



Dear Dartmouth 1953 Family,

Our newsletters today are primarily bearing the realities of our wonderful lives together as the Dartmouth 53 class that captured not only the knowledge and attitudes that have led to so many successful lives, but have also done so appreciating the traditions and messages of our Dartmouth in setting the standards for excellence in our total lives and that of our families. Fred Whittemore is a marvelous example of just that and he followed the counsel of General Ike who urged us at graduation to realize we had been educated to be leaders at Dartmouth, and he expected that we would achieve those expectations. We did, and countless examples of that dedication to leadership fill our website, and here is another one forthcoming under the loving leadership of Connie Clery, Howie's beloved wife and principal consultant on all the successes they achieved in life.

Connie is participating with a group of parents and grandparents who have a dedicated cause to eliminating the increased hazing that has become so evident on so many college and university campuses as well as many prep schools where all of the races, brown, yellow, red, black, white and a variety of minded races are evident which has become the way of the world. I always smile with special delight when I am reminded that we have over 200 American Indians at Dartmouth today which must please the loving soul of Eleazar Wheelock who paddled up the Connecticut river over three hundred years ago to bring the story of Jesus Christ to the Indian inhabitants of today's Vermont and New Hampshire. And this is happening all over the country with students coming from Europe, Israel, the Middle East, India, Japan, China, and the whole array of South American countries. As is true with any change, the inability of some to recognize the rights of others and the advantages to having a new look at the issues, that gets overlooked and some legislation is needed to give the authorities on campus the ability to discourage hazing of any kind, initiate programs to counter hazing, and in extreme cases the legal authority to take corrective action where needed including dismissal from the institutions when warranted.

Connie would love to receive some help from members of the 53 family and following is the basic format and guide to becoming involved. Connie's email address is "clery@comcast.net" where she can give you answers to your questions and greater insight into this vital initiative. It is another challenge for 53 that we are sure we can rise up to and help our beloved Connie along the trail to success. Ike told us we were bound to be leaders and Connie's program is a continuing example of how correct President Eisenhower was and still is today.

Love to all, Dave