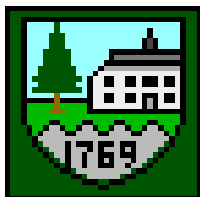


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The Harvard game wasn't so bad: won by Dartmouth 30 to 16, no doubt thanks to the exuberant enthusiasm expressed by this happy '56 gathering in the stands. Photo provided by Alert Reader Bert WHITTEMORE, indicating that the young man is Pete LAUTERBACH's son-in-law holding his son also named Peter.

Trivia and Teasers:

Russell **COOPER-MEAD** (russ@coopmead.com) Needs your assistance with our 50-Year Book, of which he is in charge and will put a whole lot of umlauts in it unless you e-mail him. The **BOOK** will be a collector's item. Reserve your copy by sending a \$50 check, payable to "1956 Reunion Book Fund" to Elliott Weinstein, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, Unit #38, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. - more on page 4

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[**DEADLINE** for next issue (March 2004): February 1]

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GREAT NEWS

From: Tom **ROSENWALD**
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April 16, 2004 will start the Great '56 Broadway Week-end Celebration of being alive, welcoming Spring, paying taxes or receiving refunds in the Big Apple. Special tickets will be available to the class for Friday the 16th based on my huge influ-

ence with the Shubert Theaters for a Class of 1956 block of seats. We will be attending a new opening called The Sly Fox. Information is available on the Shubert web site: <http://www.shubertorg.com/>

Rooms will be available at the Yale Club and reservations for dinner in the theater district will be made for us as a group. I need to know how many wish to attend no later than Feb.15. Tickets will be

around \$90 each. SO HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!
Drop me an e-mail or call me at 212-734-6764.
E-mail: TomRosenwald@msn.com.

On another but more humorous note, the Alumni Office has called **The Poon** and **The Rose** with grave concerns about the cohesiveness and stability of the 50th Reunion Committee. We would like the Class not to be concerned because we both as veteran reunion leaders stand ready to come in from the bullpen to put out any and all fires and to Save Our 50th Reunion (SOF).

In the meantime A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY TO EVERYONE FROM TINY TOM.

My apologies to the Xmas Carroll. -Tom

From: John **LIEBMAN**
(jrliebman@earthlink.net)

Just returned from yet another trip to our nation's capitol, and spent the weekend in New York. My S.O. is a New Yorker and joined me last Friday so that we could attend the wedding of the daughter of her close friend. We ran into Roger **TOLINS** at the wedding. He's a cousin of the bride's dad, and we had a great time catching up. I think Roger is feeling a bit guilty about missing all of our reunions, so I poured it on a bit. Perhaps he'll relent long enough to attend our 50th. Anyway, I would have recognized him anywhere. He looks the same as he did at Dartmouth except his bountiful hair is gray.

Hope all is well with your mob. [Hope you had] a great holiday season. - John

From: The Rt. Rev. R. Stewart **WOOD**, Jr.(PO Box 968, Quechee, VT 05059-0968; 802-295-8912 (StewWood@aol.com)

Minutes of the October 25, 2003 meeting of the Dartmouth Class of 1956:

The meeting was opened by our class President, Glen French, at 9:00 AM. Those in attendance were: Clem Malin, Buddy Schattman, Len Clark, Tom Rosenwald, Howard Sodokoff, Tex Fridlund, Leo McKenna, Dick Whitney, Harold Gordon, Russ Cooper-Mead, Joel Ash, David Kerr, Jack Tamagni, Wally Pugh, Dean Hofe, Elliott Weinstein, Fritz Simms, Jon Strong, Glen French, Stew Wood and Bob Slater.

Jack Tamagni presented the finance report for the year ending June 30, 2003.

Income

Class Dues	\$18,320.
Anonymous gift	1,000.

Interest	576.
Total	\$19,896.
Expenses	
Alumni Magazine	\$9,955.
Dues campaign	846.
Newsletter	4,191.
Class Meeting expenses	3,027.
Insurance	205.
Total	\$18,227.
Operating surplus	\$1,669.
Reunion Gift contributions	\$12,202.
Reunion expenses	2,885.
Surplus for Class Gift	\$ 9,315.
Total surplus	\$10,984.
Year end balances	
Checking	\$ 5,203.
Savings	\$52,039.

