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The ol' alma mater has been much in the news of recent. From this perspective, it's not clear whether that's a bane or a blessing. We won't belabor the details here; you've surely been barraged by both supporters and opponents of the revised governance arrangements adopted by the Trustees in September. What we will report is that the decision to add eight charter trustees, accompanied by board chair Ed Haldeman's statement that alumni trustee elections are detrimental to the college, was, uh, received with mixed emotions among the college's 68,000 alumni... This scribe recently made the long and trying odyssey from the middle of the ocean to the Uppah Valley (two days just to Boston...) for Class Officers Weekend, so will report in a subsequent WWW what transpired in terms of class and college business. Until that time we will admit we've received some articulate opinions from various classmates; suffice it to say, a rift hath been hewn.

Fall Mini-reunion Report

Here's Maynard Wheeler's <mbwheeler61@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG> report on the autumn mini [see photos]: "Fall Mini-reunion September 28 -30 was a glorious New Hampshire sunny dry weekend with early colors in the surrounding mountains. **Gim & Eileen Burton, Bob Fuller, Bob & Karin Jackson, Skip & Wendy Johnson, Ivar & Carol Jozus, John & Barbara Manske, Al & Diane Rozycki, Dick Spencer & Nancy Meng, Pete & Karin Stuart and Maynard & Sandy Wheeler** gathered at the Inn Friday evening for dinner.



Manske, Spencer, Wheeler, Rozycki, Burton, Jozus, Stuart, Fuller, Jackson



With wives

Saturday morning, for the 5th year, they met with the Academic and Arts Initiative students who the Class supports with a monetary award. (We also support an Athlete, a tight end/H-back from California, **Chase Jensen** '11, who was unable to be present.)
[FYI, Chase's mom graduated from Punahou with tc's daughter. ed.]

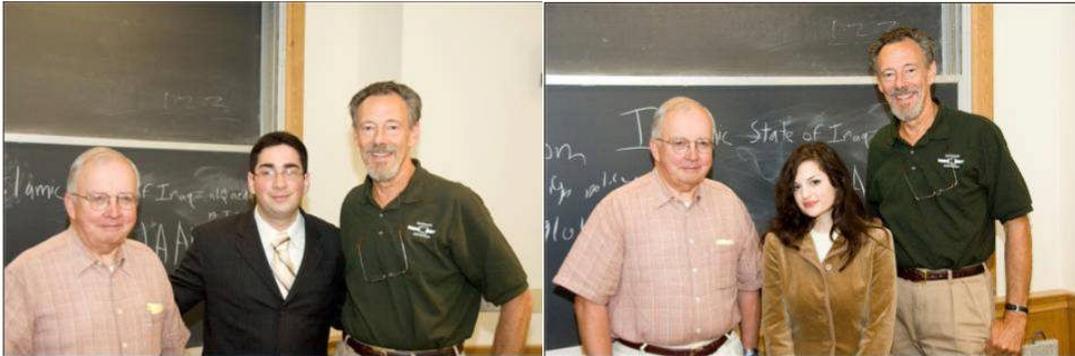


John Manske & Ivar Jozus



Skip Johnson & Al Rozycki

John Tepperman, a Senior studying in the Government Department, discussed his project; "Motivational Terrorist Speakers" pointing out the differences in goals for certain Iraqi insurgents and al-Qaeda, analyzed from their broadcast messages. He will be going to Ireland to study documents relating to the civil war that ravaged Northern Ireland for years, studying past terrorist attacks and human rights records. **Rebecca Ward**, a Film and Creative Writing Major, showed her 15 minute movie "Smile, Mermaid" about a young girl in Southern India confronting the terminal illness of her father, a Christian minister, with good footage of the rural Indian scene. It has won awards, although it is still undergoing some editing. I think we all agreed this was the high point of the weekend.



I. Jozus, John Tepperman, & M. Wheeler

I. Jozus, Rebecca Ward, & M. Wheeler

After a light lunch at the end of the student meeting, we were treated to the Big D 21-13 win over Penn after a ten-year drought; the end of the game was in the balance as a nearly completed pass into the end zone—had it been followed by a two-point conversion—could have tied the game in the last seconds.

