

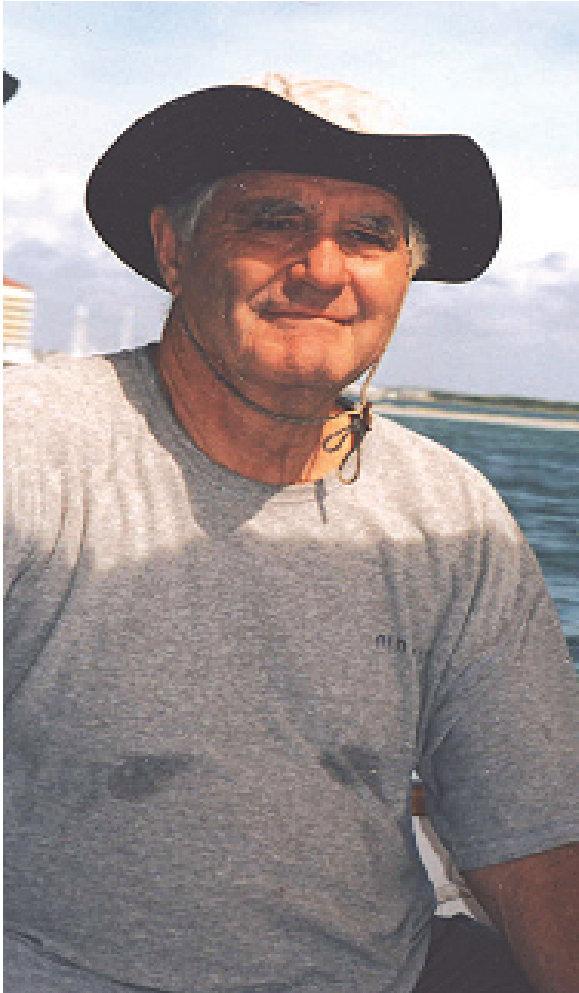
The Wah, Who? Whisper!

The Great Class of 1956 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays

to this

Great

Class

from

**CAPT Tom
("Poon") HARPER**

Photo courtesy of Alert Reader
Tom **ROSENWALD**, who thinks he may be
the 55th Reunion Chairman!

CHINA FIELD TRIP!

Doug **KEARE**, Tour Director has spoken of postponing this trip for a year. Details will be included in a future WWW. Doug can be reached sometimes at dhkeare56@earthlink.net.

Going, Going---Gone! Tiny **STRONG** reports that the IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, unless extended, will expire on December 31, 2007!! This opportunity to make a tax free charitable gift is an opportunity not to be missed!

If you are over 70-1/2 (aren't we all?) and have an IRA, or can roll qualified plan assets into an IRA, you can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a charity (Dartmouth!!) before the end of this year. It will count towards your required minimum distribution and will not be included in your taxable income. The gift must be outright (it will not work with a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust) and must go directly from your IRA to Dartmouth. If your spouse has an IRA you can both take advantage of the \$100,000 limit.

This is a unique opportunity since it is tax exclusion. The means you don't have to report this amount as income nor do you claim a charitable deduction. One effect of this is that the charitable gift is not subject to the usual deduction limitation rules. It may also have a state income tax benefit if you live

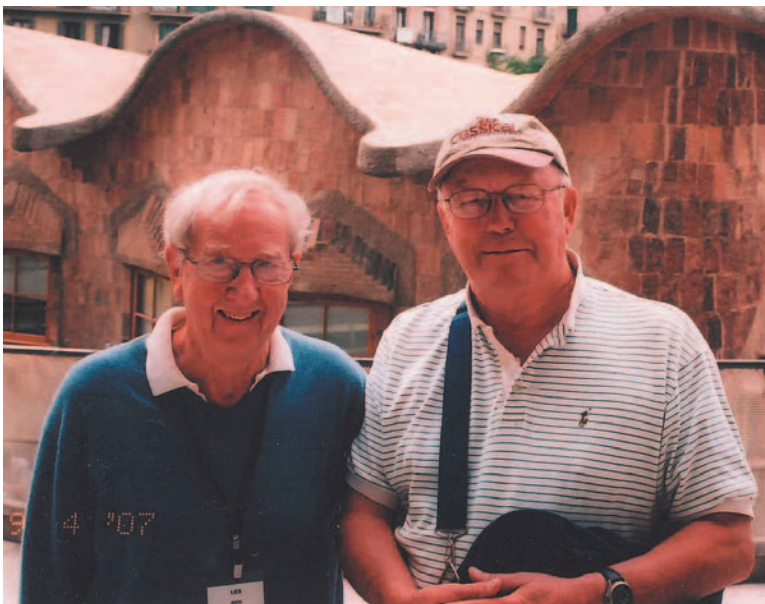
in a state (such as Massachusetts) which bases its tax on your Federal income and does not provide for a state charitable deduction.

