

# Dartmouth 1955

*Read All About It!*

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**Jud Hale, Mike Plumer (with our sign), Ken Lundstrom, Stan Bergman and Jack Doyle led the '55 contingent in the alumni parade before the Dartmouth Night celebration and bonfire.**

## **Jim Perkins, John Baldwin Receive Class of '55 Awards at Mini-Reunion**

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# From Jack Doyle: Dartmouth Governance

At Homecoming Weekend the Class Executive Committee held extensive discussion on the governance issue at Dartmouth. Since classmates have differing views, we concluded that the Class would not take an official position. The purpose of this article is to inform classmates of the current situation and let each of you form your own opinion.

## **Governance Report**

In August 2007 the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees issued a report to the full Board, which did not adopt the Governance Committee recommendations completely. The Board made changes to the Committee's recommendations about the Alumni Trustee Nomination procedures. The version of the report sent to all alumni notes both the original recommendation and what the Board actually approved. Although it is a lengthy report, I encourage you to read the entire report or, as a minimum, the Executive Summary.

The most controversial aspect of the report is the expansion of Charter Trustees to 16 from the current eight.

## **Association of Alumni and Alumni Council**

Some of us have had difficulty understanding the different roles of these two alumni groups.

The Association of Alumni, founded in 1854, is primarily responsible for conducting the annual meeting of the Association and related elections. Approximately 68,000 of us are members of the Association. The Association has an 11-member executive committee.

Recently, the executive committee of the Association of Alumni voted 6-3 to sue the College over the trustee decision. A daughter of a classmate is a member of the executive committee but was not present for the vote.

The Alumni Council, established in 1913, is responsible for maintaining communications between the alumni and the College. The Council consists of approximately 100 representatives of classes, clubs, affiliated groups, faculty and undergraduates. The Council's Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying the most qualified alumni to run for election to the Board of Trustees.

The Association of Alumni leadership and the Council are continuing to meet to reconcile their differences.

## **1955 Representative on the Alumni Council**

For the past few years John Callahan was our class representative on the Council. He has been succeeded by Elliott Weinstein, 1956, who represents both 1955 and 1956 on the Council.

Elliott, who spoke at our Class meeting, is attending his first Alumni Council meeting in November. Over the past few months he and I have held several conversations as he wants to represent the views of our classmates. I encourage you to contact him. He can be reached at [EWeinz@aol.com](mailto:EWeinz@aol.com).

Recently, I had an opportunity to meet one of the recipients of the Class of 1955 John Sloan Dickey Scholarship. In response to my inquiry about the impact of the controversy upon students, he replied that he hoped the current issue did not damage Dartmouth's reputation.

# *Vietnam Surgeon John Baldwin*



**Son Will and wife Jeannie, who served in Vietnam with John as an Army nurse, looked on as he accepted his award. Daughters Nancy and Cindie were also there.**

Ken Lundstrom, class awards chairman, said that John, as a chest and vascular surgeon in Vietnam, performed 1800 surgeries and lost only three soldiers, one of whom he had personally accompanied to a hospital in Tokyo. He was awarded a Bronze Star for heroism. Years later he saw to it that a soldier upon whom he had operated received an overlooked Purple Heart.

He and Jeannie have sponsored several Army surgeons in post-graduate studies, and six high school students in their home town of Twain Harte, Calif., through college. He was president of the Sierra Medical Society. Ken saluted John for his “integrity, compassion, dedication, patriotism, loyalty, and an abiding and overriding agape love for humankind.”

John expressed his gratitude, then re-

sponded further in a later e-mail, saying the award “was really a highlight in my life... To be recognized by you is a singular event which for me surpasses many of the professional accolades accumulated over the years from my peers in the surgical community... We shared a special place for four years a long time ago, and as President Dickey always said, ‘In the Dartmouth Fellowship there is no parting’ and I felt that spirit all weekend.”

In another e-mail he remarked on how much “a bunch of skinny white kids who couldn’t jump” have accomplished. “The Class of 1955 has risen to the challenge of not just giving to the Fund, but more importantly, giving to America in so many ways that my wife and I were humbled by your contributions.”

See John’s moving Vietnam video at <http://iwvpa.net/baldwinjn/vietnam.php>.