A celebratory brew with **Robert Frost** was a welcome end to that part of the day.



We tried a new venue for dinner, the historic “Summer White House” in Windsor, VT; the Juniper Hill Inn. We were joined by our students and Professor Bill Wohlforth, new Chair of the Government Department, whose academic experiences gave him the perspective to state that Dartmouth was the very best college to be teaching at today. He went on to keep us aging, cocktailed, wined and overfed alums alert and full of questions after his talk on why the USA is not truly a shrinking power on the global scene.” So saying, let’s hear from some classmates ‘round the girdled earth.

‘round the girdled earth

Robert Frost Update

Henry Eberhardt submitted an article from the Amherst magazine revealing their own statue of Robert Frost, given by the class of ‘57 at their 50th reunion this spring. Frost was on the Amherst faculty for more than 40 years beginning in 1917, and also has a campus library named for him. The statue was carved in Petrasante, Italy from a single piece of Zimbabwean black granite, weighs eight tons, the base another nine tons. We can’t reproduce the photocopy here, but Hank maintains that, “while its size is impressive, our statue is more lifelike with much better detail.”

Said statue in Hanover has been hailed in the class of ‘53 newsletter, with due credit to our class for its unique gift. Quoting very briefly from a laudatory full page on the sculpture, the ‘53 scribe reports, “This bronze statue is one of the finest pieces of art Dartmouth possesses. It is celebrating one of Dartmouth’s most world famous and adored alums...I sat down on the rock immediately next to Mr. Frost and felt a

remarkable energy emitting from him.” News of this nice honor was circulated around the ‘61 Listserv, generating the usual displeasure from the artistic element in the class; **Richard Joseph** proclaims, “Robert Frost and the Dartmouth campus deserve much better than this embarrassing piece of kitsch.” **Mike Murphy** counters with, “That’s not what the Class of 1961 was about... We wanted only to see a permanent, tangible tribute to Dartmouth’s perhaps most famous student (and a favorite of our class when he visited Dartmouth during our years there) placed on the campus, in the form of a high quality work of representative sculpture.” [*We are nothing if not diverse... ed.*]

Ski Trip—January 2008

Pete Bleyler, majordomo of the highly appealing globetrotting ski tours, has announced the 2008 ski trip to Zermatt and Paris (excerpt below):

Friends of Dartmouth Ski Club

2008 Winter/Ski trip to Zermatt, Switzerland and Paris, France

On **Thursday, January 24, 2008**, The Friends of Dartmouth Ski Clubbers will depart the USA on a Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt, and connect with a flight to Geneva. We’ll then travel by bus to Lausanne (north shore of Lake Geneva) where we’ll spend the afternoon and stay at the 4-star Hotel Mirabeau overnight. After breakfast at the hotel Saturday morning, we will board our bus for the trip (about 2-1/2 hours) to **Zermatt**. As in prior years, some intrepid individuals may want to get in a half-day’s skiing upon arrival. In any event, we will have another six full days of skiing and seven nights at the 4-star Hotel Simi. On **Saturday, February 2**, we will head back to Geneva where we’ll catch the TGV (high-speed train) to Paris. In Paris, we will be staying at the Hotel Mercure Ronceray Opera in Paris. The hotel is on the Right Bank near the opera. On **Tuesday, February 5** we’ll fly back to the USA from Paris via Frankfurt.

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Input from Web Subscribers

The recent improvements in contacting WWW subscribers via e-mail prompted several newsy submittals to webmaster **Harris McKee**, to wit: **Marshall Ledger** <mledgerx2@verizon.net> (home) <mledger@pewtrusts.org> (work) “I’ve enjoyed the Dartmouth and class publications. I do write to the magazine now and then complaining about how much harder the gray, rather than black, type is for us geezers to read. The editor pays me no heed. As an editor (*Trust* magazine at The Pew Charitable Trusts), I understand that he might want to ignore complainers--but I don’t sympathize. **Martha** and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary yesterday, and our daughter, Kate, has two articles in Southwest’s magazine *Spirit* this month.”

