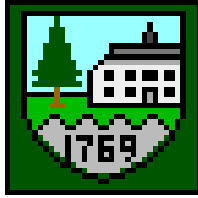


The Wah, Who? Whisper!

# The Great Class of 1956 Newsletter

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These fine gentlemen are Bill **FRAZIER**, Darrel **CLOWES**, Peter **HOVELL**, Bill **KIEGER**, and Bill **BEHRENS**, all obviously up to no good.

## Trivia and Teasers:

82 of our Classmates have given annually to the Alumni Fund for 40-49 years. Check the Honor Roll list at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~alfund/thankyou/2004/1956.html>. Please do not blame Hon. Ed. for any errors or omissions.

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Elliott **WEINSTEIN**: Buy the Great Class of 1956 50th Reunion Treasure Trove Book: send a check to the "1956 Reunion Book Fund" to Elliott **WEINSTEIN**, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, #38. Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Thanks again. - Elliott

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**[DEADLINE for next issue (Sept 2004): August 1]**

**GREEN CARD NEWS**

**1956**

From the 1955 Class Newsletter, February 04:

As you know, last fall the College proposed the elimination of the swimming program, a very misconceived proposal that resulted in an enormous outpouring by the Alumni, with letters, emails, even EBay fundraising auctions. Initially it had an effect on recruiting, and the team and the rest of the student body were extraordinarily upset. The College said it would save \$212,000 by doing this, and

thought the issue was closed. They didn't count on the alumni response, and particularly the leadership of JOHN BALLARD, Steve Mullins '54, Tom Kelsey '54, Bill Kneisel '69 and Dean Allen P'06. Mullins, Kelsey and John were all Dartmouth varsity swimmers, and Allen's daughter is a sophomore on the team this year. Kneisel, '69, had no connection to the swimming program, but was an experienced fund-raiser and offered his time and expertise to the project. These five gentlemen organized and substantially assisted the financial effort,



< You really want to attend Homecoming weekends, as the hospitality room and the entertainment is far better than anything you'd find at home.

Here we have Fritz **SIMMS**, our Class Pianist and Sergeant-At-Arms, tickling the ivories last fall while the one and only Tom **ROSENWALD**, pretending to sing, actually is plotting with a naval accomplice to take over 50th Reunion planning.

Photo taken and sent in by Alert Reader Len **CLARK**.



which resulted in pledges from all around the country and a contribution from each of the 53 swimming families. More than 1300 people made contributions, and no one person gave more than 20 percent of the total. The original goal of \$212,000 was reached in one month, and shortly thereafter the fund-raising effort raised \$2.26 million to cover operating expenses for the swimming program for ten years. After that the College will take over the funding. The recruiting program was hurt, but most of the recruits matriculated.

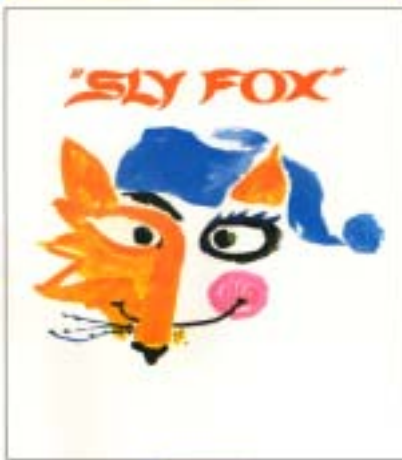
Said Dean Allen: "I think the numbers, the sheer volume and magnitude of the people involved, shocked (the administration)...but I give Jim Wright an enormous amount of credit. He didn't want to hurt students. He re-evaluated the decision and changed it. That's the kind of leader you want." The team heard about the reversal of the decision on January 8th as they were about to board a bus leaving for a meet at Middlebury. Said team member Brandon Piper, '07, "It was a total surprise. We were so psyched on that ride over to Middlebury. We went out and had our best meet of the year". The team set 14 school records that day. Best of all, the fund is named "The John C. Glover 1955 Fund for the Support of Swimming and Diving at Dartmouth College".

