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**Class of 1961 Mini-Reunion to Celebrate
our Class' Performing Arts Legacy**

April 4 - 6, 2003

Kronos Quartet concert on April 5

We have 30 tickets to the Kronos Quartet concert which will be held in Spaulding Auditorium in Hopkins Center at 8:00 PM on Saturday, April 5. The concert is sponsored, in part, by the Class of 1961 Performing Arts Legacy Endowment Fund.

Since its inception in 1973, the “unswervingly hip Kronos Quarter” has seized the attention of audiences worldwide for its fearless dedication to experimentation. Kronos is virtually synonymous with musical innovation, with a penchant for world music, rock and jazz. The Hop collaborates with Kronos to commission a composer under the age of 30, whose work has its world premiere at Dartmouth.

The weekend will commence with dinner at Grenache (in Centerra Park) on Friday evening. Grenache just recently opened to rave reviews. Details are still being worked out for a program on Saturday, but we expect to have our two Arts Initiative Students, Sheridan Fox and Jessica Tam meet with us to talk about their Children's Literature and Illustration project.

Cocktails (starting at 5:00) and dinner at 6:00 will be held in the Hayward Lounge on the main floor of the Hanover Inn. We hope to have Sheridan and Jessica, as well as Lewis Crickard, Director of the Hopkins Center, attend our dinner. The concert begins at 8:00.

Lastly, we will have a farewell brunch at the Hanover Inn. We've also arranged for a block of rooms at the Norwich Inn. The prices range from \$65 (motel) to \$89 (inn); since there's a Trustees meeting that weekend, you should make your reservations as soon as possible.

Final costs aren't finalized. However, the tickets for the concert are \$28 each, the dinners will probably cost between \$25 and \$30 per person, including taxes and gratuity, and the brunch should hopefully be less than \$20 per person. There's also a possibility that we'll have to pay for a room for the Saturday sessions.

If you plan on attending, please contact Pete Bleyler as soon as possible by email (pete.bleyler@valley.net) or by phone (603-795-9912). Then send \$28 for each Kronos Quarter ticket to guarantee availability. You should make your hotel reservations directly. The Norwich Inn's number is 802-649-1143.

Pete Bleyler

Dear '61s and families:

Check out Pete's letter to the left about our April 4 – 6 mini-reunion. If you plan on joining us for the Saturday evening Kronos Quartet concert, act promptly. The thirty tickets set aside for our class are likely to be snapped up quickly.

October 3-5, 2003 Mini-Reunion in Hanover

Our annual fall mini-reunion has been scheduled in advance of Homecoming Weekend once again this year when the weather is likely to be more comfortable than later in the season for watching football. Our wisdom in scheduling early last fall was confirmed by the snow that fell during Dartmouth night festivities. The '59s and '60s also will be back in Hanover for the weekend. Penn will be our football opponent Saturday afternoon. And, Art Johnson will provide an agenda for the mini-reunion weekend when the dates are closer at hand.

October 11-13, 2002 Mini-Reunion

Last fall, our football weekend reunion was highlighted by lectures about the Orozco murals (including one given by **Larry Gleeson**) ... sumptuous banquets at **Mike Gazzaniga's** faculty home and the Sumner Mansion ... and a cliffhanger gridiron win by Dartmouth over Yale. With one second left in the game, free safety, Clayton Smith, blocked a field goal attempt to preserve a dramatic 20-17 victory over the previously undefeated Bulldogs.

Our dinner guest and speaker at the Sumner Mansion on Saturday evening was Dr. Stuart Lord, Virginia Rice Kelsey '61S Dean of the Tucker Foundation and Associate Provost at Dartmouth. Dr. Lord is nationally known for the development of innovative leadership and community service programs, and he gave an interesting talk about projects sponsored by the Foundation.

