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Greetings from DC

Here in Washington DC and environs the only thing more prevalent than swarming politicians this summer were the ever present 17-year swarming cicadas.

Another brood appears to have emerged in parts of Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee. For any of you not familiar with them, they appear to be large grasshopper-type insects with beady red eyes that fly around in seemingly random patterns, bumping into people, cars, and windows with great regularity. They seem to be dumb as a rock yet they nonetheless know just when to emerge from the ground as soon as the outside temperature reaches 64 degrees in the year of their 17th birthday.

They don't sting or bite. In fact, adult cicadas don't even eat. But they can be eaten. According to one of my favorite cicada websites—

“cicadas are best eaten when they are still white (teneral), and they taste like cold canned asparagus. Like all insects, cicadas have a good balance of vitamins, are low in fat, and the females are especially high in protein. They are also Atkins friendly!”

Isn't that good to know for those of us trying to shed a few extra pounds on low-carb diets. And “cold canned asparagus” — yummy.

Fall Mini-reunion Coming Very Soon

As many of you know, **Maynard Wheeler** has succeeded **Art Johnson** as mini-reunion chair. Our thanks to Art for ably handling that task so capably for the past many years.

Here's the scoop on the Hanover fall mini that Maynard has planned.

Date: October 8-10. Yale football game weekend.

Where to stay: Block of rooms reserved at Sumner Mansion (5 rooms: \$140 - 160/night): 802-436-3386; and at Regency Inn/Howard Johnson, White River Junction (10 rooms: \$99/night): 800-648-6754. At either location, ask for the “Wheeler” block of rooms in order to insure the negotiated rate.

Maynard gives us the following tentative schedule of events.

Friday, October 8

1:00 - 2:30 PM Discussion of Freshman Book, *Refuge—An Unnatural History of Family and Place*, by Terry Tempest Williams, 2001, Vintage Books (Random House), led by Professor of Biological Sciences Carol Folt, who selected it. Loew Auditorium.

3:00 - 4:00 PM Lecture and Discussion “Is this Any Way To Pick A President” led by Linda Fowler, Professor of Government. Loew Auditorium.

5:00 PM Joint class Reception. Alumni Hall at the Hopkins Center.

6:30 PM Class of '61 Dinner, Alden Inn, Lyme

Saturday, October 9

10:00 AM Class meeting with Students: Psychology, Art and Athletics (location to be announced)

11:00 AM Box Lunch with classmates and students.

12:30 PM Yale Football Game

3:00 PM Gather at Frost Statue after game.

6:00 PM Cocktails and Dinner at Sumner Mansion in Hartland with Speaker Lewis Crickard to talk about the future of the Hop and our Class Legacy.

Sunday, October 10

11:00 AM Optional Brunch at Hanover Inn

Check the Class of '61 web page (<http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/61/>), ably maintained by webmaster extraordinaire **Ron Wybranowski**, for any updates and program changes.

And speaking of reunions, **Frank Ginn**, our 45th reunion chairman, reminds us to save June 12-15, 2006 for our next major reunion in Hanover.

A Wah-Hoo-Wah for TC

As a brief follow-up to kudos in our last newsletter put out by brother Bert, I would like to add that we indeed owe an enormous debt of gratitude to **Tom Conger** for his often humorous, always interesting, and occasionally biting commentary on both class and college events. As co-editor of our class newsletter for the past twenty or so years, Tom kept us both amused and informed.

Glenn Gemelli expressed what many others felt, by writing “While I did not always agree with [TC’s] point-of-view, his wit was refreshing and entertaining, seemingly honest and devoid of BS.”

And from **John Damon**, “... a bully Wah-Hoo-Wah to TC for a job well done... For so many years WWW has been a source of much humor—reminders of wonderful college years we shared with each other... We’ll miss [his] unique Island perspectives, TC... Aloha, bruddah— but don’t go away— stay in touch...!”

Art Kelton adds “Many, many thanks to TC for doing such a wonderful job for so many years. I will really miss his good humor and great stories.”

As a new co-editor, along with **Bert Rowley** — my one-time roommate on the second floor of the AD house, I won’t attempt to step into Tom’s sandals. Having lived “inside the Washington DC beltway” for the past forty-eight years, I undoubtedly will give a different spin to all the news. After all, that’s what we who live and work in the nation’s capital are known to do best... spin.

