

Class Notes—Nov/Dec 2002 issue of *DAM*

1962 Connecticut resident **Jim Godzman** retired from his post as president of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), a non-profit association representing the North American cruise industry. Jim earned an M.B.A. from Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, worked for a variety of corporations in sales and marketing, and then joined CLIA. Jim explained to a reporter, "I have decided to enjoy our family, our home and our boat a lot more than we've been able to since I took over as president in 1985."

Dave LaPonsee retired after thirty-five years of teaching history and psychology at Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut. Dave grew up in rural New Hampshire, was a distance runner at Dartmouth and trained for the Olympic trials until an injury put him on the sidelines. The *Westport (Connecticut) Minuteman* lauded Dave's work as he prepared to return to New Hampshire. "His past and present students believe that he is definitely a teacher who deserves endless recognition and appreciation."

Mike Slive became the commissioner of college football's famed Southeastern Conference in July. Mike takes the helm of a "financial and competitive juggernaut that is the envy of college athletics," reported the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*. However, the article continues, Mike faces "major challenges [that] involve off-the-field problems, including nine major NCAA violations and charges of academic improprieties at two schools." Mike's background and experience should help. Mike earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1965, was assistant athletics director at Dartmouth from 1979-1981, assistant executive director of the PAC-10 from 1981-1983, District Court Judge in Hanover from 1983-1986, partner with **Mike Coffield** at Coffield, Ungraretti and Harris, 1986-1991, and athletics director at Cornell from 1991-1995. From 1995 to this year Mike has been commissioner of Conference USA.

Bill Carpenter kindly sent us a copy of his new novel, *The Wooden Nickel*. Bill is a teacher, sailor, poet and novelist. After studying English at Dartmouth, Bill earned a doctorate at the University of Minnesota in 1967. He taught at the University of Chicago for a while but then, whimsically and poetically, moved to Maine to head up the humanities division of a new alternative school, College of the Atlantic. Bill taught, wrote poetry, and in 1985 won the Morse Poetry Prize for his collection of poetry, *Rain*. In 1994 he published his first novel, *Keeper of the Sheep*. I join with critics with more impressive credentials than I: "Pick up and read a copy of *The Wooden Nickel*."

There still is time to join interesting classmates at our mini-reunion, Friday November 1 through Sunday November 3, in Hanover and at the Shaker Inn, Enfield, New Hampshire. **Tom Komarek** (tckomarek@aol.com), with a major assist from **Gene Gasbarro**, runs this mini reunion and welcomes last-minute entries. We again thank **Gordy** and **Pat McKean**, who served so well and so tirelessly these past five years, and welcome **Woody Chittick**, who learns the ropes. You can mingle with poets, judges, athletic directors, cruise directors, teachers and, of course, lovely wives and significant others. Y'all come.

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