Mike Burnett <michaelgburnett@comcast.net> “Thanks for your good work. This past June both **Susan** and I had 50th high school reunions--same weekend, but we worked it out so I did mine Friday (The Hill School), and we attended hers (North Haven, CT) Saturday night and Sunday. Terrific times. Plus it was fun getting back to visit NYC. Next year I start working 3/4 time, so that process will start as a gradual one.”

Ken Roemhildt <ken@ctcak.net> “I do not have a plane or fly one. I almost purchased one at the same time I got married but the good Lord knew that I couldn’t afford both a

wife and a plane. I've been retired for almost two years now and am doing some consulting work to supplement retirement. I managed the largest seafood processing plant in Prince William Sound for a total of 38 years. Cordova [AK] is a great place for hunting and fishing and the scenery is stunning. We think that it is the prettiest place in the world when the sun shines. Problem is, it doesn't shine all the time (we get about 140 inches of precipitation per year). My brother-in-law caught a 13# silver salmon this morning..."

Robert W. (Bob) Gillespie, III <rancherbob@sbcglobal.net> "Harris, Alleyton is a small(!) community 70 miles west of Houston on I10, just before the city of Columbus. My address is Alleyton because I own and operate a small (300 acres) ranch with a herd of about 100 cattle near there. Before that I worked as a software salesman for IBM in Houston for 30 years. I changed from a white shirt, tie, suit, and air-conditioned comfort to sweating in the hot South Texas open air.

The headquarters for IBM Houston were in Dallas and I spent a lot of time there. How did you get to Dallas? You didn't possibly work at IBM did you?"

Justin Zinn <jjz75@hotmail.com> "So, how's life treating Mr. McKee? I'm leading a very low-profile existence here in Olympia, WA where I've been for most of the past 21 years. Retired and focused on spiritual life. Hope to see you and other classmates one of these days. Best regards, Joe"

Ross Sandler "I am a full time law professor and New York Law School and still practicing a little law as well."

George Whitehead "My wife **Holly** and I are fully retired now as of end April for me and end June for her. Our two youngest daughters were married June 30 and July 28 respectively, and we're now getting ready for a cross-country driving trip to sight-see and visit friends and relatives - about six weeks we figure."

Mike Mooney noted in his response: "...recent retired and enjoying getting the hang of it."

Check this exchange btwn Harris and our first '61 President **Jim Turnbull** [fka "Scotty"] <ettrick@ameritech.net>: "Dear Harris: Thank you for your kind and timely note. I can and would like to be contacted at ettrick@ameritech.net It has only been about 50 years since I last saw you, but I'm sure that now, as then, you have the appearance of all a true Scotsman should look like. Regards, *Jim Turnbull*"

HBM: "Jim, thanks for your response and your persistence. The reason that I ask for an email reply is so I can copy and paste the address with less possibility of error than manual transcription; I certainly appreciate the problem of being off by one letter. You should have already received a confirmation from Dartmouth 61 Announcements. If you haven't looked recently, there's a lot of class information at the class website:

<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/61/>

You can look up my profile on the Dartmouth Directory to see if my visage is that of a Scot. My wife says that she thinks it is. Do you go just with Jim now and not with Scotty? Hope all is well, *Harris*"

JT: "Thank you, Harris, for your prompt and kind response. As to my name, 'Scotty' had great currency at Dartmouth and also at my High School in Detroit. That was due to the fact that in the 50s, I really did have a strong Scottish accent. That has since gone, other than the occasional mimicry to assist Scottish travelers.

There is much to like on the Class website and I appreciate your bringing it to my attention. Should there be any service I can provide you or the Class of '61, just let me know. For your information, most of my life since Dartmouth has been spent in the creative side of advertising. That life was rewarding without being opulent. Yrs. etc.,
jim"

