

The Wah, Who? Whisper!

The Great Class of 1956 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!
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The Class of 1956 hosted a dinner in Hanover on October 24, 2009, honoring veterans who are students at Dartmouth thanks to a program started by then-College President Jim Wright and enthusiastically endorsed by our Great Class.

Above on the left are Craig Fitzgerald, '13, USAF, who was wounded in Afghanistan, and Russ **SMITH** '56. On the right are Sam Christ, '10, USMC, wounded in Iraq, past president of DUVA (Dartmouth Undergraduate Veterans Assn.), who is back from three months in Morocco studying Arabic, and our Classmate Tiny **STRONG** '56.

Below are Roger **SCHUMACHER**, '56 with Julian Sarkar, '13, USMC
[All photos courtesy of Alert Reader Buddy **SCHATTMAN**]

"Among the schools that have signed up [for the Yellow Ribbon Program, an initiative created by the Post- 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008...] are such marquee names as...Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business [which] is committing \$19,233 per student, which along with the federal money covers all of the annual \$47,835 tuition."
-BusinessWeek, October 19, 2009, page 008.



SAD NEWS

Warren **FELLINGHAM** <Warren_Fellingham@msn.com>



Flint ...

Just in case you did not have this news already; can you also let the College know? (Ken was my roommate in North Fayerweather Hall, for three years.)

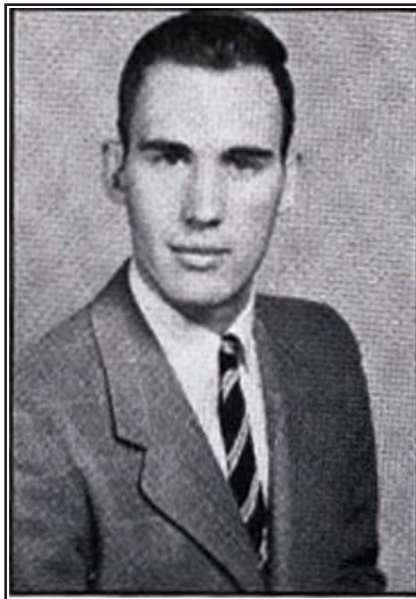
Thanks, Warren

--Original Message--

From: Scott Wlaschin <mailto:swlaschin@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Subject: Sad news about Ken **WLASCHIN**:

Dear Friends,

Sadly, Ken passed away on the evening of Tuesday, 10th of November, after a short illness. He was at home in Palm Springs, surrounded by all the things he loved: books, music and his family.



There will be no funeral service. No flowers please, but donations if desired to your local hospice charity (we were greatly helped by the hospice in Palm Springs).

He was truly one of a kind, and will be deeply missed.

Love to all of you,

Mo Kennedy-

Martin and Scott Wlaschin

P.S. No phone calls please, but you can contact Scott at swlaschin@gmail.com

Bill **WEBB** (BWEBB@phillies.com) Please include in the WWW the attached internal announcement by the CEO of The Phillies about the onset of my new life. Thanks. - Bill

Subject: Phillies Roster Move

From: Montgomery, David
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 2:06 PM

I want to take this opportunity to make everyone aware of an important upcoming roster change within the organization.

Since 1978 Bill **WEBB** has played a significant role for the ballclub. First, as our outside counsel practicing at Ballard Spahr. He began by negotiating several media contracts with our rights holders. In 1981 Bill Webb assisted Bill Giles in recruiting and organizing our existing ownership group. For the next 18 years, Bill handled almost exclusively all Phillies legal work, including many more rights holders' deals, our lease arrangements with the City of Philadelphia and the negotiation of our concession joint venture with Aramark.

Bill Webb became part of the Phillies every day lineup in 2000 when he left Ballard Spahr and joined us as General Counsel. For the past 10 years he has made an enormous contribution to the club. Bill, a tireless worker, has provided the club and many of us individually, with excellent counsel. We have all benefited from his sound judgment. Frankly, it is hard to imagine that we would have had the opportunity to move in to Citizens Bank Park without his involvement in our lease negotiations.