But Bert has warned me not to make stuff up. So please be generous with your green cards, letters, e-mails (wilkins@barcroftconsulting.com with WWW in subject line), and telephone calls (703-941-3405). No news makes for a rather dull newsletter.

Class of ’61 Athletic Sponsor Program Award Recipient

Class President **Pete Bleyer** forwards the following news announcing our sponsored athlete for the coming year.

“We recently received a letter from the Athletic Sponsors program identifying our student athlete for the upcoming year.

“She is Adria Buchanan, a Middle Blocker on the volleyball team. She comes from Los Angeles.

We will see if we can get Adria to attend our class meeting ... [during] the mini-reunion weekend, October 9.”

Congratulations to Adria. I know quite a few of us have recently obtained a new respect for the skills of

women volleyball players, having intensely watched the Olympics on TV this summer — and I don’t mean just the beach volleyball players, although one can spot a few pointers there also.

Second Class of ’61 Arts Initiative Student Award Winner

Pete Bleyer writes “... Lewis Crickard has selected next year’s award-winner. Lewis and I had discussed this change, so that the winner would be available to meet ’61 classmates during our fall mini-reunion. In fact, the award letter stipulates that the winner make a presentation to the Class of ’61 during the October mini-reunion.

The winner is Christopher McMullen-Laird, but he goes by ‘Zeke.’ Zeke’s project is entitled ‘1791: Death of a Genius. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his Masterworks of the Last Year.’ Zeke is a music major who just returned from studying in Germany and is a Presidential Scholar.

He has performed with the Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra, the World Music Percussion Ensemble, and as conducting assistant with the Handel Society in Hanover and on tour to Europe. He intends to pursue graduate study and a career in conducting.

Zeke was also honored at the arts awards ceremony on May 28.”

Bob Conn comments that Mozart’s output in his last year is huge according to a Google site Bob searched. Bob says “If one of these [last works] is among your favorite Mozart works, it may give you something to discuss with Zeke at the mini-reunion. Certainly, based on the controversy that still continues about it, I’d like to know more about the requiem, on which he was working when he died.”

If any of you have ever doubted the value of our special contributions to the arts at Dartmouth College, please read on. Hopkins Center’s Lewis Crickard’s unsolicited expression of appreciation says it all — very well. Here is Lewis Crickard’s note to Pete after he received our \$1,000 check in May.

“Dear Pete, **Ivar [Jozus]** just sent another \$1,000 check from the Class of 1961 to sponsor the second Arts Initiative Fund award during the

2003-04 academic year. Please express to your remarkable classmates my gratitude for making these awards possible. You attended the Arts Awards ceremony and read Grant Chang's and Christopher McMullen-Laird's project proposals, so you know firsthand how much your support means to these fine young scholars.

"Between the Class of '61 Legacy and the Class of '61 Arts Initiative Fund, your class is blazing a trail for nurturing the arts at Dartmouth that is simply unprecedented. You have not only my profound thanks, but the satisfaction of knowing that you have already enriched, and will continue to enrich, the cultural lives of generations of Dartmouth students.

"With my very best wishes..."

Honors for Class of '61 Science Student Award Winner

In a discussion with Maynard Wheeler, Professor Baird and science student Beth Rabbitt explained just how important our contribution to Beth has been. Here are excerpts from Maynard's letter about that conversation:

"I want to share with you a wonderful experience I just had with the student, Beth Rabbitt, whom we supported in the Psychology and Brain Science Dept. I attended the rehearsal for her thesis presentation on: How does Learning Disability relate to Social Cognition, based on standardized behavioral testing and functional magnetic imaging of the brain. I may have understood half the content. Her professor (Abigail Baird who owns two PhDs and gave us a superb talk at dinner at the mini reunion in October) commented that the thesis was closer to the Masters level than undergraduate, to which I completely agree. The thesis will be published in an appropriate journal. Beth plans to pursue her PhD in Psychology.

What matters to us is how important our financial and moral support was. Beth was quite genuinely clear about the importance to her personally of having Alumni involved with her work at the College, not just in terms of the money which

allowed her to build a more convincing data base by paying for more participants to be scanned, but also by knowing that someone was interested in her work outside of the Department. It gave her added motivation knowing she would be reporting back to us. When she talks with us this October, I trust you will receive the same message from her. Furthermore, as Dr. Baird points out, we have been involved in helping someone who is already making a significant contribution and will continue to do so in the field that she was inspired to pursue through her Dartmouth experience."