Note: This month we made a down payment of \$20,000. on the 50th Reunion Gift and the Savings Account is now \$32,040.00.

Following his presentation of our financial position Jack made the following motion, seconded by Leo McKenna. Starting next year any Classmate who hasn't paid class dues at least once in the past four years, or who hasn't made a contribution to the College Fund at least once in the last four years, or who hasn't attended a class reunion or class meeting in the last four years will no longer receive the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. After significant discussion the motion passed.

Dick Whitney reported for the class gift committee. Half of the Senior Fence has been relocated along the west side of the green, opposite College Hall. The other half will be installed shortly along the south side opposite the Hanover Inn. A historic plaque will be installed on this fence which will acknowledge our class gift of \$20,000 which covered most of the costs involved.

The College sign project will proceed into the design phase next spring with competition open to undergraduates and alumni. A decision on both design and location for the sign is projected for fall '04 which would leave adequate time for creation and installation prior to our 50th reunion. Whitney pointed out that our offer to fund the sign remains contingent upon reaching agreement with The College regarding cost, design and location.

Leo McKenna and Clem Malin spoke about the Alumni Council and Association of Alumni meeting scheduled for December 6, 2003 which will vote

whether or not to combine the two organizations with a new constitution. The objectives of the new constitution include the reduction of Alumni Candidates for membership on the Board of Trustees from three to two, the increased participation of "affiliated groups" in the work of the Council and the identification of the Council as the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association for any business of the Association. If the new constitution is passed in December in Hanover, it will be placed before the entire alumni body for ratification. A two-thirds majority of that body will be required for passage.

Leo reported on the several committees of the Alumni Council on which he serves. The Trustee Nominating Committee now works to identify three nominees for Trustee membership. This requires a significant time commitment and can be intense. The Honorary Degree Committee's work is interesting but not as intense. In addition he serves as the Chair of the Athletics Committee.

Russ Cooper-Meade and Clem Malin gave an account of the 50th Reunion Book planning. While the class treasury has set aside money for the book, Classmates will be asked to contribute \$50.00 each for the volume. An effort will be undertaken to collect all of the needed money in 2004. Every classmate will be approached to make a written contribution of some sort, possibly a description of what he perceives to have happened in the last fifty years within his a field of his interest or a commentary on his own life experience. Wives and roommates will be invited to submit materials for those Classmates who are experiencing "writers block." There will be pictures galore. Submissions will be expected by February of 2004.

Wally Pugh rehearsed our class's participation in the College Fund. The Good News is that a total of \$30,300,000 was raised. The Bad News is that our class participation fell from 59% to 55%. Our contribution fell from \$169,000. to \$130,000.

As a result, some changes will be made in our approach to Classmates. Those capable of contributing \$50,000 or more will be approached directly by a committee chaired by Jack Tamagni. Those capable of contributing between \$1,000 and \$50,000 will be approached by a committee chaired by Clem Malin. Howard Sodokoff will seek classmates willing to directly approach those believed capable of contributing up to \$1,000. An effort will be made to obtain the support of Classmates who attended one of our professional schools. Widows will also be invited to contribute on behalf of our deceased Classmates. Solicitors will likely call on between five and ten Classmates.

