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November 2004
Greetings!

In addition to the gents pictured above, our class was also represented at the annual Class Officers Weekend by Henry Eberhardt, Peter Palin, Maynard Wheeler and this scribe for a total of 9 attendees — a number matched by only one other class, the Class of 1940. We missed Pete Bleyler who was out of the country. In Pete’s absence, Vice President Bob Conn presided at the Saturday afternoon meeting to discuss class business. Among the topics covered: our 45th Reunion.

Although chairmen for five-year reunions aren’t invited to Class Officers Weekends, Frank Ginn took advantage of the opportunity to catch all of us in one place by flying in from Winnetka, Illinois, for the weekend to discuss plans for our 45th Reunion, Monday, June 12 – Thursday, June 15, 2006. At this stage, Frank needs volunteers to take on key leadership responsibilities. As of this writing, positions filled include: Entertainment, Oscar Arslanian … Beverages, David Armstrong … Spouse Programs, Laurie Eberhardt … Memorial Service, George Bland and Duane Cox … Passages Revisited, Duane Cox. And, volunteers are needed to fill these open reunion committee chairs: Treasurer … Food … Golf … Tennis … and Running. Please step forward and contact Frank by phone, (847) 446-6214, or e-mail, Casaginn@aol.com.
The Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience

The Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience, a five-year fund-raising campaign, was officially announced during Class Officers Weekend. You’ll be hearing more about the Campaign in a variety of ways. In the meantime, here are a few facts:

- The objective of the Campaign is to raise 1.3 billion dollars.

- The Campaign has been in existence for two years during a silent period in which well over 400 million dollars has been contributed.

- Sizable as the Campaign objective is, it is dwarfed by current and planned campaigns at other schools in Dartmouth’s peer group. M.I.T., for example, is initiating a 2 billion dollar campaign.

- Portions of funds raised are earmarked to address specific needs: increase the endowment … construct new buildings … fund student scholarships, teaching chairs and more.

- Gifts to the annual Dartmouth College Fund count toward the Campaign’s objective. That’s also true of your gifts to The Class of 1961 Legacy, The American Tradition in Performance.

In an after-dinner speech Friday evening, President Wright said, “We want to have, and I intend to ensure that we continue to have here at Dartmouth, the best undergraduate program in the country and in the world.” He also said, “We do more with less (money) …” Based on the size of peer school endowments: “If we look at schools that rank above Dartmouth, they have larger endowments and more financial resources. (Harvard’s endowment is $22.6 billion. Princeton has a much higher endowment per student than does Dartmouth. Princeton ranked 2nd among a group of national universities on this measure, Harvard 4th, and Dartmouth 24th.)”

When the administrators of Dartmouth and other schools set lofty fund-raising objectives, I can’t help but think they must wonder, “Where is all that money going to come from?” Sometimes from unforeseen sources. Brown University received a NINE-FIGURE GIFT from an alumnus who had previously given a total of $1,000.00 and had not been active in alumni affairs. Good thing for Brown that he stayed out of touch and kept his nose to the grindstone.

By this late date, you’re no doubt aware that David McLaughlin suffered a fatal heart attack while on a fishing trip in Alaska with his two sons last summer. President Wright cited his contributions to Dartmouth as follows: “He doubled the endowment, supported the faculty, strengthened student life, built the Wheelock Cluster, and worked to improve alumni relations. His leadership in moving the medical center was critical to that institution and to the College. I often told him that his audacious decision ranked only behind coeducation in securing the strength of Dartmouth.”
Among the memories of David McLaughlin shared via e-mail:

**David Birney:** “I knew him through the Aspen Institute where my then young twins and I were invited to participate on several occasions. We spent some time with him during those summers and he could not have been more kind, a truly generous spirit. He headed the Institute after leaving Dartmouth, clear evidence of his ongoing commitment to the ideal that education and the exchange of ideas could be a powerful force for good in the world. I suppose we should not be surprised, but he seemed always so vital, so vigorous, that news of his death took me quite by surprise.”

**Henry Eberhardt:** “I worked for him during his entire presidency, and Laurie did too. The day Laurie and I got married, Dec 23, 1985, we were having breakfast in the old Hanover Inn coffee shop when Dave walked by us after having breakfast there himself and said to us, ‘congratulations, and the breakfast is on me.’ Sweet memory.”

**Thanks to Pete Bleyler for this report:**

**Recap of the Class of ’61 Student Sponsorship Program**

At our 40th reunion in 2001, the Class approved the annual expenditure of $3,000 for each of three students. The objective was not only to use class funds to benefit students, but to allow our classmates to gain a better perspective of what’s happening on campus, and provide the opportunity to meet and mingle with the students.