Pren **CARNELL** (pcarnell@nycap.rr.com; 7 Autumn Lane West, Sand Lake, NY 12196; 518-674-8435) "Who has seen James **RYAN**?" Jim and I entered Dartmouth from Albany (NY) Academy in 1952. He has attended some AA reunion events in recent years. He lives in Salisbury, CT, and shows horses. Let's see if we can pry him from Conn. to return to Hanover in 2006.

Recently attended Bernie **MARTIN**'s 70th birthday party in Killington area, VT.

Samuel E. **FRY** (PO Box 11957, Olympia, WA 98508-1957; 360-943-2575; domnul@comcast.net) Having been gently exposed by brother **FRENCH** as a "sno-bird freeloader", let me confess to 3 outstanding days with Col./Dr. Don and Linda **SOKOL** in Albuquerque in their mini-aviation museum home, and two days with Paul and Berta **HANDVERGER** in Cottonwood, AZ. Paul's history/geology tour of this area is world class. Bill and Loomis **CARLETON** wined and dined us in Tucson as they prepared for moving to a brand new home overlooking the city. We ended with Kevin and Sue **RYAN** on their gorgeous 30-something foot teak-laden, ocean going new boat at Port Ludlow, WA. '56 hospitality is truly overwhelming.

GREAT MINI-REUNION IN NEW YORK



Proving once again that he has not lost his touch, Tom ROSENWALD engineered a delightful Day In New York for 20 Classmates and Meaningful Others, on April 16, 2004. Meeting at the United Nations, we were treated to a private tour including the Security Council, and General Assembly meeting rooms, and a gorgeous young Japanese guide, preceded by a delicious international buffet lunch (including ostrich steaks) in the posh Delegate's Dining Room. Kofi Annan totally snubbed us. But after naptime (some visited the Orchid Show at Rockefeller Center), we gathered at the fabulous Becco's Restaurant on 46th Street for a superb Italian dinner, and then walked over to the Ethel Barrymore Theatre on 47th to see the very funny revival play, Sly Fox, starring Richard Dreyfuss and Bob Dishy, sitting in fabulously located house seats arranged thru the office of CEO Jerry Schoenfeld of the Shubert Theatres. And to top it off, an after show private visit with Bob Dishy: good fun for all attendees, including Abbey and Tom [Inspector Cluseau] ROSENWALD, Elliott and Alice WEINSTEIN, H. Flint and Corky RANNEY, Dave and Gail KERR, Bill and Karen TELL, Denny and Ivy MINELY, Mike and Gail LEVY, Alan and Diane FRIEDMAN, Roger and Sherry SCHUMACHER, Mike and Marjorie GRUNEBAUM, and Sid and Suzanne DEVORSETZ.



^ Which one is taller? ^



Phil M. JAMES (philmjames@yahoo.com; 203-239-3875; 39 Susan Ln, North Haven, CT 06473-1930) It's been a long time since I've written to the "Greatest Class Newsletter." If you remember me, our daughters went to Wheaton together [Hon. Ed. note: that was before that fine college was descended into co-education].

I enjoyed seeing the pictures of the 70th Birthday Party in Newton, MA. I wanted to go but had a non-cancellable commitment that day. Enjoyed seeing the faces of Jack HUBBARD and Merritt CLARK. Thanks to Bob DUMONT for hosting this party and I hope there will be more to come in the New England area.

In a brief discussion about the 50th Reunion, the group wondered what, if anything, is happening, and speculated about the possibilities of the Poon and the Rose stepping into the breach to get the event back on track.

"This is beginning to look like the old Iraqi government," someone said for publication. Other comments were not appropriate for a family newsletter.

Just after I finished reading the Newsletter, the next piece of mail I perused was AMICA's 2003 Annual Report. When I got to the Board of Directors page, I awoke and said, "I just saw that face." None other than the "Other Bob FAULKNER", photo below.



[Amica Companies Foundation is a tax-exempt, permanent endowment that provided more than \$600,000 in funding to support dozens of charitable endeavors in 2003.]