# Other Homecoming Scenes



**Hanover residents Dick and Ruth Blodgett knew enough to avoid the rain. (N.B.: on top of his labors for '55, Dick is head agent for Tuck '56, which last year raised more than any other class in the 1950s.)**



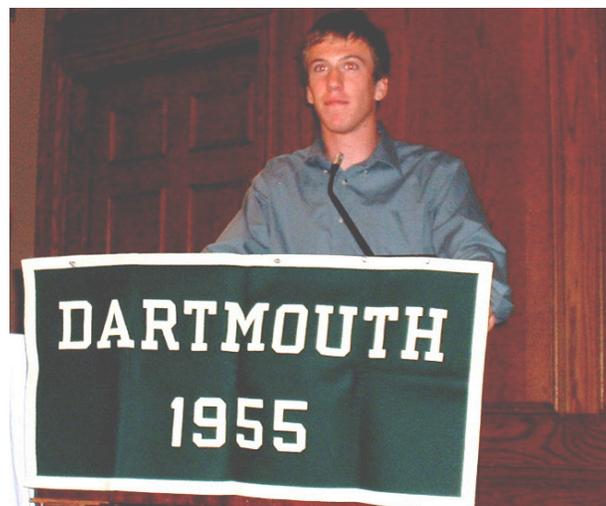
**Gale Roberson and Lou Miano on the march**



**Bud Pulis and Carl Weisenfeld**

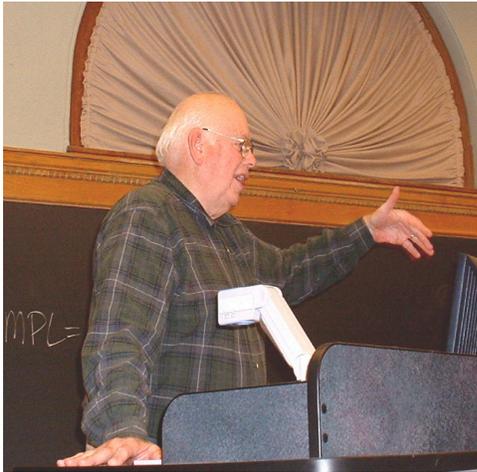


**Ken Lundstrom and Jack Doyle had a laugh at the Hanover Inn's dinner ornament.**



**'55 Dickey Scholar Minal Caron '09 thanked the class at our breakfast meeting. He's from a potato farm in Fort Kent, Me., farther from Hanover than Baltimore is, Jack Doyle said. Minal is a member of the ski team and is headed for Lyon, France in the spring term. We put \$5800 into our Dickey fund last year.**

# *Tom Byrne, always modest, had reason to boast a bit*



**Tom Byrne, recently retired from his long-time position as head of the Hanover Improvement Society, which owns the Nugget building among other things (he was also president of the Chamber of Commerce), spoke to classmates in Wilson Hall about his efforts to keep Hanover attractive and up to date. Judging by the town's appearance and current projects, he was effective!**

Newell (Mickey) Stultz, now retired from teaching African Studies at Brown, wrote this comment later: “Tom, whom I did not previously know, did a truly fine job of describing these developments, some of which we only needed to look out the Wilson Hall windows to see, have long since turned the sleepy New England village that greeted us in 1951 into an upper middle class economic dynamo. When not driving around town looking for non-existing parking spaces (eventually a multi-level new parking garage on Lebanon St. provided the answer), the total effect of these changes is (I guess) impressive. Tom Byrne seemed rightly proud of the municipal planning (in which he had participated) that lay behind it. In addition to parking, available affordable housing seems another problem, and of course everything is pricey, except still dinner at Lou’s.”

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# *Class Gifts: Your Dues at Work*

## *Athletic Sponsors*

We are one of only three classes to be in the top ten in all three categories: number of donors, amount from the donors, and class donations. The class contributed \$2850 last year. It was used for the campus recruiting visit of Amanda Trunzo '11, of North Andover, Mass., a hockey player.

Pete Piderman '10, "our" recruit a year ago, was the starting strong safety in football, was one of the team's top tacklers, and in the Yale game blocked the punt that led to Dartmouth's only score.

## *Hood Museum*



**This painting, "Below Mount Monadnock," done about 1913 by Abbott Handerson Thayer, was purchased by the Hood Museum with help from us. It was reproduced in an article by Hood curator Barbara MacAdams about the museum's American collection that appeared in the November issue of Antiques magazine. The class gave \$2850 to the Hood last year, and our fund, after another purchase at our 50th reunion, now stands at \$8520.**

*Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; purchased through gifts from the Class of 1955 and the Lathrop Fellows*

*Dick Mount Lives...  
And Plays!*



**Dick Mount arrived dramatically in a helicopter at Longwood Cricket Club, in Chestnut Hill, Mass., to play his 25,000th set. Kit and Swifty Lawrence, Web Wilde and Colin Hunt were there to help celebrate. And so was Jack Doyle, who took the photos.**



*Notice: Bob Wool, dismayed by the huge number of classmates who accepted his offer to stay with him in Brookline, Mass., has moved to a one-bedroom apartment. But his daughter works for the Red Sox and you can always call Bob for tickets.*