The Dartmouth Gift Planning Office (1800-451-4067) would be glad to discuss this with you, but urges you to make no move without first talking with your tax advisor. Your friendly Class Gift Planning chairman will also be glad to discuss if you will call Tiny **STRONG** at 508-358-4623.

Thanks and **holiday greetings** for all you!! Best regards, Tiny

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•Women of '56 are invited to all Class functions as voters•
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<<< Bert **WHITEMORE**
 (4 Park Street, Concord, NH
 03301; 603-224-0126): Here
 is a shot of Les **REID**
 and myself during our recent
 alumni trip to Spain.

FROM OUR ALUMNI COUNCILLOR

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August 5, 2007

To the members of the Classes '55 and '56

I have recently received my "marching orders" from the Alumni Council and I would like to start off by saying how pleased and honored I am to be representing both our Classes on the Council and that I take the responsibilities involved with this assignment very seriously.

In his first letter to me Rick Silverman '81, the new Council President, addressed those responsibilities in this way: "First, in your role as Alumni Councillor, it is essential that you serve as a two-way communicator between your constituency and the Council". I had thought that the job would be a relatively easy one involving little more than reporting back to you on the two Council meetings, one in the Spring and then again in the Fall. Unfortunately for me, with the increased turmoil concerning the issue of governance at the College and the stepped up communications flying back and forth along with the stepped up harshness in the rhetoric, the job doesn't seem quite so simple anymore.

Communicating from the Council to you is by far the simpler task and this letter along with others that may follow and the semiannual Council meeting reports are the start of my attempts to satisfy this requirement. However, satisfying the need that any of you may have in communicating through me to the Council presents a much more difficult problem. The issues causing the unrest within our community are many and complex and are not new to any of us. I know your concerns with what is happening in this area are many and varied, far too many and varied for me to champion them for you before the Council. Since all sides have solicited input directly from the Alumni body at large I suggest each of us that has a position they would like to put forth do it directly rather than using me as an intermediary. Mr. Frank Gado, member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Alumni has asked for input by mail directed to the Association at Blunt Hall, Hanover, NH 03755. Trustee Chair Ed Haldeman's July 8th e-mail refers us to The Governance Committee's web site <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~news/releases/2007/06/08-comments.html>. which has

been set up specifically to receive Alumni comments.

Although preaching is not mentioned anywhere in my 'job description' I feel the need to make the point that the issue of governance being debated right now has momentous importance for the future course of our College. It is incumbent on all of us who care about Dartmouth's future to take the time to inform ourselves about the various and often conflicting proposals being put forth by the differing parties and make our own decision as to which direction is best and then cast our vote for that decision when presented with the opportunity. It is all too easy to stand silently off to the side wishing a "pox on both their houses" because the issues are too complex and the debate is too heated. That, in fact, is the position I took until just recently. The problem with that is that you end up living in a house with the pox.

A final disclaimer to end this rather long report: The Alumni Council is paying my freight and I have a duty to loyally serve it but I also feel that I have a responsibility to my constituency whose feelings on these issues are very diverse. In order to fulfill my responsibilities to both you and the Council I intend to be as rigidly impartial as I can possibly be in my future reporting on all the issues that come up. I pray that I am able to do so, although I am quite certain that if I fail it will be quickly pointed out.

Respectfully, Elliott



DAVID WOODWARD RICE
60 Stevens Road, Needham, Massachusetts
"Dave"

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Student Council (4); Dramatics;
Honors; Tennis (2,3,4)
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SAD NEWS

We have lost our Classmate, David **RICE** (24096 Curren Drive, Golden, CO 80401; 303-526-3079). In a card his wife, Lois, writes, "It saddens me to tell you my husband Dave passed away August 26, 2007. His Dartmouth years were a very special part of both of our lives." The Rices had four children: Linda, Bradley, Susan, and Thomas. At Dartmouth, Dave was in KKK and was a Thayer School graduate.