Stephen **NEWNHAM** (snewnham@san.rr.com; 7777 Fay Ave, #202, La Jolla, CA 92037; 858-729-0172) Flint: what a great job you do. Thank you for all of the effort you put in. I just moved so I am 2 blocks from work. Love the commute. Jan **FENNER** is finishing plans for our '05 Chi Phi reunion in Savannah. Hope to make the big 50.

William M. **BALLIETTE**, Jr. (107 South Dennis Rd, Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210; 609-465-5963; wballiet@msn.com) Message for Bill **GRIGSBY**: Where the hell were you when I needed you? Seriously, it was nice to hear from you and I note that you have not lost your sense of humor. I look forward to seeing you at Reunion. - Bill

## INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Will **SOGG** (wss@mccarthylebit.com) Some GOOD News for a change...This past weekend was International Migratory Bird Day...And as Vice President of Ohio Audubon I was birding along Lake Erie.

Among the most treasured birding areas is Sheldon Marsh near Toledo, Ohio and Cedar Point Amusement Park. Somewhere in my memory I thought our classmate Dean **SHELDON** had something to do with that.

And so, on my return home I tracked Dean down through the Alumni Directory. We had a wonderful conversation and he told me the story of how he and his father had found the land available, bought it, cared for it over the years, and then turned it over to the State of Ohio.

A great '56 story....and Dean was proud to tell it. I was happy that I took the time to check. - Will

Richard P. **McCLINTOCK**, Jr., MD (fitzmac@pacific.net; 723 South Dora, Ukiah, CA 9995482) Joy and I made the '56 wine cruise last fall in San Francisco Bay. It was a treat to renew acquaintances too long left fallow. I am still in the active practice of Dermatology in Ukiah, 120 miles north of San Francisco. I still lecture at Stanford every two months, where I learn more than the residents I teach. Big professional news of the year is that I was chosen "Physician of the Year" by the San Francisco Dermatological Society, for extraordinary service and commitment in the practice of Dermatology.

The week after the Wine Cruise we had lunch at California Cafe with Doug & Ginger **KEARE**. In February, while visiting daughter Pam (Variety reporter) and son Peter (Metropolitan Opera Stage Director) in New York, we all had lunch with Hal & Joan **GORDON** at 11 Madison. With us was my close friend and Medical School Roommate Eric Radin, who was Harold's close friend in High School in Brooklyn. Warm regards - Dick

Karen **MERRELS** (kmerrels@sbcglobal.net; 419-861-7422; 20 Walnut Creek, Holland, OH 43528) Here's my new address. Downsizing was not as bad as I thought it would be! I left a lot of land but gained a beautiful shade garden complete with waterfall and Koi Pond. I had a nice visit with Harry **NUTTING** III when I was in Florida. I encourage all widows to plan on coming to the 50th and to the Mini-reunions - see WWW.

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## 50th Reunion Book

The Book, the yearbook to celebrate our 50 years, which will be sent to you in December of 2005, will have an entry of up to a half-page for each member of the Great Class of 1956. Watch your mail in July for how to send in your personal statement and a recent photo. The letter, including a sample page, will go to both Classmates and Widows. Each man who is no longer with us will have the same entry as the rest of us, not just a memorial listing. Russ **COOPER-MEAD** has posted the information and sample page on our reunion website as well. If you'd like to get a head start, go to [www.56plus50.org](http://www.56plus50.org) and click on Entries.

The think piece and arts/poetry sections are now complete, but Russ is still looking for anecdotes (100 words or less) on undergraduate life and things profs and coaches said that were memorable. So far Rosenstock-Huessey, Murch, and the English Department have tallied the most quotes. Come on, you Tuck and Thayer and math and history and language guys. Your short-term memory's pretty much shot anyway. Think back, and send your recollections to Russ at [russ@coopmead.com](mailto:russ@coopmead.com) or 16444 Clymer St., Granada Hills, CA 91344-6706.



