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NEWSLETTER

THE IOWA CAUCUSES



The '57 Caucus Team in place and ready. L to R: Bruce Bernstein, Jay Greene, Hanny Mason, Jack Stempel, & Larry Blades

Iowa, out where the tall corn grows, and what more suitable site for the opening of the 2008 Presidential campaign. 1957s want to see and hear for themselves. Hanny Mason's new restaurant in Adele proved very popular early on in December, with several candidates using his facilities to spread their message. So it was that a group of '57 correspondents arrived in Iowa to participate and report on the January 2008 Iowa caucuses.

On January 1, Hanny and Carrie welcomed a team of 57s from all points of the compass. Attending: Jack and Judy Stempel (Dallas, TX), Bruce and Lita Bernstein (Great Barrington, MA), Larry and Bev Blades (Iowa City, IA), and Jay Greene (Saint Helena, CA).

As the Dartmouth motorcade swept into a breathlessly waiting Des Moines, Hanny remarked, "We have a great team here - Greene is a half-assed historian ... Bruce's field is psychology, and Judy is an ordained minister. If that array of talent can't keep us out of jail, our fallback is Larry, the lawyer." They all gathered for dinner at the Masons' in Urbandale.

Over the next several days the mission was "on an impartial, nonpartisan basis ... to sniff the wind, read the auspices, feel the pulse, check which way the wind is blowing." (Jay's words)

On Wednesday January 2, the group started its round of visits to campaign headquarters. Quoting Hanny, “The really interesting aspect of our visits was the differing levels of hospitality encountered. The Romney and Biden headquarters were wide open and we were a group of eight who simply said ‘Hi’ and walked all around the floor, chatting with folks, observing their telephone banks, and taking pictures. Dodd, Huckabee and Obama each had people on the door wanting to know who was coming in and why. They first asked us if we were volunteers or if we were caucusing for their candidate and, when they found out we were a bunch of Dartmouth oldsters, some local and most from out-of-town, they consented to brief tours and ushered us out as quickly as civility permitted.”



Left, Hanny, Bev Biden staffer, Bruce & Larry. Right, Judy, Larry, & Romney staffer.. Below, Huckabee headquarters.



At 6 pm the group went to the Des Moines Art Center for the Governor’s media reception for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. Dinner afterwards was at one of Hanny’s favorite restaurants.

On Thursday morning, January 3, the ’57 team visited the McCain, Clinton, and Edwards campaign offices. Jay said, “At every headquarters we sensed great dedication and enthusiasm among all workers and an intense, but not frantic, attention to the closing hours of this horse race. Speaking together at lunch later...we agreed how disappointing... it was this local energy and enthusiasm seemed to be betrayed by Congressional leaders in Washington, unable to move off their rhetoric and their calculations.”



L to R: At McCain headquarters; Larry, Hanny, Clinton staffer; Jack & Bruce at the Edwards headquarters

“Caucus” is an American Indian word meaning “meeting.” The ’57 group witnessed history being made on both large and small scales. Led by Hanny, they went to the Precinct 76 Democratic caucus held at Lincoln High School in Des Moines. More than 300 people showed up shoulder to shoulder in a very warm room. The tension was palpable.

At 7:00 pm the person chairing the caucus unexpectedly said the nonvoting observers could stay so our group did not have to leave. Voters assembled around the room under their candidates’ banners. The ’57 team stood along one wall and the chairman, speaking without a mike, asked people to start counting off to establish the base number of registered voters in the room. The count was 334. The official vote counter ruled that 15% was 50, the number a candidate must get to remain viable in the second count.



The first round resulted in a tally of Clinton 110, Obama 108, and Edwards 88 with all other candidates falling below the 50 cut-off. Horse trading began. A second tally was held after folks made deals and moved across the floor to join their new group. The results of the second tally produced Clinton 118, Obama 122, Edwards 88. Proportionately this meant that Clinton and Obama each had three delegates to the county convention and Edwards two. The caucus closed at 7:50 pm.



