A MESSAGE FROM VESTA

We welcome Carol Allen as our new editor of The Forty-Five Journal, and I hope you will send her your news regularly. Also, many thanks to Peg Tirrell who was our faithful editor for several years. The Class of ’45 cannot survive without such dedicated members.

I hope you are thinking about our Mini Reunion which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Norwich Inn at noon. If you do not want to stay at the Inn or at a motel, many of us have extra rooms for quests. Just let us know in advance. The Inn will have a special menu for us and you will enjoy the warmth of old friends and reminiscences.

Class of 1945 D.O.C. Freshman Trip to Moosilauke Gets Under Way
HANOVER NOTES

By Matt Marshall

Matt, Honorary ’45er, was former manager of the Hanover Inn and is the one who helped us so much with the installation of our Weather Station. Matt is General Manager of the Hanover Improvement Society and frequently attends our Tuesday ’45 lunches where he keeps us up to date on what is going on in town. Below are a few of his recent observations.

The Downtown business section of Hanover has benefitted from an improved economy over the past few years, despite the significant changes in the new College calendar. As many of you know, the academic schedule now sends students home before Thanksgiving not to return until after New Year’s. Many of the retailers in town that rely on student patronage (like Stinson’s where students buy beer) have felt the impact, but entertainment spots like the Nugget did not notice a difference.

In fact year-to-year the Nugget continues to be a favorite nighttime spot to gather, now enhanced by a new and very popular Morano Gelato shop, which gathers national acclaim! If you’re back in town and have time to stop by South Main Street, Morano Gelato is worth a visit to sample this fresh-daily Sicilian style gelato.

Coffee has become big business in Hanover now, with over 9 coffee shops selling espresso in the downtown area. Starbucks is the latest addition and is packed with both students and “townies” all on the public WI-FI. Lots of screen time but not much conversation, amazing how things have changed!
THANK YOU to those many alumni and wives who responded! As one alumnus noted, “you will have....an interesting summary—the thoughts of a special collection of guys who were born at the very best time in all of history.”


MEMORY OF PRESIDENT Dickey

• Starting Great Issues Courses—taught one to think

• Watching him fish at the College Grant

• A walk shared (by accident) along North Main St.

• “Worry that a really old man was watching over….kids”

Memorable Quotes:

• “A professor is one who thinks otherwise.”

• “No I can't compare the ethics of the medical and my profession.”

• “You are here because 11,000 other applicants to Dartmouth are not. Act accordingly.”

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR ACHIEVING A LONG LIFE

• Good genes

• Quitting alcohol

• Good wife

• Luck

• Help others

• Regular exercise

• “Focusing on your tasks, not on how others perceive you”

• Moderation in all things
FAVORITE WINTER CARNIVAL

- Do not remember any
- Sculpture made out of orange juice
- Ski jumping
- Four boarded hockey rinks [on Occum Pond] with square corners, and the teams of horses that scraped the ice
- Snow and cold
- Bringing future wife to Carnival
- Carnival of ’47—first after war

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT ON PLANET?

- Recycling
- Driving hybrid car
- Conserving heat
- Downsized to smaller house
- Not moving much
- “Global warming will prove to be greatest hoax ever”
- “Carbon footprints seem to exist in Washington, D.C. only”

WHAT DO YOU WORRY ABOUT MOST FOR YOUR GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN?

- Nuclear war
- Have not given it any thought
- Climate warming
- Worry that present form of government may not survive
- Over population
- Heavy debt of USA
• Living in Socialist country
• Shrinking Fed.Govt.
• “Mankind flawed—planet doomed to Extinction”

FAVORITE PLACE TO STUDY
• Baker Library—was quiet, could concentrate
• Dorm
• SAE house
• “Used ‘tutoring service’ to good advantage. Faculty did not change tests...back copies available”

FAVORITE PROFESSOR?
• Prof. Stone, Psychology; Prof. Dewing, Creative and Expository Writing; Prof. Syvertsen, MD; Embryology (Forgot name of Prof.)
• Prof. Robinson, Math—made it interesting; Prof. Royal Nemiah challenged us to think; Prof. Wilson, Biography; Prof. Cotty Larmon; Eddy Jeremia – Hockey Coach—his attitude of never quit, always work hard; Prof. Wright, History; Prof. MacDonald; Prof. Trevor Lloyd—always helpful; Prof. Minnicle, Prof. Gordon Ferry Hall; Robert Frost; Prof. Forrester—Physiology
• “Professor who wrote on my last report card, ‘Continuation of education not advised’...gave me humility in later years.”

