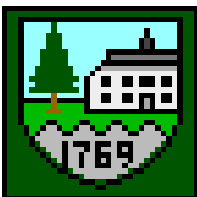


The Wah, Who? Whisper!

The Great Class of 1956 Newsletter

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Guess which Classmate this might be... perhaps you'd recognize him by his beard! Sent in by alert reader Sam **HULL**, the full story is told starting on page 2 of this rag.

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. It is not too late to 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.

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[**DEADLINE** for next issue (May 2004): April 1]

GREEN CARD NEWS

1956

From: Sam **HULL** (samhull@comcast.net; Northstar Financial Planning, Inc., 386 Wallace Road , Bedford, NH 03110; Tel: (603) 472-5396)

Thought you might be interested in [the front page photo] taken Christmas Eve at our home in Bedford, NH. The svelte looking gentleman in the red outfit and great white beard bears a startling resemblance to our own Pete **LAUTERBACH**, who has one of the best "Ho-Ho-Ho"s in the business. Pete has been doing this for the past six or

seven years at our family and friends party and I truly think it is one of the high points of his year! The 10 to 12 children, ranging in age from 3 to 19, are treated to a veritable Off-Broadway show (orchestrated by my wonderful wife, Joan) in the woods once it gets dark, which over the years has featured events such as a talking snowman, a flight of angels accompanied by a heavenly choir, reindeer, an 8' green Grinch, Rudolph & his red nose and a 20 ft lighted tree. The high point for the kids is when Santa appears out of the woods, laden with a bag of gifts

and actually calls each child up to him by name. The elves were a great addition this year (kids get older and still want to play a part!)

Pete had his youngest grandson (strangely enough, also called Peter) as the littlest believer in the throng this year. It was wonderful afterwards back in the house to hear little Peter, wide-eyed and excited, explaining to his Grand-dad (by now back in normal clothes) all about the time he had with Santa and the things he saw! It really brought back the Holiday spirit to all us jaded old folks.

Happy New Year! Regards -Sam

Bill **SHERMAN** (1305 Jana Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049; 785-842-5649; shermgayle@aol.com) Another chance to thank you for being Newsletter Editor and for doing such a great job with it. Big news here is that granddaughter Elizabeth Sherman was accepted early to the Dartmouth Class of '08. Might she be the first '56 Grandchild to go to Dartmouth? She is also the 4th generation, but I know Ab **OAKES** has the first one of those. Merry Christmas to you and may '04 bring all good things. -Bill

We have been informed that we lost our Classmate R. Richard **FAWCETT**, Jr., '56, from lung cancer on November 22, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cirelli Fawcett, who is a state representative in Ohio, and two daughters, Lisa and Julie, and a



RANDOLPH RICHARD FAWCETT, JR.
North Market Road, R.D. No. 2,
Canton, Ohio
"Dick"

John Lohman High School: Student Council; Choir (2,3,4); Band; National Honor Society; Honors; Football (4), Championship; Tennis (4)
404 Streeter

step son. Mrs. Fawcett's address is 111-18th St, NW, Canton, OH 44703-1307; tel: 330-455-4967.

A Thayer School graduate, Richard was a civil engineer and surveyor, retiring only last January. He died in his wife's arms while in hospital watching the Ohio

State-Michigan game. According to a letter from Jeff Strayer '58, "Dick was an avid fisherman; both fly and bait, as well as a bird hunter. He loved to take a good walk in the woods after Ruffed Grouse, which most hunters know, is more of hunting than actual shooting. He derived much pleasure from his summer home on Hulbert Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

The College informs us that we lost our Classmate Erik T.F. **HVISTENDAHL** '56, on November 20, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Sidsel, and three daughters: Marina, Nanette, and Kim-Erik. At Dartmouth Erik was in Bones Gate, Delta Tau Delta, and the International Students Association. Mrs. Hvistendahl's address is Bjerne Berstien 40, 1349 Rykkinn, NORWAY. [Hon. Ed. note: There is no photo of Erik in the Green Book or the Aegis.]

Email from Len **NEELY** (lneely@earthlink.net) Saturday afternoon (12/20/03) I talked with Sandy **MACKAY** about our classmate Don. He has lived in Palo Alto California for the last few years after spending time at Mary Hitchcock on the staff. He retired from a local hospital six years ago and has had physical problems related to medications prescribed to him.

For example, memory loss similar to Alzheimers has taken his short term memory and his health has deteriorated to the point that he can no longer speak. Recently Sandy had to place him in Ralston Convalescent Hospital in Belmont, CA, which is near Palo Alto. She no longer was able to care for him properly since she works as a RN/teacher at Stanford Hospital, and due to his size and weight made it difficult for her to move him when necessary and because she has had bad luck with various care-givers.

