

The Affable, Charming Dartmouth Class of 1953, Great Too!



Collins Corner

Fall is alive and well in Hanover. The temperatures are slowly dropping, the leaves turning nicely and the football team is off to a great start. We have a couple of wins under our belt and start with League games on Oct 5th against Penn. The following weekend is Homecoming when we will face Yale on October 12th. The traditional bon fire will take place Friday evening following the Class parade up Main Street. Many alums will gather at the Friends of Football luncheon on Saturday at the west side of the stadium and kick off is scheduled for 1:30

Class Meeting and Class Dinner:

The Class of 1953 annual meeting will take place Saturday morning, October 11 at 10:30 AM in Paganucci Lounge. Our committed mini-reunion Co-chairs, Put Blodgett and Harlan Fair, will arrange to have coffee and some goodies available about 10 AM.

If you do not plan to attend the game or leave early, Paganucci Lounge will be available to the Class all afternoon to gather, chat or just hang out. We plan to gather for cocktails and more goodies at about 5:30 and then enjoy dinner together at Paganucci at about 6 PM. We will once again enjoy the extensive offerings of the Menu at '53 Commons to enjoy the meal of our choice.

Class Officers Weekend:

On September 21 and 22, Dartmouth hosted what was called Class Officers weekend. This year it was expanded to cover Class officers, Club Officers, affinity group officers and was called VOX weekend. Put Blodgett, Harlan Fair, Dick Fleming, Ron Lazar and I were in



attendance. In addition to the Class specific officers' sessions, there were a host of options you could choose from. The Friday banquet was held in a very large tent on the North campus and hosted over 300 alums. Quite an event and a significant change from the past.

The New Class of 2023: That's right. The new class sounds like ours except there is a 60 year difference. New admissions and application records were set this year. There were 23,650 application to form a final class of 1210 students. 574 of those were early decision acceptances and the balance from regular decision. From the new record of applications, 1,870 offers were extended. Dartmouth's yield from offers made was 61%. The gender mix ended up with about 20 more men than women in the Class of 2023. Lee Coffin, Vice Provost and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid said, "The admitted class is exceptionally well-prepared academically. Among those with a rank from their secondary school, over 95 percent are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class, including more than 500 who

are projected to be either valedictorians or salutatorians. The mean SAT and ACT scores are at record levels, at 1501 and 33.1, respectively.” Our best wishes to the fledgling Class of 2023. I wonder what the world will be like when they celebrate their 65th reunion??

Although it’s a bit repetitive. I am listing the Fall scheduled activities once again to keep you up to date and hopefully so you will be able to make plans to join us at one or more.

The Football Fall in Hanover:

Oct 5	Penn	at Philadelphia	Oct 12	Yale	Homecoming
Oct 19	Marist	at Poughkeepsie	Oct 26	Columbia	at Home
Nov 2	Harvard	at Cambridge	Nov 19	Princeton	at Yankee Stadium
Nov 16	Cornell	at Home	Nov 23	Brown	at Providence

Stay well and stay in touch. It’s good for you. Best, Al

A Band of Brothers---Dartmouth 1953 --- Bruce Sherman

The year was ‘49...a beautiful serene September...
Our class was taking form...every friendly member.
We were ‘53s...a band of brothers born that year
The next 4 years were brought to our attentions so clear
Settling into the business of learning, there our mission...
We honored all the college’s cherished tradition...
Even “Wet Down” that left one’s derriere burning!
Finally...with diplomas clutched in hand, all yearning.
Ike launched us on graduation into the “wide, wide world”...
“You’re leaders”, he said...as our flags them unfurled
Some of us had lives that did some very special things..
For most we’ve found what we sought, yes, everything.
Now, our ranks are thinning...as each completes the course...
We have lived as “Men of Dartmouth”. a very positive force.
“Another ‘53 reporting Sir” and to St. Peter we will say...
“We’ve scheduled a reunion here; just not sure which day!”
“All of us aren’t here quite yet...eventually all of us will be.”
And on that day the Bells of Heaven will ring so merrily
Eleazar will be there on that special day of “‘53 Tomorrow”
Then all will stand as he leads us in “Vox Clamantis in Deserto”
And we are confident that all 726 of us will be quite keen.
To see the blessed plan happen that paints the pearly gates green!”

'53 Forever --- Wah Who Wah!---The Band of Brothers

What a Joy it is to have a poem, by one of our own. Bruce Sherman, aka altabruce80@hotmail.com one that captures the essence, the beauty, and the spirit of this remarkable group of classmates that have managed to stay in touch with one another, with the College, and with our great United States of America and the World for these seven decades, seventy years of dedication, of excitement and fun, and of love. Thanks forever, Bruce, still skiing the powder of Alta at his advanced teenage!



A Tribute To '53 Skiers Who Love Going Downhill! (Might as well enjoy it.)
Our Poet Bruce gains his deepest insights while navigating deep powder!

Skiing's been a big part of my life...an escape from a world full of trouble and strife.

I don't get relief from little blue pills...I just grab my skis and I'm off to the hills!

There's a slope I know with sparkling untracked snow. sprinkled with fir trees, arranged just so.

