

# Dartmouth 1955

*Read all about it!*

September 2016

## A Dartmouth Star, Brendan Nyhan, Will Talk at '55 Mini About the Election

Political Science Professor Brendan Nyhan, a prolific writer and much-quoted expert on politics, will speak to our class in Rockefeller Center at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 28, on “What political science can (and can’t) tell us.”

Professor Nyhan, a California native, graduate of Swarthmore and Duke Ph.D., is not your typical poll-focused political analyst. His areas of expertise are political scandal, political misperceptions, social networks and applied statistical methods.

Might there be some applicability to Donald Trump?

Among a blizzard of publications, Professor Nyhan contributes to the New York Times “Upshot” column and, according to his blog ([brendan-nyhan.com](http://brendan-nyhan.com)), he’s been called “one of the most thought-provoking writers about politics on the web,” “[o]ne of the smartest sources on 2016, the media, and electoral trends,” one of “a new breed of conscientious political science bloggers” who are “creating reputational hazards to seat-of-the-pants punditry,” and a “political science shaolin warrior.”

In his blog he criticized the redactions in the recently-released 28 pages of the 9/11 Commission Report: “the use of redactions can undermine the effectiveness of documents intended to reduce belief in conspiracy theories. Keeping information from the public can create the perception of a cover-up even when none exists.”



**Homecoming  
Mini-Reunion  
October 28-30  
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# *From President Ken:*

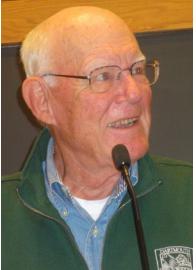
## *Annual Report*

Classmates: I wish to share with you highlights from the Class Activities Report (CAR) that the officers submit to Alumni Relations Class Activities in Hanover each July. In summary, 1955 had another strong year with high metrics in all categories.

The Class: 440 living as of 1 July of a base of 756.

### **Short and long term goals:**

Our over arching goal for the near term and longer term is '55

 Forever Friends: to maintain and solidify the cohesiveness of the class and provide individual support where needed to continue to be one of Dartmouth's great classes. We will do this with individual strategies in four main areas: communications, leadership, community, and service which are reflected in the reporting sections of the CAR above.

The reality is, in five years (average age 88, one year past our 65th) we will have significantly less living classmates than at our 60th. It is therefore important that we communicate effectively, meet together in small groups in geographical proximity where practicable, and be supportive to others in matters of health, bereavement or other personal concerns ('55 Cares).

**Executive Committee:** Homecoming class meeting; 4 conference calls.

**Finances** (Ralph Sautter): Dues from 268 classmates and widows; balance June 30, \$64K. (Full details were in the July newsletter.)

**Communications:** 8 newsletters (Joe Mathewson); class notes in each issue of the DAM (Gale Roberson); emails to groups as needed, plus letters and "keeping in touch" phone calls.

**DCF** (Eliot Smith, Paul Merriken): met goal of 55% participation; \$337K contributions a near 61 years out record.

**Mini-reunions** (Betty Brady, Lou Hance): Homecoming; North Carolina group; Brookline, MA (Jack Doyle Class Award); outstanding gatherings at memorial services.

**Web Master** (John French): Useful links and postings; site redesign in progress to increase the information flow of both news about living Classmates and obituaries and more of deceased ones.

**Projects** (David Conlan, Marty Aronson): \$7,000 Dickey Scholarship; \$3800 each for The Hood Museum 1955 Fund and DCAC Sponsor program; \$1,000 Baker Memorial Books; concerns for others ('55 Cares – John Baldwin, Joe Herring, Roy Nyren, Stan Bergman).

Thanks to all for your continuing support - see you at Homecoming!

# Let's Get Together!

## Hanover Mini-Reunion

### October 28-30

#### Friday

2-5 Food for thought:

Prof. Nyhan and another speaker  
Rockefeller Center

5:30 Food:

Buffet supper, 1930 Room, Rockefeller

7:30 Alumni Parade & Dartmouth Night

#### Saturday

9 Class meeting, Rockefeller Center

Varsity sports:

1:30 Harvard football (co-champion 2015)

6 Cocktails and class dinner, Fireside Inn

[Reservation form herein]



**Warren Peterson writes:**

“Sally and I enjoyed a wonderful two weeks celebrating our sixtieth anniversary on the Dartmouth Alumni Travel “Cruise the Face of Europe”. Budapest to Amsterdam in style. This is only our second Dartmouth sponsored trip (Southern Africa two years ago), but they do a great job, and we plan to do more. We had a Exmoor friend D’48 who was onboard for his twelfth Dartmouth trip.”