Those in attendance for the weekend included: **Pete Bleyler** and Ruth ... **Maynard Wheeler** and Sandy ... **Bruce Johnson** and Marsha ... **Don Baker** and Linda ... **Art Johnson** and Ellie Rittman ... **Dave Armstrong** and Linda Green ... **Mike Murphy** and Helene ... **Terry Ortwein** and Jo ... **Dave Cook** and Nancy ... **Charlie Brown** and Inge ... **Gim Burton** and Eileen ... **Jim Naylor** and Danielle ... **Peter Palin** ... **Larry Gleeson** ... **Bob Conn** ... **Cleve Carney** and Kay Schmitt ... **Bob Fuller**, his son, Brad, and Karen Stansbury ... **Al Rozycki** ... **Bert Rowley** and Pam ... **Ron Wybranowski** and Joan ... **Dick Spencer** and Nancy Meng ... **Vic Rich** and Pat Warshaw ... **George Breed** and Melinda Gordon ... **Ivar Jozus** and Carol ... **Mike Gazzaniga** ... **Pete Synnott** ... and **Tim Grumbacher**.

As **Tom Conger** reported in the last issue of *Wide Wide World*, the weekend was also the occasion of a reunion of swim-team athletes from the classes of '59, '60 and '61. **Don Baker** writes: "On Friday night ... we had cocktails and dinner at the Norwich Inn (about 12 or 13 swimmers plus spouses). Then, on Saturday, some of them ... actually swam. (I went to the football game; some of these guys are still doing Masters swimming and triathlons, etc!)"

Competitive swimming at Dartmouth eliminated/reinstated

On the morning of November 25, Dartmouth College's Athletic Director announced the decision to eliminate the men's and women's swimming and diving teams in order to meet budget cuts. Since that startling November news, much has happened. **Bob Conn** reports: "The Dartmouth men's and women's varsity swimming and diving program will be continued through a funding agreement between a group of students, alumni, and parents and the Dartmouth administration. The agreement making it possible for the program to be continued is the result of discussion and collaboration between the Dartmouth administration, students, alumni and parents. It calls for the program to be continued through the 2003-04 season with funds reallocated internally, and for 10 years after that by the proceeds from a \$2 million fund-raising effort."

And, **Mike Houlahan** provided this information on December 27th: "For those interested, information on fund raising to save swimming at Dartmouth is available at the following Web site <<http://www.b-k-ind.com/dartmouth/#How%20to%20Help>>. To date \$114,000 of the \$212,000 needed to fund a full year has been raised."

Class of 1961 65th Birthday Celebration in Palm Springs, California, April 22 – 25, 2004

Just a reminder to save those dates. **Duane Cox, Sheldon Baroff, Bill Blue** and **Art Jacobson** are planning a terrific fun-filled weekend. You'll be able to dine and dance, gamble, play golf and tennis, hike, swim, shop, sight-see canyons, visit the Desert Museum and Air Museum, and much more.

Class Memorial Fund and *The Class of 1961 Legacy, The American Tradition in Performance*

Thanks to **George Bland**, Chairman, **John Damon, Glenn Gemelli, Mike Houlahan** and **Pete Bleyler**, our class Memorial Fund has been established, and gifts to it will help support *The Class of 1961 Legacy*. Speaking for myself and Pam, we welcomed the opportunity to remember her brother, **Albert "Budge" Graves** in this way. *The Legacy* is an outstanding success and enriches the performing arts at Dartmouth beyond measure. To memorialize a classmate with a tax-deductible contribution, make out your check to "The Class of 1961," earmarked "In Memoriam" ... and mail to Ivar Jozus, 73 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Names of those memorialized will be published in *Wide Wide World*.

It is sad to report the passing of two classmates: **Bruce Baker** and **Tony Wattlesworth**. I didn't know either one. However, **Fritz Kern** Green-Carded that he and **Tom McLaughlin** and Tony were roommates in Gile sophomore year and were also brothers at Delta Tau Delta/Bones Gate. Your memories of Bruce and Tony are welcome and will be published in *Wide Wide World*.

Bleyler elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives

And, that's Ruth Bleyler I'm writing about. Here's the news in Pete's words: "Ruth was running for a seat ... on the Democratic ticket. (She even got Denny Goodman '60, a staunch Republican, to put a political sign in his front yard!)"

