

D'61 DAM Article – July/August 2017

Mike Butler wrote a letter to the editor of DAM which was published in a recent prior edition of DAM, in which he praised the new online edition to the magazine and stated that “I can learn more here than by reading *The New York Times*....!” Many classmates might agree with him.

Carol McCarthy, widow of deceased classmate **Jack McCarthy**, who passed away approximately four years ago, reported that Dartmouth recently accepted Jack’s papers for its archives. Jack was a poet of note and Carol headed a fundraiser project to assist with the cost of going through Jack’s previously unpublished poetry manuscripts and selecting various poems for edit and future publication.

John White recently self-published a book entitled *Celebrating America in Poem and Song: A Book of Patriotic Literature for the Classroom*, which is a 50,000-word book of patriotic literature for use in homes and classrooms. According to John, the “purpose of the book is to encourage American patriotism through understanding and appreciating the fundamental ideas, principles, values, events, traditions, goals and dreams which have built our [great] nation...”.

Mike Kirst is currently Professor Emeritus of Education and Business Administration at Stanford University and the president since 2011 of the California State Board of Education (for the second time). The mandate given by the governor of California was broad: to understand fully the changing character of K–12 education and, where appropriate, to revise and revamp the education funding system for that group throughout the state, which he has completed and is now implementing. If successful, Mike’s “plan” can act as a model for other states to follow. Mike is also a noted authority on higher education and has done a great deal of research and published writing in this area, including most recently a book co-authored by Mike and entitled *Remaking College – The Changing Ecology of Higher Education*, published in 2015, and a new book entitled *Silicon Valley and Higher Education: Connected but Conflicted*, due out this summer. In closing, I offer the following unattributed quote submitted by classmate **Art Kelton** and Elaine Kelton: “If there was never any darkness, we would never see the fireflies.”

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