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“**Homecoming**” (fka Dartmouth Night...) **Review**—right from majordomo **Maynard Wheeler**’s trusty laptop: “Another Homecoming October weekend but, instead of cold drizzle, we had warm weather with some sun in the midst of peak fall colors on the NH hills! On Friday, early cocktails and dinner for 40 at the Hanover Inn put us on hand for the 7:00PM parade starting at the corner of Topliff [Crosby St]. **Bob Shearer** & Peggy-Ann, who had not been able to join us at dinner, were first arrivals to grab the 1961 Class flag. Later, Susan & **Mort Lynn** were spotted in the crowd—too busy with family to otherwise join us. Our Robert Frost Banner held by **Hop Holmberg** and **Gerry Kaminsky** made us stand out in the throng. The rest was classic Homecoming.

Saturday we started at an early 9:30AM in a Haldeman amphitheater to be stimulated by four presentations. Anjali Prabhat ’20 led off with “Excavation and Conservation of Fossil Footprints at Laetoli, Tanzania” where, believe it or not, Carol & **Jim Baum** had been 20 years before! The Art Award student, Everest Crawford ’19, was from the Film Department and showed us a 20-min. film impressively shot with a DSL camera on a tripod - no fancy stuff here - about a psycho/religious theme we are still trying to figure out... Our first two **Steven W. Bosworth Award in International Understanding** recipients lifted us with their “Dartmouth Experience” learning. Taylor Lane ’20 spoke on “Analyzing Anarchy: A Journey in Studying International Security (while) at Dartmouth” which took her to DC and abroad. Hanna Bliska ’20 went the international science route with “From Pole to Pole: Crossing Continents to Study the Environment” which took her to Greenland for original research on bugs.

While we ate our usual bag lunches from Lou’s, President **Don O’Neill** caught us up on all the great things the Class of ’61 has accomplished and has yet to do. Off to the game at 1:30 we saw [head coach] Buddy Teevens ’79 at his finest with a big win over Yale.

The evening banquet took us to a new venue, the Montshire Museum—just across the Ledyard Bridge into VT, where our favored caterer Christophe served us yet another superior feast. Instead of a faculty speaker, a guest student, Ariela Kovary ’20, gave us a spirited report on her love for Dartmouth with a lively question period. **Denny Denniston** was surprised by receiving the “Special Classmate Award.” He is on that selection committee, so it was tricky to give it to him with no forewarning.

Thirty people turned out at 9:00AM Sunday morning for the farewell brunch at the Norwich Inn, and departed apparently eager for a repeat next year. Honorable mention goes to four classmates making their first showing at a mini-reunion: **Moe Banks, Russ Holmes, Connie Persels and David Steinberg!**”

[addendum—some supplemental bios on our Bosworth scholars:

Hanna Bliska ’20 is an Environmental Studies major and works as a research assistant in Professor Ross Virginia’s Arctic studies lab. She is a Raynolds International Expedition Grant Recipient, a James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar, and a Stefansson Fellow. She has traveled to Greenland multiple times for research work and with the Dickey Center’s JSEP program to help teach Greenlandic/US/& Danish high schoolers. Her own research looks at linkages between Arctic aquatic and terrestrial food webs. She has served as a liaison to visiting Arctic Scholars at Dartmouth and she will be accompanying Prof. Virginia on the Dartmouth Alumni Trip to Antarctica in February. Hanna has also spent time at the Rockefeller Center doing public policy research and has played an active role in the Dickey Center’s Global Health Initiative. During her freshman year, she was a Great Issues Scholar at the Dickey Center. You can read more about Hanna here.