"Ruth was sworn in on December 4 and will join the third largest governing body in the world, after the U.S. Congress and the British Parliament. The pay for this job is \$100 per year, which was set by law in 1809 (or somewhere around that year)." *Congratulations, Ruth!*

Alumni Fund Progress Report

Our Head Agent, **Henry Eberhardt**, enthusiastically reported in early December: "We're up in dollars and donors, and in the fundraising business these days, that is cause for rejoicing."

Henry advises: "Giving is easy now. Go to the Dartmouth Web site and type in "Online Pledge" in Quick Search Box to use a credit card. Or, send a few shares of stock. Or, make a pledge and pay it off periodically before June 30. Or call in a credit card gift at 800-228-1769."

Currently, as this newsletter goes to press, we're at \$83,380 in gifts and pledges toward our \$196,100 goal. Participation to date is 37% — the highest participation of any class back to '58 or ahead to '67. Our goal is 61%.

Your Green Card News

Danielle Naylor: "Jim has been working as a periodontist in the Hartford, CT, area for 32 years. We've been married for 35 years and have two children, Edward and Jennifer (32 and 30). Jim and I have enjoyed coming back to Hanover the past five years, and we've taken alumni trips to Salzburg and the Italian lake country. Dartmouth has remained a very positive and invigorating influence in Jim's life."

Bob Conn: "Still working every day – and planning to continue at least 'til 65. Facing numerous challenges on the Alumni Council as chairman of communications and on the special ad hoc committee on participation, which has turned out to be incredibly intensive, almost like a job."

Mike Murphy: "Now serve as the Vice President, Board of Trustees, of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Florida. Really enjoy being around so much wonderful music. The president is John Tiedtke, Dartmouth Class of 1930 (age 95) who is still going strong. Our annual Bach Festival is every February at Rollins College, Winter Park, FL."

Vic Rich: "I could not think of a better 63rd birthday party than dining (and spending the weekend) with 20 of my classmates and Pat in Hanover at mini-reunion, especially after watching Dartmouth beat Yale for the first win of the year (and Yale's first loss). I can only hope for many more!"

Tony Horan: "I presented a poster about removing benign prostatic hypertrophy in excess of 150 grams at the annual meeting of the Western Section of The American Urological Association in Kuai in September. It said it can be done with a 'rotorotor! (*roto-rooter? Ed.*) '61s take note! You do not have to be cut open. This was picked up by *Urology News* and distributed nationally."

Bruce Beasley sculptures on display at Baker Library

You'll discover in the following e-mail I received from **Pete Bleyler** that **Bruce Beasley** has been recognized by The College for his artistic achievement. You'll also find that you can purchase and donate one of Bruce's sculptures to Dartmouth. This is not a Class of '61 project but may be of interest to any of you who are in a position to benefit from a significant tax deduction for a charitable donation.

"Our classmate, Bruce Beasley, is a renowned sculptor working and living in Oakland, CA. After two years at Dartmouth, he transferred to UC Berkeley in 1959 where he completed his training as a sculptor.

"Last winter, he was contacted by Dartmouth regarding a permanent sculpture installation in the new Baker-Berry Library. After much consideration, the College decided on a group of six of his cast bronze sculptures (as well as six sculptures by another artist.)

"His sculptures were unveiled at the dedication of the new library this past November 8. Since Dartmouth doesn't have the funds to purchase them outright, they are on "permanent loan." Bruce, therefore, is looking for donors for the sculptures and contacted me to see if there might be donors from the class of 1961. One of the sculptures already has a donor, so there are five left. (*Prices range from \$26,000 to \$34,000. Ed.*)

"Bruce is willing to set up the purchase and donation in a way that the donor's tax deduction is equal to the purchase price so that the donor is not out of pocket any real money (assuming that they are in the upper tax bracket.)

"... I'm told this is completely legal and one of the most common ways that works of art are acquired by colleges and art museums.

"If anyone is interested in pursuing this, please contact Bruce Beasley directly at 510-836-1414. His fax is 510-763-4431 and address is 322 Lewis Street, Oakland, CA 94607."

