

'62s News

OLD FRIENDS ARE WORTH THE EFFORT

MINI REUNION, NEW RUGBY CLUBHOUSE DEDICATION, NEWS FROM CLASSMATES, REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, YESTERYEAR NOTES, OTHER NEWS

WALTER'S MEMORIES- HOMECOMING MINI REUNION

(Note- Homecoming 2006 will be October 13-15-)

Bonfire blazes mesmerize the crowds; over 800 '09s showed their gear by lapping the fire 109 times, despite the really annoying presence of at least 15 Emmet cops who wanted nothing better than to bust a pinhead for trying to touch the fire (a recent tradition, similar to American Indians counting coup 150 years ago, which has been discouraged due to politically-correct safety risks). Even the McKean granddaughters ran wild with delight.



After Class Meeting- Front Row: Charlie Balch, John Walters, Richard Hannah, Tom Komarek, Dave Smith, 2nd Row: Ben Vogel, Al Dynner, Sandy Apgar, Gene Gasbarro, Woody Chittick, John Clark, Mike Schaefer, Tom Cutter, Back Row: Gordy McKean, Jim Haines, Dave Pritchard, Ann Evans, Bob Andrew, Steve Serlin, Charlie Giersch.

The '62 contingent then rallied at the Pierce's in Norwich (over state lines, but no underage girls, and therefore no Mann Act violations) to enjoy the hard work of Joanne and Woody Chittick with food and drinks. It was one of the largest groups assembled in years. Gate-crashers included Jack Huber, Phi Delt '63, whose wife - as it turns out - was a sorority sister of Liz Pierce at Duke.

Saturday's class meeting was a compilation of traditional business and photo session, with some encouraging input regarding a potential Class project pointing toward our 50th Reunion; more to come. On to the tailgate where we welcomed many newly-returning classmates, including Dave and Bonnie French (who have spent most of their adult lives in Singapore, Dusseldorf and other tax havens; Dave never met a tax law he couldn't duck) plus Gordy Owens and son Gordy (loyal Florida Gator) and granddaughter Katie. Renee Vogel contended that we had way too much food (which didn't stop her from knoshing) and maybe that was the case, but everyone pigged out with a smile, plus some stains.

The evening at Dowd's Inn was fun and packed with '62's. Everyone gave a thumbs-up for the new venue. Unlike past years, where we've been regaled by our Faculty Fellow, this year we had a spirited chat on the Fellowship as well as various alumni governance issues (of which I am unfortunately in the middle), but I'll spare you the details.



Left-Right, Phil & Jan Meyer, Myrna Brooks, Mary Vic & Charlie Giersch, Elaine Jacobs, Dick Brooks (Bernie Jacobs-obscured)

Sunday I had the unenviable task of running the Association of Alumni Annual Meeting (a marathon 4-1/2 hour session), after which Nancy and I headed down to Boston for 4 days. The following Saturday we saw the Ivy League-leading mens' and womens' soccer teams defeat Harvard (as well as the Field Hockey team), while also sitting through a blizzard (with Tom Komarek and John/Jill Schiffman) as Harvard spanked our young, but improving, football team. John was happy that he didn't have to deal with the Indian mascot cheerleader schtick, and marveled that he actually was the guy who did that 44 years ago.

A memorable weekend (actually, two weekends). Wish every '62 could have been there.

Dudley Hallagan writes: My wife & I attended the Homecoming football game against Columbia, & the difference in the stands & along the sidelines was palpable. The team may go 2-8 this year, but the enthusiasm & charisma of Buddy Teevens was something to behold. He prowled the sidelines, talked to the offence when they were off the field, congratulated individuals after a particularly good play, worked the officials all game long, & simply displayed his brand of leadership which, I think, has been sorely missed. And, believe it or not, fans were actually on their feet for both defensive & offensive 4th & inches situations. Hopefully, Buddy has the commitment of the administration to work together to bring this very visible aspect of the College back to its former competitiveness. His hiring is certainly a wonderful first step.

NEW COREY FORD RUGBY CLUBHOUSE DEDICATED

Both Gary Spiess & Von Beebe wrote about the dedication, attended by a large number of 62s including: Brock Saxe, Ollie Larmi, Von Beebe, team captain in 62, Mike Jackson, John Hust, Woody Bradford, club president in 62, George Haubner, Gary Spiess, Doug MacPhail, Gordie Adelott, & Bill Pierce.

Though safely out of New Orleans, Henry Sarpy was not able to be with us. And, of course, our beloved secretary, Lou Setti, died several years ago. The new clubhouse, out by the golf course, is probably the finest rugby facility in the country & well worth the 13 year wait. We had a terrific time, although none were tempted to cross the line & join a scrum. Somewhere between 600-800 people returned in all, including scores from our era. Not bad for a then unrecognized club sport.



Von Beebe, Mike Jackson, John Hust, Kemper Pierce 08, Bill Pierce, Woody Bradford, George Haubner & Brock Saxe

There were several alumni games followed by the women playing Harvard with the men playing highly ranked Army. The men lost 30-25 in a close hard fought match, missing a chance to tie on the one foot line in the last minute. It was one of the most exciting games witnessed by many of the attendees & should bode well for Dartmouth's rugby future

NEWS FROM CLASSMATES

Ace Eaton & his family had a special time at the Masters in April of 05.

