

From Gainesville, Florida

12/3/2020

Jack May completed and sent along an article that he had told me he was working on remembering his roommate, **Floyd Spencer**, that is very well done and that you can read by [clicking on this link](#).

Dale Hruby: Class Grandchildren

12/3/2020

Jack Downing forwarded a note from **Dale Hruby** about his grandson, **Christian McKennrick '16**. Dale wrote, “Christian Became an Engineer and went through the standard post grad schools ending up in Alaska in a Combat Engineer Brigade doing junior officer duties and loving the Army and Alaska. He deployed with his brigade to Iraq and a combination of missions and COVID related travel restrictions lengthened his tour by a couple of months. They have returned to Alaska and have in essence been quarantined by the pandemic since then. His father is in Poland with the newly deployed V Corps HQ, so his sister flew up to see him shortly after he returned and his mother just got back from spending his birthday with him. He will be going to Leonard Wood in November for the Advanced Engineer Course. As usual, nothing has emerged about follow on assignments. Of course, his brother, Justice graduates this coming Spring.”

From New Orleans: The Mini

12/3/2020

The Covid virus took its toll on the New Orleans Mini, but it did occur, and it was a good time for those there. **Tom and Barbara Sands** organized it and Tom reported on it. Here is what Tom wrote: “We had a delightful Mini dominated by attendees representing F-1 and K-1. **Bill Shepard** arrived from Sam Diego on Saturday, 10/31 and **Bill and Oksana Stambaugh** arrived from

Virginia on Sunday, 11/01. Including the hosts, we had a total attendee count of 5. Although small in number, we accounted ourselves well in enthusiastically participating, as time allowed, in as many activities as possible. A detailed report will be forthcoming. The timing for preparation of the report is a bit complicated in that, since we had no Class Officers or ExCom members present, we had to designate someone to officiate/record the Class Meeting held on November 3rd. After considerable discussion, by a 2 to 1 vote, a decision was taken that the duties would be determined by Cullum Number. By a margin of 2 spaces, I was required to perform the duties. However, recognizing the date of the meeting and following principals associated with a true democracy, I must provide a draft to the all attendees for review and comment and may only submit a report, the content of which, is based on unanimous agreement. My view is only Classmates present may participate in the review, but who knows how that will turn out if Barbara and Oksana felt they are being left out. Will keep you advised. Although, from a technical standpoint, the last scheduled Mini event was on November 3rd, the Stambaughs did not depart until Sunday, 11/08. Therefore, there were some Mini-extra activities involved that are worthy of inclusion in the report. Please be patient with me as I attempt to prepare and provide a complete report.”

We look forward to a couple of pictures and the promised fuller report.

From Colorado Springs, CO

12/3/2020

Chuck Cabell sent me a note that comes out of the old memories section. Chuck wrote: “I was an avid Glee Clubber. The *Ed Sullivan Show* was in full swing then, and I got to sing on the show with the Glee Club three years running. The show was broadcast live. The procedure was that all the acts

would be seated in the audience and one by one they would be called up on stage. After your rehearsal, you could leave until stage call.

My first time out (Fall 1955 or Spring 1956), while waiting to rehearse, we noticed a not terribly attractive blond woman in a shapeless sweater wandering around taking pictures. Soon there came the whispered buzz: “That’s Kim Novak.” *That’s Kim Novak???* Say it isn’t so! Kim is gorgeous! That *can’t* be Kim! But it was. Instantly, the Glee Club could no longer be counted in the ranks of her admirers—especially after she had rehearsed her scene from the movie *Picnic* and had flubbed half her lines.

That was then. During the show, as the Glee Clubbers awaited the curtain, we (tenors) stood on risers looking down into Kim’s open-topped dressing room. Now Kim was in a smashing, low cut, black velvet dress. Her hair was perfectly coiffed, and her makeup had been professionally applied. When she looked up and saw us gawking down at her, she rewarded us with a provocative pose and a dazzling smile. Perhaps it was all illusion, but never mind. We were totally in love again.

I was reminded of this when *Vertigo* came on TCM this week. Kim is now 87, and still looks danged good.”

