

## 1961 conference call, Nov. 5, 2014

Attending: Oscar Arslanian, George Bland, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Peter Palin, Roger McArt, Bob Conn, Ken DeHaven, Henry Eberhardt, Denny Denniston, John Damon, Ivar Jozus, Maynard Wheeler

President Denny Denniston opened the meeting at 1:05 with an announcement that George Bland had agreed to become our necrologist, succeeding Tom Dalglish and there followed a brief discussion of what the position should be called, with historian being another possibility. The issue was not resolved.

Denny has already sent George a bunch of emails on 61s who have died, some correspondence from Tom, and there will be an effort to compile a master list of everyone who has died since the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. George and Harris will compare notes. Henry Gerfen's wife did not cooperate in the obituary process on the web site for Henry but the officers quickly decided to do one anyway.

George said he would rely – as a first step – on the material in the 50<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> reunion books.

**Bartlett Tower Society:** John Damon and Peter Palin have drafted a letter to the whole class saying, in essence, what a great idea the Bartlett Tower Society is. The letter will go out soon to the entire class. Henry cautioned Peter that the letter needs to be coordinated with the DCF letter also going to the class on December 1. He asked that Peter have the BTS staff person coordinate with Zhuoman Gardner in DCF. Denny asked to see the latest draft.

**Women's Initiative:** Oscar reported for Nyla Arslanian on the latest efforts on our women's initiative. She and Patty Rich met recently to work on details. Denny asked Oscar to bring up the question with Nyla of how we are going to compile the wife and widow email addresses. He said that the college can record them in the data base.

**Dartmouth College Fund.** Henry reported that the 2015 campaign is already under way. Our goal is \$260,000 and 75% participation. Last year, participation reached 72% so the new goal is not a big jump. Henry *appealed for all the officers to make a pledge now*, payable by June 30, so we can tell the class that 100% of the officers have pledged.

By Dec. 1, he and Harris will be sending letters to the entire class asking for pledges – actually two letters, one for contributors and one to classmates who have not contributed recently.

**Fall Mini-reunion:** Maynard referred to his report in the new issue of WWW, which had been sent out in the past few days. Next year's mini-reunion will be on Homecoming weekend, Oct. 9-11, which will be Yale game weekend. The pattern will be the same: Friday dinner in the Hayward Room at the Hanover Inn, presentations by students and class meeting with bag lunch at Moore Hall, and Saturday dinner at Wilder Center and Sunday brunch at the Hanover Inn.

**Spring Mini-reunion in Williamsburg.** Dave and Joannie Prewitt are going to Williamsburg next weekend to confirm aspects of the reunion. 20 rooms have been reserved at the Williamsburg Lodge, and we'll have Sunday and Tuesday dinner at the Lodge and a ceremonial pipes and drums march to [the Kings Arms Tavern](#) for Monday dinner. On Monday, we'll do the Williamsburg tours and visit Jamestown on Tuesday.

Denny asked the officers to consider how we can do a promotional campaign for Williamsburg to increase attendance. We want to find a classmate to head the marketing effort – Oscar was suggested by Bob Conn – and then a call your friends and fraternity brothers campaign to boost attendance. Details will be placed on the website. We limited the block of rooms at \$199 to 20 because the class is liable for unsold rooms, but additional rooms could still be available at the Lodge. Bob pointed out that the Williamsburg Company has a number of other properties and that there are a plethora of other motels in the area,

**Ken DeHaven honors.** Denny offered congratulations to Ken on his induction into the Ivy League Football Hall of Fame. The induction will occur at a banquet at the Sheraton Times Square in New York on Jan. 22, 2015. He was nominated by the Friend of Dartmouth Football. See the new WWW.

**IRS Tax Form 990** Treasurer Ivar Jozus reported it had been filed. Denny asked for a copy.

**New class logo** Harris reported the most votes for versions 11 and 13. The only difference between those two is 11 has sand lettering and 13 has white lettering. The officers voted for sand lettering.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Conn, co-webmaster