ACE Eaton III, a 1991 UNH grad won the USGA Mid-Amateur Championship at Sea Island, GA in October of 2004, qualifying him for the Masters. ACE, my business partner in a building company in New London, NH asked me to be his caddy, thrilling me by the opportunity.

The week in Augusta is still a blur with practice rounds with John Daly, David Toms, Davis Love III, David Duval, Tiger Woods, Mark O'Meara & Charles Howell. All were great guys, interested in ACE's game & were nice to the old bald guy in the white jump suit. The tournament play was with Gary Player & Todd Hamilton, the reigning British Open champion. Ace was able to bring me through the club house to see where he stayed with the other amateurs in the top of the

club house. Ace didn't make the cut, but he did play very well. My time in the Caddy House with caddies like Steve Williams, Tiger's caddy, Fanny Sunneson, Fluff Cowen, & Jackie Nicklaus was a real pleasure. Wonderful free food 14 hours a day for the caddies. Now all ACE has to do is repeat in the Mid-Am to have us return to the Masters.

Irwin Kramer writes: Could not agree more with Art Hoover's comments in the August '62 Newsletter. Some words of this sort were long overdue & needed to be said. Divorced 5 years ago. Still working selling bonds & corporate pension plans. Need the intellectual challenge of having something to do each day rather than sitting & vegetating. Travel is a great passion these days. Just returned from Buenos Aires & Rio de Janeiro. Hope to get to Vancouver in the near future.

Art Hoover, on January 25th, managed, along with his son, Jeff '88, to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. At 19,344 feet, it is the highest free standing mountain in the world. Jeff & I were in a group of 10, six of whom made the peak. Our guide told me that I was the oldest person he had ever taken to the summit. Babu is the native word for grandfather, & very early in the 4.5 day climb, I became known as Babu to our four guides & 17 porters.

Although not technically, difficult, the climb is hard because of the altitude, & the success rate is around 50%. The trek began in the forest canopy in warm & humid conditions, & ended in an arctic environment. Although the ice cap is shrinking, the glaciers are still impressive. We were blessed with good weather, which was not the case when we climbed Dartmouth's Mount Moosilaukie a # of years ago. It was a wonderful adventure. (Jeff-on Left- Art-Right-Red jacket)



Steve Geller Writes: Wah-Hoo-Wah- We're leaving New England, Kae, Florrie, 6, & I for the deep South. I've been invited to teach at Savannah College of Art & Design as full professor of creative writing. I saw Savannah in the moonlight as a trio played Skylark on the riverfront. I've the feeling this will be a fabulous cultural experience for me & all the lovely people I'll be meeting in Savannah. Call me at the college or E mail me if you want to have a lively late afternoon martini, while wondering how the world became the world.

Andy Bartlett Writes: After 12 years in a wonderful community in the Napa Valley, Roz & I have decided to move back to Australia, 70 miles North of Brisbane. We both love the beaches of the Sunshine Coast & the relaxed pace down under.

Ross Burkhardt Writes: My new book, *Using poetry in the classroom; Engaging Students in Learning*, will be published by Rowman & Littlefield this Fall. Jeanne & I are off to Tunisia in Sept., first time back since my Peace Corps days, 1962-64. Life is good.

Dan Hummel Writes-Here we are on our sailboat, 65 years young. Doesn't it have a magic ring, an age we have thought about even before starting out for our lives in the great wide world. Now in this time of change, we are free to change, redefine ourselves, & live the life we dreamed of during our working days. We can enjoy the benefits of our lives endeavors, & of the economic & political system which our generation can truly claim as our legacy. Enjoy. I'm still at danghummel@hotmail.com

Gordy Aydelott Writes: My wife of 42 years, Judy (Smith '63), has decided to run for Congress in the 19th Congressional district here in N.Y. She says that she can't stand what is happening in Washington, thinks this country is heading in the wrong direction, & has decided to do something about it. I admire & applaud her decision & will do what I can to support her.

All of her life Judy has been a moderate Republican, but she now feels the current Republican party does not represent her interests nor the interests of the people in this district. Accordingly 2 years ago, she switched her registration to a Democrat & now will run against Sue Kelly, a 10 year incumbent who came in with the Gingrich revolution in

'94. Sue's views have gradually moved to the right to the extent that she votes 90% of the time with Tom Delay.

Judy & I are neophytes when it comes to politics, but we've hired experienced people who know the ropes in a Congressional campaign. Formulating a position on the many issues is an intellectually stimulating activity. The name of the game is now raising money so you are a player in the eyes of the DNC. Two or three others are also trying to seek the nomination. You can view Judy's bio & position on issues by going to her website at WWW.judy4congress.com. If you have any interest in helping, I'm sure that both Gordy & Judy would love to hear from you.

James Varnum: Jim has been president of Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital for the last 27 years, & he is now planning to retire in April of 2006. His accomplishments are nicely outlined in the Summer '05 issue of Dartmouth Medicine. Bringing the hospital to national prominence & managing by keeping the importance of people foremost in his mind were specially mentioned. Congratulations Jim.