Bill has now decided that he would like to relinquish his General Counsel role with the Club. Effective December 1, Bill will assume a part time role with the Phillies. Fortunately, he will remain as part of our Front Office Executive Staff, working about half his present hours. He will continue as Secretary of the ballclub, work on special projects for the Phillies and provide assistance to our new General Counsel.

Please join me in thanking Bill for his past service and encouraging him to appropriately balance his continued service to the Phillies, while increasing his time spent with his wonderful, patient wife Jenny and their fine family. - David

ROWING FAMILY HAS NEW HOME

By Maura Sullivan *Concord Monitor [NH]* staff
June 03, 2009

Concord Crew's season may be over, but last night was a new beginning for the rowing program when they cut the ribbon for the Bert Whittemore Boathouse on the Merrimack River in Concord.

Concord Crew, Concord High School's club rowing program, completed a major fundraising effort to build the boathouse. The nonvarsity program doesn't receive any funding from the high school, and the athletes have been making the 30-minute commute to the crowded Amoskeag Boathouse in Hooksett for the past nine years.

Whittemore, a former rower at Dartmouth and a longtime advocate of rowing in New Hampshire public schools, wasn't supposed to know that the boathouse would bear his name - a white cloth was draped over the sign until the unveiling - but he told the crowd of supporters gathered for the ribbon cutting that he had "been practicing his surprise for some time."

Friends of Concord Crew board member Roger Jobin called Whittemore "the godfather and inspiration of our program." Friends of Concord Crew was formed in 2000 to establish a rowing program at Concord High School, and Whittemore was one of the early and significant

financial backers. Although his financial support was instrumental in the program's success, it is one of the lesser reasons that the boathouse bears

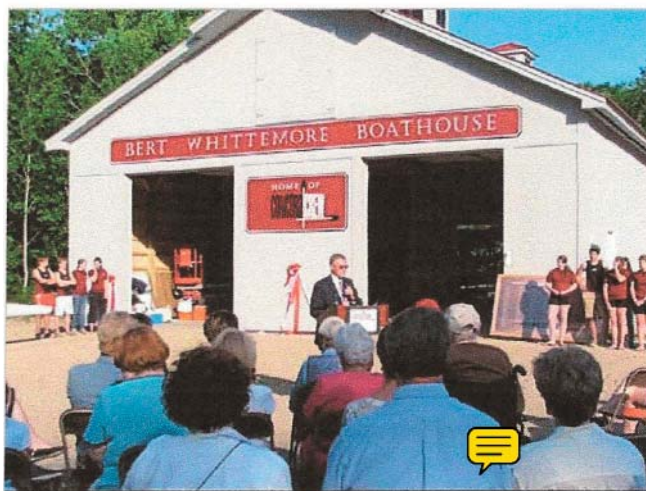
his name. He is still an active supporter who can be found at Friends of Concord Crew meetings, and he is host of the Sleigh Cup, a regatta named in honor of his late wife.

"We are trying to recognize people who have given time and effort and talent to move it forward, not just money, and Bert is one of those people," said Phil Donovan, who served as chair of the boathouse building project with Warren Billings. "It was his vision and his dream to get public rowing, not only in Concord, but in the entire state for public high schools."

Whittemore said that rowing had such a huge influence on his life that he wanted to share it with others. "Rowing brings them together and teaches them something about teamwork and friendship and how much joy can be

had by being a part of something larger than yourself," Whittemore told the crowd. "That, in our culture, is a tribute in itself, in my view."

Whittemore addressed the crowd after cutting the ribbon and read verses from the Eton Boating Song, sung by the rowing team at prep school Eton College in England. His emotion almost got the best of him, and he could barely utter the final line, which perhaps contained his hopes for the future of Concord Crew: "But we'll still swing together."



Deborah de Peyster



DEPARTMENT OF "HUH?"

"Dartmouth, like many schools, has long had an "Office of Institutional Diversity (OIDE). Yet a few years ago it felt the need to establish something called the "Office of Pluralism and Leadership (OPAL). In my four years on the board, I never was quite able to figure out what OPAL did that OIDE did not, or could not, do. Whatever the answer, both require the oversight of a college vice president whose office was created just a few years ago." - Todd J. Zywicki, a trustee of Dartmouth from 2005 to 2009, in *National Review*, October 5, 2009, page 44.

