospective students since 1957; an officer of the Dartmouth Club of Detroit in the '70s; Alumni Council 1980-83; represented Dartmouth at the inauguration of Harold Shapiro as president of the University of Michigan in 1980, with, as he says, "green robe and hood included!" Beyond this, Eliot has been on the Thayer School Executive Committee and "Agent of the Decade" since 1993, and our Dartmouth College Fund class agent for fraternities for 50 years (or more)!

Eliot, we are honored tonight to recognize your professional achievements and your unselfish contributions of time and talent to those in the community around you and to Dartmouth and the class.



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Jannuzi does India, and Pakistan

Tom Jannuzi, longtime University of Texas economics professor and a student of the Indian Subcontinent since middle school, talked to us about India, and a bit about Pakistan. He described his talk as a “carefully nuanced 40 minute lecture.” Tom says he “relished attending the mini-reunion and enjoyed sharing some of his perspectives on India with old classmates. If you would like to



have a copy of his talk, he would be glad to send you a copy. He can be reached by email at ftjannuzi@msn.com.”



Our engaging and amiable professor commanded an audience from the moment he arrived.

Photos:
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North Carolina Arboretum And the Folk Art Center



Mike and Karen Gorton



Above, Gus Aberle and Cathi Ellsworth; left, Jay and Karen Benenson



Above, Dave Miller; below, Joe and Frances Bachman



Left, our hosts, Shirley Tenney and Paul Merriken; below, Dave and Linda Anderson



The Biltmore Estate Was, As Advertised, Fabulous!



**Claudie and
Lyn Brock sur-
veyed some of
the gardens.**

Preparing to visit at least some of the 250 lavishly-furnished rooms of the 19th-century French Renaissance chateau, still owned and operated by the heirs of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the New York Central tycoon. It's set in 8,000 acres of gardens, farmlands and wooded hills, down from the original 125,000.



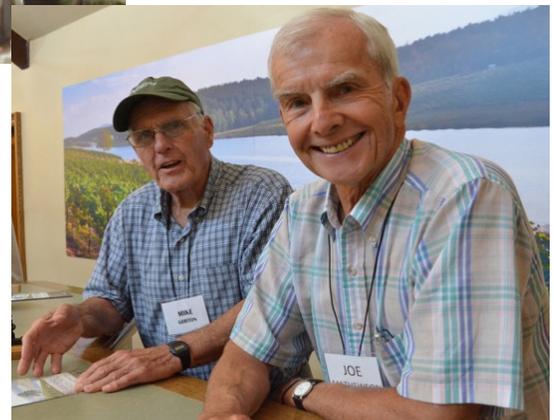
Tour leader Betty Brady directed Ruth and Dick Blodgett to our reserved dining hall in the gigantic Biltmore stable for lunch . . . which Bobbie and Alan Weiler enjoyed.



Even a Winery! Who knew?



**Enjoying the tasting:
above, Judy and
Jim Perkins, Dave
Heegaard and Neal
Allen; left, Woody
Goss, Lou Hance and
Jim Wiggin; below,
Mike Gorton and Joe
Mathewson.**



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Civil War split, Cherokees, poverty

New Hampshire native Gordon McKinney of the University of North Carolina Asheville painted a graphic portrait of Asheville's (mostly troubled) history. Families split in the Civil War, sometimes shooting at each other. Some local Cherokees defied President Andrew Jackson's order to walk to Oklahoma (the Trail of Tears) and more than 10,000 of



their descendants still inhabit a Cherokee reservation west of the city. Poverty

was rife for genera-

tions, causing local residents to dispose of picturesque land for \$1 an acre just to keep food on the table. It was already so bad that "people weren't hurt by the Depression." After World War II the city grew rapidly as the economy picked up. Now tourism is a major industry, second only to various wood-based enterprises such as logging and paper.



Nancy and Frank Carlton were the distance travelers, from Eugene, Oregon.



Later, at the North Carolina Arboretum, we gravitated to an impressive statue of a Cherokee brave reaching toward the heavens.

Betty's Surprise: Grove Park Inn



Betty Brady wouldn't reveal where our bus was going next--and it was worth the wait. Our destination was a massive, 100-year-old stone structure that meanders up and down a green hillside with landscaped terraces and staircases.

The Grove Park Inn, with 510 guest rooms, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is an example of the Arts and Crafts style. Past guests include Woodrow Wilson, William Howard Taft, Franklin Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, Barack Obama, Enrico Caruso, Harry Houdini, Will Rogers,

Billy Graham and Jerry Seinfeld.

