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Oh, yeah—another splendid Zoom mini-reunion February 24! Give a rouse for **Pete Bleyler** and **Harris McKee** for yeoman efforts. Following are capsule vignettes as presented prior to entice classmates to register:

Classmate Panel

One of our classmate panels included **Pete Tuschak** and **Ron Wybranowski**.



Pete Tuschak was one of ten Hungarian refugee students admitted to the College following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. In the revolution Hungarian students and workers rose up against the oppressive communist government that ruled Hungary in the '50-s and later. After the Soviet Union crushed the revolution, thousands of Hungarians sought freedom in the West and crossed into Austria, mostly on foot. Many of these refugees were university students at the time whose education was interrupted by the uprising. In a generous gesture Dartmouth decided to offer ten of these refugees the opportunity to finish their education at the College.

Pete was one of these students and his presentation briefly described his life in Hungary, his family's connection to the

United States and why he decided to leave his home country. He also recounted his experiences as a refugee in Austria and his journey to New York. The key part of his story of coming to Dartmouth was connecting with Prof. John Kemeny who informed him of the opportunity at Dartmouth, and drove him to Hanover!

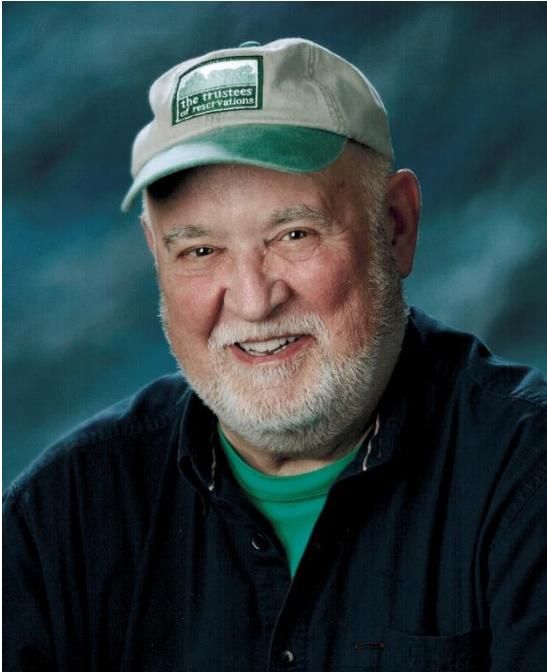
Bartlett Tower Society. (editor's insert to take advantage of space)

Alan Rozycki and **David Armstrong** as co-gift planning chairs want to remind you that we only need three more 61's to provide for a bequest to Dartmouth (and become Bartlett Tower Society Members) in order for us to move into third place among the 50 classes graduating from Dartmouth between 1930 and 2020.

If you would like more information, please go to the class webpage. (www.dartmouth.org/classes/61/). The webpage also has a current list of classmates who are already BTS members. Remember:

- 1) The amount of the gift doesn't matter
- 2) You can provide that your gift is to be used for a special purpose. (ie " Friends of Dartmouth Football" or " the Dartmouth Outing Club").
- 3) You can revoke your gift at any time.

We hope that you will consider joining this special group of classmates if you aren't already. Please do not hesitate to contact Alan or David If you have any questions.



Ron Wybranowski says that he feels as though he's had two careers. The first, from 1961 to 1998, was in the tech world as a software developer, application installer and consultant. That was interesting and stimulating work. The second, since 1999 until now, as a photographer and traveler, was personally more rewarding for him. The first career certainly paid for the second.

Ron hopes that you will enjoy the images which he has to share. He says making them has given him some of the most enjoyable and rewarding moments of his life. They are from the National Parks, local public gardens and the many beautiful sites along the way. Looking through the viewfinder to see, and then capture the

lovely flowers, majestic scenes, and wildlife was often breathtaking, peaceful, and indeed, many times spiritual. He knows that he was blessed to have been given a photographer's eye and passion as shown in his photo below..



Ivy League Champions Football Team Panel

Our football panel consisted of the coach, **Sammy McCorkle**, a running back, **Q Jones**, and a linebacker, **Braden Mullen**.



Mid-way during the 2023 season, **Sammy McCorkle** became the Robert L. Blackman Head Football Coach after Buddy Teevens' passing. Sammy had been on Buddy's staff since 2005, filling in as interim head coach for the first part of the 2023 season. Prior to becoming Head Coach, Sammy was the Defensive Coordinator and oversaw Special Teams. Sammy was a standout defensive back at the University of Florida, class of 1996. He played on four SEC championship teams and competed in four bowl games and a national title game. He graduated with Florida's single-season and career records for blocked punts and was twice

named Florida's special teams player of the year.