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• *Women of '56 are invited to all Class functions as voters* •

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GREEN CARD NEWS

Alan (aka Alcibiades (romanticized) **VOULGARIS** (16 Beasom St., Nashua, NH, 03064-1969; 603-889-0794; avoulgaris@aol.com) I have never written before and actually we have never met. I was going through my writing box and I found this picture that appeared in the morning and evening editions of the [Boston] *Record American*, September 19, 1962. I was single and lived at 10 Otis Place, part of Beacon Hill but right on the Charles. The Kennedys lived two blocks down toward Mass General Hospital. This primary was the beginning of Ted's career. I got to the polls early so that I would not be late for work. There were lots of cameras and reporters when I got there. I just wanted to get out of there. About five minutes later the two of them [Ted and Joan Kennedy] appeared both looking like stars. The press went after them asking when the brother would arrive to vote. I voted first and got to my job on time. That

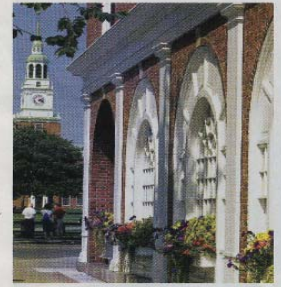
evening I went to a bar on Charles Street for a beer and the bartender told me I was on the front page of the morning and evening editions. Since he's such a hero (I voted for Lodge), I thought some of those who liked him would be interested. Just so you get it right, I'm the good-looking guy on the [far] left, not the man with the pipe.

I would also like to tell you how much I was saddened when I received the news of Pete **SHIPMAN's** passing. I was one of his roommates our second year. Phil **LANGTRY** and Jim Trembly were the others. It was a great year and we all got along just fine. Peter had a remarkable smile, enjoyed campus life, and loved that PSI U house. By the way, did you know that he modeled for a Hanover artist? However, we never got to see the painting. Hope to make the 55th. Sincerely - Alan

HANOVER, NH

Because... ivory towers make for a storybook escape.

BY WILLIAM MARTIN



WHEN YOU GET TO HANOVER, you see students. If you get there on a Dartmouth College football weekend, you see a Friday-night bonfire, hordes of alums, and jam-packed bar stools. Look deeper. Talk to locals who live here simply because they like it, or to folks who have retired here simply because there's no place like it.

Yes, it's the quintessential college town, where youthful enthusiasm combines with tradition to create something ageless. But it's also the cultural heart of the Upper Valley. Try breakfast at **LOU'S**, lunch at **MOLLY'S**, dinner in **MURPHY'S PUB**. See what's on at the **HOPKINS CENTER**. Watch the world go by from the porch of the **HANOVER INN**. By Sunday, you may understand why so many love Hanover, why some never leave, and why you are now yearning to go back.

Weston resident WILLIAM MARTIN has written several novels, including *Cape Cod*, *Back Bay*, and the new *City of Dreams*, due out in May.

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Dartmouth Skiing History Book

From: Bob Murphy '65

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via: Robert **FAULKNER '56** (robert.faulkner@ubs.com)

I want to make sure you are aware of possibly the biggest alumni-organized project ever that is underway right now to show that Dartmouth alumni, staff and families have been the biggest force in the development of modern skiing over the past 120 years. This is not an official College project, but rather something that has had the active involvement of some 500+ alumni (from the classes of 1936 to 2009) providing research info, and some 60-70 alumni/ non-alumni actually writing parts of the 400+ page book that will be published next year to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the **DOC** as the project's phase 1.

The project is described in an on-line web site:

<http://dartmouthski.wiki.zoho.com/HomePage.html>

Funding is a challenge, but momentum is gathering. The objective is to fund this project by relatively small gifts from a broad spectrum of Classes, Clubs and Individuals. One of the ways the team have sought help is to gain modest support from a lot of Classes who have stepped up to designate this as a Class Project with a minimum contribution of \$1,000. The Classes of 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1971 and 1985 have already made "Class Project" gifts, and at least another five classes are working through their Class approval process right now.