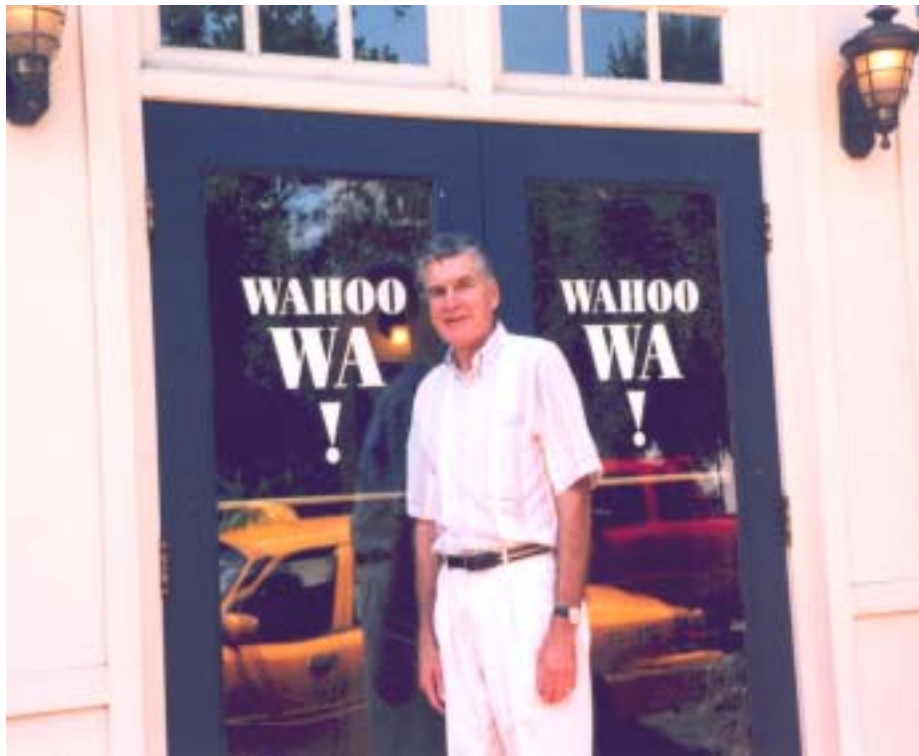
Len Clark reviewed Reunion Participation by reminding us that 2006 is the Chinese Year of the Dog. In keeping with that reality the motto of "No Dog is a Stray" has been selected. We will be seeking the highest percentage of participation in the history of our reunions. Doug Keare has assumed responsibility for guiding that effort. Since our 50th is joined to Commencement and thus provides us fewer days in Hanover than usual, we will move to the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe for Sunday evening, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning to extend our Reunion.

Tiny Strong expressed once again his willingness to assist any Classmate seeking to make a planned giving contribution to the College as a part of his participation in our 50th Reunion. He reminded us that there are ample opportunities to "do well by doing good."

The Mini-reunion schedule for 2004 was rehearsed by Glen French. In addition to the already popular events in Sarasota and Hanover, there will be a Midwest summer offering at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island, Michigan July 7-9 under the direction of Bob Slater and Doug Keare, a 70th Birthday Party for Classmates in Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 27-30 hosted by Jack Crowley, Tag Chapman and Ed Ross, the one "Sanctioned" International Trip to Croatia and Slovenia in May, an Evening at the Theater in New York in midwinter and a series of regional luncheons for Classmates in all major cities on the 56th day of the year [February 25].

Glen then introduced a series of objectives for our class for 2004. We will seek 60% participation in the College Fund; meet or exceed the 2004 milestones for completion of our 50th Reunion Book; witness the completion and installation of our class gift prior to June, 2006; provide for at least three information opportunities for Classmates considering a planned gift to the College; establish and implement a "buddy system" for attendance at our 50th Reunion; design the Hanover and Stowe Reunion opportunities; establish a working relationship with the class of 2006 in anticipation of our time together at Reunion; organize a class widows effort to encourage participation in our class activities, produce eight class newsletters and refine our home page and finally provide no less that seven mini-reunions in 2004. It's an adventurous set of objectives but one which will surely enhance our engagement with one another and with the life of the College.

Respectfully submitted by Stew Wood, Secretary



Ann (no "e") **MALIN** photographed her husband Clem in front of this politically incorrect bar at the Cavalier Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia. The hotel is directly across from the University of Virginia. No one has a clue as to what Clem was doing there, and Ann isn't telling.

Roberts W. **FRENCH** (rwfrench@mail.cybermesa.com): Jenny & I have recently returned (11/13/03) from three weeks in Italy, ten days of which we happily spent walking from Assisi to Orvieto. As we headed out on the first day onto the slopes of Monte Subasio we felt that we were going into vast realms of uncertainty, but then we saw a trail blaze, and we knew that all would be well. [The photo to the right] is what we saw:



From: Mrs. Joseph M. **ELLIOTT** (OdessaElliott@aol.com)
On November 2, 2004, the first anniversary of Joe's death, a plaque was dedicated at St. Paul's, and the name of the street beside the Church was changed to "Father Joseph M. Elliott Place."