The College has informed us of the death of our Classmate, Frederick A. C. **BAKER**, on April 13, 2004, at Keystone Hospice in Wyndmoor. He had lived in Fort Washington, PA. He had four children: Jeri, Andrew, Jeffrey, and Jennifer; and two grand children. At

Dartmouth he was in Zeta Psi. [Photo courtesy of Len **CLARK**]

Fred **ABRAHAM** (abraham@sover.net; 1396 Gregg Hill Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677 USA; 802 244-8104) A couple of days ago I got a CD in the mail as a gift from Skip Weymouth, '54, our great pianist and leader, very talented, from a recording session of February 1954 of the Barbary Coast Orchestra. The recording quality is not great, but the group is. Just a few tunes: Where or When, Blue Skies, I Can't Get Started, Perdido, September Song, and You Go to My Head. 56ers in the group included Dick **SCOBIE** and myself, trumpet, Bob **MONTGOMERY**, trombone, Terry **COLBY**, saxophone, and Pete **HARPENDING**, drums. Scobie's solo on Can't Get Started is phenomenal.

Remember that our group was unusual in having a french horn in the bone section, George Hitchcock, '54, whose big solo was in You Go to My Head. The memories are great, and the group was one of the best in the country. - Fred

Emerson **HOUCK** (emhouck@aol.com; 7913 Ridge Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46240-2539) Back in Hoosier land after a wonderful invigorating three months in Florida. Saw Bill and Marian **CRATE**, Duke and Bridget **HUST**, and Frank and Barbara **STRONG** - all looked great. Two reactions to latest DAM: 1) If that pornographer is their idea of a distinguished alum, they sure have a dim view of most of the rest of us; 2) If that article by the atheist is at all representative of critical thinking by tenured faculty, we're in big trouble. What a flimsy, uninformed argument that guy made! - Em

Bill **THOMPSON** (waptjr@cs.com; 3101 Tam O'Shanter, Richardson, TX 75080) On August 27th will be moving to Munich, Germany - studying and teaching at the Univ of Munich - something I have wanted to do for 50 years.

### **DARTMOUTH BOARD ELECTS RODGERS AS ALUMNI TRUSTEE**

HANOVER, N.H. -- The Dartmouth College Board of Trustees has elected T.J. Rodgers, chief executive officer of Cypress Semiconductor in San Jose, Cal., as an alumni trustee, following a vote by Dartmouth's alumni nominating him from a list of four candidates.

Board of Trustees Chair Susan Dentzer expressed enthusiasm about Rodgers's election and warmly welcomed him to the board. "Dartmouth's alumni nominated T.J. Rodgers from a very strong list of candidates," she noted. "We value the full range of perspectives and experiences that all of our trustees bring to the board and that inform their deliberations. T.J.'s background as a successful businessman and entrepreneur will benefit our discussions considerably. He is a dedicated alumnus of the College, and we're delighted that he'll now be working as a trustee to preserve Dartmouth's preeminence in higher education and to strengthen it even further."

Dartmouth President James Wright said he is "very impressed with the qualities that Mr. Rodgers brings to the board's work - his experiences and accomplishments in an important and competitive industry - and his desire to help strengthen Dartmouth even more. I look forward to working with him."

Other candidates for the alumni trustee position were N. Bruce Duthu '80, vice dean for academic affairs and professor at Vermont Law School; Daniel S. Papp '69, senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs of the University System of Georgia; and Laura Stein '83, MA (liberal studies) '94, senior vice president and general counsel of H.J. Heinz....

Rodgers said, "I am an expert on management process development and a tireless champion of the Bill of Rights. I hope to contribute to the school I love."

Rodgers founded Cypress Semiconductor in 1982. Since then, Cypress has become a billion-dollar company with 4100 employees, and has been recognized as one of the nation's leading entrepreneurial firms. Rodgers was honored two years ago by Chief Executive magazine as one of its "Top 100 Chief Executives."

**LAST MINUTE NEWS FROM LARRY MORSE:**

After graduating from Dartmouth in 1970 as salutatorian with majors in chemistry and physics, Rodgers...will join the board in June along with two 1970 Dartmouth classmates recently elected to be charter trustees. Charles E. Haldeman Jr., president and CEO of Putnam Investments, and Albert G. Mulley Jr., chief of the General Medicine Division of Massachusetts General Hospital, were elected to their seats in March...