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1956:
SUMMARY OF CLASS MEETING OCTOBER
20, 2007**

(In the absence of the Class Secretary, these notes are submitted by Clem **MALIN**.)

Homecoming is always a special occasion, particularly if the weather cooperates. Except for a brief shower on Friday, which did nothing to dampen the parade (horse-drawn wagon and all), the speeches in front of Dartmouth Hall and the bonfire, the weekend was unusually warm and pleasant.

The Friday evening soup and sandwich gathering in the Inn was attended by the usual cast of characters (listed elsewhere in the WWW) but supplemented by a bunch of Phi Deltis that Harry **NUTTING** had corralled for a '54-'58 reunion. Fun evening.

Saturday morning featured the annual Class Meeting. Since several officers were absent, Clem was obliged to report on a number of items. In his capacity as president, he reported that the Class Activity Report and other administrative matters had been executed, some of which will result in reduced mail and subscription costs for communications from the College. Clem also announced that Leo **McKENNA** and Don **DAVIDOFF** are to be honored by the Alumni Council and the College for their past and continuing service to Dartmouth.

On behalf of secretary Stew **WOOD**, Clem noted with sadness the number of deaths among Classmates and their wives. Each widow receives a note from Stew and from Karen **MERRELS**, our official contact with Women of the Class of 1956. Classmates are urged to advise Flint, Stew or Clem of deaths of Classmates and their wives. Clem also urged members of the Class to keep in touch, not just with widows, but importantly with living Classmates, particularly those who may be enduring illness. A phone call or an e-mail can be a meaningful tonic.

In the absence of treasurer Bob **FAULKNER** (RI), Clem reported that the Class remains solvent with "funds available" of approximately \$39,000. All College and IRS reporting for the year have been completed. The Class of 1956 Scholarship portfolio has a current market value of about \$465,000. Our two scholars, in letters to the Class, thanked us graciously. Ryan H. Yuk '09 from Marietta, Georgia: "I am always thankful for your generosity, which has allowed me

the most wonderful and meaningful experiences." Fernando Orta '08, from Atizapan de Zaragoza, Mexico: "I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity that you have given me. I admire your generosity and applaud your commitment to Dartmouth and the Dartmouth community."

Don Davidoff, head agent, reviewed the 2006-07 Dartmouth College Fund. He thanked the 28 assistant agents that supported him and the 262 classmates who contributed to the DCF. Don also noted that 93 classmates who gave during the 50th Reunion Year dropped out in 2007. A challenge to shoot for in the 2008 campaign. Don also elaborated on the opportunity, that expires at the end of the year 2007, to contribute directly to the College from an IRA required withdrawal. Classmates are urged to consider this vehicle that retains the full tax benefit.

Tiny **STRONG**, who masterfully managed the '56 Homecoming affairs, also put in a plug for "gift planning" in support of the College. Classmates interested are invited to contact Tiny.



Wha Who Whisper editor, the Hon. H. Flint **RANNEY**, was not in attendance at Homecoming, thereby missing an opportunity to accept the accolades of his loyal readers and Classmates for yet another year of creative editing of the world's most famous class news letter.

Mini-Reunion plans are under consideration or are in advanced stages of planning. Sam **FRY** and Les **REID** have put forward "Seattle Sojourn," to take place in September 2008 in Seattle—where else. Watch for further information in the WWW. Meanwhile, Howard **SODOKOFF** and John **HIGGS** are working furiously on a golf and sailing event at Harbor Ridge, Florida, in late April or early May, 2008. Not content with one, they are planning a second for the Spring of 2009, a Mississippi River Cruise ending at New Orleans. Further information in the WWW as it develops.

At our 50th Reunion, the Class agreed to contribute \$5,000 to the Athletic Sponsor Program at Dartmouth, a program that provides funding for bringing potential men and women athletes to the campus as a recruiting vehicle. Clem raised