We remember Don as an active guy in the marching band, on the Freshman hike, etc. (He was dubbed "the Maine-iac" then due to his strong Maine accent.) (In fact, few people here have more of a non-California accent than Don and "Arnie".)

Sandy is urging us to visit him or write to him. In fact, she asked me to put this note out to our Classmates. Don and Sandy are in our prayers, of course.

- Sadly, Len **NEELY** (lneely@earthlink.net)

From: Sandy **MACKAY** (SDMackay59@aol.com) Don was head of infectious diseases at Dartmouth Medical School/Hitchcock Clinic in Hanover New Hampshire for 23 years and then moved to Stanford Medical Center in internal medicine at the Stanford Medical Group for 10 years. Prior to that he was chief resident in internal medicine at

Cornell Medical School, a captain in the army in Vicenza Italy and attended Dartmouth College.

His father ran the local newspaper in Stonington Maine and his mother ran the pharmacy. Don was in Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth and Alpha Omega Alpha at Cornell Medical School, both honorary societies. He married Sandra in 1959 and we have three daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Don has deep roots in Maine and returned there each summer to sail and relax by the ocean. He developed Lewy Body Dementia about 6 years ago and then Parkinson's disease and had a subdural bleed and a brain shunt for normotensive hydrocephalous. Despite all of these problems he still lived at home until mid December this year, but required a great deal of physical care. He is now at Ralston Village in Belmont, CA, which is an outstanding residential facility specializing in dementia care.

Don is able to receive visitors any time and would love to see those of you who are in the area. He can not speak much but understands a great deal and can respond with yes and no as needed. His sense of humor has been spared and his kindness and compassion for others. I continue teaching nurses as a professor at San Francisco State University and am close to our three children and their families.

We send our best wishes to all of you for the holidays and wish you a wonderful and healthy new year.

Please tell folks that Don is still able to understand a great deal and that he is in an excellent place, Ralston Village, in Belmont. He has a lot of visitors and enjoys seeing people. He feels well loved and safe. There is an excellent book about dementia which is *There is still a person in there*. It is right on and I have learned a great deal from it and now realize that dementia spares some of the best parts of the person, while robbing intellectual areas. There are about 20 kinds of pathologically different dementias apparently and no one is sure about the exact cause of most of them. So, Don's doctor, Bruce Miller, is conducting state of the art studies into dementia clinically and at autopsy in hopes of finding effective treatment. He is at the memory center at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. Please share this with others who are facing dementia as friends or family as it took us a long time to find the excellent care and resources provided by Dr. Miller and his group. He is one of the most compassionate doctors I have met. Love to you all - Sandy MacKay

Steve **FARMER** (48 Philip Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540)

Had my hip replacement on Oct 6. It started bothering me 16 years ago and had been getting slowly but progressively worse. So far, I think I have made a remarkable recovery. I was out of hospital and rehab hospital in 9 days, did outpatient rehab three times a week at our local commercial gym for a few weeks, and now have just been working out at the gym like any normal person. Went back to work after four weeks (Yes, I am still a full time doctor) and never looked back.

In the immortal words of Jack Nicklaus, who has become a TV pitchman for one of the manufacturers of hip prostheses, "I didn't do it for the golf; I did it for the quality of life!", and it really is a miracle. My limp of 10 years is gone! There's no more pain. And I do wonder why I didn't do it years ago. It remains to be seen if the new hip gives me some extra distance and cuts a few strokes off my handicap. If anyone out there is contemplating joint replacement and needs some encouragement, drop me a line either by fax, 609-924-2096, or email, doctorhsf@aol.com. I'll be glad to share my thoughts with you. - Steve

Clifford G. **ALLEN**, Jr. (Buster Bud & Judy) (judyandcliff@aol.com; 131 Headlands Drive, Hilton Head, SC 29926; 843-342-3335) Hello to all!

2003 was a good year for us! We enjoyed a trip to Hanover for Homecoming Weekend...a win for the Big Green...we think the first of the season...enjoyed seeing some Dartmouth friends and Classmates..particularly, Betsy and Ted **ROWE!**

Buster celebrated his 70th birthday...son, Ford and I had lots of surprise out of town guests for him, Bill **SHERMAN** being among them! A wonderful weekend.