Alexisius Jones Jr., better known as **Q Jones**, was an outstanding running back for the Ivy League champs. In 2023, he played in every game, carried the ball 127 times for 565 yards and 4 touchdowns. In the season's last game against Brown, he rushed for 124 yards. During the season he also caught 26 passes for 108 yards. Q is from Fountain, Colorado and is majoring in African-American Studies.



Braden Mullen was a linebacker during the Big Green's 21st Ivy League championship season. In 2023 he had 13 solo tackles, assisted on 6 others, and was awarded 5.5 sacks. Braden came to Dartmouth from Glenview, Illinois, and is majoring in Government, modified by economics

Emma Wolfe



Emma Wolfe is Dartmouth's first Vice President for Government and Community Relations. She joined Dartmouth last year from Barnard College where she was the Associate VP and senior adviser to the President for external relations and leadership development.

Leading Dartmouth's Office of Government and Community Relations, which had formerly been part of the Provost's office, Emma's charge includes maximizing Dartmouth's connections with key government officials and policymakers in Hanover, Concord, and Washington. She will be responsible for the creation of a long-term strategic plan for the College's community and town relations and identifying and optimizing strategic

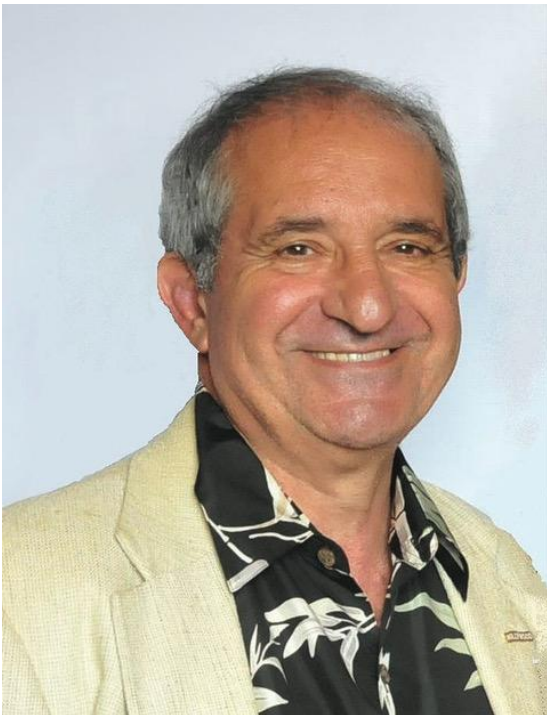
opportunities to enhance Dartmouth's profile at every level. Prior to joining Barnard, Emma helped craft and implement former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's agenda during his two terms. She later served as Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, including leading the City's crisis response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies from Barnard College.

Our second classmate panel featured **Karla Goodridge** and **Oscar Arslanian**.



In 1980, **Karla Goodridge's** neighbor, a junior in college, rode his bicycle across the country. Karla decided she'd also like to do that, but first she needed to get a bike and learn how to shift gears! Finally, in 2016, she had her opportunity. Karla joined a group with two leaders and nine other fellow riders, and left Jamestown, Virginia on May 11th. Their goal was to cross the country in 2-1/2 months, covering 4,400 miles and averaging 65 miles per day. Traveling through 10 states, they took turns cooking meals while camping in parks, camp grounds, churches and an occasional motel. At one point Karla suffered a dog bite and needed rabies shots to continue. On another day, she fell off her bike and required overnight hospitalization. When they reached Florence, Oregon on August 3rd to complete a successful ride, husband Tom was there to celebrate with her. You don't want to miss hearing her story!



How did an idea for a class project to create a fund to finance a few performances at The Hopkins Center become a \$2 million endowment that underwrites four to seven performing arts productions at The Hop each year? Officially known as "The Class of 1961 Legacy: The American Tradition of Performance," **Oscar Arslanian** relates how he recruited David Birney to Chair a project that had never been imagined and will enrich Dartmouth students and the Upper Valley for generations into the future. Since its inception, the endowment as supported well over 100 events. A few of the artists and groups supported by the endowment include Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Band, Itzhak Perlman, Pilobolus, Diane Reeves, and Roseanne Cash.