John Gerrish <gerrishjohnw@t-online.de> [*early in 2007 - ed.*] "Proud to be a member of our great, pro-active class. It *really* keeps our worldwide '61 family together for those of us around the girdled earth. **Almut** and I have been here in Germany since 1970, raised our family here, built two careers overseas, and celebrated our 42nd anniversary last month. We've *so* many blessings to count, but it still hurts to miss so many of the mini-reunions all you pro-active '61 brothers are putting together. So it's time to say that the WWW (starting as the "World Wide Wait") is keeping us together better than ever. We regret missing our 45th but will be there for our 50th, back in New England and back on the plain. Every reunion is for us both: Almut was a German au pair for Dick and Posey Fowler (Dick ran the Co-Op back then). Bob "Rocky" Reis (TU '65) introduced us in April '64 when I was back at Tuck, and in December we were married in Almut's home town in Germany. After 6 years stateside we moved back here for good and have never regretted it, keeping in touch with Dartmouth ever since with enrollment work, with fellow alums in our Dartmouth Club of Germany events here, and a few Hanover Reunions along the way. But we're sorry we had to miss the 45th last spring. Keep up all the great work, '61s!"

Remembering Ray Welch

Ray Welch left a big void with his untimely departure. Following are remarks on his passing from the guys who knew him best:

C.G. "Gim" Burton <cgburton@prodigy.net>:

"tc: just read the www.

thanks for the kind words about ray.

he and i were pretty close and i will miss him a lot.

you may recall he and i roomed together at dartmouth for two years.

like in the reader's digest..he was an "unforgettable character"

smart SOB, fun guy, witty as hell, lousy golfer.

you should probably send the www to gail.

she is dear person, also a copywriter, and would appreciate it.

you can reach her thru ray's email id.

btw: i have been to aidan's a couple of times.

and, i don't think it was the model for the portuguese club.

it could have provided the impetus, but not the inspiration.

a blue collar, white guy place but in a portuguese neighborhood.

i suspect the p club had its genesis in gloucester where ray knew many such characters.

for sure ri is full of the p club types, but it was not ray's first encounter with

them. aidan's is a small joint. typical ne england pub holds about thirty w/twenty more outside. food's ok, drinks are better.

we always sat outside because ray had to be able to smoke.

always those f***ing cigarettes.

can't make the july 7 thingy because i have a previous, unavoidable commitment.

but, i'll bet the rent money that they will have a turnout beyond belief.

i hope local tv covers it.

mahalo, gim”

[right about then, we spotted this witticism. ed.]

A Redneck saw this sign at a restaurant:

Happy Hour Special

Lobster Tail & Beer

"Wow," he says to himself, "My three favorite things!"

[shot it to Burton, observing]:

“Oh, to be able to send this to Welch...”

Gim replies:

“sad but true.

i miss him already..

we were a generation that deserved to live forever.

it's up to us now.

hang in there.”

Tom “VD” Mauro <maurogroup@earthlink.net> did travel to Bristol for the wake at Aidan's: “hey guys, *[apparently ‘61 Gamma Doodleys don't use upper case punctuation. Probably something they learned from Welch... ed.]*

i attended ray's wake at his favorite pub in bristol, r.i. most of the 70

attendees were his advertising and voice over buddies. gail and ray's four daughters and their robust families played gracious hosts to the gathering. many good stories were told. he was revered.

ray always had that gravely voice...and it played very well in new england.

packs of unfiltered camels were handed out as tokens of the event and a likely acknowledgment to his vocal aid. probably one of ray's last wishes.

indeed, genie and i are moving from chicago to carlsbad, ca. just north of san diego. **pipes** and i have already promised to get together out there.

open invite to any of you traveling in that direction. veeds”

From **Dick Ossen** ‘60 <rpossen@verizon.net>:

“Tom: I'm glad you attended Ray's wake in Rhode Island. I tried to get a couple of guys to go but it just did not work out. Ray and Gim roomed right above me in Hitchcock Hall and we became fishing buddies. Ray and I played a lot of poker, pool/billiards and gin rummy. Ray taught me how to play billiards and after that pool became much easier. I will never forget how he would light a Camel and then

place it behind his ear as he lined up his next shot. We all were wondering if his hair would go up in smoke before he removed it. I last saw Ray for dinner in Boston around 1996 and we were joined by **Lou Perullo** ‘60 and **Bill Katz** ‘60. We will all miss Ray very much. He was a unique character. We were richer for having known him and are poorer with his passing. Dick Ossen”

Finally, this from Ray's delightful widow **Gail** (“with [her] deepest gratitude”):

“Dear friends, A hundred thousand thanks for all of your kind words -- and a special shout-out to those of you who were able to make the pilgrimage to Aidan's on short notice. Such a day! Your friendship and great stories made it perfect for all of us.