Taylor Lane ’20 has been involved with international issues since her initial days on campus! Selected as a Dickey Center Great Issues Scholar, she spent her first year looking at a range of interdisciplinary international issues with faculty and visiting practitioners. She served as a mentor for the program in her sophomore year. She is also an active member of the Dickey Center’s War & Peace Fellows program and a member of the World Affairs Council. During her freshman summer, Taylor was selected as a Rockefeller Center First Year Fellow undertaking an internship with the Congressional Research Service: Defense and Trade Division under the mentorship of Mary Beth Nikitin ’96. This experience helped Taylor solidify her interest in government—now her major at Dartmouth. She will also graduate with a minor in Public Policy. Her particular area of focus is on defense policy. Taylor spent this past summer in Oxford as part of Dartmouth’s Keble Exchange and this summer she undertook an internship in Seoul, South Korea. A story about Taylor and her First Year Fellowship can be found here.]



Ron Wybranowski, Anjali Prebhat, & Don O’Neill



Ariela Kovary '20



O'Neill, Taylor Lane '20, Hanna Bliska '20, Bleyler



Don O'Neill, Everest Crawford, & Denny Denniston



Denniston receiving Special Recognition Award



Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award

G.H. (Denny) Denniston, Jr.

Tenacity and perfection!! If there were two attributes to accurately describe your leadership style, it would be that you are both tenacious and a perfectionist. If there is a job to be done, you will get it done, either by others or by you personally. Either way, the job *will* get done. This is undoubtedly *the* primary reason that during your term as Class President the Class of '61 was awarded the highly coveted Class of the Year award for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

You spent your first two years as Class President modifying the functions of several positions and setting goals for other positions. During your third year, you asked if the class had a chance to achieve Class of the Year designation. The response was that it was entirely possible *if* everybody did their job and *if* all of the class officers rowed together in the same direction. During your fourth year as class president you did indeed get the job done, as the Class of '61 was awarded its first ever Class of the Year award. Following your term as Class President, you agreed to serve as Vice-President, a position which you are capably fulfilling at the present time, coordinating the class DCF efforts in raising both dollars and spearheading (successfully) the class DCF effort to maximize the class participation efforts to new records.

Apart from your service to the Class of '61 and to Dartmouth, you have served your country in the Navy, have had a successful banking career, and have been highly active in your community and in your church.

Denny, the attributes you acquired as an Eagle Scout earned while a young teenager in Mobile, Alabama were not wasted. Fortunately, the Class of '61 and Dartmouth College have been the beneficiaries of those attributes ---- and both of those entities thank you.

October 11, 2019

Just after the June WWW went to press, **Otter [Bob Anderson]** stopped overnight in Lake Oswego, on his way from the Bay Area to Seattle for his son's wedding. We enjoyed a good catch-up, discussed our old partnership in The Konocti Winery (Lake Co., CA), women we've known, and dined sumptuously; he then

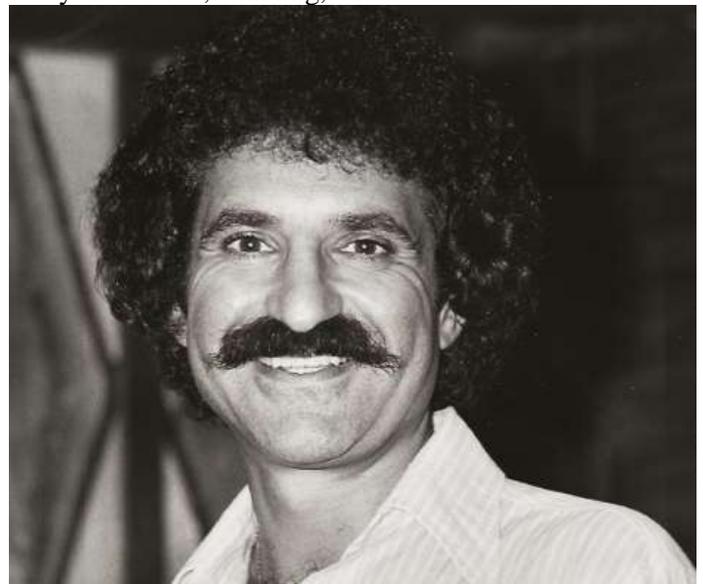
pressed on north rested and energized. Not long thereafter, **Fritz Kern**, your Editor, and **Denny Dinan** engaged in an e-mail exchange re. the personal profile on Denny in the *AluMag* ["on editing DAM in turbulent times"]. **Fritz:** "Not sure who posed for this caricature. You're much prettier! Nevertheless, glad to see you getting some well-deserved credit for what you stood for and what you contributed as Editor of this magazine."