There was a Women's Initiative session on which **Nyla** reports below. We had over 100 folks registered for the mini-reunion. Surely there are more '61s with internet capability who could enjoy these quarterly interludes—it's easy: no travel, no hotels, no snazzy outfits, and it's free...! Nuff said.

Women's Initiative

The Women's Gathering following the outstanding mini-reunion program was one of our best attended sessions. We were delighted that Karla Goodrich participated. Her great adventure biking across the U.S. certainly inspired lively conversation among the 14 women attending. Early on the call, it was very clear that, like Karla, the women are still an adventurous bunch. We were happy that a few of our widows joined. The conversation was lively and most centered on the "should we stay or should we go" question. Maria Oehler shared that she has happily relocated from Grass Valley CA to a senior community in Colorado and loves it. Eileen DiSavino's home is on the market and soon will be moving into a town home. Pani Kolb suggested adding stair chairs that make staying in a multi-level home a viable option. Susan Lynn and Mort will be bi-residence having found a senior community near Boston but will keep their New Hampshire home. Others on the call have (1) not thought about it (Bonnie), (2) already downsized (Patti and Erica) or (3) happily not moving until...whatever (Judith and Nyla). New connections were made as Marcia Morrison was connected with Pani Kolb as she is planning a New Orleans trip for the Jazz Festival. Pani, has written a guide book to that wondrous city, and years ago, handled tour arrangements for the class' New Orleans mini-reunion. Many also expressed an interest in joining the class book club.

As with the other gatherings of our Women's Initiative, the conversation was rich and even though some of us may not be well-acquainted, the bond forged by our mates lives in each of us. At its conclusion, we all look forward to gathering at the next mini.

Gatherers in addition to us were: Ellen Burton, Eileen DiSavino, Erica Forester, Bonnie Gartner, Karla Goodridge, Judith Holmberg, Pani Kolb, Susan Lynn, Marcy Morrison, Maria Oehler, Peggy Ann Shearer, and Shelley Phillips,

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich

More Homecoming Follow-up--So, back last fall Homecoming was October 21; it rained, '61 attendance was minuscule, and we beat Columbia. On the eve B4 the game, there was the annual alumni parade to the bonfire/Dartmouth Hall festivities. **Al Rozycki** and **Larry Holden** represented the class and carried the '61 banner for the extent of the march. **Roz**: "I was so exhausted after walking in the parade from the assembly near Hanover High, carrying our '61 banner, I was ready to take a seat much less run around the fire. The one guy from the Class of '58, just ahead of us, was an old fogey Gyrene who started off with a lively step and then limped his way around the Green using a cane and his daughter's shoulder! So, **Larry Holden** and I did well just completing the parade!" **Larry**: "What Roz didn't say was that it rained like Hell continuously for more than 24 hours so that it felt something like a duckboat parade around the Boston Common. At the end of the parade we drew closer to the bonfire to stay warm on the representation from the retired professor of pediatrics that there were no dioxins in the atmosphere from burning creosote rail ties as may have been the case in our day." To which **Dick Beattie** responded: "Thanks, Larry!! Been a while since fishing in MT." Larry: "Dick, I still have one of your sport shirts! Sarah went into the Nearly New Thrift Shop in Ennis and bought me one of the finest donated sport shirts she could find. It cost three bucks. When she gave it to me, I looked at it for a moment and said, 'Wait a minute, that's Beattie's shirt. I bet it's missing the 2nd button from the top,' and sure enough it was..." [obviously, a private joke, but fun - ed.]

All of which harked up some great memories of campus days. Every winter Larry's mom (she called him Tom) would bring her 6th grade class from NJ on winter break to a small guest/resort complex somewhere south of Hanover. Part of the curriculum for that

interim was learning to ski—for which intrepid ski instructors **LT Holden**, **HP Serrell**, and the undersigned were conscripted to show the kids the way of the slopes. 'Twas great fun (Mrs. Holden was a fabulous person/teacher), and the kids actually learned some rudiments of ski lore. [ask Larry to relate the saga of the designated Hawaiian demonstrating a *gelandesprung*—right into the low-hanging branch of a snow-laden pine tree... ed.]

Geriatric yuma:

- It's weird being the same age as old people.
- I too was once a male trapped in a female body...but then my mother gave birth.
- We live in a time where intelligent people are silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.
- *The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.
- Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.
- Threw out my back sleeping and tweaked my neck sneezing so I'm probably just one strong fart away from complete paralysis.
- I have many hidden talents. I just wish I could remember where I hid them.