F. Scott Fitzgerald stayed at the hotel for two years to write while his wife was in an insane asylum in Asheville. The rooms in which he stayed, 441 and 443, are available for guests. One is furnished exactly as it was during his stay in the 1930s.

The Wall Street Journal reported in 2013 that the Supreme Court would relocate to the Grove Park Inn in the event of an attack on Washington.



Guide George Kushner (Syracuse '53), who relocated from New York State 33 years ago, proved an incorrigible Asheville enthusiast.

Bob and G Edwards



Good News about



Ode to Joy: Woody Goss celebrated the class's giving of an over-the-top \$291,348 to the College Fund, with 55.6 percent participation, well ahead of the College's overall 43 percent, and said we're going for \$800,000 as a 60th reunion gift to beat both '53 and '54. Right! Reunion dates: June 15-18. Rooms set aside for individual '55 reservations at the Hanover Inn and Sixth South Street Hotel if you'd prefer a bit of luxury to the dorm, but don't wait to call.

Photos: Karen Gorton

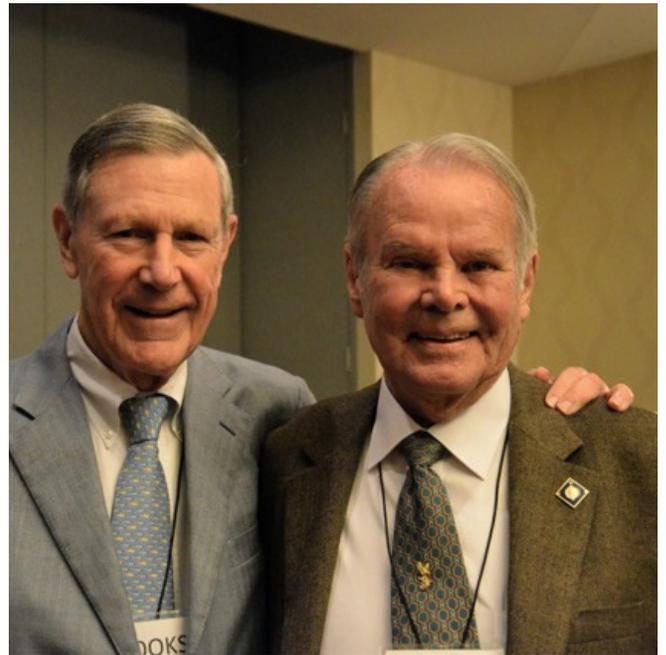
Bob Fanger, 60th reunion vice-chair, is seeking participants for a showing of art works by classmates and wives. Lou Hance, right, is handling Homecoming mini-reunion arrangements.



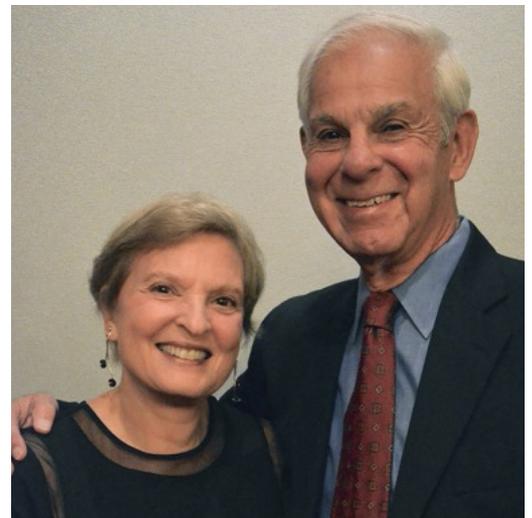
Our futurist Leon Martel, here with Marilee, is fomenting some cool '55 intellectual stuff for our 60th.

Reunions, Giving

Brooks Parker, here putting the arm on Miles Garrod, urged classmates to participate in our special reunion gift of \$50,000 to our Hood Museum acquisition fund, and reported good progress toward that goal.



President Jack Doyle thanked Betty Brady for superb planning and management of the Asheville events, and she thanked him for his nearly 10 years of outstanding class leadership.



Ellen Sax and Marty Aronson.



Marilyn Doyle, Gale Parker, Frances Bachman and Karen Benenson.