David Smith writes in detail about a 3 week trip touring Europe. Amsterdam, with a day tour to Rotterdam, Delft, The Hague. Then on by train & bus to Hamburg, Warsaw, Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Frankfurt, & Mainz. Finally, a cruise down the Rhine to Cologne.

WASHINGTON, D.C. '62s VISIT ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD

Charlie Balch writes that the weather was perfect with a few clouds, blue skies, & 70+ degrees after a week of rain. Our guide was superb, enthusiastic, & knowledgeable. The battlefield is one of the best kept & most historically significant. After the dinner, the 20 classmates, spouses & partners enjoyed a nice dinner. The depth & range of questions for the guide and the evening conversations were outstanding.

Participants were Charlie & Ann Balch, Ted Beal, Bob Brodkey, Phil & Eileen Cantelon, Stu & Judie Heydt, Bill Jones, Ken Jones & Swanee, Dick & Susan Maynard, Chuck & Nancy Naeser, Roger & Jane Rainville, Doug Walgren, Dick Weiss & Nancy Flynn.

Charlie indicates, with well founded pride, that these recent D.C. mini-reunion events have all been good & true team efforts. A little history.

Bob Brodkey suggested the idea of getting the DC area '62s together periodically at the Class Reunion in Hanover in June of 2002. Then Ken Jones & Swanee offered a home for our first event, a pot-luck dinner in Feb. of 2003.

This was then followed by a dinner party at the home of Bruce & Sherry Feldman in May. Next, George Beller hosted a weekend in Charlottesville with a private tour of Monticello. a brunch at his home, & an in depth tour of the UVA campus in October of 2004. Tom & Mary Beth Magenau hosted a trip on their cabin cruiser across the Chesapeake Bay to an island restaurant in June of 2005 leading up to the recent Antietam event.

As you can see many '62s have been involved in universally enjoyable events. The game plan is to have at least one mini reunion event annually. Some ideas put forth for the next event include a boat trip on the Potomac, an Octoberfest party in Maryland, a visit to a special exhibit at the National Gallery & dinner, & an off-the-beaten path tour of the Capitol.

WELL DONE D.C. GROUP. This sounds like a super concept for other regions of the country to pick up. I'm sure that Charlie would be glad to share any thoughts if you want to get more active in your area. On the other hand, some of you may be having like events that we haven't publicized. If this is true, please keep us posted so we can report them.

A JAZZ OPPORTUNITY-

The CD titled, Karenji, (named after Al Houser's wife, Karen) contains some great jazz music that was heard by the New Orleans team on the recent class trip, live at our 50th in Washington, & of course live at Dartmouth with the Modern Men back in 1962. A visit to the web site, <http://cdbaby.com/cd/ahouser6> provides not only a chance to review & purchase this & other CDs by Al, but also a poem by Sandy Lattimore '62 & a review by Steve Geller '62. What a great idea for a '62 Christmas present.

OUR HEAD AGENT, DOUG MACPHAIL, ENCOURAGES MORE PARTICIPATION- For years Dartmouth was #1 in the country & now we are #2 to Princeton. President Wright is also really pushing for participation, particularly with younger classes where the percentages have been very low. So let's all try to reach out to everyone in our great class! Karen Rich's creation of the KEY 62 glasses many years ago

helped pull us up from “the biggest misfits in the history of the Ivy League” (as printed in our 25th Reunion Book) to a record breaking class. Let’s shoot to break some records again.

YESTERYEAR- FALL 1959

Rudy LaRusso drafted by Minneapolis Lakers
Governor Nelson Rockefeller '30, visits campus, reunion picnic
Lew Stillwell gives a battle night lecture on Pearl Harbor.

Sophs to Watch on Blackman’s football squad.- Center Chuck Hageman & guard Dick Couturier appear to be outstanding linemen. Dick Stillman, a safety man, has excelled as has Gary Spiess, despite only weighing 150 pounds. (I wonder if he still does.) A 3rd defensive specialist is a tough fullback, Jim Lemon. Tom King has looked good at left half back. Also promising as ends are John Mussman, Bob Vetrone, & Dave Usher, last year’s frosh captain.

Braves & Dodgers tie for National League Pennant.
Soph Stu Johnson scored with 15 seconds left in the 2nd O.T. period to give Dartmouth soccer a 3-2 win over U. Conn.
Khrushchev & Eisenhower negotiate over future of Berlin.

Despite nationwide concern over inadequate training in math & science since Russia orbited her Sputnik, last year’s freshmen feel that they came to Dartmouth with better preparation in these subjects than any other.

Coats say cross country success rests with sophs. Last year’s freshman squad went undefeated in both X-country & track. Tom Laris set records practically every time out, but Nick Jennison, Dan Tompkins, & Dud Halligan are right up there.

Sigma Phi Epsilon removes their national clause due to the efforts of the Dartmouth chapter. Thurgood Marshall “as long as the blackball system is used, we can’t eliminate discrimination in fraternities.

Due to good behavior, dorm visiting hours are extended from 12:00 to 1:00.



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