Dinan: [not for publication in a family rag...]
tc: "Whatever . . ."

Reunion/geriatrics poet **Dick Noel** submitted some thoughts on afterlife and faith which are worth your time to view [below]. "Since hitting age 80 I have given some thought to what happens after we all straight-line. For several weeks I have been studying what are called near death experiences and shared near death experiences. I have found this subject quite fascinating and something that Dartmouth should be considering as a formal elective course. I have made a YouTube video about the afterlife subject based primarily on my study...The video is entitled 'Afterlife and Faith—Noel Testimony.' I think many of our classmates might enjoy it. Feel free to mention it in your next '61 newsletter. All that anyone has to do to see it is type the title on a computer search line and it will come up. Of course my hope is that the Class of 1961 will have many reunions in the hereafter.

Thanks for all the work you do for the class."
Afterlife and Faith Noel Testimony

At around that time, **Oscar Arslanian** submitted to **Vic Rich, Pres. O'Neill**, et al. the following ancient photo of his [little-known] impersonation of Wm. Saroyan/Geraldo, claiming, "You asked for it!":



The Creature from Mount Ararat . . .

More SAEs (and others) are shown in this view of a June mini-reunion @ **Cartter Frierson's** retreat in Georgia, celebrating **Bill Bull's & Dave Skuce's** 80th birthdays:



LtoR: **John Henry, Dave Skuce, Bill Bull, Barc Corbus, Steve Dale, Jon Sperling, Cartter, Will Wood.**

And here are some non-SAEs cruising the Greek Isles with ol' Punahou pals of tc:



LtoR: **Bruce "Duke" & Erica Forester, Terry (Punahou'62) & Bill Wells.**

More non-SAEs enjoying the festivities @Tanglewood:

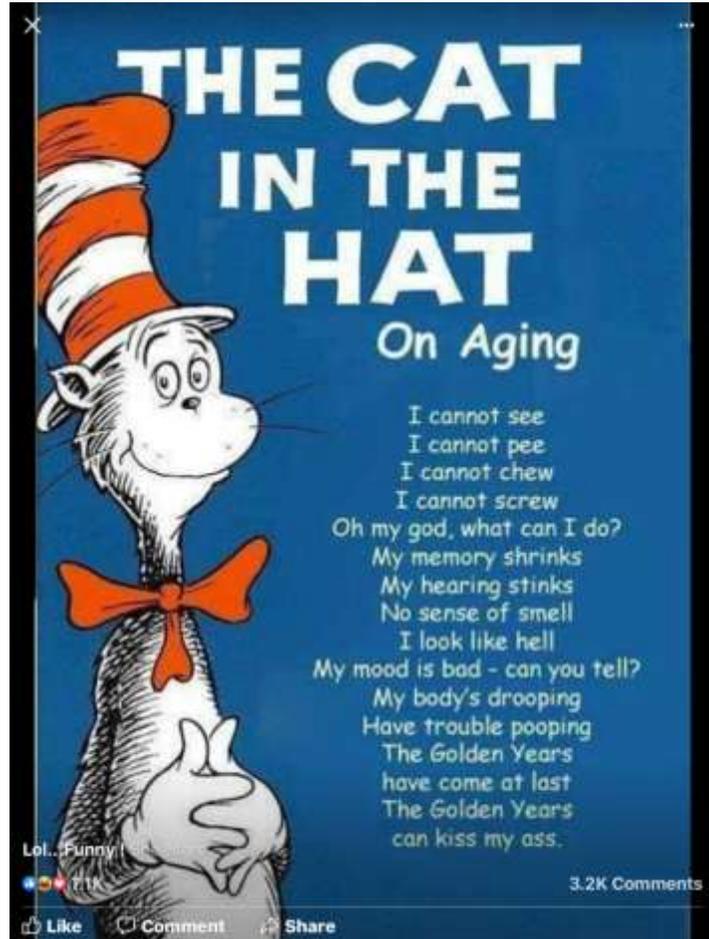


LtoR: **Irwin "RedNot" Facher, Dick "Skinner" Beattie.**

Al Rozycki submitted an April article from *Medpage Today* regarding the perils of tackle football and a survey among 1,000 parents indicating their thinking about when it might be safe to introduce full contact. "Overall, 56% of respondents were women, and participants ranged in age from 21-68. Most parents supporting age restrictions said they thought the minimum age for tackling should be middle school (45%) or high school (37%). About 7% said tackling in elementary school would be OK; 9% would not allow it until college...the most notable finding of this study was that more than three-quarters of parents perceived concussion incidence to be more than 10% among high school tackle football players, and one-quarter estimated it was more than 50%. LaBella noted that in reality, only about 4%-7% high school players will suffer a concussion per season, and the risk for youth players is even lower." Although the jury may still be out on this issue, it seems clear that constant head impact while wearing today's protection can lead to CTE and other brain dysfunction in later life. Responses from classmates:
Charlie Chapman: "When I look back on my experience with football the rewards far outweighed the risks, and I would do it all over again. What do we say to our grandkids? Football is not right for everyone. But for the right kids playing the sport in well run situations (like Buddy Teevens's) it is fine."
FJ Duck Eicke: "I got dinged THREE times but, except for limited recall of names, now seem to be still functioning...Kathy says I am a hard-headed German and passes all off on that . . ."
Roz: "My kids and stepkids often ask, 'Grampa-what do YOU think about letting kids play football?' I confess, I don't answer well." (Beattie's reply to that: "The inability to answer is caused by you having played football...") tc: I may have been lucky (or timid...), but in 8 years of organized football and 19 of rugby, I never got my bell rung."
Oscar: "My advice: Make it your intention to become the football manager!"

Comments, gents?

Jackie Kaminsky fwd Gerry an update on Ted Geisel's Cat in the Hat, to wit:



Dya s'pose that cat played tackle football...?
 After last issue's travelog from Maplelag's **Jim "Workshop" Richards**, he appends this supplement: "I just got back from a month in Vietnam: Hanoi, DaNang, and Hoi An. Pretty amazing place."

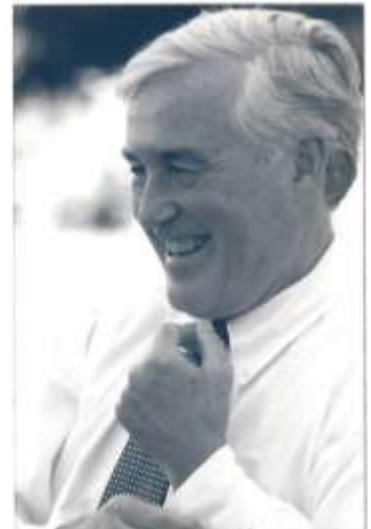


Workshop Gives Coolie Labor a Try . . .

Tom Robbins wrote, in *Jitterbug Perfume* (1984): "In New Orleans, in the French Quarter, miles from the barking lungs of alligators, the air maintained this quality of breath, although here it acquired a tinge of metallic halitosis, due to fumes expelled by tourist buses, trucks delivering Dixie beer, and, on Decatur Street, a mass-transit motor coach named Desire." Which prompted Duck to note: "I can affirm that on the last day the streetcar named "Desire" ran in front of our house - the Creole Store known as Eicke's Grocery on the corner of Dauphine and Louisa streets - I was photographed at the front right window of the streetcar waving (at the age of ??? but quite young. The bus "Desire" never quite replaced the streetcar, although not having the tracks running down the middle of Dauphine was a plus. One block to the River - Royal Street - was the return to Canal after the streetcar went out Desire St - two blocks further down Dauphine - to the projects and returned. That was the New Orleans that was home to me. Talk now is that the shotgun homes in the neighborhood are being bought and renovated and bringing ridiculous prices in the process." Ah, change is the only constant—often mislabeled "progress" . . .