One of the $1,000 stipends is awarded to someone in Academics, and the first year’s award went to a senior thesis project in the biochemistry field. Last year, the student was from the Psychology and Neuroscience Department, and Beth Rabbitt ’04, was recommended by her Advisor, Professor Abigail Baird. Abigail Baird was our speaker at last year’s mini-reunion dinner, and had been suggested by Mike Gazzaniga.

A second $1,000 award goes to our Arts Initiative Fund student. Each year, Lewis Crickard and the Hopkins Center Staff, request applications from students for funding special projects in the visual and performing arts. During the first three years the students have had projects in 1) photography and the computer, 2) writing and illustrating a children’s book, and 3) developing low cost housing in the Hawaiian Islands, respectively. With the first two projects, the students made a presentation to members of our class attending a mini-reunion in Hanover celebrating the Performing Arts and our Class of 1961 Legacy Endowment.

With the third award, the Class donates $1,000 to the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsor program. Funds from this program are used to provide transportation and expenses for prospective student-athletes to visit the Dartmouth campus. In return for our $1,000 donation, one of the new Dartmouth students taking advantage of this program is assigned to our Class. Over the first three years that our class has participated in the Athletic Sponsors Program, we have been assigned a pitcher on the baseball team, a midfielder defensewoman on the Women’s lacrosse team, and a punter/kicker on the football team.
News of the three students we’re sponsoring for the 2004-05 fiscal year follows in Maynard Wheeler’s report on:

Mini-Reunion in Hanover, NH, October 8 – 10, 2004

Fifteen classmates, most with wives, came to Hanover for the Yale home game weekend. Those attending some or all of the planned activities were: Bob and Adam Garrity, Bob and Priscilla Evans, Terry Ortwein, Al Rozycki, Ron and Joan Wybranowski, Don and Eleanor O’Neill, Dave Armstrong, Bob Conn, Bob and Karen Fuller, Carol and Jim Baum, Carol and Ivar Jozus, Gim and Eileen Burton, Ruth and Pete Bleyler, Pete Synnott and Maynard Wheeler.

The Classes of ’51, ’57 - ’63 have opted to gather in Hanover earlier than Homecoming in late October to enjoy the fall colors and to add intellectual programs. Activities started with a gathering for a discussion of the Freshman reading assignment, Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place by Terry Tempest Williams who will return to Hanover as a Scholar in Residence. Terry Folt, the new Dean of Faculty and a Professor of Biological Science, chose the book and invited Terry Osborne, Professor of English and Environmental Science, to investigate the meaning of the book for the students and us. This was followed by Professor of Government, Linda Fowler, talking on “Is This Any Way to Pick a President” covering the nomination process, the Electoral College and campaign finance; a most timely subject for our nation right now.

Cocktails for all classes at the HOP gave an opportunity to visit with friends from adjacent classes. The ’61s went on to the Alden Inn in Lyme for a fine dinner with adjournment to the Bleyler’s for the Presidential debate.

Saturday introduced a change in format. Instead of the usual business meeting followed by brunch for the masses in Fayerweather, we gathered in the new Moore Hall, home of the Psychology and Neuroscience Department, Chaired by Mike Gazzaniga, to hear presentations by the students whom we support financially. Forgive me if I go on at length about our remarkable experience. Most of us found it a dramatic confirmation of the excellence of Dartmouth and its students.

Beth Rabbitt ’04 presented her multi-award winning thesis: Social Cognition and Learning Style comparing students with Dyslexia and Attention Deficit Disorder to Controls using psychosocial questionnaires along with functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) brain scanner in the basement of Moore Hall, one of only two such “medical” scanners in an undergraduate program nationally.

The new award winner, Jane Viner ’05, told us her plans to study adolescent females, again with the fMRI, which will end in a thesis presentation this spring and a report to us next fall. Her thesis title is: “Teaching Sociocognitive Skills to Cope With Relational Aggression: Frienemies*: Building Better Friendships.” Jane and Beth Rabbit’s mentor, Professor Abigail Baird, who was our speaker at dinner the previous year, added a welcome faculty presence to the gathering.

* Yes, “Frienemies” – not a typo.
Adria Buchanan ’08, our Athletic Award recipient, is a freshman from a very small private school in California on the volleyball team who had a teacher who had graduated from Dartmouth and was convinced to matriculate after a visit which our award supported financially. She was not sure just what kind of winter coat she would need.