I'll ski a line...in and out of the trees...with the snow building up around my knees.

What I'm feeling is total bliss! Is anything else as great as this!

If there's skiing in Heaven, that'll be swell... 'cause I know there ain't no snow in Hell! Bruce Sherman

Charlie Buchanan writes: "I am bringing a small bus from Albany to Yankee Stadium on Nov. 9th for the Dartmouth Princeton game with both Dartmouth and Princeton alumni. If the class of '53 getting tickets suggest you get them in the same area as ours. .

Dave Halloran shows us how to "Tailgate" at the Dartmouth Jacksonville game in September with some Floridian Dartmouthians. Twas warm down here!!



"Is that really you Grandpa?" said GGS Brodie. "Nah, just a funny poster our UCF buddies placed on the tent wall at the game to remind us of our more Intrepid days!" "What is intrepid?" said the six year old touch football player. "Long ago and far away" said I. "I'm gonna stay here Grandpa"

"Two years ago in the defeat of Stetson University, Deland. we Floridian gridiron Dartmouth fans had to dodge the hurricane Irma as it skipped across the coastline but DARED not interrupt a Big Green victory with almost 3000 in attendance, and Dartmouth won handily 38-6. This year Dartmouth came south again to play the Jacksonville Dolphins, a young four year university of 4000 students that has aviation technology, marine sciences, and information systems applications as its principal majors, highly marketable capabilities in our community . Though the team and crowd put on a spirited show of dedication to the young school, our Dartmouth team was superb in a 35 to 6 victory and showed some real class in their aerial attack; they had that same look of a potential Ivy champ as last year's team. Dartmouth built a 28-0 lead at intermission and was up, 35-0 after three. About three dozen Dartmouthians from a variety of classes enjoyed the show and we send our wishes to Hanover to keep coming south to "warm up" the team for the Ivy League games in the fall.

Before the Stetson game two years ago, the last time we could find a record of a Dartmouth team playing football in Florida was against Rollins College here in Winter Park in

1915. Dartmouth Football travelled to Winter Park that year by steamboat and train and defeated the Rollins team by a touchdown, we are told and, because no one else claimed the title we descendants of that formidable squad decided that game must have been for the National Championship !!! My dad '19 and uncle '17 were on that team though dad did not make the trip. Thad Seymour, former Dean at Dartmouth, became president of Rollins in 1978 and was extremely helpful as I planned out my graduate work in computer simulation at UCF, and his son, also Thad and a Dartmouth Graduate is the current president of UCF, Lots of Green Blood flowing here in Florida. Keep sending the openers south and we will help get them "hardened" for the Ivy League grind. Cheers Dave

Ron Lazar is not only the champion extraordinaire of the 1953 Dartmouth College Fund but he is also the discoverer of some more 1953 history –the 50th Reunion video taken by Nathan Burkan sixteen years ago, It can be viewed at [Dartmouth Class of 1953 50th Reunion](#) and makes one realize how little we have changed in two decades!! Tis fun to watch and I hope we can find one of the 65th as well. Keep digging Ron –only YOU talk to every classmate on the list!! And here's a memory pic of the lovely Liliane with '53 "buddies"





There we are in all of our glory at the 50th and here we are in all our glory at the 65th and with the Lodge having major facelift compliments of Put Blodgett

Oh With Such Care We Walked The Stair



With Heartfelt Devotion, Master Put Set All In Motion



The Old and the New---What a Very Lovely View



And Then We Gathered To Hear The Story Told
The New Is Delightful and Always Cherish The Old

Then's The Time to Celebrate '53 Style



“Other days are very near us, as we sing here soft and low, We can almost hear the voices of the boys of long ago. They are scattered now, these brothers, up and down the world they roam. Some have gone to lands far distant, from the dear old college home. Some have crossed the silent river, they are looking down tonight. And the thought of these old brothers, makes our love now burn so bright.”

The Life of Lillian Goss, Beloved Wife of Donald Goss, Will Be Celebrated in Hanover at 1230 on Saturday, November 9th, in the Paganucci Lounge of the Class of 1953 Commons. All Classmates and Family Are Invited and a Response to this Invitation from Daughter Holly can be made to dhalloran@cfl.rr.com which will be forwarded to Holly. Lillian and Donald contributed so very much to the joy we have known as The Class of 1953 and it is only fitting that we celebrate her beautiful and loving life as we did Donald's

Ray Luebbe Jr. Class of 1953



Luebbe, Jr., Ray , 86, of Longwood, FL passed away on August 2, 2017. He was born on March 31, 1931 in Schenectady, NY to the late Ray H. and Evelyn (Hoon) Luebbe, Sr. Ray worked the majority of his career as a chemist at Xerox in Rochester, NY and retired from Harris Graphics in Dayton, Ohio. He was an active member of the

Wekiva Presbyterian Church. Ray was an avid reader who enjoyed

fishing, boating, hiking and traveling. He had a fond love for the numerous elder hostel trips he took with his late wife of 53 years, Dorothy. Ray was also preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Morgan. Survivors include his daughters, Betsy (Jim) Garrett, Karen (Gerardo Galvan) Blamick, Melissa (Jerry) Davis and four grandchildren. Funeral Service were held , Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Baldwin-Fairchild W. Altamonte Chapel, 90 Wethersfield Ave., Alt. Springs, FL 32714.