# *Now's the Time to Think Again About a New York Mini-Reunion In April or May 2017*



**The Met**

Dear Classmates:

As stated last fall, we are planning a deferred Spring Mini Reunion in New York next April or May, for three nights and two full days. The agenda will once again be focused on New York's best sites, with private guided trips to the Met Opera, the Met Museum, the Frick exhibition, and the like, with spare time for shopping, the theater, etcetera. To reduce costs, we will not schedule regular lunches but economical alternatives will be listed.

There will be three nights of dinners in interesting places, but it will be possible to attend less than three evenings with a reduction in cost. We will stay at the Harvard Club, in the new wing, at a cost of approximately \$300 a room per night with single or double occupancy. We will arrange ticket purchases at your own expense for the theater, ballet, Philharmonic or other events.

We will help you put together groups within those attending for any of these events. We think this should result in a more reasonable cost for the trip, probably around \$2000 per couple, less for singles. April in New York is really active and there is much to do.

We must have a minimum of 20 people to make this work, and can take up to 40. What I need from you in order to determine the feasibility is a positive nonbinding statement before the end of September as to your strong interest in attending. We will then send a commitment letter and schedule before the end of November.

Payment for your hotel room will be on you, either at the Harvard Club or wherever else you may choose to stay. Send your intention to me at john3@me.com or 435 E. 52, New York NY 10022.

John French

# *Lives of Fifty-Fives*

## **Robert M. Rinehart '55, MD**

Bob Rinehart '55 never had any doubts about his life's work. He came from a medical heritage. Both his father and grandfather practiced medicine in California's San Francisco Bay Area. His ancestry also dated back to his fourth great grandfather, Michael Rhinehart, who founded the Massanutten Settlement along Virginia's Shenandoah River in 1733.

Dr. Rinehart passed away on April 24, 2016 in Saratoga, California. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Julie, sons Robert and William, and granddaughters Laurel and Elizabeth.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Rinehart came to Dartmouth from Burlingame High School at a time when getting to Hanover from California meant taking a three-day train ride or driving five days across the country on two-lane highways.

Bob focused on pre-med courses but found time to join WDBS and Alpha Kappa Kappa. After two years at Dartmouth Medical School, he completed his medical degree with a four-year residency at the University of California

San Francisco Medical School.

Bob served two years as a captain with the Army Medical Command in Japan before coming home to practice pathology and start a medical laboratory near San Jose. In 1972, he was elected President of the South Bay Pathology Society.

For recreation, Bob played golf and went abalone diving, not always with happy results. In 1994, he wrote in our 40th Reunion book, "I have been in pretty good health until recently with a stress fracture of my left ulna (forearm) from golf and a torn right biceps from abalone diving."

Serving the College as an Admissions Volunteer, Rinehart spent many hours helping bright young men and women understand the value of making the journey from California to develop their academic skills in a small college in New Hampshire. Prospective Dartmouth students saw an example of this value in the successful medical career of Dr. Robert M. Rinehart '55.

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**Another word from President Ken:** We are pleased to report to the class that Eliot Smith has accepted the appointment as the Head Class Agent for the Class of 1955 with the unanimous endorsement of the executive committee. Eliot served as the interim head during Woody's illness and subsequent passing. By his leadership, Eliot and his DCF team achieved outstanding results this year: met the 55% participation goal, and the \$337K contributions were a near record for 61 years out. Eliot expressed thanks to the class for their support and the hard work of the assistant class agents who make the calls and follow-ups to us all. He also noted that with the continuing changes in the class, more assistant agent help is needed. To give Eliot a hand in this important task, please contact him at [eneanet51@att.net](mailto:eneanet51@att.net) or 864-944-6762.