Zeke McMullen’05 had just completed 6 terms away from Hanover in the musical centers of Europe as a Senior Fellow in Music. His project, titled to impress the powers-that-be, by his own admission, is: “1791: Death of a Genius. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his Masterworks of the Last Year”. He exuded an inspiring command of and contagious excitement with his studies. He aspires to a career in conducting and is scheduled to produce a concert of Mozart works including the Requiem Saturday, April 2. Several of us hope to attend.

We had fine weather for the football game which was marred by turnovers and defeat to Yale by 24 to 14 with all other stats being quite close. The Frost sculpture gave us a lovely tranquil bucolic spot to gather for a beer before moving on to the Sumner Mansion in Hartland, VT, scene of many previous enjoyable dinners initiated by Art Johnson. Our students joined us which was great fun and Lewis Crickard talked to us about plans for the Performing Arts and the significant and unique role of our Class Legacy for the Performing Arts in supporting quality groups at the HOP in the face of decreasing subsidization from the College. Unfortunately he will be retiring within the year but there is no doubt the valuable resource of our Legacy will be impressed upon his successor.

An optional Sunday brunch at the Hanover Inn for all classes ended the scheduled activities. Those of us who were able to attend the weekend this year are eager to share the excitement of Dartmouth and its vibrant students and faculty with the rest of our classmates in the near future.

Maynard Wheeler
Mini-Reunion Chair

More news about Class of 1961 authors

It’s beginning to look like we all need to be retired in order to keep up with books written by classmates. So far this year, WWW has reported on a novel by Bill Pieper, a true crime thriller by Richard Bailey, a book on education by Mike Kirst, and a published one-act play authored by Dutton Foster. Now, Jack Heyde has weighed in with a book on baseball. Ross Sandler and a fellow New York Law School professor have co-authored, Democracy By Decree, a fascinating book about the problem of judicial usurpation of political power and what can be done about it. And, John White is working on his sixteenth book.

PRESS RELEASE:

Players From Baseball’s “Golden Era” Share Their Stories

Jack Heyde, whose lifelong love for the game of baseball led him to seek out and visit with many of the professional players he remembers having watched play during the 1940s and 1950s, has just completed a book recounting the highlights of his visits with many of the players. Pop Flies & Line Drives: Visits With Players From Baseball’s “Golden Era” includes stories from more than 70
players who played in the big leagues during the period following World War II, which is frequently referred to as baseball’s “Golden Era”.

Heyde conducted most of the interviews in the privacy of the players’ homes, which provided an atmosphere in which some of the players were comfortable sharing with him stories of interesting and poignant life experiences, as well as baseball stories from their playing days and their views about baseball as it is played today. Also included is a prologue, which explains how Heyde’s love for baseball developed as a youth and how he came to undertake his odyssey of locating and interviewing his subjects.

Carl Erskine, a well known and popular pitcher with the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers during the 1950s, is one of the subjects in Heyde’s book and has written the foreword for the book. Among the more than 70 players included in the book are: Alvin Dark, Marty Marion, Preacher Roe, Frank Crosetti, Mel Parnell, Vernon Law, Allie Reynolds, Max Lanier, Larry Jansen, and Tommy Henrich.

*Democracy By Decree: What Happens When Courts Run Government*

by Ross Sandler and David Schoenbrod.  Yale University Press

*Democracy by Decree* is a critique of astonishing efforts to govern society through a phenomenon known as “institutional reform litigation.” Here’s how it works:

. A citizen seeks legal representation regarding a complaint about the inadequate provision of some social service by the government.

. Or a crusading lawyer notices that a public entity is performing below expectation and does two things: searches for injured parties and seeks a statute, regulation or or right whose violation offers the basis for a lawsuit.

. Whether the chicken or the egg comes first, the result is the same. Plaintiffs’ attorneys persuade a federal district judge to certify the case as a class action suit.

. To avoid a costly legal marathon, government officials (usually state or local officials) agree to a consent decree to settle the case out of court.

. The consent decree “allows defendant officials to switch from the role of lawbreaker to that of reformer.”

. The federal judge ratifies the consent decree’s terms, largely dictated by plaintiffs’ attorneys, as a contract between the parties, and control of policies pursued by the state or local agency involved shifts out of the hands of elected and appointed officials. Hence, democracy by decree.