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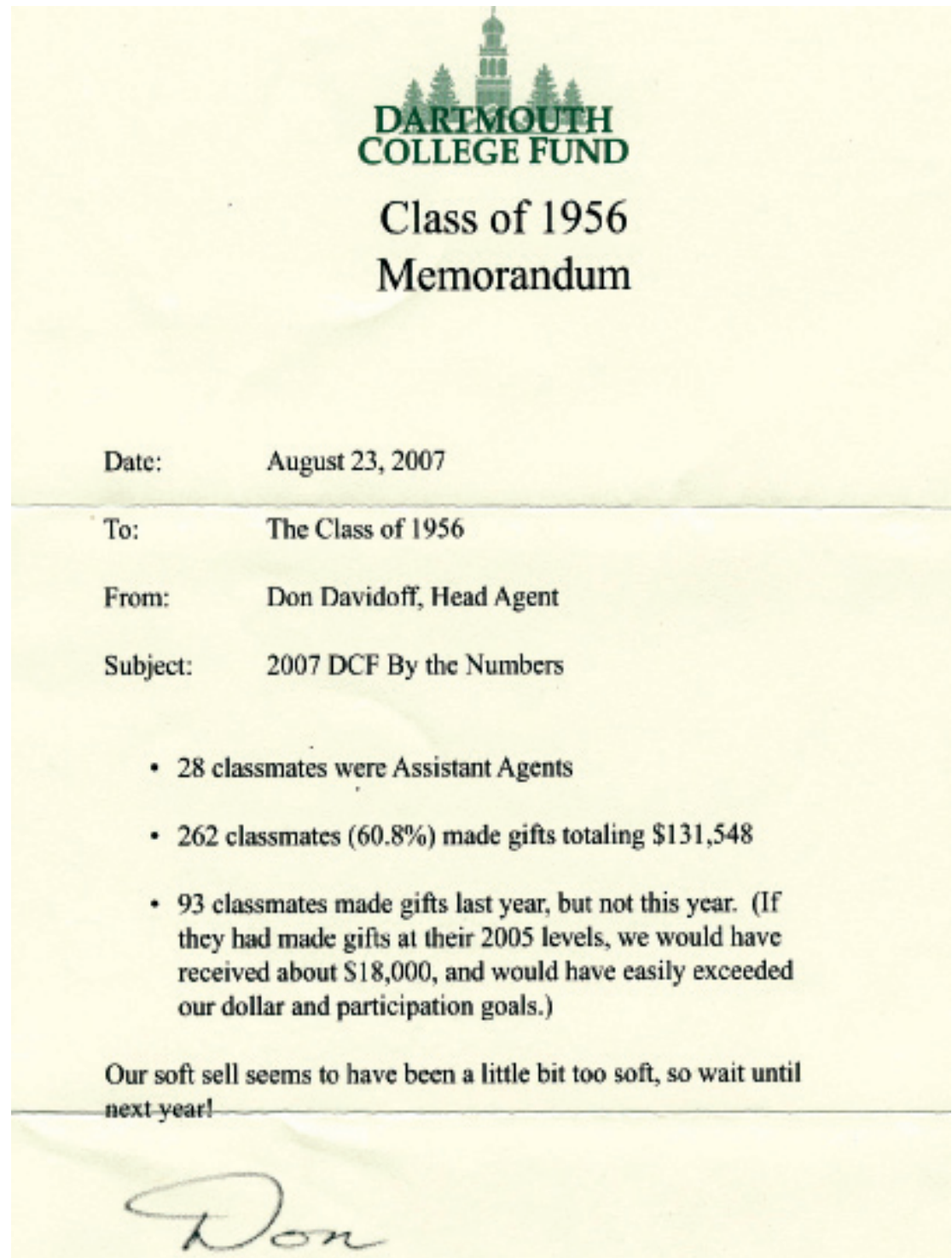
the possibility of doing so again. The group at Homecoming supported the idea. Clem has asked for a more representative vote, however, requesting Classmates to contact him directly with their views (cbmalin@optonline.net)

The meeting at Hanover spent a good deal of time discussing the Governance Decision made by the Board of Trustees of the College. Elliott **WEINSTEIN**, vice president of the Class and our representative to the Dartmouth Alumni Council led our discussion. Elliott has labored long and hard to insure that members of the Class have access to all the debate both before and after the Decision by the Trustees. While the Decision has been made, the debate continues and indeed has been further ignited by the legal challenge initiated by members of the Executive Committee of the Association of Dartmouth Alumni. We can all have our own positions on the various issues, but it can be generally accepted that suing the College can only exacerbate the situation and bring more unwelcome publicity to the College we all profess to love. Elliott will continue to help us understand this contentious issue. He has earned and deserves our thanks. Poon **HARPER** reported that the Class of 1956

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Time Capsule is secure in the College repository to be opened at the 50th Reunion in 2056 of the Class of 2006. We owe a debt of gratitude to Poon and to Russ **COOPER-MEAD** for completing this demanding task.