**CLASS OF 1955  
JOHN SLOAN DICKEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

February 19, 2016

Dear Members of the Class of 1955,

Thank you for making it possible for me to attend Dartmouth College! I could not have dreamed of a better place to be than here in Hanover. Whenever I am feeling down, I look at the amazing place I go to school and it makes me feel better. This would not have been possible without your help.

Fall term was challenging but rewarding. I am on the football team, so that adds a lot of work on top of school. However, it was always a goal of mine to play college football, so I consider myself blessed. We had a great season and finished 8-2, second in the Ivy League. Next year, our goal is to be 10-0 and bring the school an Ivy League Championship.

Winter term has been a lot less stressful, and I've been able to fill my free time differently. I am currently working as an intramural basketball ref and an intramural hockey equipment manager with a few teammates. Also, I just experienced my first Dartmouth Winter Carnival. The energy on campus was awesome. I even participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Considering my body went numb as soon as I hit the water, it wasn't as bad as I expected and was actually pretty fun.

Looking forward, I plan on majoring in either chemical or mechanical engineering. I am currently working on my general engineering prerequisites. Once I am done with those, I will decide between the two paths.

Once again, I can't thank you enough. You are helping me live my dreams, and I won't forget that. If you would like to contact me, my email address is Kyran.T.McKinney-Cradden.18@dartmouth.edu.

Sincerely,  
Kyran McKinney-Cradden '18

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February 19, 2016

Dear Members of the Class of 1955,

Fall term brought new challenges, such as taking *Organic Chemistry* and my emergency medical technician exam, and it also reaffirmed my lifelong desire to do everything that I can to become a doctor. I have spent the entirety of my time at Dartmouth working on Dartmouth EMS (emergency medical service), seeing patients on campus and Hanover overall. I also had the chance, the summer before last, to do ride-alongs in an ambulance in Baltimore while working in a biochemistry lab at the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

It was so incredible to work in the field, and I got to see very different emergencies than those that I usually see in Hanover. I am pleased to have both experiences in my repertoire, and I am grateful for the opportunities Dartmouth has afforded me in this journey.

This past summer, I was able to work in a neuroscience lab, where we did research on stress and anxiety through both a meta-analysis of the scientific literature and through a reaction time study based on a general anxiety level scale. I have decided to major in neuroscience and plan to complete an honors thesis in this lab. This greatly excites me, and I am enjoying each neuroscience class I take. I find that my interests in biology and psychology are beautifully combined through the study of neuroscience.

Although I was not taking classes, I spent last summer in Hanover, enjoying Vermont and New Hampshire in the most beautiful season of all. I spent my days in the lab and my weekends swimming and baking. It was a lighthearted and enjoyable punctuation in a year of hard work and devoted studies. Currently, I am taking my first engineering class to fulfill a distributive requirement, and I am looking forward to learning a subject that is new to me entirely.

I thank you immensely for your support that has made all of these experiences possible. Dartmouth has opened more doors for me than I ever thought possible.

Gratefully,  
Cady Whicker '17

**Homecoming &  
Class of '55 Mini-Reunion**

*Hanover, October 28-30*

*Brendan Nyhan, Class Dinners,  
Alumni Parade & Bonfire,  
Other Good Stuff: All Fun!*

# **1955 Mini-Reunion**

## **October 28-30, 2016**

Make room reservations directly with Fireside Inn & Suites, 25 Airport Rd., West Lebanon, NH 03784, 877 258 5900 or 603 298 5900. Mention Dartmouth '55; our rate is \$109.95/night plus tax (Friday and Saturday).

I/We will attend the following class events, as checked:

Friday, October 28, Rockefeller Center

2-5 p.m., lower level, Prof. Brendan Nyhan & 1 other TBA

5:30 p.m., cash bar & buffet dinner, 1930 Room, main floor, \$55 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
herb-rubbed chicken breast, pan-seared Atlantic salmon, Caesar salad,  
veggies, dessert & coffee.

Saturday, October 29

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m., Class meeting, Rockefeller lower level, open to all '55s and guests

6 p.m., cash bar & dinner (7:15 p.m.), Fireside Inn, W. Lebanon, \$50 each  
 chicken Marsala     parmesan & herb encrusted baked haddock      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to Dartmouth 1955 and send it with this form to arrive by October 21 to Lou Hance, P.O. Box 1766, Grantham, NH 03755

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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