Somewhere Ray is smiling, and feeling very blessed.

As are we all.

Love, Gail

PS - Sorry about the exclam, Ray, but it was deserved.”

Intrepid ‘61s Visit Russia

Frank Ginn reports on college-sponsored trips: “The Dartmouth travel dept. organized trip to Russia was truly wonderful -- with many surprises. There were several Dartmouth graduates, including two other classmates and their wives: **John & Ginny Wilhelm** and **Steve & Linda Bickel** [see photo - ed.]. We all had a good time together and with the rest of the group, including graduates from Duke, Maryland and a university in New Orleans.

We spent most of the two weeks in St. Petersburg and Moscow, with the rest of the time spent on a ship cruising from St. Petersburg to Moscow and stopping several times for brief visits on islands, in parks and in a couple of small, attractive towns. Between the College and its travel agency, the trip was well organized and guided -- by folks contracted by the travel agency and by Steve [Swayne] the Dartmouth music professor, a lively, knowledgeable and funny guy. I think I got that name about right. Our leaders were not only guides -- several of them were also entertainers who played instruments, sang and/or spoke to us before and after dinners on the ship. In fact, the ship was our hotel throughout the trip, including in St. Petersburg and Moscow.



Russian Travelers: John & Ginny Wilhelm, Frank & Midge Ginn, Linda & Steve Bickel

Both cities are truly lovely -- with beautiful, often old, architecture, especially churches and other public buildings. And, much to our surprise, the Russians themselves were

extremely friendly, even after they learned that we were Americans. I wonder if we would treat Russian visitors to the US in as positive a manner. Hope so! Many Russians spoke English quite well; so language was never a problem. The cities both seemed economically healthy, with lots of large -- but not tall -- apartment buildings and traffic. Food, usually on the ship, was excellent; and **Madge** and I went to a couple of very good musical events -- a concert and a ballet. And we all visited several historical sites, including several century old homes of Russian leaders. And the Hermitage Art Museum, built in the early 18th century was spectacular, both its architecture and art, including a great number of French impressionist paintings and a room full of Rembrandt paintings. Net, it was a wonderful trip -- and we are so glad we went along."

Other News

Sharp-eyed **Oscar Arslanian** spotted an article by Nathan Koppel in the 8/22/07 *Wall Street Journal*, and we quote: "The hourly rates of the country's top lawyers are increasingly coming with something new -- a comma. A few attorneys crossed into \$1,000-per-hour billing before this year, but recent moves to the four-figure mark in New York, which sets trends for legal markets around the country, are seen as a significant turning point. On Sept. 1, New York's Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP will raise its top rate to more than \$1,000 from \$950. Firm partner Barry Ostrager, a litigator, says he will be one of the firm's thousand-dollar billers, along with private-equity specialist **Richard Beattie** and antitrust lawyer Kevin Arquit. The top biller at New York's Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP hit \$1,000 per hour earlier this year. At Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, also of New York, bankruptcy attorney Brad Scheler, now at \$995 per hour, will likely soon charge \$1,000." [*Uhh, need we alert Head Agents O'Neill and Denniston...? ed.*]

That's it from the 'Net. Also love those Green Cards! Here's a sampling of tidings from classmates who communicate "the old-fashioned way": **John Manske** <jbmnske@comcast.net> finally surfaced back in July: "**Barbara** and I are looking forward to being at the 46th Reunion [*fall mini, above*]. We haven't been to a reunion since the 15th. We live in a circa-1790 log house on a farm in Wernersville, PA (PA Dutch country) where we grow vegetables and flowers. The first of our sweet corn is being harvested now along with beets, beans, carrots, etc. We stock pheasants and quail for hunting in the fall, and our John Deere Gator gets us around. Barbara says 'Hi' to **Cleve Carney**." **Mike Norman** <mnorman213@carolina.rr.com> is a belt-and-suspenders kinda guy—inserts his green card into an envelope: "1. This has been an eventful 6 months. Father-in-law moved to Charlotte in August '06, lots of medical problems, multiple hospitalizations—died June 30 '07. 2. Out of the blue I was diagnosed with breast cancer in late April. After 2 surgeries, umpteen tests, no signs of spread and excellent prognosis. Half way through chemo." [*Hang tough, Mike. Breast cancer in males is a bitch. We're with you all the way. ed.*] In true *AluMag* correspondent reportage, **Vic Rich** <Richwind13@gmail.com>(H) <victor.rich@rsmi.com>(B) announced in July: "Vic Rich is retiring from McGladney & Pullen, LLP and RSM McGladney, Inc. on September 30, 2007, but will continue to do some consulting thereafter on a part-time basis. Vic had been a regional managing partner for New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, and supervised over 450 people, as well as having served on the combined firms' management committee for regional managing partners and specialty area managing partners. It's time to smell the roses!" [*and, inescapably, to*