Photos: Karen Gorton

Skip Pessl's Poignant Tale From the Summer of 1955

A Review by Ken Lundstrom

“Remarkable!” Such was my exclamation as I turned the last page of Skip Pessl’s “Barren Grounds, the Story of the Tragic Moffatt Canoe Trip” (Dartmouth College Press, 2014). In June 1955, Skip set out on a canoe trip led by Arthur Moffatt ’41 to retrace an 1893 expedition of 900 miles across the Barren Lands of Arctic Canada from Black Lake, Saskatchewan, via connecting lakes and rivers to Baker Lake Hudson Bay Company post, Nunavut Territory.

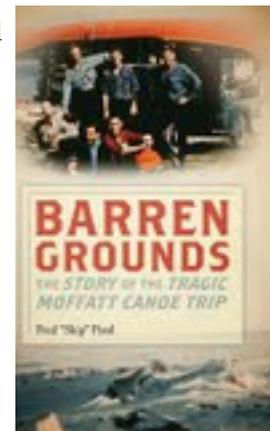
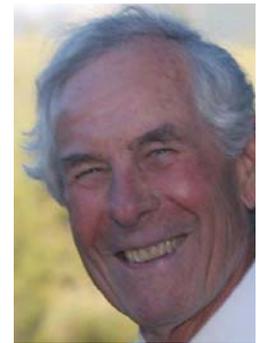
Skip, as some of you may recall, was an experienced outdoorsman and canoeist since early camping days with his family in Michigan. Four others, including two Dartmouth sophomores, completed the group. Moffatt also intended to make a documentary film to record the change in flora, fauna, and physiography from the boreal forest to true tundra vegetation. Good weather days that were spent in camp for the film priority, rather than paddle, negatively impacted their progress, caused tensions in the group and ultimately resulted in a fatal mistake.

A blizzard September 8 collapsed the tents, and severe cold set in. Concerns grew about food supplies and deteriorating equipment. They pushed hard to travel faster. The days became a nightmare of horror and suffering – no longer a grand adventure. September 14: they entered rapids they did not scout from shore. Art’s and Skip’s canoes tipped over. Suddenly there was the breathless shock and numbness of the icy water. The group pulled one another to the shore: a fire was built, blankets, massage, frozen clothes off. Art died of exposure in Skip’s arms.

Skip took charge. He organized their remaining supplies and rerouted them via a difficult portage safely to the next lake and river connection to Baker Lake. Their confidence grew in their chances of survival, and the group became more compatible and comfortable. September 24: they arrived at the Hudson Bay Company post and learned that a search was to be initiated for them that very day.

In his poignant, personal epilogue, Skip states that this journey in the summer of 1955 changed his life. He redirected his education and enrolled in the University of Michigan and earned an M.S. degree in geology. His thesis project led to a career as a field geologist. The canoe journey also helped him mature his political liberalism. He moved to Boston in 1963 with the U.S. Geological Survey and became involved in the antiwar movement. He is grateful for those years that helped define the progressive person he is today.

Beyond that, Skip has retained his values of the wild--the responsibility and need to conserve our endangered habitats. His family actively conserves centuries-old homestead lands in the Gallatin River valley of southwestern Montana. Skip and his wife, Molly, who had urged “a grumpy, bored, post-op housemate” to transcribe his trip journal, reside in Bellevue, Washington. Skip’s finely written entries, which comprise the body of the book, draw the reader into the “glorious wilderness travel...the sense of infinity” to experience the sunny days, the harsh weather, the rapids, caribou steak, lake trout, the concerns, the shock of the freezing water, the grief, and finally, the joy of seeing the white buildings of the HBC on the far shore. Classmates who love the out-of-doors--hiking, wilderness camping, time on a river, shooting rapids—and those who just like a good read, will find time well spent with Skip’s book.



Dartmouth Class of 1955 Fiscal year ending June 30, 2014

	REGULAR	SCHOLARSHIP	GIFT	RESERVE	ASHEVILLE
<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	\$21,050.90	\$495.55	\$316.31	\$27,465.00	\$0.00
<u>REVENUE</u>					
Dues/Contributions	\$15,080.00	\$5,845.00	\$5,485.00	\$1,465.00	---
Other	\$6.52	\$55.53	\$7.55	\$7.55	---
Transfer	-\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	---
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	\$14,836.52	\$5,900.53	\$5,738.72	\$1,472.55	\$15,701.59
<u>EXPENSE</u>					
Newsletters	\$9,194.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
Mini Reunions (Net)	\$149.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
Miscellaneous	\$1,930.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
Dickey Scholarship	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
Hood Museum	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,825.00	\$0.00	---
Athletic Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,680.00	\$0.00	---
DUSA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	---
IMO Memorial Books	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	---
<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>	\$11,273.30	\$6,000.00	\$5,755.00	\$800.00	\$2,767.50
<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>	\$24,614.12	\$396.08	\$300.03	\$28,137.55	\$12,934.09

