

# Dartmouth 1955

*Read All About it!*

July 2009



**Nick and Mary Lynn Kotz rolled out gracious Virginia hospitality at their farm near Washington to climax a superb mini-reunion in April. (More inside.)**

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## *Mark Your Calendar: Fun & Games Oct. 23-24!*

Greet our new president Jim Yong Kim, give a rouse for varsity athletes and feel the vibes of the Class of 2013 as they warm the autumn air with their bonfire at Dartmouth Night. Watch Buddy Teevens's gladiators rise up and smite mighty Columbia!

Hear Dick Hastings on healthcare and Jere Daniell on the Dartmouth College Case. Enjoy two class dinners. Make yourself heard in our committee meeting at the Inn--all '55s, spouses and guests welcome--and revel in Ralph Sautter's financial report! Watch for reservations form in September.

## *Classmates Gathered to Remember Skip Hance, Only '55 To Become a Senior Officer of Dartmouth*

Among those attending Skip's memorial service at the DOC House in Hanover on May 31 were Betty Brady, Dick Blodgett, John Callahan, Jack Cornman, Jere Daniell, Jack Doyle, Dick Hastings, Brooks Parker and John Wetzel.

Jack Cornman recalled Skip as roommate, fraternity brother and good friend. "After all," he said, "getting stopped by a friendly policeman who asked what we were doing following a cow down a railroad track while driving back from Green Mountain Junior College is hardly the stuff of heroic legends."

Over the years, Jack went on, "we didn't spend much time talking about our respective careers, preferring to resurrect a few old stories from roommate days, talk about our families, and solve the great political issues of the moment. And, as Lou and my wife Donna can testify, the stories not only got old, but got better--funnier, or at least so Skip and I thought--with each telling, but not necessarily more truthful."

Jack recalled that when Skip received the Class of 1955 Award, recognizing a

lifetime of achievements and contributions to others, there were letters from former students at Miss Porter's School, in Farmington, Connecticut, where for 16 years he taught history and served as headmaster. "The impact



he had on those students was and is the stuff of a Mr. Chips legend. And then, at Dartmouth, not only had he upgraded the College's development program, but was instrumental in raising the money for the addition to Baker Library--the only accomplishment I ever heard him mention. So," Jack concluded, "it turns out a man can become a hero to his roommate."

Skip served as the College's vice president for development and alumni affairs from 1986 to 1993. Previously he had the same responsibilities at Harvard Law School. He held a master's degree in American history from Columbia University.

Lou and Skip had two children, Allen, born in 1959, and Lindsay, born in 1962.

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Dick and Ruth Blodgett

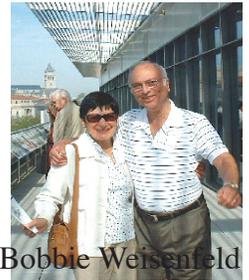
National Gallery of Art



Bob and Evelyn Comer



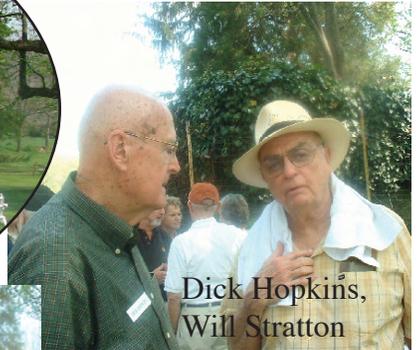
Jack and Marilyn Doyle



Howie and Bobbie Weisenfeld



From Kotzes Front Porch



Dick Hopkins, Will Stratton



Hillwood Garden

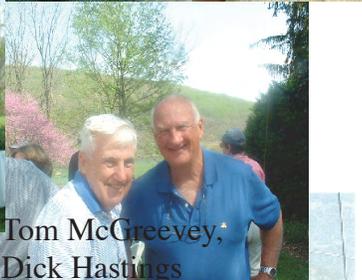


Margot and Paul Zimmerman

Shirley Tenney and Paul Merriken



Tom McGreevey, Dick Hastings



Lou Hance, Jennifer Whelpton



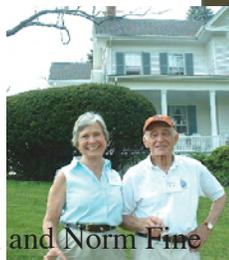
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Bernie and Pat Siskind