crank up the time devoted to '61 affairs... ed.] And, finally, in an apt precursor to the next WWW's discussion of college biz and how it affects the class, **Ron Boss** cards: "Just read a statement that our class achieved 73.5% participation in the Alumni Fund [sic]. What a fantastic job by [Don O'Neill's] group. Their last minute work to get us over the top was great. New blood has done wonders to fund raising for the class. Will be interesting to follow the trustees as they try to decide what to do about alumni trustee elections. Four petition candidate wins in a row has got them thinking. Fact is I believe that so few alumni vote & do not know how the process works that the 'right' has an easy way to win. They win with 9,500-9,900 votes with guys who have done little for class or area but have political connections with small groups who have figured out how to win. Interesting & stay tuned" [*Need we say more...? ed.*]

Some guys just show up on Maui and delight us with their physical presence. Case in point: **Bill Bull** <billbull@ix.netcom.com> brought bride **Claire** over to stay at the Wailea Renaissance before it succumbed to the wrecker's ball. We had a fine session at old standby Haliimaile General Store, then did a reprise at our mountain retreat 4,000 feet up Haleakala. Many, many laughs were exchanged, including even some wisdom, and a plethora of our signature lilikoi margaritas went down the hatch [*see photo*]. Prepping for his 50th at Menlo-Atherton High, Bill & Claire enjoyed thumbing through our swan song publication *Na Halia Aloha o Punahou Class of 1957* which depicted Hawaii from "contact," Punahou School from its inception in 1841, the class of '57 in particular, and took over 5 years to complete between Maui and a spectacularly talented graphic designer classmate in Mountainside, NJ. We're hoping to do a special feature on '61s' 50th reunions later this year as 2007 calls classmates 'round the girdled earth to the preparatory schools from which they graduated a half-century ago [*pls. submit your observations on your high school 50th! ed.*]. Since the undersigned was the only '61 emanating from the Territory of Hawayah, we won't belabor the details of our own golden celebration other than to cite that the memorial service was for 60 individuals, whereas 269 of us strode across the Oahu College Commencement stage back on June of '57...! A subsequent post-reunion report from **Big Red [Bull]** indicates that, "We had a glorious time talking with old friends, catching up, and just being amazed that we were all still alive. There were no airs, no falsehoods, no hidden agendas, just pure enjoyment of each other. This may sound corny, but it was almost like they were all family, all 200+ of us. We're workin' on our memory book now and we've got some pretty good pictures & stuff to put in it. It won't be as nice as yours, but it will be great."



Clare Bull & Tom Conger



Men At Work... (LtoR): tc, Joe Cuervo, Bill Bull.

In case you've forgotten, the other grads of M-A who matriculated with us were **Dave Skuce**, **Dick Lemke**, and **George Barclay Corbus**.

That ought to be a wrap. Will now gear up for the official business issue to follow. Do not be deterred from sending noose to these remote HQ.

Aloha,

tc

PS - how many of you subscribe to A Word A Day <wsmith@wordsmith.org> <linguaphile@wordsmith.org>? Today's entry: **nosism** (NO-siz-em) noun: The use of

'we' in referring to oneself. [From Latin nos (we).] As it's often used by editors, it's also known as the "editorial we". It's also called "the royal we" owing to its frequent use by royalty. Mark Twain once said, "Only kings, presidents, editors, and people with tapeworms have the right to use the editorial 'we'."