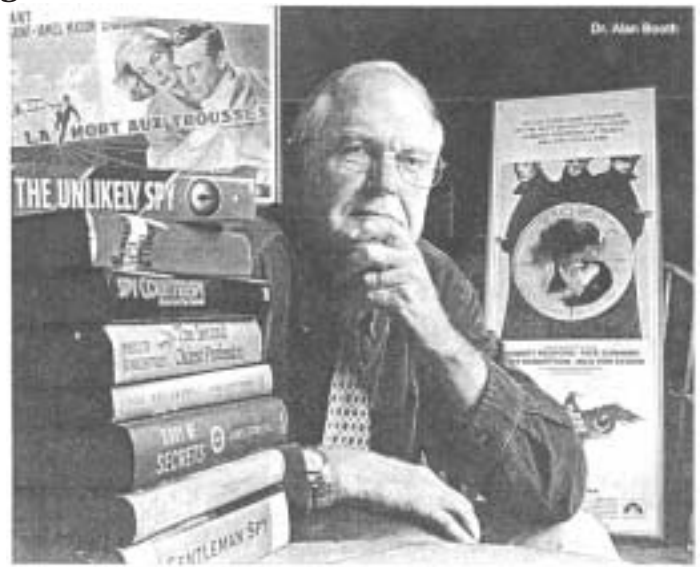
Thanksgiving we had the pleasure of another house full. Judy's brother, Art Bellows, his wife, Jody, and their four grown children, ages 33-23, were here for the whole weekend! What a treat!

All is well with us. As expected, at our advanced ages, we had a couple of minor health "glitches" this past summer..we were blessed with complete recoveries and are back to be our normal obnoxious selves again!

Cliff and Ford ('84) are still enjoying working together in their student health/accident insurance business. - Judy

From: Emerson **HOUCK** (EMHOUCK@aol.com) Hi Flint. Perhaps you could make mention of my recently published book in the next, or an upcoming

ing Class Newsletter. It is titled "**Go Huskies! Beat Felix the Cat!**" and it is an examination into why communities picked the high school mascots they did. It is written in a light style, but includes some history, some geography, some whimsy, and, hopefully, some insights into who we are as Americans. It is 360 pages, has some color and some black and white illustration, an introduction by Dave Gavitt D59, and has enjoyed excellent sales in the month it is on the market. Classmates can find out more about the book by visiting my website, hsmascots.com. I will sell the book directly to classmates for their check. Other orders are handled by the National Federation of High Schools at 1-800-776-3462. Prices are \$25 for the paperback, \$35 for the hard cover, plus shipping. Both books are 6x9, high quality printing. Thanks, Flint, and Happy New Year. -Em



Alert Reader Bert **WHITTEMORE** has sent in an article about our Classmate Alan **BOOTH**, his included photo being shown over to the right. The article discusses Alan's career in teaching history at Ohio University, pointing out that his ability at communicating with his students won him the 1997 Ohio Academ of History's Outstanding Teaching Award.

Alan is retired from a long teaching career at OU, where he "won every major teaching award for which he was eligible. Now an independent teacher and writer, he teaches one class each fall at BGSU."

"As an officer in Navy Air Intelligence from 1956-60, he served in a heavy-attack squadron flying three mega-ton nuclear bombs across the Pacific. 'We flew the heaviest plane the Navy ever flew off carriers; they were the 1950s version of the Polaris sub,' he said. 'We did a lot of flying off carriers between Korea and Vietnam.' The Cold War activity took Booth and his fellow sailors over Japan, Okinawa, Hong Kong and the Philippines as a deterrent to any attack China or Russia might be planning. 'The idea was to let them know that if they did anything, we'd unleash something twice as powerful.'

Enjoying the study of Swaziland and an admirer of the late King Sobhuza, "Booth is dismayed by what he views as the ineptitude and greed of the heir, King Mswati. 'The political history of King Sobhuza reads like Russian history,' he says. 'Now, it's like having Ivan the terrible followed by a total narcissist.'"

Tom **RIKER** (tncriker@earthlink.net; 760-598-2775; 1991 Oxford Court, Vista, CA 92081) How does "No stray left behind" co-exist with no Alumni Magazine for "strays". It might make sense for the Class officers to get on the same page as the Reunion Committee.

50th Reunion Book

Russ **COOPER-MEAD** is closing solicitation of Perspectives and Commentary for our glorious 50th reunion yearbook with over 30 Classmates having contributed their thoughts on the past 50 years. Now he's preparing a full color section on art, photography and poetry, looking for examples of the artistic flowering of our Great Class of '56. Art can be drawing and painting or photographs of sculpture, ceramics, whittling and the like. Other, artistic photographs should not be of you in front of the Sphinx (plenty of room for those in your individual half-pages) but the kind that you enlarge and frame as a serious photographer. So far Len **CLARK** and Gerry **McNABB** are in with art work, with poetry from Larry **MORSE** and Ken **WLASCHIN**. Send your pieces to Russ either as .doc, .jpg or .tiff attachments to email to russ@coopmead.com or by snailmail to 16444 Clymer St., Granada Hills, CA 91344. All art will be scanned into his computer and promptly returned to you. Contact Russ if you have questions.