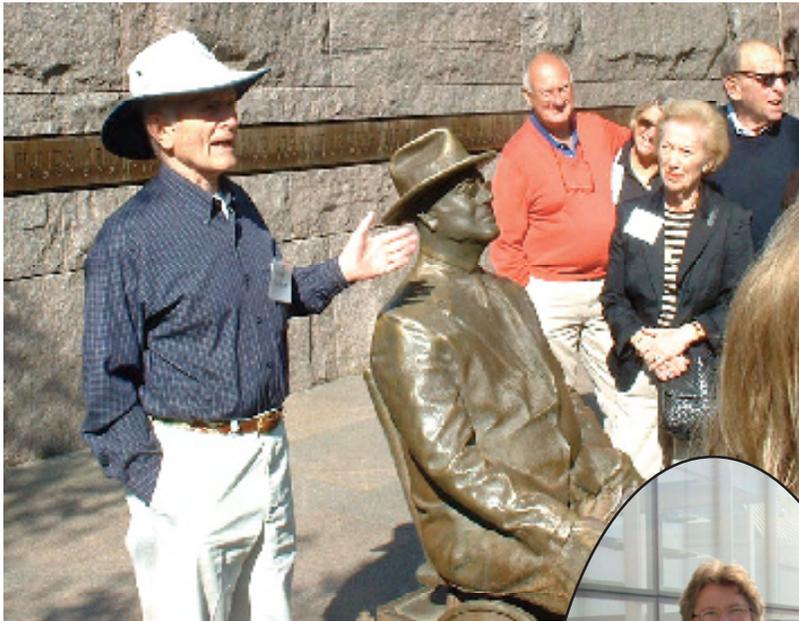
Leon and Marilee Martel



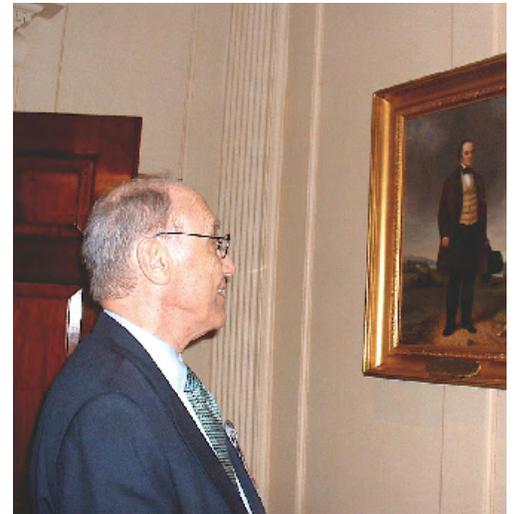
Joan and Norm Fine



# *Vox Clamantis in Deserto . . .*



**Lou Miano communed with Secretary of State Daniel Webster in the State Department's diplomatic reception rooms.**



**Harry Ambrose and friend told us a few things about the Depression and World War II.**



**Betty Brady on top of things at the Newseum.**



**G. Edwards said Bob had a wonderful time.**



**Mini-reunion chair Frank Chase treated Ken Lundstrom to some Washington inside dope.**



**Writers Jim Hall and Lew Wolfson had words with each other.**



**Bob Fanger, Gale Roberson**

# Roberts Named Dean of Caribbean Medical School

Dick Roberts is the new dean and chief academic officer of Trinity School of Medicine, recently established on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent. He retired from Cornell Medical School in New York after many years as head of infectious diseases and vice chairman of medicine among other responsibilities, then moved to Rockefeller University as a teacher and researcher. The president of parent Trinity University said Dick's appointment "sets Trinity apart from the other Caribbean medical schools." Dick said he looked



forward to working with others at Trinity "in creating a medical school in the Caribbean that is second to none."

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## *Tom Byrne Declares Plaque Honoring Him Is 'Actually Too Small'*

Remember that the Town of Hanover last year honored Tom Byrne for his long service to the community? After leaving the College staff, he headed the Hanover Improvement Society for years and later the Chamber of Commerce, which made him a lifetime member. Well, as Tom was strolling along Main Street recently, he noticed a new plaque in front of the town hall recognizing that honor.

As reported by the *Connecticut Valley Spectator*, Tom went home and "started thinking the plaque was actually too small for what it should really say. 'It lacked the names of hundreds, if not thousands,' Byrne said. . . He did not do it all alone, he added, but with many civil servants and other citizens."

## *Dan Nixon Appointed To Tucker Foundation Board*

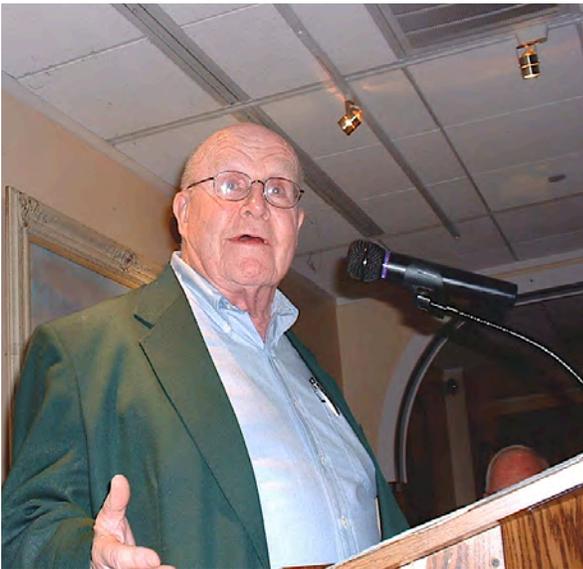
With the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, Jim Wright named Dan Nixon to a three-year term on the Tucker Foundation Board of Visitors, which oversees Tucker's immense service and religious programming in which one-fourth of the student body participates each year. Since he retired after forty years of caring for cancer patients in Florida, Tamara and Dan spend half the year in their Hanover home. He wrote in our 50th reunion book that he was looking for "meaning to fill the void of retirement." Tucker will help with that. At the reunion our class endowed a Tucker fellowship for international service.