Key Reminder As Harris has posted: “The class of 1961 has begun a book club chaired by **Doug Zipes** for those interested in reading and discussing both fiction and nonfiction works. All participants agreed that the first three books were great choices. Doug has chosen ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride for our next book. The next zoom meeting will be on **May 10, 2024** at 4:00 ET, to discuss McBride's book. Those interested should read the book. This is about a thrilling murder mystery, but is a charming, smart, heartwarming story tucked inside a great novel that transcends differences that separate us. It opens with the discovery of a human skeleton at the bottom of a deep well, and continues with life in a community between the years 1925-1936, encompassing several themes including racial politics, sexual violence, friendship, and justice.. (available on Amazon) and sign up with the Registration Button. Further information will be provided as the date approaches. Any questions should be sent to dzipes@iu.edu.”

Roz: “When book sales spiked in 2020 and 2021, publishers believed one reason for the increase was that more people had turned to reading during the pandemic, and they were hopeful that some of those people would continue to read when things returned to normal. However, a new report from the National Endowment for the Arts seems to dash those hopes.

The NEA's *Arts Participation Patterns in 2022: Highlights from the Survey of Public Participation in the Arts* (SPPA) found that in the 12-month period prior to July 2022, only 48.5% of adults read one or more book for pleasure, down from 52.7% in 2017, when the NEA conducted its prior survey. The decline was greater than the drop between the NEA's 2012 and 2017 surveys, when reading fell by just under two percentage points.

The decline in reading between 2017 and 2022 was nearly the same for men and women, and, as in previous years, more women than men read books last year

(56.6% v. 40%). The report also found that fewer older readers reported reading a book in the 2021–2022 period than was the case five years earlier. The biggest decline came among 55-to-64-year-olds, where the percentage of those who had read a book fell from 53.6% in 2017 to 43.6%. The percentage of younger readers—those ages 18 to 34—who read at least one book for pleasure in the 12-month period held even.”

Harris: “Roz, in the nearly 7 years that we've been in Chicago, I've read more than 250 books, all ebooks or audio books according to the Chicago public library. Guess I can't make up for the rest. Mac”

Paisan: “Good for you, Harris! Since our arrival in Kumla—2006—our local librarians tell me that nearly 1500 books have been borrowed by this old fogey in several languages, which they say is 'some type of record'...”

tc: “ Twould appear that we inhabit a very slender sliver in the pie of human endeavors. Reading is simply what I do. It helps that am appalled by television, but having moved to the olde fartes home—and immediately quarantined by the pandemic —allowed me to pursue my lifelong passion.”

In November, **Oscar & Nyla** stopped by Palm Springs, as usual, on their way home from AZ, to visit **Duane “Doberman” Cox**. Our esteemed “Passages” facilitator was getting ready to move into assisted living and looking forward to it.



(LtoR) **Father Dobes, O.**

In January, **Ken Kolb** called **Duane** on the phone (858-648-6654): “Thanks to Oscar and Conger, I talked to Duane a long time this afternoon. Could you send my message to the full complement of ExeComm and tell them he sounds great; needs a walker, and wheelchair, but is sharp as a tack—lucid, laughing at memories we both shared. And would love to hear from our guys and gals. He lives in San Diego Assisted Living where the female ratio to males is 7-to-1. ‘Doberman’ is happy but, as we know, personal and verbal makes the Day a Good Day when one is alone.”

Back in November **Ted Moreland** notified us of his new address:

383 Lexington St.; Auburndale, MA 02466 “Unfortunately, I have in the early stages of Alzheimer s, so I am moving in to an apartment in my daughter s house.” [smart choice to get where he can have assistance when he needs it; get there before it’s urgent - ed.]

Knowing our penchant for a good read, **Rich Husband** advised: “*DEADLOCK* by James Byrne is a light bit of fluff with a character like Reacher. You might enjoy a little escape at these trying times and much of the book takes place in Portland, OR. Big plans underway with the undergraduate students planning a big parade followed up by a food fight. Support as witnessed by the full stadium for the games is at a fever pitch. One shudders to think of the riots that might occur should the Indians (whoops) Big Green win the title outright. As Thanksgiving is