GLASS HALF FULL OR HALF EMPTY- WHY?
• Half full—always look forward to something
• ¾ full—the right attitude
• “At least half full—nothing in pessimism that pays anything.”
• “Positive attitude corrects everything”
• “99%...”
• “Half-full—life is good”

• Half empty...a lot to fill in

• “Half and half…I’m an existentialist… set course for myself.. I am sole judge”

**TIME AT DARTMOUTH ONLY SMALL TIME IN REALITY BUT IT PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN LIFE FOR SO MANY. DO YOU AGREE?**

• “Yes—the mystique about Dartmouth...isolation...prestige”

• Had great support

• Yes—Enlightenment

• Yes—Friendships

• “I agree...my horizons were broadened...fraternity of Dartmouth people after graduation keyed my life.”

• Agree – left after graduation with self-confidence

• Yes – got me started on career

• “Place where we developed from boyhood to manhood.”

• “Don’t agree but Dartmouth fostered the obligation for public service from day one.”

**WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO ASK NEW PRESIDENT HANLON ’77 ABOUT?**

• Get more conservative professors

• Can you solve drinking problems?

• Admit well rounded people and give well rounded education

• What to do about drinking problems, sexual assault

• What is role of Fraternities?

• Do not like admitting competitive overachievers—and not “everyday people”
• Is liberal arts education sufficient today—or will “Dartmouth become a diversified college?

• Lessen the cost

• “Let him do the talking.”

WHAT THINGS ARE ON YOUR ‘BUCKET LIST’ TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE?

• “Finish my second book….about restaurants and memoirs in creating the No. 1 restaurant chain in country [Black Angus Restaurant]”

• Organizing photos and notes

• Publishing my family genealogy

• “Learn all the facts of what I believe was a Nazi starvation experimental lab in Bielefeld, Germany ….and what became of the wretched souls I discovered there in April 1945.”

• List is complete

• To read books I haven’t gotten to

• Recording an autobiography.

• To maintain good health.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OUR GENERATION’S LEGACY IS TO OUR CHILDREN?

• “Not enough, thanks to a dysfunctional Congress.”

• “Negative—most golden rule values have been lost due to disruptions in family backgrounds most ’45s had growing up.”

• “Greatest generation’ set a good example….however we inadvertently led our children to believe that satisfaction and gratification should be instantaneous and that they should rely on the government for much of their income.”

• “Not much to brag about, and much to apologize for. We really could have done better, once we quit living on our laurels from WW2 service.” Big National debt.

• “War, War, War, and the inevitable result thereof.”
• “Convey that with effort and good sense, much can be accomplished which is satisfying.”

• “Less is more. Thoreau—‘We fritter our lives away in detail. Simplify, simplify, simplify’.”

FAVORITE FILMS OF ALL TIMES?

- Lawrence of Arabia, Gone With the Wind [#1 tie with Casablanca], It’s a Wonderful Life, Mutiny on the Bounty, Inherit The Wind, Sound of Music, Ordinary People, Casablanca [#1 tie with GWTW], High Plains Drifter, Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins, Red River, Mr. Roberts, High Noon, Fargo, Lone Star, Rear Window, The Sting, Run Silent, Run Deep, Citizen Kane, The Bridge on the River Kwai, Seventh Sea.

- All Ginger Rogers/Fred Astaire films, Alex Guinness films.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS OF ALL TIMES?


- Biographies of famous men, i.e. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson.

- Photo and color recording of people on Earth and Space

- U.S. Grant biography, Churchill’s autobiography

- The six war volumes by Winston Churchill

- Detective and spy books;

- Cannot choose one only

- “Honestly cannot say”

- John Megan’s histories

- Michael Connelly mysteries

- John Grisham’s books

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DARTMOUTH MEMORY?

- Snowy Thanksgiving Day climb of Mt. Washington with 20 other students

- Competing on the Freshman Ski Team, wonderful Frat brothers Playing hockey, Theta Delt, moving the type around at the press while doing ads for the Coop and James Campion.
• “Driving up from White River when on leave during the war and sighting the Baker Library tower gleaming in the twilight as we came over the hill.”

• “First day back to Hanover, still in uniform…Aug, 1946 accompanied by dog I’d brought from Germany…and persuading Prof. Andy Scarlett that ‘Wolf’ would be the best lodger in the SAE house…Prof. Scarlett was skeptical but could see that ‘Wolf’ was Phi Beta Kappa material, and the SAE House needed as much scholastic help as it could recruit.”

• Set building for Dartmouth Players and singing with Glee Club

• Friends, football & hockey games, playing squash and tennis

• Beauty of campus and countryside

• Playing in band, skiing

• Hearing Robert Frost read his poetry

• Fall colors

• Returning to campus after 3 ½ years in Navy

• Baker Library – “am lifelong book collector”

**OTHER NEWS**

(Many of the Other News responses will be in Dartmouth Alumni Magazine)

• One alumnus wrote: I took a big nose-dive as a Dartmouth lover when mathematics guy [George Kemeny] was selected president, I think after Dickey and then when Harvard guy [James Freedman] who was at Iowa became president and never went to Dartmouth and tried to re-invent Dartmouth. It should have been left alone. Dartmouth was unique, like the Marine Corps. Nothing wrong with women joining in, to the contrary, I’ve had friends tell me it’s gotten back. I think that [President Kim] had it right. I met him at our 65th and he had my Dartmouth sized up right. Too bad he left for the World Bank. He was perfect. And I’m not sure, was he a Dartmouth grad?[Brown].”