Alumni Fund - Approaching Our Goal

Class Head Agent **Henry Eberhardt** reports that the Class of 61's participation in the alumni fund increased to a new mark this year. In Henry's words "Many, many thanks to the 305 generous '61s who gave \$178,406 to the Alumni Fund this past year. Our participation increased to 56.3%...as we strive to reach 61% for the upcoming 45th reunion campaign. We have given an impressive \$6.2 million to the College since graduation through the Alumni Fund. A special thanks to those who have given every year since graduation. Best to you all, Henry."

Let's get behind Henry and show our support by reaching that 61 percent mark in 2005, one year earlier than our 45th reunion year. By my calculations that will require only 26 more classmates contributing. You know who you are. Give a little and get a lot of satisfaction in support of our class and the college.

Overall, the Alumni Office reports that gifts to the college reached a record high in 2004. The \$118.1 million in charitable gifts in the fiscal year that ended June 30, is nearly one-third more than was received in 2003. Commitments were received from 35,845 alumni, parents, friends, foundations and corporations. The gifts will help fund dozens of programs and initiatives that support the College's most important priorities: financial aid, the academic enterprise, and residential and out-of-classroom programs. Participation in the Dartmouth College Fund reached 47.4 percent of the alumni population, a 2 percent increase over last year and a rise of 6 percentage points since 2002.

President Wright said “These gifts don’t simply sustain the distinctive experience that is a Dartmouth education, they build upon it for the next generation.”

Politics and Elections

No, we won’t endorse any political party on these pages. Nor do we solicit votes for any candidate. (Though in the interest of full disclosure, I must report that this scribe is doing a little economics work for the Bush-Cheney ’04 committee.)

Having set the ground rules, we do feel it quite appropriate to pass along news of classmates who we know are running for office this fall. In his capacity as husband of the candidate, **Sam Bell** informs us—

“Those of you who attended the 40th reunion may have met my wife, Betty Castor. I thought you might be interested in knowing that she is the leading candidate for the US Senate to replace retiring Bob Graham. You might want to take the time to check out her web page at www.bettycastor2004.com. I particularly hope that those of you who are registered to vote in Florida consider her at primary time on August 31.”

OK, we don’t endorse candidates, Sam, but I suppose we shouldn’t try to prevent you from supporting your own wife. By the time this newsletter gets mailed, Florida’s August 31 primary will have already taken place, with the general election still to come. So a belated “Good luck” to you, Betty.

In a note to Sam, **John King** reminds us that Iowa is a swing state with “lots of campaign interest here for Bush and Kerry. Not that many votes in Iowa, but the cows and pigs lean whatever [way] the wind blows. It will be a close race.”

John goes on to report that Scottsdale is a just a tad warm in the summer. “There is no enjoyable summer in Scottsdale. Too Hot! We sold the summer house in Portland, Oregon and now summer in Davenport, Iowa due to three grandkids here ages 6,4,2...Back in AZ in October.”

John’s Iowa address and contact info: 6504 Parkdale Drive, Davenport, Iowa 52807. Tel: 563-359-8349. Fax: 563-359-5383.

Other News From Here and There

From **Jack Houser**: The **Naegeles, Sheldons** and I (with the girl of the week) have kept up literally since graduation. Mid May, the Naegeles planned a mini-mini reunion in beautiful Naples, Florida. The Sheldons yachted down. Ellis Naegele, totally on her own and unknown to anyone, even Bob, arranged for my surprise from Houston, Texas. Jack also reports that he saw **Donny O’Neil** while there but the **McArts** couldn’t make it. **Bob Naegele** (or maybe it was Ellis) sent a similar note and the same photograph Jack had enclosed. Pictured, left to right, Jack Houser, Bob Naegele, Mike Parish ’62, Stu and Diana Sheldon. In front, Rosie Parish and Ellis Naegele.