The election of three new trustees sets the size of the board at 17. The trustees adopted a plan last fall to expand the size of the group from 16 to 22 over the next several years, and to shift the term length from five years to four; the charter trustees and the alumni trustee chosen this year have been elected to four-year terms.

A month ago, I ask the 57's on their list serve what they thought of getting together this summer with a bunch of 56's here in Maine and collegially destroying a mess of crustacea and mollusca, steamed, with a certain quantity of melted butter. Six or eight guys said they were interested. I then asked the 56 list serve. The silence was deafening. They are sunk in sloth, sitting in their bathtubs watching the sunset over the Gulf.

Tellwidem. Anybody want to come to Maine this summer and eat lobster and drink many a draft of the waters of delight in the company of some 57's? I know they're very young, but they really are quite nice. I live on a farm right outside Augusta. (Do you mind tar paper shacks?)

- Larry **MORSE** (207-626-0514; L666555@aol.com).

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## •• Non-annual /J/ Ranch 1956 Phi Delt Roundup ••

From Harry A **NUTTING** (HONUTTING3@aol.com) You could put a blurb [in the incredible WWW] about the **2nd Non-annual /J/ Ranch 1956 Phi Delt Roundup** to be held again at Bill and Joanne Kieger's ranch at Granby, Colorado August 19-23, 2004. The /J/ is a 1,000 acre working ranch at 8,000 feet elevation with a spectacular view of the mountains. An ideal spot for a Coors commercial. In fact we will no doubt be working on one. Approximately 20 Brothers and spouses, maybe more, are expected to put on their boots, chaps, and 10-gallon hats for a weekend of poop-kicking fun and fellowship, great food, song, and a mandatory [Coors?] keg. Best regards - Harry

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## Get Ready for the Santa Fe Class 70th Birthday Party:

Grab your calendar and block out 9/27/04 to 9/30/04 for the big "70th Birthday Party-mini reunion" for our western classmates in Santa Fe, NM.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the "Santa Fe Style" Inn of the Governors (double room \$135.00/night).

Monday night will feature an informal cocktail reception in a suite "staffed" by Ed & Trish **ROSS** (Dinner on your own).

Tuesday, during the day, is open for "decompression" and exploring Santa Fe's many attractions. A cocktail party on Tag **CHAPMAN**'s train (about \$25 each plus cash bar) will be followed by an authentic New Mexican dinner (about \$22 each) including 2 drinks).

On Wednesday, a bus trip to Taos will feature the "high road" to Taos, the Taos Pueblo, lunch and the Taos Plaza (about \$45 per person). After a "rest" period of about 2 hours, a Western BarBQ dinner will be at the "Cowgirl Hall of Fame" (about \$39 each including 2 drinks).

Thursday is open for more exploring (maybe golf for those interested) and a farewell cocktail party at the Ross' home. As added incentives, the excellent Santa Fe Wine and Chile Fiesta is the weekend before, and the world famous Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta is the weekend after.

Latest update from Jack **CROWLEY** (jackcrowley@hotmail.com) Strong possibility that Ziz will lead expedition to Zuni pueblos, Artie will present "State of the World" at '56 Forum at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and Herb will reprise his "Sun Dance" with Maypole last performed at the 20th reunion! Frenchy promises NOT to wear the Abo foreskin vest from the Tucson event, and WILL NOT drive! See you there! best - Jack

Later update from Ed **ROSS** (2806 Plaza Verde, Santa Fe, NM 87507; 505-474-0521; edtrish@webtv.net) As of 5/25, about 20 people had "signed up" for the 9/27 Mini reunion in Santa Fe (deadline of 6/15 to insure space). Final deadline is 8/1. - Thanks, Ed

**Is this hard to believe? There are  
only 23 months (less than 2  
years, guys) remaining  
until the Greatest 50th Reunion!**

June 9 - 14, 2006

**June 8, Thursday -- 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)