Thomas J. Gill '53 passed away September 2, 2016. Tom came to Dartmouth from West Concord, MA and was a member at DKE while in Hanover. His brief entry in the 50th reunion book read as follows, "No Bio planned for the 50th Reunion Book. It is sufficient to say that I am retired and living happily in the Florida keys

And as we pause for a memory and a prayer for our classmates who have gone on to the life of the spirit it seems appropriate to remember some of those who were extra special to all the activities ongoing In '53 over many, many years. Here are pictures of the incomparable Don Goss and Dave and Bonnie Siegal and one cannot help but recall the countless things they all did for all of us. There is no doubt they are preparing a "Homecoming" for Lillian as she rejoins her Donald and we just know that the Reunion of Infinity they are preparing behind the Green Pearly Gates will be endless, yes, forever, with scores of Bonnie's Buggies to float us about.



Dartmouth Welcomes the Class of 2023

President Hanlon, faculty, and deans offer greetings to new students.



Dean of Admissions Lee Coffin, Dean of the Faculty Elizabeth Smith, Dean of the College Kathryn Lively, and President Philip J. Hanlon '77, lead the procession at the beginning of the ceremony welcoming the Class of '23.

Lively welcomed the students on behalf of the faculty and staff of Dartmouth College. "Each of you brings your own interests, backgrounds, talents, identities, concerns, and motivations to your College experience. At the same time, you all have one core thing in common: Your job here is learning." Do you recall that the great John Sloane Dickey used those exact words with us in September 1949???

President Hanlon began by reminding the class that joining an academic community means they are joining an enterprise dedicated to inquiry and truth. "As a member of an academic community, you have an overriding obligation to set aside any biases or preferences of your own and approach questions with a truly open mind," Hanlon said. "Throughout this process, what you will learn is the search for truth is a team sport if there ever was one, most effectively done when ideas and opinions are exchanged in an open respectful manner. And importantly, you'll learn something that is backed up by decades of rigorous research. That the deepest understandings, the most effective analyses, the most accurate predictions

are achieved by groups of people who bring diverse perspectives to the table."

Chuckle Time

A cardiologist died and was given an elaborate funeral. One thing that got everyone's attention was a huge flower covered heart on the wall behind the casket.

After the usual sermon by a preacher and testimonials from friends and colleagues, everyone finally learned the purpose of the huge heart. After a moment of silence, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever.

The long, stunned hush of the mourners was broken when a man near the front burst into laughter.

The preacher demanded an explanation.

"I'm sorry," the man said, "I just pictured my own funeral."

"And why would that be funny?" inquired the annoyed preacher.

Said the man chuckling, "I'm a proctologist!"

You can say what you want about Florida, but you never hear of
Anyone retiring and moving north. These are actual ads seen in
"The Villages" Florida newspaper.(Who says seniors don't have
A sense of humor?)

FOXY LADY:

Sexy, fashion-conscious voluptuous blue-haired beauty,
80's, slim, 5'4' (used to be 5'6'),
Searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion.
Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT:

**Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband,
Looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness,
Fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.**

SERENITY NOW:

**I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and
Meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our
hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.**

WINNING SMILE:

**Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser
To share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.**

BEATLES OR STONES?

**I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on
Saturday nights and still like to play the guitar.
If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen,
let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.**

MEMORIES:

I can usually remember Monday through Thursday.

If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our
two heads together.

My favorite

MINT CONDITION:

Male, 1932 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair,
Many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves.
Isn't in running condition, but walks well.



Grandson Twins Zander and Tyce educating Grandpa Dave on Zebras. Dartmouth '37



The Great 75th for the Great Ted Spiegel --- name all for a free subscription to '53 Out



Masters Challengers Jack Patten, Okie O'Connor. Jack Chrisp, Bob "Toodlepip" Simpson and the inimitable Donald Goss



During the London Global Summit, London's Tower Bridge was bathed in green light in honor of Dartmouth's sesstercentennial.

Meeting in London for the College's first-ever Global Summit, alumni, faculty, and families emphatically reaffirmed the institution's commitment to tackle the world's most pressing challenges. Celebrating Dartmouth's 250th anniversary and The Call to Lead campaign, the three-day Global Summit in the heart of London drew more than 500 guests from 36 nations across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Events included workshops, panel discussions, presentations by Dartmouth deans, and behind-the-scenes tours of renowned museums and cultural venues led by Dartmouth faculty. Campaign announcements included the largest gift in the history of the Tuck School of Business; a commitment to expand Dartmouth's expertise in the Arctic and create a center to address global security issues; a \$1 million, three-year social entrepreneurship pilot project; and progress toward establishing need-blind admissions for students worldwide. A Saturday evening gala in the 15th-century Guildhall's medieval great hall capped the weekend's activities.



A Seventy Year Band of Brothers --- Forever