Case example: In the early 1980s, prisoners in a Philadelphia prison sued Mayor Wilson Goode, claiming conditions violated their rights. By 1986, a consent decree was in place that limited the number of prisoners who could be held in the city’s jails.
Over the next 18 months, Ross and Schoenbrod write, “police rearrested 9,732 defendants released because of the consent decree.” They were charged with “79 murders, 14 kidnappings, 1,113 assaults, 264 gun-law violations and 127 drunk-driving incidents.”

That’s just one of the nightmarish stories in Democracy By Decree. Ross and Schoenbrod offer suggestions for reform, and one reviewer writes: “Yale University Press would do a great public service by providing a copy of this book to every federal district judge in the country and to every member of the congressional judiciary committees. And if it is not used as a teaching text in every law school in America, that will be a great pity.” Ross’s address: rsandler@nyls.edu

UFO Enthusiast Works On His Next Book

John White brings us up to date about his literary endeavors by way of a front-page feature story published in his hometown Connecticut newspaper, The Cheshire Post, that leads off:

“As a former nuclear weapons officer for the U.S. Navy, John White is confident in his ability to recognize aircraft.

“So when he observed a brightly-lit vessel hovering over a cornfield in Pine Bush, N.Y., in the 1980s, he had no trouble calling it a UFO.

“White … has written 15 books on such things as the UFO experience and metaphysics. Titles of books he has published include ‘The Meeting of Science and Spirit,’ ‘Pole Shift,’ ‘A Practical Guide to Death and Dying,’ ‘Everything You Want to Know about TM,’ on transcendental meditation; and a children’s book, ‘The Christmas Mice.’

“He is now working on a book called ‘The Pledge of Allegiance and the Star-Spangled Banner,’ which he said is a fundamentally-based spiritual and political view into the United States.”

John’s original UFO sighting at Pine Bush, a hot spot for aerial phenomena, motivated him to return to the rural community several times during the mid-1980s. And, he established an annual conference, “The UFO Experience,” held at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, CT, from 1987 to 1999. Of an additional sighting at Pine Bush, John states, “I don’t say it was an extra-terrestrial craft. I don’t know what the hell it was. I’m convinced it was not a man-made terrestrial-based object. It was definitely unidentified.”

Following John’s graduation from Dartmouth, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was the nuclear weapons officer on the USS Pine Island, a ship stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin. After John’s four-year hitch in the Navy, he pursued and received a Master of Arts teaching degree from Yale University. He went on to teach English and journalism at colleges and secondary schools. He has also worked as a freelance writer of magazine articles as well as a speechwriter for the chairman of the board of Northeast Utilities. Currently, John devotes his time to writing and to handling the work of other writers as a literary agent. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 43 years. They have four children, including a son who is the mayor of Cheshire, and four grandchildren. John’s e-mail address is: JWhite8011@aol.com
Class of 1961 Legacies

Ellie Smith, at Dartmouth, was kind enough to satisfy my curiosity about ’61 legacies by compiling a roster of our sons and daughters who’ve followed us to the Big Green. Along with the list, Ellie offered these caveats: “I am sure it is not totally accurate. It is very hard to keep track of transfers. They don’t come in with the rest of the class … Name changes pose further problems … maiden and married names … 1961 certainly has a lot of legacies to be proud of.” Yes, indeed.

- The first of our offspring to attend Dartmouth matriculated in the Class of 1984.
- Of 121 legacies, the lion’s share, 85, entered the Classes of 1987 – 1994.
- The male/female split happens to be 61 sons and 60 daughters if I assigned the appropriate gender to at least one name that could go either way.
- A handful of classmates sent more than one child, including stepchildren, to Dartmouth.
- We had children in every class from 1984 through 1998.

So our legacy story is winding down. The roster of 1961 legacies is on my computer. If you’d like to see it, I’ll be happy to e-mail the list to you. Please put WWW in the subject line when you write. E-mail address: bbrowley@aol.com

Green Card and e-mail notes from:

**Dick Barr:** “Just retired from second career with a Caterpillar Dealer; after thirty-three years as healthcare administrator. Avocation is local community college where I serve as an elected trustee and chair. (Vast majority of our 22,000 students are bootstrapers.) Four children, eight grandchildren. Thirty-eight years of marriage to my best friend, Linda. See and communicate with **John King.** Kudos to tc for his persistence, creativity and diligent service.” New home address: 5251 Foothills Trail, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 … rbarr111@comcast.net

**Steve Kirschner:** “Linda and I went to the Dartmouth-Colgate football game. The twelve Dartmouth fans had a great time despite the final score. It’s back to Marco Island, Florida for the winter. Love to hear from 61’s in the Naples area.” 5000 Royal Marco Way #737, Marco Island, FL 34145 … (239) 394-4388