Our Project Team is hoping that your Class will consider a gift from the Class itself, and will endeavor to help publicize the project through your normal class channels. Contributions should be sent to John Walters '62, Funding Coordinator. History of Dartmouth Skiing Project, P.O. Box 286, Grantham, NH 03753. Please note that anyone contributing \$200 or more will receive a copy of the book.

Bob Murphy, Treasurer for the Class of 1965

From Will **SOGG** (wss@mccarthylebit.com)

YOU HAVE NOT BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR ABUSE!

At a recent session of post cancer surgery coun-

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seling my therapist began the meeting with: "How ya' doing with body image?" What a way to start. Ever since my surgery I have been struggling with so many body image issues. Even before the cancer surgery I had some real issues. A fall from my horse had led to several unsuccessful surgeries followed by a left shoulder titanium replacement. The replaced shoulder's performance does not come close to matching the right's. So, even with extensive physical therapy I am nowhere near normal, and very self conscious about my looks and performance.

My cancer surgery was a repeat performance. First there were several years of treatment for bladder cancer and prostate cancer, including numerous biopsies and endless infusions of BSG. All that failing they announced that the whole bladder "had to go!"

It was not a one time surgery. Six or seven repeat incisions left my stomach looking like a battle zone and muscles worthless. A length of my intestine was recruited to build me a replacement bladder, creating for me what the docs call an "Indiana pouch."

One of the sphincters from my intestines was placed in my lower abdomen, forming a stoma, and connecting my new bladder with the outside world. My penis was no longer functional; a catheter in my stoma, as needed, replaced it. The multiple surgeries in the same place in my abdomen left muscles there so weak that they could not hold my guts in and that produced a huge, really huge, hernia. And collectively these several changes were the beginning of my real body image issues. Several counseling sessions earlier I had been given "The Body Image Work Book". It is designed principally for the obese, but also to help those with any body abnormalities. It forced me to think about, articulate and face up to what I had been dealing with. In response to the questions in the workbook I came up with the conclusion that when I looked down at my tummy when I was using my catheter to urinate and when I looked down at my bulging tummy, when I was naked, I felt diminished; and there was nothing I could do about it.

I was so obsessed with my huge hernia that I consulted with a plastic surgeon to see if it could be reduced surgically. He in turn brought in the abdominal surgeon who had participated in creating my Indiana pouch. He nixed any possibility of corrective surgery, explaining that he would need netting to hold the intestine in, and that the stoma made use of that impossible. My fantasy that

surgery could solve my problem was exploded emphatically.

I responded to the therapist's initial inquiry with a glum silence. And so it came again: "How are you doing with your body image issues?" I grunted: "Not so well" in response.

"And why is that?" came the follow up question. After a deep breath and a sigh, I went on. I explained:

"Take this morning for example. Before I leave the house I go to the bathroom. Two basic functions we learn as a baby in toilet training are back again both giving me a challenge. I have to use my catheter to empty my bladder, and dealing with bowel movements is even a greater challenge. When they built my Indiana pouch they took about a yard of intestine. As a result, my bowel function has not been right ever since. Unmedicated I have chronic diarrhea and then with amelioratives that have been prescribed, I am afflicted with unrelenting constipation. A catch 22 if there ever was one. That's the way I started today, and the way I start every day. And, no surprise, it has me down."

"You have not been singled out for abuse!", was the therapist's response. That's the response I use with my clients when they come to me concerned with a legal common problem. But it stung when it was coming at me, and not from me.

"Do you know that everyone who has had your surgery suffers from some variation of this. Consider all the women who have had breast cancer. They deal with it every time they put on or take off their bras." That stopped me in my tracks because I know so many women who have had breast cancer surgery. There are several in my cancer support group at the Gathering Place.

I told her that there's one more situation where body image rears its ugly head: the fitness center. And, once again, some background. Here I invoke the paradigm of the "mass mind" that we experiences at law school.

In law school we were in sections of 150. When the professor asked a question, perhaps one person in the section had the answer or, at least had the courage to raise their hand and think they had the answer. I always pitted my mind against the other 149 to see if I had the right answer. This was always in my head, but it took a regular toll, when I didn't do well against "the class". No one else knew about this, but I now know that many of the others in my class had

the same experience. This explains my experience in fitness recovery following the surgery.

