

1962 Unseasonably warm and gentle rain did not dampen spirits at this year's Dartmouth Night festivities. Occasional umbrellas popped up along the parade route and in front of Dartmouth Hall, but the traditional pep talks, college songs and signature bonfire—followed by a splendid class supper graciously hosted by Liz and **Bill Pierce** in their Norwich home—defied the inclement weather and paved the way for Saturday's balmy 70-degree sunshine and Big Green's 37-28 win over Columbia.

At the Homecoming class meeting Treasurer **Charlie Balch** delivered good news: "There has been serious consideration for nearly a year of a 50th Reunion (2012) gift to the College to support the College Writing and Rhetoric Program. At the June reunion, classmates voted to support the general idea of the project. The project has been developed by a group of '62s with the writing and rhetoric program director, Tom Cormen, and negotiations with Sylvia Racca, executive director of the Dartmouth College Fund." The project has now been approved. Further details appear on the class Web site.

Don Samuelson writes that he's "been involved recently in helping to plan the 50th reunion of the Niles Township High School Class of 1958" with an emphasis on encouraging alumni to evaluate their past accomplishments and to set future goals. Don says that most of his adult life "has been spent in one way or another with affordable housing, community building, career planning and, more recently, the uses of the Internet." As a personal goal, he plans to spend the next five years finding ways to make use of broadband technology "to advance the interests of a particular distressed neighborhood and, by example, many neighborhoods."

In retirement, **Tom Davies** finds that "my forty-year-plus passion for collecting American art somehow merged with my younger son Kristian's passion for writing." Encouraged by his son to write about his art collection, Tom produced *Collecting Stories: 400 Paintings, 400 Stories*, published in October by Laynfaroh Publishers, a company he founded himself. The work chronicles "high points (discovering lost or unrecorded works) and low points (stealing the family's food money to buy a painting), which I think will make enjoyable reading regardless of one's interest in art or collecting anything." Tom adds, "Above all, I think it's fun and hope Dartmouth's art and English professors would admit my education in a pre-Hopkins/Hood era was not a total failure."

On the sports front, **Mike Slive** was reported as "recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame." When he was named commissioner of the Southeastern Conference in 2002, Mike remarked: "There are many challenges, not only for the SEC, but for all of us in intercollegiate athletics [including] maintaining our preeminent competitive and financial position consistent with the educational missions of our member institutions and of the conference; of insuring our academic success of our student-athletes; of fulfilling our responsibilities to ensure gender and ethnic diversity in a way that is fair and equitable to all." Go, Green!

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