The crowd dispersed with no great unhappiness apparent and our '57 group decided to go to the Obama gathering to be held at the HiVee Center, a large hall with a capacity in the thousands. Hanny's knowledge of the ins and outs of Des Moines on every level assured we were parked right in front and got front row seats in the bleachers on one of the four sides of a six foot high platform in the middle. The platform was bathed in light and there was a continuous roar from an over-amplified band.

The crowd filled in and soon the place was a-rocking, thumping, with an unbroken series of chants: "O-BA-MA! I-O-WA! O-BA-MA!" Barack Obama and his family entered. More cheering. A dramatic scene played out directly in front of our group: Obama, with his back to us, speaking to the crowd. His speech was strong, exultant, positive, with a number of lines from earlier speeches. One. Jay was told, was standard, but new to him, "Something great awaits us if we only have the courage to reach for it." And the standard, "We are not the red states, we are not the blue states, we are the United States." His speech finished, Obama came off the platform and worked the crowd, making a complete circuit of the first row of the bleachers, shaking hands and exchanging words with each of the '57 group.



From Bruce: "It felt like seeing democracy in action at the grass roots."

From Judy: "Most of all, what sticks with us is that we were actually present at the beginning of a great shift that is happening in American politics."



Barack Obama and his family acknowledge cheers from supporters

So the presidential election process began in Iowa and '57 was there.



**Mid-Year Report From Your '57 Class Officers
Bob Marchant, President**



Your class officers have worked hard to ensure that life goes on after the sensational five years of “Randy’s Reign.” Looking to the next five years we concluded that our task could be best described by the 5Cs: *Communicate, Care, Contribute, Commune, and Cohesion* Applying the 5Cs, we have already made significant strides toward more class cohesion. Here’s what we’re doing:

Communicate The most important innovation for communication by our class has been the class email lists. Under Adam Block they have brought us together as a class like no other medium. Class Notes in the Alumni Magazine and the Class Newsletter have continued to be important but are now merging with new technology to be more immediate and interactive. Allan Vendeland has built a web site that will become the focal point of communication with the class, **Dartmouth57.com** An expanded announcement by Allan appears below. Again: **Dartmouth57.com** ...USE IT!

Care Jack Stempel reports for the Class Caring Committee: “I am impressed with the number of mates who have said they want to be part of the Class Caring Committee. That will make my job much easier with many hands to help. We will respect the wishes of our classmates for the level of privacy they desire. For example, Meats (Bob Shirley) is very public about his progress as opposed to others who want to keep their situations private. I want to encourage people to let me know about themselves or another classmate who may be in need of this group. My email address is ***jwjastempel@sbcglobal.net*** and my telephone number is (817) 870-1002.”

Contribute Under “Randy’s Reign” the class treasury has grown to the point that it should be put to constructive use. The class of '57 should be able to endow a major project and a lesser one-time gift. Various projects have been considered and were discussed at the class meeting at Homecoming. The class officers will choose one of the following two endowment proposals in the next few months. The one-time contribution (3) is under consideration if sufficient funds remain. The proposals are:

- (1) “... a true endowment fund whose income would support the Hopkins Center’s student ensemble programs for the purpose of helping to underwrite the costs of tours.”
- (2) “An endowment fund to maintain the newest DOC cabin, made with 95% student labor and conceived by students.”
- (3) A one-time gift toward funding of audio/ visual equipment in the new Floren Athletic Center. It is likely that this gift would be in addition to one of the above endowments.

Our aim is to contribute to programs and equipment where there is direct student participation.

Commune The line-up of mini reunions for 2008 is taking shape and growing under the management of Ed Waldron, mini reunion chair. We completed the Iowa mini and look forward to the Naples, FL mini, the Berkshire mini, and Mike Lasser’s Shaw festival mini. Please contact Ed @ ***biggreen57@comcast.net***. with your ideas for a mini, especially if you are willing to head up an interesting one. Ed will work with you to help make it fun and successful.

Cohesion Stick with the first four Cs and the fifth is inevitable... class cohesion.

Your class officers look forward to a rewarding year. Help any way you can... this depends on your participation too.