Right after surgery, I had two prescriptions for physical therapy: one for my shoulder, and one for the rest of my body that had atrophied during 10 1/2 months in a bed in the hospital. When the prescriptions ran out, there was plenty more recovery still needed, so I started work with a personal trainer, three days a week, at a fitness center. Here's where the "mass mind" showed up as the "mass body". The fitness center is populated by mostly women, including nymphettes, wanna-be nymphettes, and used-to-be nymphettes. Whatever exercise I was given to do, there was always someone in the room doing it better or faster than I was.

As I make progress against my atrophy, no matter how well I'm doing, there's someone doing "better" than I am, including women who are pregnant and trying to stay fit and those who have delivered, some through C-Sections, trying to regain their fitness. Wherever I turn, watching the others always doing more or better than I am doing, I feel badly about my body image and its performance.

Going forward my challenge is now to cope effectively with my situation. The Workbook has suggestions as to how to deal with certain specific troublesome habits and obsessive behavior and strategies for dealing with them.

The Workbook discusses certain obsessive behaviors, like dressing to cover up or camouflage body defects or habits like stopping to look at yourself in every mirror, including those you have to detour to reach. As a suggested way to stop these behaviors, the book suggests the following for someone who is ashamed of his or her big rear end: Stand facing the filing cabinet with your rear end out for two minutes at a time, several times a day. Learn to cope with the anxiety and learn that you can deal with the situation.

An important strategy for me in so many situations is to replace the messages from my old inner voice with new and constructive words from my new inner voice. So, for example, if my old message from my inner voice was: I look so bad and so strange; no one can look at me, my new inner voice says: Lots of people deal with this; you are lucky to be alive and have such good medical care. And when my old inner voice message is: "Lord, why me? Why did you do this to me, or let this happen to me?", my new inner voice says: You have NOT been singled out for abuse. - Will

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CLASS SCHOLARS

Buddy **SCHATTMAN** (irscgp@verizon.net; 516-374-4278)

Rona and I, as well as all the '56ers in attendance at Homecoming in Hanover missed Corky and you. We guess someone had to shuck and eat oysters on Nantucket! We were busy cheering on the football team, in the pouring rain, to their first victory since 2007!

One of the items we discussed at the Class Meeting on Saturday morning was the Class' scholarship program. I have IDed the first six scholars. During the original years of the scholarship program, it was known as the "Class of '56 Foreign Student Scholarship Program." Classmates originally located these students and recommended them to the College who, upon admission, were designated as Class of '56 Foreign Student Scholars.

Many Classmates hosted these students, who were a long way from home and usually couldn't return home, during vacations and other semester breaks. We got to know and enjoy their friendship and vice versa. It was an additional "cement" which, in my opinion, helped to bind our Class together as well to have classmates get to know these students and these students to get to know many classmates. It was

a wonderful experience for all in every way. Attached are a spreadsheet with the contact information of the first Class of '56 Foreign Student Scholars as well as copies of two e-mails [Poh Hua Ng (Malasia) and Yuan Kit Ha (Hong Kong)] which I requested from five of the six students. [I am still trying to track down Mehmet Arda (Turkey).] Rather than wait for e-mails with information on the post-Dartmouth doings of the others, I believe it was decided to:

1. Add these students to the snail-mail and e-mail lists to receive your great Newsletter. I will complete any missing information needed for you to complete this, ASAP.
2. Include the e-mail information received from these and subsequent Class of '56 Student Scholars (not necessarily foreign) in your Newsletter as time, space and your judgment permit.

Incoming students are now selected by the Financial Aid Office to receive the Class of '56 Scholarship. I am contacting the Financial Aid Office to identify all the students who have received our Class of '56 Scholarship, subsequent to these first six, to date. I will complete the spreadsheet and work on getting contact and post-Dartmouth information on each of them. I'll forward the information accordingly.

Best regards - Buddy



Jon Biberman '13, one of the current Class of 1956 scholarship recipients, joined by Sam and Casey (**SCHATTMAN** grand-kids), and Rona **SCHATTMAN**.

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Our **55th** Reunion will begin on **June 13, 2011!**



*"Bad news, sir—there's a leak
in our think tank!"*