upon us, I think back to your pecan pie that Pamela's Father loved so much. Take care of yourself, behave and think of ways we can preserve democracy." [One cannot help but visualize the food fight that erupted some 65 years ago when said "Indians" won our first formal Ivy footie title in '58; why, some of us who played in that funfest in old Palmer Stadium were even assessed the 75¢ "penalty" when 'twas discovered our roommate had borrowed our meal card to dine sumptuously at Thayer in our absence... seems deputy Walt Clarkson was not quite as, um, enlightened as Dean Thad ... ed.] **"Big Red" Bill Bull** checked in also in November: "I was looking at your most recent WWW newsletter and I noticed that you didn't have any pictures of me or any of the fantastic 61 s in the two photos I'm sending you... The seven of us and our wives, girlfriends, or daughters get together regularly to spend some very fantastic time together. We have been meeting for 4-5 days, every 10-12 months for about 10+ years now. The group originally was all Russell Sage guys but somehow me and **John Henry** were honored with an invitation to join the group. The guys in the top pic from Carmel are left to right: **Steve Dale, John Henry, Dave Skuce, Barc Corbus, Jon Sperling, Bill Bull**, and **Bill Wood**. The bottom pic order from left to right is **Steve Dale, Jon Sperling, Barc Corbus, Me, John Henry, Dave Skuce**, and **Bill Wood**. **Cartter Frierson** was also a charter member of the group. Unfortunately he passed away a couple of years ago, but his wife **Patty** thankfully still joins us. She's a fantastic lady. And we're all fantastic!! Claire and I hosted the Reunion last January in Costa Rica. The one pictured here was hosted by Barbra and Bill Wood in Carmel, CA, and we are planning the next one to be hosted by Barc and Angela in July in Montana.



Man, that's fantastic...!



Just before Valentine's day **Terry Rogers** chimed in: "Drove up to Stanwood last Sunday to attend 85th BD party for **John Hadley**. He and Linda live on Camano Island in a lovely house on a waterfront bluff that he designed and had built. He also has a studio where he does his terrific paintings. They are part of a really nice community of people who live on the island. It has been really nice to reconnect with John. We were both Art majors in Hanover. So here we are, 2 old pharts....."

←Rogers, MD; Hadley, AIA

Green Card: Ken Walker <walkersken@aol.com>: "Finally did it. Retired from Merrill Lynch last Dec. 31. It would have been 40 years in retail brokerage if I waited to 1/27 but I wanted to start 2023 retired. Lovin' it. I am reading English to several people at the local library on a volunteer basis for about 4 hours a week. Staying in shape with cardiac fitness MWF & walking 2-1/2 miles on TTS. Retired from downhill skiing this winter after 75 years. Both Margot & I are well."

Nyla Arslanian, who has participated on the Executive Committee representing the women of the class, accepted the invitation to become Class Treasurer. Nyla has a business management background and is Vice President/CFO of Arslanian & Associates, Inc. She also served as president of the Hollywood Arts Council for 33

years where she oversaw all finances of that non-profit organization's \$100,000 annual budget. She attended Immaculate Heart College majoring in English and Theatre Arts. Speaking of Nyla, she and **Patti Rich** have submitted a report on the Women's session of the February Zoom:

Dartmouth College Fund

As we approach the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark of this year's annual fund campaign, thank you to the classmates and widows who have contributed. We are currently in fourth place in participation, but our participation goal is 10 to 20 points greater than the classes ahead of us and we are running about four points below last year at the same time. So—if you haven't given yet, we need your help. Here's a link with information about all the ways that you can make a gift, including with stock, by check, phone, or on-line.

<https://www.dartmouthcollegefund.org/how-give>

Thanks in advance. We have led all classes in participation for the last two years. We want to do so again! Harris, Henry, & Roger; Co-chairs DCF

*** * * Future Mini-Reunion Promo, Mark Your Calendars * * ***

Next Virtual Mini-Reunion—Last week in May; Watch for Details

Fall Hyflex Mini-Reunion (In Hanover[Oct 4-6] & On-Line [Fri Oct 4th])

Note that this is weekend when football field will be dedicated to Buddy Teevens. Make your reservations as soon as possible. Also, since the Zoom session on Friday will begin at noon ET, plan to arrive early.

*** * * End Mini-Reunion Promo * * ***



Sadly must confirm that **Mary McKee**, Harris's friend, then wife, of 70 years, went to Heaven on January 17. A full obituary is posted on the class website, but we admirers must note that she was a sheer delight, scrutinized each issue of WWW, and was born a day after me and **Ellis Naegele**—a year earlier. *Mai poina 'oe.*

Tom Conger