Bill Zeilman writes “I’ve finally retired after spending 41 years in the life insurance business as an actuary, executive, and consultant, and 2 years as a Peace Corps volunteer (in Nigeria in the early 1960s). My wife, Jeanne, and I are the proud parents of two Dartmouth men. Tim ’92 is an attorney and Andy ’95 is in the software business and will be going back to school in the fall to get his MBA. We will be moving into our new home at Eastman in Grantham, NH in August (at least that is what the contractor is promising). We are really looking forward to retired life in New Hampshire.”

Bill’s address is PO Box 952, Grantham, NH 03753. Email: wzeilman@yahoo.com.

Already retired **Rodney Plimpton** writes “After 3 years of ‘retirement’ in the family house, built in 1733, we decided there was more to life than maintenance projects. We have moved from a 15 room house to a three bedroom condo and are looking forward to using the time freed up by this move for writing, volunteer work, and more time with friends and family.”

The new address for the Plimptons is 4 Blue Heron Way, Acton, MA 01720. Other points of contact are: telephone, 978-263-4312; fax, 978-263-4312; and email, rbp2003@comcast.net.

Alan Rozycki reports on his son’s recent wedding. “Had a wonderful experience last weekend of May when my youngest son (last of 3 sons) was married in a Hindu wedding ceremony to a wonderful young woman he’d met at Brown University when they were freshmen/women and then re-met at their 5th reunion. The wedding was an incredible cultural and emotional experience and an opportunity to meet people from all over the world. My son is a pediatric resident at UCSF and his wife works for public TV.”

Alan didn’t provide names, so we can only wish “3rd son” and “wife” the best in their marriage.

Alan went on to fill us in on his own plans: “I am planning on an ‘end-game’ of my professional career at Dartmouth, where I have been on the faculty of the medical school since 1972. Looking forward to having more ‘discretionary’ time.”

“I have had two PowerPoint presentations accepted for the Round Table Program & Brunch August 26” writes **Tony Horan**. Tony tells us that one presentation “A penis prop for pokey piddlers” should be of considerable interest to those of us who just celebrated our 65th birthdays. Not sure, Tony, whose brunch or whose round table but the subject promises to be uplifting.

“Tony again extends an invitation to any ’61s passing through his corner of the wide wide world to stop by for a visit at Evanston, Wyoming, on I-80. He offers upstairs lodging and his town’s “fine 18-hole golf course.”

Gregg Millet tells of “an amazing trip to Kunming, China, with my 21 year old granddaughter. We took back colored slides taken by my father, Lt. Col. Clinton Millet, MD, in 1944 during his service in

WWII. Turned out that the colored ‘time capsule’ pictures were very important to the citizens of Kunming — 500,000 people came to the exhibition!”

To find out more about the trip and to see pictures taken at the Kungming exhibition I went to Gregg’s web site: www.greggmillett.com. You will be astonished by the publicity and local interest these pictures generated.

Remembering George Ramming

Ron Boss sent some personal memories of **George Ramming**, who, along with Ed Toothaker, passed away in February. Ron writes:

“A brief remembrance of George Ramming, my roommate at Tuck senior year, along with **Ralph Barton**. George was our class’s major contribution to Doggie Julian’s great Ivy basketball teams, playing with Rudy Larusso, Dave Gavitt, and others. I remember listening to one away game on WDCR when George put a Princeton defender into the seats and drew a major foul. He may have even been tossed out of the game. As a scholarship student, George held various jobs and played tough basketball.

“He dated [Nancy] his hometown girl and married her after Dartmouth. George became angry at Dartmouth when his son was led to believe he was in as a basketball player also, and was rejected by admissions. He melted his ring!

“The last time I saw George was 15 years ago at a ‘50’ birthday bash. He was still a fun guy and so was Nancy.”

More ’61 Authors

Mike Kirst has had a new book published. It is entitled From High School to College: Improving Opportunities for Success in Postsecondary Education. This tome was published by Jossey Bass/Wiley, San Francisco, 2004.

In 2003, the University of Michigan Press published **Richard Bailey’s** true crime thriller, Rogue Scholar, the biography of a multiple murderer hanged in 1871. Richard reports that one reviewer says “she couldn’t put it down.” Richard’s book is available on line from Amazon.com or from your local bookseller.

Dutton Foster just had a one-act play published. Titled Our Rotten Town, Dutton says that it is an amalgam of Shakespeare and Thornton Wilder. Sounds interesting, Dutton.