- NOTES:
- * Total cash in the bank on June 30, 2014 = \$66,381.87
 - * The Reserve Fund is used to pay for IMO Memorial Books and to provide a reserve for future needs
 - * This year 294 paid at least basic dues (266 Classmates and 28 Widows)
 - * A separate more detailed report will be given after the Asheville Mini Reunion occurs

Ralph L. Sautter

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Tom Byrne, Quartermaster of Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni, Reports:

The Class of 1955 is “The Greatest,” still, with 23 members enrolled. Overall there are 189 members. Donations to DUSA, over and above dues payments, since DUSA’s inception are \$17,705—most of it designated for support of the James Wright Award for Distinguished Service. Among the gifts was a \$100 contribution in memory of Harry Ambrose, who spearheaded our class’s effort to restore ROTC, an effort that aided the creation of DUSA.

The James Wright Award for Distinguished Service will be presented this year to Clinton Gardner ’44 of Norwich, Vt. Clint is a veteran of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. He served as the commander of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp after hostilities ended and was in charge of taking care of the survivors. Later during the Berlin airlift years he was the managing editor of a German-language newspaper, *Die Neue Zeitung*.

Clint returned to the U.S. to become involved in “citizen diplomacy” as president of the US-USSR Bridges for Peace program and successor organizations, making almost annual trips to Russia. More recently he served as chair of a group with similar goals, Bridges: Middle East-US..

Clint has written several books, and was one of the primary authors of the “World War II – Remembered” book written by the residents of the Kendal retirement community in Hanover. (Worth a read!) Other volumes included his experiences as a student of Professor Rosenstock-Huessey, called “Beyond Belief” and another entitled “D-Day and Beyond.” Clint, his wife Libby and his family

founded Shopping International in Norwich – a mail order house that imported handicrafts from all over the world.

This year’s award will be presented during an “Honor the Heroes” banquet and ball that, besides celebrating the Marine Corps birthday, honors all veterans and features the Wright Award. Hanover Inn ballroom, November 9, 2014, starting at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$90.

Student veterans will be admitted FREE, and we are anxious to receive donations to cover their costs.

Those who wish to re-enlist in the DUSA ranks for the 2014-2015 year may do so electronically on the DUSA. dartmouth.org website, via Pay Pal or your credit card, or download the paper form to your computer and mail a check to Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni, 6068 Blunt Alumni Center, Hanover, NH 03755. Dues for those our age are \$40/year. No limit to donations, if you choose! tombyrne5@comcast.net

Class of '55 Members

John Baldwin
Richard Barr
James Beisman
Stanley Bergman
Gerald Bernstein
Richard Blodgett
Peter Buhler
Thomas E. Byrne III
David Conlan
John Dinan Jr.
Jack Doyle
Preston Fletcher
William Gavitt
Michael Gorton
Lane W. Goss
Peter Knoke
Bernard Kuttner
Kenneth Lundstrom
Leon Martel
Joe Mathewson
Douglas Melville
Brooks Parker III

HONOR THE HEROES



239th U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Hanover Inn
 November 9, 2014
 5:30 pm

Guest of Honor
 Major General Melvin Spiess, USMC

James E. Wright Award for
 Distinguished Service
 Clinton Gardner, Dartmouth 1944

Silent Auction
 Cocktails
 Dinner
 Ceremonies
 Dancing and Music

Music provided by The Billy Rosen Jazz Quartet & Smoke and Mirrors

Proceeds to benefit Project VetCare and the Semper FI Fund

Jud Hale Publishes Confession!

Now retired as editor of *Yankee* magazine, Jud revealed in its July/August issue that he was the “*Yankee Moseyer*” who wrote hundreds of “House for Sale” articles over several decades, and, more important, that he failed to write about one particularly attractive property, on a picturesque island in New Hampshire’s Lake Winnepesaukee, even after visiting and photographing it. (Incidentally, the house was owned by Paul Sweetnam ’55.) Why this lapse of journalistic full disclosure? Because

he and Sally bought the house themselves.