## Class of 1955 Award

# Bob Perkins is the Man of the Hour

Bob Perkins, indefatigable College volunteer, community activist and retired vice president of Chrysler, was saluted by the class at the Washington mini-reunion dinner on April 25.

The chairman of the class awards committee, Ken Lundstrom, presented Bob our Class of 1955 Award “to recognize a classmate who has distinguished himself as an outstanding son of Dartmouth.”



**Bob Perkins voiced warm, supportive sentiments for the class, for the College and for Chrysler.**

His Chrysler career carried him to England, Argentina, Australia and Japan. He retired as vice president for the Far East. “Along the way,” Ken said, “he stuck by his Dartmouth roots as an officer in every alumni club he came near.” After retirement he was a director for five years of the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

Bob was a superb class head agent for our big 50th reunion and later served as class secretary until slowed by a rare, serious illness, which, he happily reported, is now behind him.

Ken noted that Bob “came to us from Bay High School, Bay Village, Ohio . . . majored in government, and was active in the Outing Club including Carnival director 1954, UGC and an officer in SAE.” He earned a master’s degree from the Wharton School and served two years in Army ordnance.

Bob and Kay live in St. Michaels, Md., where he’s been a trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and a director of the Talbot County YMCA.

**N.B.:** Please send nominations for future class awards to [kenlundstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:kenlundstrom@yahoo.com).

## *Wright Scholarship Fund, and more*

Our Jim and Susan Wright Scholarship Fund stands at \$131,186 toward our goal of \$155,000. Jack Doyle urges broader participation. Please send your check, of any size, to the Dartmouth College Fund, designated for the 1955 Wright Scholarship.

Ralph Sautter added \$6200 to our Class of 1955 Dickey Scholarship Fund from the extra \$25 you paid in class dues. From

similar “extras” Ralph sent \$3000 each to the Hood Museum and the Athletic Sponsorship Program. (Hockey high scorer Amanda Trunzo ’12, whose visit we sponsored two years ago, was All-Ivy and All-ECAC.)

We donated from mini-reunion funds \$500 to the Foundation for the National Archives in honor of Mary Lynn and Nick Kotz, who arranged our superb visit there.

# *National Squash Champion Lee Spelke Inducted to Wearers of the Green at Boston . . .*

Lee Spelke was admitted to Dartmouth's most exclusive athletic club, the Wearers of the Green. He was recognized at a Boston banquet May 19 as the Men's Squash National Masters Champion.

## **While Skiing Champion Ralph Miller Recovers From Hang Gliding Crash**

Ralph Miller, he of the 109-m.p.h. world downhill speed record (August 25, 1955, Chile) and long-time hang-gliding aficionado, descended into a tree in Mexico in February, was hospitalized for a month, and has been recuperating ever since at home in Lexington, Ky. His wife Pam, no longer busy as mayor, reports that he's doing physical therapy, gaining strength and walking a couple of miles a day. He'll now retire from the University of Kentucky medical school and "teach his grandchildren skiing."



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## **Who are Wearers of the Green?**

The Wearers of the Green are All-Americans, national champions, Olympians, professionals and winners of distinguished awards in their sports. Before Lee 10 other '55s were inducted:

Jon Anderson (Lacrosse All-American)  
Dave Conlan (Archibald Prize Winner)  
John Glover (Swimming national champion, All-American and Watson Award winner)  
Ray Lenhard (Lacrosse All-American)  
Ralph Miller (skiing national champion, All-American, Olympian)  
Hart Perry (National Rowing Hall of Fame member)

Four classmates were inducted as members of the 1954 and 1955 heavyweight eight rowing champions: Bill DeLana, Alan Graham, Peter Knoke and Leon Martel.

## ***John French Receives International Award***

John received the Harry Edmonds Award of International House in New York, a residential community of 700 selected graduate students, two-thirds from abroad, that conducts cultural and intellectual programs including leadership training. John was a director for 21 years. Prior award winners include Richard Holbrooke, Flora Lewis and Leontyne Price. Among the organization's past chairs are David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger. The current chair is Paul Volcker, who also received an Edmonds Award.

*Homecoming & Dartmouth Night!*

*October 23-24, 2009*

*'55's 55th Reunion!*

*June 14-16, 2010*

*Be there!*