

Class Notes—Jul/Aug 2007 issue of *DAM*

1962 **Bob Esch** writes from Northampton, Pennsylvania: “I retired in July of 2001 after teaching high school mathematics for 39 years. During 2000 I also taught for three semesters at Cedar Crest College, so, in effect, I have taught for 40 years. During my teaching career I spent much time writing my own textbooks, which I used for my classes. I am in the process of revising a text in space geometry, I hope for national publication. I continue to study mathematics on an independent basis and enjoy keeping up to date in my field. In 1998 I became a ham radio operator and have talked with people from all over the world. I also continue to be an active tenor soloist in my church, still play the violin and added the guitar in the 1960s. I have been our church’s treasurer for the past six years.”

Dan Hummel writes from China with a flimsy excuse for missing reunion: “I am still in China after a long stay. Now it is time to head back to my unpolluted life on Bantry Bay. My life in Dali continues to be easy and stimulating. Reunion is tempting, but the location is off my safe-travel list.”

One day in June 1997 at Alumni Hall in Hanover **Tom Komarek**, **Charlie Giersch** and others put a glass of wine in my hand and twisted the other arm behind my back. “Richard, we thought **Jim Haines** was going to be class secretary but there have been some changes. He will be secretary all right but he wants to do a lengthy apprenticeship first. The job could be yours....” After a rough-and-tumble campaign and serious charges of voter fraud I was elected. Conferred upon me were a free *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* stylebook and the gift of prophecy—but only for events Dartmouth green.

For 10 years it has been an honor and privilege to hear from and write about classmates. Joan and I have become good friends with wonderful class officers. We are indeed lucky to be drawn closer to the terrific class of 1962. Now the good doctor, Jim (Ph.D. in English), a retired college professor and incisive writer has completed the tough apprenticeship. Jim lives in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, with his charming wife, Marnie. The two travel a lot to their summer place in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, to Hanover, and—next year—to the Greek Isles on our class trip. They often visit the people’s republic of Massachusetts where their two sons reside. Jim is too modest to talk about his other accomplishments: honorary mayor of Sewickley and Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. He is undaunted by the fact that they are about 70 miles apart or that the combined spelling and pronunciation of the merged municipalities will be almost impossible.

In the words of Garrison Keillor, “Be well. Do good work. And keep in touch.”

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