Date: August 23, 2007

To: The Class of 1956

From: Don Davidoff, Head Agent

Subject: 2007 DCF By the Numbers

- 28 classmates were Assistant Agents
- 262 classmates (60.8%) made gifts totaling \$131,548
- 93 classmates made gifts last year, but not this year. (If they had made gifts at their 2005 levels, we would have received about \$18,000, and would have easily exceeded our dollar and participation goals.)

Our soft sell seems to have been a little bit too soft, so wait until next year!

Don

While not an integral part of the Class Meeting, we had a special dinner on Saturday night. As many of the Class know, Dartmouth President Jim Wright has initiated a program following visits to



Linc **SPAULDING**, Samuel Crist, Brendon Hart, and Tiny **STRONG**
-photo courtesy of Alert Reader Robin **SPAULDING**

military hospitals aiding Marines and other veterans of the Iraq War. He has encouraged the wounded veterans to commence or continue their education. With the help of a national educational organization, the program is beginning to take off. Dartmouth has accepted three Marines who matriculated in September. The Class of 1956, through Ab **OAKES** and Linc **SPAULDING**, invited the three Marines

to join the Class Homecoming dinner. We were honored to have with us two of the Marines, the third begged off because it was his wife's birthday. Brendan Hart and Samuel Crist, both retired by the Marines as a result of their injuries, are two young men who added a special measure of what the Dartmouth Community is all about. They were open about their injuries and about their affection for the College. Those of us at the dinner agreed to stay in touch with these three men. We invite the rest of the Class to join us in finding ways to recognize and acknowledge the sacrifices that these and many others have made. We are a Class of an age that required military service of many of us and encouraged national service of many others. As president of the Class of 1956, I invite your support as I contact President Wright to inquire what the Class can do to assist and expand his initiative. Please contact me as quickly as you can with your support and ideas (cbmalin@optonline.net).

Respectfully submitted, Vox Clamantis in Deserto - Clem

Tiny **STRONG** (Jonathan Strong, j.jonathanstrong@comcast.net) Here is the Mini Reunion attendance as best I can reconstruct it.

The dinner on Saturday night was attended by: Clem and Ann (no "e") **MALIN**, Alice and Elliott **WEINSTEIN**, Christine **McKENNA** (Leo was on hand Friday night but could not attend Saturday night) Abby and Tom **ROSENWALD**, and Linc **SPAULDING**, Joyce **CONROY**, Buddy **SCHATTMAN** and grandson Gregory, Pete and Teresa **LAUTERBACH**, Brewster and Virginia **BLACKALL**, and Sonja and Tiny **STRONG**.

In addition to the above, Ted **ROWE** and Ted and Sally **BRIGGS** were at the class meeting. Others at the Friday night cocktails and supper or the game included Mike **LEVY**, Dennis **MINELY**, Harry **NUTTING**, Rick **WEBB**, Bill **BEHRENS**, Bill **KIEGER**, Darrel **CLOWES**, and Sally and Dick **KURTZ**.

Mary and Rick **WORRELL** and Bill **MAGAVERN** and his bride Linda joined us for cocktails Saturday evening. Many thanks to you all. -Tiny

ANOTHER CLASS FIELD TRIP!

SCHUMACHER TOURS Travel Update, October 2007

The Iceland trip we talked about at our 50th and took last May turned out to be better than most anticipated, even though the weather was a little cool. There were 17 in the hardy group made up of 13 '56ers - John & Judy **ALLEN**, Pren & Frieda **CARNELL**, Doug & Ginger **KEARE**, Brad & Sue **LEON-**

ARD, Karen **MERRELS**, Don & Linda **SOKOL**, Sherrie & I and four friends.

Our next trip, leaving May 21, 2008, is a 16 day Norwegian Cruise Tour with 3 days in Bergen, Norway and an 11 day coastal cruise to Kirkenes (right next to Russia) and back stopping at 33 ports. To date, 16 have booked including 10 '56ers - the **ALLENS**, the **KEAREs**, Cy & Rebecca **FIELD**, David & Mary Lee **LOSBY** and Sherrie & I; '55s Don & Julie Wright (who we met on the Iceland trip) and four others. There may still be some room left, so if you're interested, give me a call, 609 291-8688.