NEW WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT, Allan Vendeland

Your class officers have created a new website, a single location for all class events and announcements. This site can be accessed at ***www.dartmouth57.com***. Links are provided to existing class information, e.g., classmate email addresses, Aegis photographs, memorial roll, tributes to former professors, archived class newsletters, and listserv procedures. Also provided are new links to College alumni resources, Dartmouth Sports, and College Fund pledges and payments.

We’ll post all issues of the Class Newsletter for the current year on ***dartmouth57.com***. Also featured will be notices and info on future mini-reunions and other classmate activities. Classmate death notices will appear as received. Let us know what else you would like to see included. If you provide the input, we will provide the updates! And you can have a free webmail account here--webmail is especially convenient when traveling or using a PC or mobile device not already configured for your customary email server-- contact me for details!

Text, photos, video files, and large attachments to email can be sent to ***ajvendeland@dartmouth57.com*** or to ***support@dartmouth57.com***.

Please save ***www.dartmouth57.com*** as a bookmark or favorite in your web browser, and check it frequently!



Kunzel Awarded National Medal of Arts

This morning, November 15, 2007, the President of the United States awarded Erich Kunzel the National Medal of Arts. The citation reads, in part:

For his innovative achievements as a conductor. His remarkable “Pops” performances of classical and popular music have expanded the appeal of both and brought great music to millions.

We are all deeply proud of this Son of Dartmouth and our classmate!



text and photos by John Lange '57

Dartmouth's in Town Again! MINI-REUNION NEWS

March 1, 2008 Hosts: Ed and Sue Waldron



Naples is the crown jewel of Southwest Florida -- nestled on the sun drenched beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. Naples is known for world class shopping, dining and abundant, challenging golf courses. It is also, only steps away from island seclusion or the untamed tropical wilderness of The Everglades. Boasting one of the nation's best sandboxes and calmest seas, Naples makes a splash with water lovers and recreationists. Friendly parks beckon sports enthusiasts and picnickers with lovely green spaces and recreational facilities.

Ed and Sue will host the cocktail hour in their building at the new Rooftop lounge starting at 5:00 PM. If you wish to see a beautiful sunset and possibly a Green Flash, be there before 5:50 PM to see the sun take its dive. At around 6:30 PM those that have not had too much sarsaparilla will adjourn to the Royal Poinsettia Country Club for an elegant dinner organized by Dick Canton.

We will need firm commitments from those that are planning to attend by February 5, 2008 to finalize arrangements.

We are also working on setting up a golf outing and will need to know the number wishing to play.

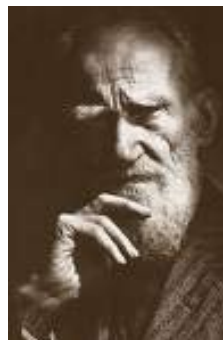
Address questions to Ed W. biggreen57@comcast.net

Bob Marchant adds: Ed Waldron lives in Naples and can give anyone who asks some good inside tips on what to do and where to eat in Naples. I'm sure that Travelocity or Expedia can prove valuable too. I can't resist mentioning a great experience in Naples that neither Ed or the travel services would cover. That's the Goodland Sunday Party.



Dartmouth Class of 1957

Jul 8-9, 2008 Hosts: Mike and Elaine Lasser



FOURTH ANNUAL SHAW FESTIVAL MINI-REUNION

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE NY

The Shaw Festival offers some of the finest theater in the English-speaking world in a charming flower-filled village set on the Canadian side where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. On a good day, you can see Toronto in the distance, and Niagara Falls is 45 minutes away.

The setting is picturesque, the food very good, and the theater usually extraordinary. In fact, this year's season, at least on paper, looks to be a blockbuster.

The Festival is devoted to the plays of George Bernard Shaw – the greatest English playwright after Shakespeare – and his contemporaries – a dozen every summer.

Mike provides information, makes dinner reservations, and arranges a backstage tour. You choose your own plays and reserve your own room, and we all stay in touch. To get a brochure, order from <http://www.shawfest.com>.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is forty minutes north of Buffalo NY. It's small and most of the accommodations are in B&Bs. So we'll take a maximum of 20 people.