Puddin' Roussel

responds separately, and laments the passing of **Chip Serrell**: "my heart has so many holes in it, I can hardly breathe... amazes me that after my first reunion, that a sweet little southern girl could fall in love with all you crazy '61s and make such an impression...deep one...never had more fun and made such deep lasting relationships...truly a bunch of terrific brothers.



Howard P. Serrell, Jr.

Asked **Wendy Serrell** for a photo of [the late] **Chip**: "if you have a picture of him, I would love one. My boys remember him well, and I have our wedding picture; but they were all being very, very naughty. Shedding lots of tears, sorry, but we all love that bunch of guys. I love that. It is rare."



LtoR: Puddin' Roussel & Friends in NOLA.

Mike Burnett checks in at long last: "Sorry I keep missing class gatherings.

Just returned from Hanover visiting grandchildren (Abby Mans '22 and Henry Mans '23). Visited Hood Museum: much larger and diverse than I expected, with a little of everything! Brad Kahlhamer to Picasso to Melanesian wood objects. Enjoyed touring "the Hop" and got much needed lesson in woodcarving in their workshop. Wonderful visit: Lou's, Hanover Inn, inukshuk (Inuit) statue on McNutt's lawn, Mary Hitchcock complex. Great memories!"

Brief exchange with **Jon Sperling** ca. his big 8-0 in late August: "I'm doing fine. Got my daughter married off on Saturday and am now decompressing. Done on an empty lot I have here in this podunk town of Greenport. A great time altho I could invite only one Dartmouth crony as groom has huge family and my daughter wanted everyone she had ever had a drink with to come! Empty lot was not full of Bud Light cans: big tent, carpenter friend made a nice altar, frozen drinks [local slush buggy before and after as well as reception at very nice venue] = did her proud. Fellow is great, loves her and is really good to her so I am happy. Purple wedding dress...WTF indeed. I go back to DC Sunday and am back at work next Tuesday training new class of USAID FSOs. I'm getting tired of this but don't know what I'd do if I quit."

If you check the masthead on this issue, you'll note that **Ron Wybranowski** has replaced **Jim Baum** as Treasurer. Jim helped with the transition from **Ivar Jozus's** long tenure, but then found he had to retire himself. So **Wybo** now handles the class finances, and your Class Dues are, uh, due. On another tack, **Ron** sends this update on a photography project of his: "Here's a link to a slide show of the permanent exhibit which I have at Lahey Burlington,

General Internal Medicine, which is a new 44,000 sq ft facility for them.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1pi6ENRw0y_fm9rF4nzNtinwY4g5F10Is

It's 112mB so give it some time to download.

Click and run at full-screen with the sound on. Download to your computer if given the option. Email me if you have any problems.

This is the culmination of a 2 1/2 year project which expanded from a gift of 4-5 large framed prints to 40 large canvases, 8 wayfinding panels, and 20 framed prints. 24 of the canvases were funded by a Lahey Art Initiative project. As noted on the last slide, this is the most significant thing I will ever do with my photography."

A big round of "Attaboys" to our new fiscal foreman!