A plaque in commemoration of the ministry of The Rev'd Joseph M. Elliott was dedicated at the 10:45 service on Sunday, November 2, 2003 at Saint Paul's Church, Morrisania. Father Elliott, who died on November 2, 2002, had begun his ministry at Saint Paul's in 1959, where he remained until his death. The Rev'd Thomas Mercer, priest-in-charge, conducted the service of thanksgiving. Following the service, New York City Councilwoman, the Hon. Helen Diane Foster, oversaw the renaming of Saint Paul's Place in memory of Father Elliott. By a unanimous vote of the New York City Council, the street was renamed: Father Joseph M. Elliott Place.

For further information, you can contact our daughter: Rachel Elliott Rigolino, State University of New York, New Paltz, English Department (rigolinr@newpaltz.edu)

All the best, Odessa **ELLIOTT**

50th Reunion BOOK Needs Funding

From: Clement B. MALIN (cbmalin@optonline.net)

Work on the Great Class of 1956 50th Reunion **BOOK** has been underway for over a year, under the able leadership of Russ **COOPER-MEAD** and Elliott **WEINSTEIN**. We are now in the early stages where commitments are being made and early copy is being prepared. Expenses are mounting. Classmates will soon be receiving a letter requesting their fee for a copy of the book, only \$50.

Where else can you buy for such a low price the latest low down on your Classmates? Where else will you find pictures of what we all looked like 50 years ago? There will also be images of the College as it was then. There will be perspective and commentary articles by Classmates who have been there and done that. There will be individual entries from each Classmate.

There will be humor, there will be pathos, mostly fact, but probably some fiction. But most of all, the **BOOK** will be about us. The **BOOK** will be mailed on December 1, 2005. This will offer Classmates ample time to reacquaint themselves with each other before the 50th Reunion in June 2006.

The **BOOK** will be a collector's item. Reserve your copy by sending a \$50 check, payable to "1956 Reunion Book Fund" to Elliott Weinstein, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, Unit #38, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706.

Everett E. (Ted) **BRIGGS** (170 Sunset Ridge, Norfolk, CT 06058) Sally and I have become fans of Elderhostel, first visiting the Galapagos (shortly after 9/11), and now completing a 2,500 mile tour of the canyons and mountains of Arizona and Utah.

Indescribable beauty and stark, dramatic scenery! Elderhostel, not famous for accommodations or victuals, provides priceless value-added in expert guides, out-of-the-way exploration, and a wonderful mix of serious inquiry and fun. Best - Ted

Will **SOGG** (McCarthy, Lebit et al, 1800 Midland Building, 101 West Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115-1088; 216-696-1422 x 140; wss@mccarthylebit.com) Stu **KLAPPER** and his wife Betty were visiting in Cleveland, and we spent some time with them at our home. Here we are at our Corky **RANNEY** Botanical Gardens [patterned after Corky's Nantucket kitchen garden]. The top photo shows Will **SOGG**, Nancy **SOGG**, and Stu **KLAPPER**; the lower one shows Betty **KLAPPER** between the handsome Classmates.



From: Harry **NUTTING**
(HONUTTING3@aol.com)

Here is a photo of Bernt **STIGUM** and me in front of a fireplace in Landgrove, Vermont. He and his wife were visiting his daughter, Tove Stigum Bigelow and her husband Jonathan Bigelow, both Dartmouth graduates, for a week. Jon Bigelow is my nephew, being my sister May Bigelow, Smith '59's son. Bernt and Fia were visiting from Oslo, Norway, a lovely city on a fjord (or a Chevy) where the renowned Naval Midshipmen H. Flint **RANNEY** and H. Otis **NUTTING** landed on a humongus battleship [Hon. Ed. note: that would be the USS IOWA (BB61)] sometime back in the 50's, I believe it was '53, but then who's counting? I shall send you a few photos from Homecoming as soon as I get them developed, I promise it will be in the next couple of days. Happy Thanksgiving - Harry

Whatever happened to John GORMAN?

From Larry MORSE:

Last August, twelve 56's met here in Maine to discuss the desirability and practicality of starting a new four-year, all-male, liberal arts college. This was not an attempt to resurrect our Dartmouth because in fact nothing will restore what is lost. The purpose of this notice is to tell the Class what we are about and why, and to invite interested 56's to join us in this singular adventure.