Bill **BALLIETTE** (wballiett@msn.com; 609-465-5963; 107 South Dennis Rd, Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210) I drove 450 miles to attend the meeting of the Alumni Council and the Alumni Association scheduled for 1 pm on Saturday, December 6. I arrived on Thursday evening and went skiing with Pete **LAUTERBACH** on Friday. I was told that the meeting was to be held at Alumni Hall. When I arrived I asked 6 different people where Alumni Hall was, but no one knew. I then went to Baker Library and was told there was no Alumni Hall, but I was given a map of the campus which showed a Blunt Alumni Building, which was deserted.

Fortunately for my position the new Constitution was defeated. I gave up the search after checking out Alumni Gymnasium.

Can anyone tell me where the meeting took place? As an aside I decided to wait until Sunday to go home because of the snow storm and was plowed in Sunay morning and missed my Philadelphia Eagles home game win over Dallas. It was a great trip. - Bill

From: Elliott **WEINSTEIN** (EWeinz@aol.com; 10 Old Jackson Avenue, #38, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706) I think I ought to make note of the remarkable, prompt and generous response I have received from the Class in answer to our request for the funding of our "50th Reunion Book." It makes one proud to be part of this wonderful Class.

For those of you who have not yet responded, may I ask again that you do? Thanks very much. --Elliott

Odessa **ELLIOTT** (OdessaElliott@aol.com) On Nov. 21, I moved to a senior retirement center about 40 mins. from our daughter and her family. My address is: 12 Crestview Drive, Millbrook NY 12545

SAD NEWS



CHARLES HENRY CRANE
291 Union Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey
"Chuck"

Belleville High School: National Honor Society; Football Manager (4); Crew (4), Championship (4)
303 New Hampshire

The College has advised us that our Classmate **Charles Henry CRANE** passed away on December 21, 2003. His wife, Patricia, lives at 28410 Pinehurst Circle, Easton, MD 21601-8332; tel: 410-819-3653. At Dartmouth, Charles was in Theta Delta

Chi. He had two children, Charlotte and Stuart.



Alert Reader Harry **NUTTING** made these fine photos at Homecoming weekend in October 2003. On the left are Harry's sister, May Bigelow, Clem **MALIN**, and Ann (no "e") **MALIN**. On the right taking a break from the piano is redoubtable Fritz **SIMMS**, with Glen **FRENCH**, Stew **WOOD**, and Wally **PUGH**.

Back by popular insistence...

The 1956 Sarasota, Florida Classic Cafe Baci Italian Feast! 6:00 PM, March 11, 2004

Still basking in the accolades from last Spring's three-day Big Baci celebration, Tony **BRUSCINO** announces that the Sarasota '56 Baci Dinner will now segue back to its original one-night format: an elegant five-course dinner fantastica with a unique regional vino for each course, as selected by the Maestro himself.

Join us up the long back staircase at Sarasota's favorite Italian place, Cafe Baci, 4100 South Tamiami Trail (Route 41), for a special evening of fun and frolic. You will be richly rewarded for your long climb. We have our own private dining salon to mellow out in and a high powered program of no speeches.

The guarantee is simply great food, great wine and...most of all...Great Classmates. And all of this polished off with our now traditional exclamation point, a liquore degestivo toast, with Martha **BRIDGE**'s bootleg limoncello!

If you're going to be in Florida in March, drop everything and book a seat. This is an outstanding bargain at \$50 per person. To signup, just contact either of the following: Gordi **LENCI** at 941-383-4977 or gkl244@aol.com, or Ted **BREMBLE** at 941-383-5364/tedbremble@aol.com.



Reception

*Abbondanzia de Antipasto/Appetizers
Prosecco Zardetto*

First Course

*Spiedini di Gamberi/Shrimp Brochette on a Skewer
Orvieto Banfi*

Second Course

*Pasta e Fagioli/Bean & Homemade Pasta Soup
Vino Nobile, Cerra*

Intervalo

Aqua Pelligrino/Sparkling Pelligrino Water with Lemon Wedge

Main Course

*Arrosto di Vitello/Roasted Veal with Rosemary & White Wine
Pisellini alla Fiorentina/Early Peas & Prosciutto
Rosso Di Montacino*

Cheese Course

*Fromaggio Scalti Con Frutta/Selected Cheeses & Fruits
Amarone, Armo*

Dessert Course

*Zuccotto with Zabaglione
Moscato D'Asti
Liquore Degestivo/Martha Bridge's Bootleg Limoncello
Caffe/Coffee*

Only 27 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)