Since group trips have to be planned almost a year in advance, Doug **KEARE**, Buddy **SCHATMAN** and I have been talking about future trips. We're looking at the following: Morocco, winter '09, a southern Russian river cruise from Volgograd (Stalingrad) to Moscow, summer '09, interior Turkey, the Patagonia region of Argentina and Brazil, but not just Rio. Doug's feeling is that we should be going to the more off-beat and challenging places while we're still young. When we get older, we can go to the easier places like central and Eastern Europe.

In spite of what Doug says if you would be interested in trips to central and Eastern Europe, let me know and we'll schedule them too. The European river cruises that Grand Circle and Vantage do are excellent. Sherrie and I have done several and want to do more. Eastern Europe to the Black Sea and barge cruises in France are on our list.

If you compare the trips the '56 group has done to those offered by Dartmouth's Office of Alumni Relations (Roberta Moore), the '56 trips are very similar but at a much lower cost. No we don't have a D faculty member along, but our guides have been great. For instance, our guide in Iceland was an Icelander, a retired teacher, an experienced tour guide and very knowledgeable in geology, just what you want in Iceland. The trip was almost identical to the one offered by Dartmouth, but cost about \$600/p less. If you have any suggestions on places to go, let me know and they'll be considered too. Looking forward to seeing more of you on future trips. -Roger Schu

QUESTION: Who is the handsome couple in the below picture?

ANSWER: Ann and Clem **MALIN!**

QUESTION: Where are they and why are they so happy? **ANSWER:** In front of the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church on Long Island this past July during an early celebration weekend of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!!!

It's true....on October 26, 2007, Clem and Ann celebrated FIFTY (50) years of marital bliss! They made it VERY clear that they did not want their friends and family to "make a fuss" (i.e. a party) but



we do hope you will send them a card/note sometime to congratulate them on this remarkable milestone! We're sure they'd love it if you'd include a past/current picture of yourselves and/or remind them of a special time you enjoyed with them - no gifts, please! Send to

15 Old Hyde Road, Weston, CT
06883

Our sincere thanks in advance for ensuring that our parents have a steady stream of cards and letters to open in late October!

From their proud sons,
HankMalin@comcast.net,
Tom@malin.org

MORE SAD NEWS

We have lost our Classmate, Dick **DeVOTO**. Classmate Sam **FRY** (PO Box 11957, Olympia, WA 98508-1957; 360-943-2575; domnul@comcast.net) writes: So many of us are deeply saddened to learn of Dick DeVoto's death on August 21 after a truly valiant fight with pancreatic cancer. Dick was a very fine man of many qualities. His athletic and professional skills alone marked him as an outstanding person. We met in 1945 in the sixth grade in Scarsdale, New York. He left for California and our next meeting was in the registration line at Dartmouth, followed by three years as DU brothers. We met and corresponded over the years, the last time being a long conversation on the boat to Nova Scotia after the 50th. We covered 61 years from our 14-mile Boy Scout hiking merit badge trek to our mutual cancer battles. As always, he was vigorous, engaged, and fun to be with. A great and loyal Dartmouth man. So long, Dick. - Sam.

At Dartmouth Dick was in DU and was a Thayer School graduate. Dick leaves his wife Judy Jean, three children (Rob, Julianne, and John), and three stepchildren. [Hon. Ed. note: Dick served loyally, faithfully, and with few complaints (other than demanding that the window be kept wide open on frigid winter nights) as the Sophomore roommate of Hon. Ed. and John **VAN DE KAMP** in the basement of Toppliff.]