The family spent many summers there, as Jud commuted weekly from the *Yankee* office in Dublin, N.H. Jud even hosted an annual “Men’s Weekend” in February that required driving across the lake ice, with some trepidation, he now admits.

So why did Jud decide to reveal all these secrets now? Because, he wrote, he and Sally have decided, with the family scattered, to sell their beloved house. Finally, *Yankee* readers know.



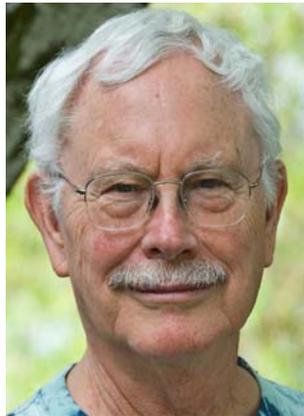
Eric Sanford/*Yankee*

Summer of '72: The Hales at their Lake Winnepesaukee island house. From left, J.D., Dan, Chris, Sally, Daisy and Jud. Their boat is Wah Hoo Wah.

Doug Melville writes:

“T. Tucker Creamer called me recently to say he is living in San Diego playing golf with a ‘cane’ and coming east for our reunion in 2015! Jim Wiggin was here in CT for a stay this summer before returning to Florida for the winter in Sarasota. I’m looking forward to seeing our Big Green football team vie for the Ivy League championship this fall.” Doug also expressed admiration for his grandson Alex Melville’s clear explanation of bitcoin. Ask Doug to forward it. D5Melville@comcast.net.

Dick Morrill, retired University of Washington geography professor, received UW’s Distinguished Retiree Excellence for Community Service Award for 2014. He drew up a plan for electing Seattle city council members by districts rather than at-large, and it passed by a 2-to-1 margin. dickm1@mindspring.com



Alan Uris, New York lawyer turned Vermont author, proposes a 60th reunion symposium on fiction writing. Great idea, John and Bob!

Bob Englander received a Partner for Life Award from the Cleveland Sight Center where he’s been a board member for 21 years. Bob and Suzanne visited Hanover in June and “were quite impressed with the tremendous growth since 1955. The Hood Museum was well worth our 2-hour visit.” Bob sold his fastener business six years ago and is “enjoying a busy retirement.” fastener1@sbcglobal.net

Zsolt de Papp reports that his daughter Anne, MD ’88, delivered the Med School commencement address in June. “What a wonderful honor!” Now retired from his academic endocrine medicine practice in Rochester, N. Y., Zsolt writes, “what I am most proud of is my children,” including John ’86 Thayer ’88 and Erika ’90. zdepapp@rochester.rr.com

Your class dues pay for the printing and mailing of this newsletter!

Homecoming Mini-Reunion

Speakers Friday Afternoon

We meet in a large classroom in the lower level of Rockefeller Center starting at 3 p.m. October 17. The speakers will be Professor Douglas Staiger, professor of economics and chair of the Economics Department, on patient outcomes and the cost of care; Bonnie McAdam of the Hood Museum on the 1955-Hood relationship; and Associate Dean Elizabeth Agosto on the Student Behavior Study now underway. Should be excellent!

David Flitner, a lifelong rancher in Greybull, Wyoming, has launched Big Horn Mountain Wildlife Partners (www.bhmwp.com), which operates a 20,000-acre wildlife management area “dedicated to big game protection and habitat improvement.” It also boasts the “preeminent trophy elk hunting experience in North America.” Dave’s ranch now includes “The Hideout,” a guest operation whose clients are 40 percent international. flitner@aol.com

Tom Wittenberg, a busy tai chi trainer in Athens, Ga., spent his 80th birthday in southwest China with “a bona fide tai chi master.” tomptom1@aol.com

Dick Mount, for 25 years the tennis pro, manager and groundskeeper at the Quincy (Mass.) Tennis Club, is about to play his 27,000th set. In doubles he lost his 25,000th set, 7-5, to Roy Emerson of Australia. Dick was the first recipient of the Ned Weld Award (named for Harvard’s greatest player) and has also won the Charles Ward Gardner Lifetime Achievement Award, the U.S. Tennis Association’s highest honor, and William Friedman Award for doing the most for junior tennis in New England.

Peter Packard chimes in about Professor Rosenstock-Huessey: “He helped me and many others to develop a worldview that focused on the humanity and capacity of all to understand history as an evolving drama in which we must all participate. That was a life-changing experience.” peterpackard@att.net