Green Cards—We still get 'em; keep sending 'em in. **Ken Walker** (in July) <walkersken@aol.com> : "Just got back from a 10-day trip to Portugal with the whole family (5 of us). Great country to visit. Two years ago we went north from Lisbon to Oporto. This time we headed south from Lisbon to Fado in the Algarve region. Great place to celebrate my 80th in company of loved ones." **Jerry Greenfield** (July also)

<jgreenfield61@alum.dartmouth.org> : "Health update: Some of us are indestructible by way of improved technology. After 3 months review by numerous doctors, I was established as a candidate for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR); i.e., a medical team replaced a heart valve with an artificial one, partially provided by a cow. The whole surgery took 1/2 hour! No pain! No opening up the chest! Just the insertion of the device through a vein in my leg. I came home after one night in the hospital. The magic of technology! My goal: have all organs replaced by 90, and start all over—However, I plan to skip those early teen-age years." [Helluva concept...! Ed.] **Tony Horan**: The third edition of my book about prostate cancer will be available this summer with a new title: The Rise & Fall of the Prostate Cancer Scam. Re. mountaineering, Marcie & I will be Roads Scholars for a week in the Central Sierra above Fresno. We trekked there with mules 20 years ago. In re. art, I have made 3 posters which show the flow rates of the major rivers and artificial canals in the Central Valley. I hope to sell them so the public will understand the lunacy. This is infographics."

Pat Weaver (**Peter Holbrook's** widow) submits: "Just letting you know that **Peter's** work will be part of a Gallery Group Show at the Calabi Gallery in Santa Rosa, CA [Nov. 2-Jan. 11]. See link below. Also attached are the two paintings that will be part of the show. If you can't make the opening please share the announcement with your friends."

[10 Year Anniversary Reception Saturday, November 2nd 4-8pm](#)



Peter Holbrook "Toward Cape Royal from Mather"
We opened this issue with a mini-reunion, so 'tis only fair that we include the next out-of-Hanover mini that **Dave & Joani Prewitt** have planned.

**Mini-Reunion March 22-25, 2020
Historic Del Coronado on the Pacific
Ocean Beach San Diego, California**



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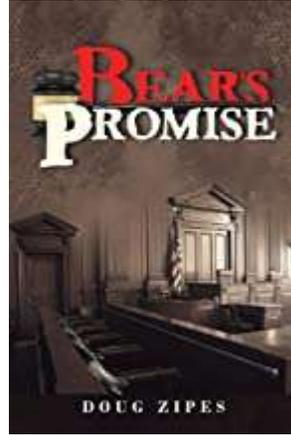
Head Tax: About \$450 per person

Activities: Carrier Midway Museum, Coronado Naval Air Station and downtown San Diego.

(There is a ferry from Coronado Island to downtown and the Midway.)

Questions: **Dave & Joani Prewitt**
<davidprewitt@hotmail.com>

Doug Zipes alerted us to the publication of his book *Bears Promise* a fictional account of his testifying against the use of Tasers.



"Melanie Simpson is desperate when she calls 911 for help controlling her psychotic husband, Jared. When a dangerous and brutal police lieutenant responds, he shoots Jared with his Electric Gun, initiating cardiac arrest. After their son seeks revenge, the police lieutenant kills him as well. A shocked and grieving Melanie asks family for help. Now it is up to her brother, Jason "Bear" Judge, an ex-FBI agent turned trial attorney, to vindicate Melanie...."

As this WWW was being drafted, we learned that Thad Seymour, Dean of the College, when we were there had died. His obituary is posted on our class website and a class notice was sent. In response to the notice several classmates have replied and their comments are shared here

"There was a song in my fraternity (Theta Delt) with the phrase "...egad Dean Thad" to the melody of a Glenn Miller song."--**Jim DeLong**

"We were fortunate to have Thad as our Dean and I am more than happy that we invited him to attend our reunion some 20(sic) years ago."--**Oscar Arslanian**

"A long and influential life for sure! I developed great respect for Thad during my double senior year saga. Thad Jr's comment about Thad flunking out of college and learning compassion from that experience (I never knew that) provides some clarity into how he treated me when I totally bombed my first senior winter term. With apparent empathy for my personal struggles, he granted me permission to return the next winter and repeat that term, though (to my understanding) the College normally required those credits to be made up elsewhere prior to re-admission. I never forgot that, and was thankful to be able to share my appreciation with him 50 years later

at our reunion. That we might all be that caring and influential"--**Glenn.Gemelli**