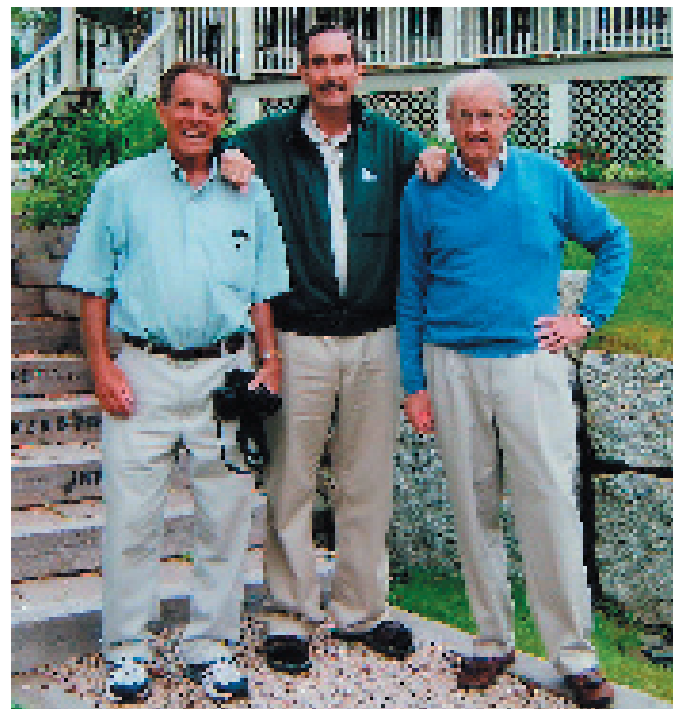
Dick and Sam **FRY** - Memorial Day, Scarsdale, NY - 1947

**The Great Class of 56-Mini Reunion
SEATTLE SOJOURN-SEPTEMBER 21-24,
2008:**

The Pacific Northwest's fabled "Emerald City" is ready for a memorable 56 mini reunion from arrival on Sunday, September 21 through Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Visits are in place for group tours to the giant Boeing Assembly Plant, Chateau Ste Michelle Winery, the world famous Northwest Coast Native Cultural Center-- "Tillicum Village", Seattle harbor sunset cruise, The Museum of Flight, a welcoming and get together Monday night banquet, and on Wednesday an Indian style outdoor baked salmon dinner on beautiful Blake Island, the birthplace of Chief Seattle.

Group events, all transportation included, will frame lots of free Seattle and area exploration time with a wide range of truly interesting and enjoyable possibilities.

- The Seattle Space Needle and mono-rail
- Pike Place Market, the Seattle Aquarium, SAM-the totally rebuilt Seattle Art Museum
- Bremerton Navy Base (one hour ferry ride), Seattle "Underground"
- "Experience Music"--MicroSoft co-founder Paul Allen's incredible Frank Gehry-designed project
- The Seattle Waterfront walk, Nordstrom's great Mother Store



Dick, Sam, and Les **REID**,
in Nova Scotia after the 50th

Photos courtesy of
Alert Reader Sam **FRY**

and so much more--many other art galleries, shopping experiences and city tours.

The **RED LION** Hotel at 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 98101, will be the base for reunion activities, including all bus departures and returns. Make room reservations at the Red Lion by calling 1-800-504-3909 and refer to "Dartmouth 56 Seattle Sojourn" or www.redlion5thavenue.com. Double rooms are \$185 per night plus tax. If you choose another hotel, keep in mind walking or taxi distance to the Red Lion. We are trying very hard (considering a year in advance planning) to keep all-inclusive group costs to less than \$500 per couple, including the two dinners. More to come in the months ahead!!

Sam **FRY**- Email "domnul@comcast.net" or 360-943-2575

Les **REID**- Email "larmer@mindspring.com"

Christmas Greeting: Bob and Susie **BURNHAM** (31 Crooked Walk, Great Island at Pinehills, Plymouth, MA 02360; 508-224-2989) send Christmas Greetings and Holiday Cheers to all of the Great Class of '56 and especially to all fraternity brothers still loyal, including **GRUNEBaum, LITT, HINKLE, ANGELL, LADD** and **LONG...yes SOKOL!** We have moved to Great Island at Pinehills, near Cape Cod Canal for retirement:



J W CROWLEY (15612 SE 42nd Place, Bellevue, WA 98006; 425-746-1824; Fax 1-419-745-1824) Just spent lovely day with John **KOEHRING** and son Joseph at Octoberfest on Whiteface Mountain, N.Y. John has 1861 home on 130 acres along the East Branch Ausable. Did visit Joseph's pig 180 pounds, (one of eight) which is to be eaten slowly all fall! - all best, Jack

Harry **NUTTING** (harrynutting3@aol.com) Here's wishing all the best health and happiness for the Holiday Season and beyond to all '56ers and your families. You guys are the best. Sincerely, Harry

To report your address changes, please rip off this form and send to H. Flint **Ranney**, PO Box 901, Nantucket, MA 02554-0901. He will also inform Alumni Records on your behalf.

Name _____ Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____ Phone _____ Email _____



**Happy Holidays
to the Great Class of
1956
and best wishes to all
for 2008**