Peter Holbrook Paintings

Speaking of art by classmates, I've been corresponding with **Peter Holbrook**. When I happened to see a picture in Newsday that looked like it would make a great **Holbrook** painting, I mailed it to Peter. Part of his reply follows:

"As to the image you sent of the rainbow in the Grand Canyon – yes, it was a good idea for a painting. I did it several times in the '90s. You can see one version online at:

<http://www.charlenecodygallery.com/artists/pholbrook/pholbrook.html>

My paintings have the rainbow passing Wotan's Throne rather than the Buddha Temple as in the Newsday shot. Pretty close though. I sometimes think there is a group of commercial photographers and film makers regularly checking out my shows for new ideas. And a few other painters."

I enjoyed viewing Peter's art at the Web site above. The Lanning Gallery in Sedona, AZ, also posts his work online at: <http://www.lanninggallery.com/ArtistGallery/holbrook/index.htm>

New Address for John and Jane King

“Jane and I are enjoying our fourth winter in Scottsdale since I quit my day job in Portland running the Legacy Health System. So far, I am keeping busy with several board assignments and some consulting. The golf game is still working; my 9 handicap is holding. Technology offsets age.

“We enjoy our three grandchildren who are in Davenport, Iowa. Our summers will be spent more and more in Iowa to be with the grandchildren. My son-in-law is a Notre Dame grad and we are already in competition on the grandchildren’ education: Notre Dame or Dartmouth. Loyal alumni pull from both schools.

“I see Dick Barr regularly and plan to meet in Tucson in a month for some golf. He has enjoyed a second career managing a Cat agency for large equipment. This career is coming to an end and I hope we can see more of Dick and Linda. Best to you Bert.” 21802 N. Calle Royale, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

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Don Baker e-mailed me: “Linda and I are happily ensconced in Williamsburg, Virginia (y’all come see us and experience a slice of history). Still doing some consulting in telecommunications, but that is dropping like your investments in this sector. We enjoy travelling – and have played golf in all 50 states. Kudos to our class officers who do a great job managing reunions, special programs and communications.”

Duane Cox jotted me a few lines to say: “Our local museum, the Palm Springs Desert Museum, has an annual juried art show for members. I submitted one of my paintings called “Homage to Orozco.” It was selected to hang in the show, and I was very pleased.” *A photo of Duane and his art follow.*

And, finally, **Jerry MacDonald** asked that everyone be notified of his new address: 487 Island Way, Clearwater, FL 33767.

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As I write to you from Oyster Bay, NY, on this winter morning, snow is falling outside; an appropriate reminder of our days together in Hanover. **Tom Conger** will create the next issue of *Wide Wide World*. Send your Green Cards to tc’s sun-kissed abode in Hawaii.

Best regards,



Bert Rowley

P.S. Thanks to Inge Brown for e-mailing me the photos of our ’61 swimmers that were posted on our class Web site last fall.

P.P.S. Whoops! Just double checked my file folder for this newsletter and found this note from **Greg Millett**: “I have retired as founder/director of www/singlesoutreach.org and the Board of Directors hired my 39-year-old daughter, Kim, to lead this non-profit enterprise. As a transition, I took a 60-day trip across this great country visiting family and friends and also spent a month in Nicaragua/Honduras (an old stomping ground of mine). I am now working on a new project www.worldwidefriendships.net. My best to all ‘61s. I still have great memories of our 40th reunion.”

Last minute message

Duane Cox phoned a few minutes ago. He’d like to get an idea of how many of us plan to attend our **65th Birthday Celebration** in Palm Springs next year. Please check off your intentions on the enclosed Green Card addressed to Duane – and mail.

October 11 – 13, 2002 Mini-Reunion Banquet at the Sumner Mansion, Hartland, VT



Back row: Ruth & Pete Bleyler Front row: Dr. Stuart Lord, Dean of the Tucker Foundation, Ellie Rittman & Art Johnson



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Front row: Linda Green, Karen Stansbury*



Bert & Pam Rowley



*Ron Wybranowski (standing), Joan Wybranowski,
Jim & Eileen Burton*





Dick Spencer, Linda Baker, Nancy Meng



Don Baker, George Breed & Melinda Gordon, Bob Conn, Peter Palin



*Back row: Dave Cook, Cleve Carney, Charlie Brown
Front row: Nancy Cook, Kay Schmitt, Inge Brown*



Duane Cox in Palm Springs beside his painting, "Homage to Orozco"