The original idea, still in place, is to create a holding company - The Highlands Group - which will also be a 501 (0) (3) organization. From our meetings, a formal Proposal has been written which makes clear why a new liberal arts college is needed and which specifies some of a new College's distinguishing characteristics. There are now two plans before us for the implementation of THG's more complex role.

The all-male format presented an insurmountable obstacle to some of the original group. Some resigned because they simply disapproved of the idea, some resigned because they found the principle acceptable but thought the format would not survive in the marketplace. However, we think the benefits of same-sex education (whether all-male or all-female) outweigh these objections, and we have sound reasons for thinking the game worth the candle.

Interestingly, no one faulted the original mission, which we wish to set before you. THG has taken on its task because the 20th century has posed pressing problems for which the 21st century needs to find answers. The first is the effect the new orthodoxy has had on academe. The former liberal arts view that a college is an open marketplace for ideas has been supplanted by the concept that a college is a safe zone for competing victimologies, and that dissent and speech must be limited because it is "hurtful" to its victims.

More pressing is the conflict between the sciences and the culture that nourishes them. On the one hand mankind requires a complex system of values to give the sciences accountability. On the other hand, the sciences must discredit such systems because accountability limits the sciences' dominion.

This conflict has become a crisis precisely because the sciences, pure and applied, hard and soft, have succeeded so thoroughly that they are seen as mankind's salvation, holding in their hand all health and longevity, knowledge and its dissemination, the pharmaceuticals for behavior, increasingly the means of livelihood, and, most importantly, the sources of entertainment. Science is no longer a discipline, it is a way of life, a "life style" as we say. The space once filled by common core of values and beliefs has instead been filled by technological hedonism.

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But how is such a common core to be recreated now? The Arts - once a standard of excellence - now answer the question "What is art?" with "Anything at all". This is not a judgment of value; it is its absence. In a secular society religion cannot be allowed to exercise its ancient authority. In its turn, the Law has often been burdened with this task, but mandating cultural standards is well outside its competence. Finally, the American emphasis on diversity and multi-culturalism encourages a social fragmentation that forestalls the re-development of a common core of value and belief.

The rebuilding of the common core is education's task. Public education has already failed at this task at considerable cost. And contemporary higher education, instead of demanding accountability from the businesses and government for which it does the research, draws a good deal of its wealth and prestige from this collaboration. Nevertheless, THG is certain that this is still higher education's responsibility.

THG has concluded that to help rebuild this core, a college, from its base of traditional learning, must establish accountability as a seminal concept which will generate value systems more comprehensive than any innovation science, art, or business can devise. We have chosen accountability because it is a universal concept, because it is secular and impersonal, because it is rooted in the specific and the demonstrable, because it puts a premium on knowledge rather than agendas, and because it forces the creation of values by assigning responsibility for both means and ends.

The failure of higher education to respond to this challenge can only promise a society of Alphas and Betas. There will be the elite, accountable only to themselves, who create technology, and then there will be that vast class whose only responsibility is to consume. THG asks you all to consider how far down this road we have gone.

Space limits our explanation, although we are grateful for the space we have been given. We have left out the additional objectives, the discussion of same-sex education, and the core of curriculum which is necessary to attain our goals. We will be glad to mail you our proposal. We need to add a half a dozen men to complete our Board of Directors for the nascent corporation, and we would like to build an Advisory Council so we can tap the accumulated knowledge that 56's represent. When we complete the Board of Directors, then we will place a notice in the DAM so that all Dartmouth can examine our undertaking. It is not our intention to make this solely an alumni operation, but we think it necessary to start here.

Crile **DOSCHER**, Toby **JULIAN**, Roger **SCHUMACHER**, Russell **SMITH**, Eric **VALENTINE**, and Chairman Pro Tem Lawrence **MORSE** (1062 Prescott Rd, Manchester, ME 04351; 207-626-0514; L666555@ao.com

Only 29 months remaining until the Greatest 50th Reunion!

June 8 - 14, 2006

June 8, Thurs. -- early check-ins
June 9, Friday -- official check-in
June 10, Saturday
June 11, Sunday -- check out of Hanover and into
the Stowe/Trapp Lodge or environs.
June 12, Monday
June 13, Tuesday
June 14, Wednesday -- Checkout: homeward bound

(Return address & address label)