**EDITOR NOTES**

A message from Burt Hicock’s wife, Bea: Burt is in a nursing home now and can’t hear very well or see much and uses a walker. He had a stroke a couple of years ago and it took most of his memory. He tried very hard to answer the questions and I’m surprised he answered what he did. Dartmouth and all those friends were always a very significant part of his life. [Burt answered ‘fall colors’ as his memory of Dartmouth]

And many thanks to the widows of ’45ers who responded to the Survey—Blynn Field (John “Jack” Field); Jeanne Hutchins (Frank Hutchins); Jan Johnson (Rusty Johnson); Angela Hemingway (John “Jack” Hemingway); Mary Kirkpatrick (David Kirkpatrick); Henrietta Kleckner (Donald Kleckner); Judy MacDonald (John MacDonald); Corrine Phelps (Gordon “Gordy” Phelps); Arlene Samek (Paul Samek); Trina Sams (Murray Sams); Barbara Watts (Roger Brown).
SOME OF THEIR RESPONSES:

President Dickey– His wonderful speeches; his dog, picking up a student hitchhiker who didn’t recognize him

Long Life– Exercise; family, friends; young outlook on life; keep brain active

Winter Carnival- Ice statues; just being there; keeping warm

Carbon Footprint– Recycling; use CFL bulbs, increase home insulation, water conservation

Worry for Grandchildren- Global warming; availability of health care, financial security; nuclear attacks; hope they have peace and good education; that they exist

Favorite Place to Study- Library; on train

Favorite Professor- Prof. Kemeny, Prof. Carter

Glass Half-Full/Empty- Half-full because of children, memories; grateful to be living; half-empty with hope of change to full glass through friends, activities,

Dartmouth-Small Time in Reality- Dartmouth connects with students’ soul, deals with complete person; very enjoyable years; friends made during those years; important, formative years are in college, taught “critical thinking”; Dartmouth’s values help students meet future needs

President Hanlon Conversation- cost of college; expand on his concept of changes to be made in educational process; “…how he views current trend in higher education favoring career preparation (technical skill) versus liberal arts….and how does he plan to accommodate on-line learning…”

Bucket List- Staying healthy, staying close to family and friends; took ride in hot air balloon; continue to travel; mail this survey

Legacy- Sorrow; love of family, grateful for what we have; stable economy, opportunity to accomplish anything they want, freedom of speech

Favorite Films- Gone With Wind, Philadelphia Story, My Fair Lady, Lincoln, Sleeping Beauty

Favorite Books- Biographies, Green Eggs and Ham; Pride and Prejudice, Catcher in the Rye, Lolita, Kill a Mocking Bird, Great Gatsby, (and 20 more !)

Favorite Memory- Being with my children at Dartmouth; Winter Carnival with friends; Wigwam Circle, speaking with Pres. Kemeny about my College—Wells; 60th Reunion, football game and spirit of Dartmouth students.

(Portion of letter from Blynn Field: “A good liberal arts education at a place like Dartmouth…increases the possibility of a good quality of life which we certainly had—many interests, many friends….”)

Other News- “Other” notes will be in Alumni Magazine and Fall Newsletter
November 20, 2013

Dartmouth Class of 1945
c/o Jennifer Casey ’66a
Dartmouth College Alumni Relations
Hanover, NH 03755

Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of Athletic Director Harry Sheehy, Alumni Coordinator John Engelman ’68, and the entire Dartmouth coaching staff, our sincere thanks to the Dartmouth Class of 1945 for renewing your Athletic Sponsor Program membership with a recent donation of $4,500.00 for the 2013-2014 year.

As an Athletic Sponsor, your class helps to provide our coaches with the resources they need to attract talented student-athletes to Dartmouth. Your contribution also helps to fly top athletic prospects to Hanover for campus visits, and also helps fund rental cars, cell phones, and coaches’ recruiting tips.

You will receive our online quarterly newspaper, Peak, which will highlight exceptional performances by Big Green teams and individual athletes.

Once again, our sincerest thanks for renewing your class membership. We are truly grateful for your ongoing support and generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Ceplikas ’78
Deputy Director of Athletics

The Class of ’45 has been terrific!
Every second Tuesday of the month a group of ‘45ers meet together at the Norwich Inn for lunch. If you are in the area, please join us—call the Inn – 802-649-1143 – or just show up!

1945 Asserts Its Supremacy in the Annual Rush