Kudos Given

12/3/2020

Tom Morgan wrote from Steilacoom, Washington (outside Seattle) that he found **Paul Vanture’s** memoir very interesting. Here’s what he wrote: “An interesting *memoir* by PD Vanture. I can relate to all of the things that he talked about. I remember being a field grade FO and firing onto "Hamburger Hill" from a helicopter during that battle in the late Spring of 1969. The 101st

Airborne Div (Ambl) also had its share of *eccentric* higher-grade officers.

Thanks for sending it on to the Class. *Kudos* to PD!”

Paul’s memoir was a part of last month’s class notes. You had to click on a link in the notes to read the whole memoir. If you didn’t, you should.

RANGER: A Reindeer On A Mission!

12/3/2020

Stan Bacon posted a tribute to **Alan Salisbury** on our e-mail net, marveling at Alan’s efforts and his giving spirit. The tribute was seconded by **Jack Bradshaw** and **Tom Claffey**. Here’s Alan’s project, sent along by Stan: Black Friday may be coming to a close, but Opus One Studios (Alan Salisbury’s philanthropic venture) is continuing Black Friday prices for a whole week. Anyone with young children (or grandchildren!!) on their holiday shopping list should check out www.TheLegendofRanger.com. There you will find a whole collection of products based on Alan’s inspirational children’s book, “The Legend of Ranger, the Reindeer Who Couldn’t Fly.” This beautifully illustrated, critically acclaimed and award winning book has a message for children everywhere: Dream Big and believe in yourself to make your dreams come true!

In addition to the book, Ranger has his own song, “Dream & Believe” recorded by rising star Mary Allen in Nashville, and available on a CD which also includes the entire audio book of the Ranger legend. Of course, there is also a cuddly 6” plush Ranger the kids can fight over. Finally, the newest member of the collection is the brand new board game for the whole family, “SANTALAND: Ranger’s Game”® based on the story. All four of these items are available individually, or the entire Ranger Collection comes in a special gift box at the Black Friday price of just \$54.95 with free shipping!

Here's the best part: 100% of the profits from sales of Ranger items are donated to the Antonia J. Giallourakis Endowment for Art Therapy at the Children's Cancer Center at Mass General Hospital*. On top of that, for every Ranger book or game purchased this holiday season, a like item will be donated to Toys for Tots. That's a threefer!!! 1) a child of your choice gets an amazing gift; 2) kids with cancer get art therapy; and 3) underprivileged kids get a gift as well!

So, on behalf of children everywhere I invite you to help Ranger fulfill his mission by shopping at www.TheLegendofRanger.com. You'll be glad you did.

*While herself battling cancer, art teacher **Antonia Giallourakis, the late wife of Bill Giallourakis**, developed a highly effective art therapy program for children with cancer. In her memory, her family established this endowment to perpetuate her work.

New Book

12/3/2020

In the next two or three weeks **Chuck Toftoy's** new book, *Blunders: Shocking Mistakes That Altered History*, will be coming out. It looks quite interesting it will be about 32 different sets of historical mistakes that led to disaster. Chuck worked in the book for the last six years and it will not be available in all major bookstores as well as in Amazon. You can read more about it by [clicking here](#).

Thanksgiving

12/3/2020

Thanksgiving this year was quiet for everyone because of the Covid virus situation. No one wants to catch it.

I did hear from a number of classmates, all of whom sent on their best wishes to all. Among them were, **Chuck and Patty Toftoy, Chuck and Celia Hansult,**

Chuck and Hallie Cabell, Orlie and Harriet Hill, Jack and Henriette Gordon, Jack and Linda Crandall, Dick and Germaine Trabert, Jack and Arlene Halsey, Andy and Artie Andreson, Ken and Sherry Herberger, Chuck and Barbara Davis, Lenny and Carol McCormack, John and Alice Brinson, and Bill Serchak, I must have missed some one or more and I apologize. Some, like the Hansult's, were traveling a way by car to family and, And some had family, like the Crandall's, who wrote, "We will celebrate the day with one of our three children (two of the three are in their 50's). One (our son) is recovering from Covid, another lives about 6 hours away, and our middle one, the oldest daughter and her husband will join us in keeping social distance, but having Thanksgiving dinner." There was certainly a lot of Facetime, Zoom and telephoning reported.

Lynne and I, Pete Penczer, had a quiet Thanksgiving here in Connecticut by ourselves. Even so, Lynne made a fairly traditional dinner and we used zoom and e-mail to contact family. And I thought a little about the class and the nice community of people it is.