**George Breed:** “In March, **Bruce Johnson** visited me in Jackson Hole. He sampled both Grand Targhee and the Jackson Hole Ski Resort and didn’t miss the New England hard-packed a bit. Separately, from recent grads up to people even older than I, Jackson is lousy with Dartmouth people – must be the outdoors and snow connection.” P.O. Box 3368, 60 Stormy Circle, Jackson, WY 83001-3368 … (508) 380-5414 … ghbreed@aol.com
Dick Keith: “Spent a wonderful spring and early summer sailing our “Alibi” to Honduras, Belize, Mexico and back to Florida via the Dry Tortugas. We enjoyed the simpler life style, great anchorages, friendly local people, and the ever-helpful cruising community. Can’t say we missed all the noise in the US. Waiting out the last of this hurricane season on the Ortega River just south of Jacksonville which has been very lucky compared to the rest of Florida.

“We have a house in St. Augustine which we have rented out for the past 4 years, and my wife is determined that we will start spending some part of the next year in it. Hope to move in during November and start on another long list of projects. Enjoy the Class Newsletter and thanks for all the fine work from that scribe in Hawaii. Dick and Nelda”

Sam Bell: “… our good friend and classmate, Bob Hodder died recently. He and his wife Jeanie lived in Stuart, Florida. They had taken two direct hits from recent storms. After the second storm, Bob, who was in apparent good health, suffered a heart attack and died. Bob was a great friend. Bob, Stan Bates and I were roommates in New Hampshire Hall for three years before Stan and Bob moved to KKK and I moved to C&G. We are really going to miss this great friend.”

Doug Zipes’ name appeared in the press following Vice President Dick Cheney’s visit to a Washington, D.C., hospital with shortness of breath on November 13th. “They were attempting to determine that the muscle contraction was not any worse than previous echocardiograms and not responsible for shortness of breath,” said Indiana University Cardiologist Douglas Zipes, who consulted on an early cardiac defibrillator implant for Cheney.

’61 wives in politics – one win, one loss

November 2nd election results: Ruth Bleyler was elected to serve another term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Betty Castor, Sam Bell’s wife and former University of South Florida president, lost her bid from Florida for a seat in the U.S. Senate in a closely contested race to Mel Martinez, former Housing and Urban Development Secretary and the first Cuban-American ever to win a Senate seat. Congratulations to you, Ruth. And, best wishes to you, Betty.

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

Here’s the follow-up to last year’s promise to publish the names of donors to the Class Memorial Fund and classmates memorialized. Thanks to Ivar Jozus for providing the listing. Some gifts to the fund were given in memory of classmates named below, and others were given in general.

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Peter Bleyler
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J. Michael Houlan
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Gerald Kaminsky
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Richard I. Beattie
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In Memory of Jim Denham
In Memory of Richard Sandreuter
In Memory of: Peter J. Holland, Robert Redington, Gilbert W. Low, Mills R. Omaly, Christopher Swansen
Gifts to the Memorial Fund support The Class of 1961 Legacy, our innovative contribution to the performing arts at Dartmouth. To memorialize a classmate with a tax-deductible contribution, make out your check to “The Class of 1961,” write “In Memoriam …” on the memo line and mail to Ivar Jozus, 73 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457.

What do you say to an out-of-Hanover mini-reunion in 2005? Because the last two minis were held in western states, the thought is to move eastward. Suggested destinations bandied about by e-mail include Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and the Mississippi River (paddleboat cruise). Or, the reunion site could be elsewhere east of Old Man River. To hold a successful mini-reunion, a group of committed classmates and spouses is needed to make the project work. Do we have a volunteer to chair an ’05 mini-reunion? Contact: pete.bleyler@VALLEY.NET.

Green Cards with your news to co-editor, John Wilkins. If too busy to write, how about asking your wife or significant other to pen a few lines? We look forward to hearing from you.

Here’s wishing you enjoyable year-end holidays and a Happy New Year!

Keep in touch,

Bert Rowley
Class of 1961 Newsletter Editor
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Left to Right Standing

Jane Viner ’05, Adrian Buchanan ’08, Zeke McMullen-Laird ’05 and Beth Rabbit ’04

Tom Mauro, Ray Welch & Gim Burton
First Annual Achushnet Classic
Make reservations for 2005 Classic with Ray Welch: raywelch@cox.net
Ivar Jozus, Bob Fuller, Don O’Neill and Bob Conn

David Armstrong, Bert Rowley & Peter Palin enjoy a nightcap together at the Hanover Inn