"Two memories I have: When the fall semester challenged this guy from a public school in New Orleans, I was called to the Dean's office at the beginning of second semester (remember that we were on semesters our freshman year) when my anemic GPA was called into question. Thad basically told me I was in jeopardy for retaining my scholarship and that I should rectify the effort and performance in the spring. I had already addressed y GPA with my Father who had the simple advice "You can do better now." I did. My second memory was in my oldest Daughter's junior year of taking a trip to Florida to see colleges she was considering and my wanting her to consider Rollins because Thad was there. We arrived on campus on a Sunday morning and while driving around encountered a VW convertible Bug being driven by non-other than President Thaddeus Seymour. He stopped, we talked about Rollins ("We have a - water -skiing team here; Dartmouth has a snow skiing team."), my Daughter, and our Dartmouth days, and she never applied. Thad joined us for our 50th, of course, and was sharp as ever. As I recall, we adopted him and would suggest a memorial donation - by individuals or the Class - in his memory."--**Duck Eicke**

"Fond memories of Dean Thad as a fellow Flunky who he counseled upon return to Dartmouth."-- **Milt Steinhauser**



New England Foliage from Al Rozycki



Friday Dinner #2



Friday Dinner #3



Friday Dinner #1



Friday Dinner #4



Saturday Banquet #2



61's Receive Instruction from Undergraduates



Saturday Banquet #3



Saturday Banquet #1



Saturday Banquet #4



Saturday Banquet #5



Saturday Banquet #6



Robert Frost Statue with Al Rozycki

Symphony for Winds "Dartmouth" / Robert Frost Statue

"What a great tribute to the '61 Robert Frost statue and another nice accolade for the Class of '61. First, the statue makes the 2020 Dartmouth Calendar (the month of December pic), then it makes the newly renovated Hood Museum brochure of public art on campus, and now in its biggest accolade of the year (and probably of its nearly 25 year "life" on campus) the statue's images are included in and an inspiration for one-quarter of a new symphony commissioned for the 250th Anniversary celebration of the College and performed for the first time on November 2, 2019 at the Hopkins Center.

Congratulations to Mike Murphy, Art Kelton and other classmates involved in selecting a highly accomplished and now highly renown sculptor (George Lundeen), approving the final drawing for the sculpture and the materials for the actual D'61 statue, and for getting the project completed

and actually installed on the Dartmouth campus in the mid-1990's and also to those '61 classmates who financed this important class project and who over the decades since the statue's installation published and promoted the D'61 Frost statue so that the statue could reach the level of prominence it now has achieved.

This is but one reason why we should all be proud to be a member of this undersized but overachieving great class of 1961." **Vic Rich**

2019 Remembering--2019 has not been kind to the class. We can already count eleven classmates who departed this year. Their obits are posted on the class website but it's worth a moment of remembrance here.

Jay Torok - January 1

David Lashar - April 10

Bruce C. "Rusty" Cook - May 26

Bill O'Keeffe - May 26

Alan Hale -July 10

Jack Kinderdine - July 14

Bud Schoening July 17

Chip Serrell- October 4

John Wooster - October 20

Chris Kraatz - October

Thomas McDonough - October 22

Dartmouth College Fund--Co-head Agents McKee, Eberhardt, and McArt remind us that another DCF year is underway and this year, as the year before our 60th reunion, has some special features. In an effort to increase giving, the College provides some interesting options for double-counting that probably drives our CPA classmates out of their minds. Anyone who contributes \$1,000 or more in the 2019-20 DCF will have the same amount credited toward the class total in our reunion year 2020-21! (Note that only the dollars are double counted. Another gift will be required next year in order to count for participation.) We've set a goal of \$310,000 and 72 percent participation for 2019-20.



Let's call it a wrap - *Aloha, tc*