To express interest and for more information, please contact Mike at rhythm2@frontiernet.net.



1957 was well represented at the December luncheon at the Coonamesset Inn, Falmouth MA. The Dartmouth Aires (Injunaires in our day) performed the familiar Dartmouth tunes and some upbeat contemporary ones in a holiday setting.

Left to right : Liz Cramer, Jack Cramer, Kirstin Hinkle, Rod Hinkle, Jim Taylor, Wendie Howland, Howie Howland

Wherever you are there is a Dartmouth Club that serves your area. Attend the meetings. Get involved. You will see old friends and meet new ones, all with the common bond that no one else has.

POST 50TH REUNION NOTES

Correction

Howie, I looked forward to receiving our class book commemorating the fifty years since we left the Hanover Plain. I sent a piece for publication and a photo of me and Lena.... So I was surprised to find some other smiling family staring out at me (p.160) with the caption "Joe and Lena Kane and family" when the book finally arrived... I received the recent newsletter recapturing all the fun of the reunion and some shots of other classmates. But no Joe! So I am sending you the photo of Joe Kane, Dartmouth '57 and Lena Kane, Castleton State '58 for any appropriate class publication that you may care to use. Some classmates who knew me well might wonder who the ones were in the class book or whether I was some reincarnation of the "Portrait of Dorian Gray" so I would appreciate any help you can give me. Thanks and a Wah Hoo Wah from Central Florida, Joe Kane '57

So Joe, belatedly, here's your photo. Now: Can anybody indentify the smiling family in our Reunion book?



Sam Bartlett reflects:

"...in my case it almost felt like we were students again. The only things missing were the freshman beanies and Fletcher trying to sell his terrible old furniture and other things. To experience Dartmouth once again with so many memories and so many old faces was a joy!"



POST REUNION BOOKLET

Clark Griffiths deserves our thanks for a great job as editor of our 50th Reunion supplement. The photos bring back memories and take us back to what was a wonderful time. The booklet was mailed to all classmates and widows. We have a few extra copies. If any classmate did not get a booklet, please contact Howie Howland, PO Box 3328, Pocasset, MA. fphowland1@mac.com and provide your current mailing address.

50TH REUNION HATS

The class has reordered a limited supply (30) of 50th reunion hats so if you lost yours or for any reason whatsoever, you can get another from

Dick Mann

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The price is \$16.50 incl S/H. Check payable to Dartmouth 1957. First come, first served.





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57'S ONLINE AGAIN!

Well over half of our class of '57 is active on the computer.

We have three lists for classmates, wives, widows, and others connected with the class. All are cordially invited to join and participate. If you are not already a subscriber, you will need to sign up. Please contact Adam Block at atblock@comcast.net. Adam will handle each subscription request manually to make it easy for you.

For postings, please choose the right list for your post:

Class-57@listserv.Dartmouth.edu This list is the main one for members who seek regular communication on a wide range of subjects. It's much like an ongoing mini-reunion. While the traffic on this list has risen to impressive levels, you don't have to read everything. Read what you want. Initiate what you want. Respond as you see fit. No one reads all of the NY Times.

57-Business@listserv.Dartmouth.edu This list is for occasional communication with as many classmates as possible concerning upcoming reunions and other official class business.

Relay-57@listserv.Dartmouth.edu This list was established to provide a separate venue for forwarded (relayed) articles not written by members and for discussions based on those postings. Political subjects tend to dominate this list.

Each of these lists is a totally unmoderated, undigested, unedited, uncensored communication vehicle. Every email posted by a member is automatically and immediately relayed to all members' email boxes.

The listservs have been a major reason that the class stays in touch with each other. We look forward to "seeing" you on the list(s)..... *from Adam Block*

Special note to those receiving printed copy of newsletter:

The Newsletter is sent out first by email. It arrives sooner (by several weeks), in color, and may have additional material (more than the eight pages the College allows before mailing surcharge).

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