Dutton continues “Been teaching in independent schools since 1961 — mostly grades 11-12 literature, writing, and drama. Have directed plus or minus 100 shows — designed and built sets for most of them. Had several forays into administration but preferred teaching. Retiring as of this week from all commitments except set design and construction. Plan to paint, write, clean the basement, travel, watch trains and birds, and sing and play bluegrass, and be a househusband (Caroline will continue to teach pre-school half days). I know I will miss daily contact with my colleagues and students, but I’m still excited to retire.”

The Gazzaniga Affair

Perhaps one of the more bizarre and surprising happenings on campus this summer was the sudden resignation of **Mike Gazzaniga** as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences after having served in that position since 2002. We know Mike had lots of supporters among the faculty and he certainly had the support of his fellow '61s. We will miss having the voice of “one of us” in such a highly placed position in the administration hierarchy. I am counting on Mike to provide periodic reports of his views from the college on the hill, which I will run in future WWW issues.

After accepting Mike’s resignation, President Wright sent the following missive to the faculty of Arts and Sciences—

“Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to let you know that Michael S. Gazzaniga informed me today that he wished to step down from his position as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He would like to return to the work that he loves and in which he excels as a national leader in Psychological and Brain Sciences. As you know, Mike has brought great strength to Dartmouth as the David T. McLaughlin Distinguished University Professor and the Director of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience. He has recently received two

major research grants and will continue his path-breaking work in cognitive neuroscience. He will also be continuing his work as the recently elected President of the American Psychological Society and as a member of President George Bush’s Council on Bioethics.

“I would like to thank Mike for his work as dean for the past two years where he has championed faculty scholarship and has expanded the number and ambitions of the faculty. He has worked to resolve pressing space needs for several departments. He has encouraged cross-disciplinary connections within the Arts and Sciences and with the professional schools, which he will continue to do as the only University Professor at Dartmouth.

“Both Mike and I very much regret the differences among the faculty and pledge to work together to resolve them. Dartmouth has excelled in hiring and retaining faculty who care deeply about teaching and scholarship and in creating a collaborative environment for students and faculty. We must continue to encourage this strength.

“Sincerely,
James Wright”

Gazz, as his fellow AD brothers always addressed him, enjoys a well-deserved high profile status as one of the most renowned scholars on the Dartmouth campus. He has a world-wide reputation and is acknowledged to be the founder of the field of cognitive neuroscience. He is the president of the Cognitive Neuroscience Institute and the American Psychological Society, as well as the founder of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society at Dartmouth.

Mike, we wish you well and hope that you see fit to continue to remain at our alma mater, where your contributions have been so great and you have brought such honor.

A Final Look Back at the Palm Springs Mini

Our very successful 65th birthday bash in sunny Palm Springs in April was well reported in the last newsletter. But for those of you who missed it, here are some further pictures of the people and the events.



“Local host Duane Cox welcomes the class at the opening reception in Palm Springs”



“Tony Horan explains his penile research to Bill Pieper and Dave Prewitt. John Edwards, Phil Oehler, and Bob Conn in background miss out.”



“Tom and Isabel Hickey reflect on the moment at our luncheon — or could it be those five gasses of wine?”



“On the courts, Ann Wilkins shows us her two-handed backhand form”



“Carol and Ivar Jozus take a needed margarita break”





“DeVona Cox and Maria Oehler ready to rock and roll at our gala dinner dance”



“At the Marriott Dessert Springs tennis venue, the players pose: back row - John Wilkins, Karin Stuart, Tony Horan; in front - Bill Pieper and Ann Wilkins”



“Unidentified '61 and spouse taking a rest after museum tour — I think he may have been my freshman roommate, but I can't be sure.”



““It was all worth it” muses a contemplative Duane Cox as the weekend winds down.”



“...while Karin Stuart demonstrates the power of her forehand”





“Four AD animals grovel together: Wilkins, Phil Oehler, Pete Synott, and Cox”

On a personal note, Ann and I are off to Austria and Croatia on a business/pleasure trip for most of September. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Hanover the weekend of October 8-10.

For the next newsletter please send your green cards with info and updates on your activities and whereabouts to Bert Rowley, 471 Remsens Lane, Oyster

Bay, New York 11771-4501, or email BBRowley@aol.com with WWW in the subject line.

Regards,

John Wilkins
Scribe