

PAWpourri 2012-2013

....being a mixture of reports, requests and remembrances of '66 events from the past year that didn't make it into the print editions of the PAW.

Updated March 5, 2013 - New items will be added throughout the year

About PAWpurri

A "twoosh" is a Twitter feed that uses exactly all of its allowed 140 characters. Writing a twoosh is considered to be a pinnacle of achievement within this literary form. A PAW column has a similar grail. Like a haiku, a sonnet that scans in iambic pentameter, or an obituary, a PAW column places a premium on brevity. Each column has a 300-word limit...with a reduction of 100 words for every photo you run with it. (You thought a picture was worth a 1000 words? Wrong. It's only worth 100). The result is, every two weeks I and about 85 other PAWSecs chip and chop away at perfectly good details and imaginative descriptions that we receive in the mail to try to reach our permitted limit. Occasionally we do hit it right on 300 words (...and award ourselves, I suppose, a "PAWoosh"). But within each issue the system invariably slights some good and interesting stories...stories that could stand repeating, if not embellishing and re-telling in years to come. How to get those stories out?

To counter PAW's Shallowness-By-Design, and in response to some concerns offered this past year about inadequate intra-class communications, www.tiger66.org now offers **PAWpourri**...a freely expandable, no-word-limit conversational column here on the website. It's a blog for '66....uncensored, untrammelled, and unlimited by the strait-jacket of word limits. Plus, while I intend to center it on expanded versions of our PAW columns it is open to any and all contributors. Just email you text to me ...jparmen@aol.com. If you want to argue, join the Class Discussion Group. But if you want to read or tell a fuller story, bring it here.

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[Click here for JIM MERRITT's](#) article about **ORD ELLIOTT** (author of [The Warrior's Silence](#)). The article, *Two Former Princeton Athletes Discover their Tie to a Marine who Died in Vietnam*, was published in the November 1999 *Princeton Varsity Club News* and describes Ord's meeting with Tom Beaton '77, a winner of the David S. Hackett '65 Memorial Soccer Cup.

NED GROTH writes:



“Our classmate **RUSSELL WILLIS** is here in Pelham (ny) for three weeks, mostly for his 50th reunion at Pelham Memorial HS, and he came over for dinner last night. As you know, Russell emigrated to Australia 40 years ago, lives in Darwin, and runs wilderness backpacking tours, many of them in Kakadu National Park. He also has led hiking tours in South America and Africa. Although he's been back to the US half a dozen times, late spring

is his peak business season, so he hasn't made it to our reunions yet, but he has hopes for our 50th. Russell ran track and cross-country at PU and still runs competitively (against people our age) when he can. He will be flying back to Oz on the 20th so he won't be there for the Harvard game or party at Plohn Hall. (Jim: I hope to make it, and see you there.)

“Other news: Sharon is now at Reuters, where she's senior health & medicine correspondent. It is a different form of news organization than a weekly magazine, to say the least. She is also working on another book about brain science, this one focused on compulsions. (If anyone wants to be interviewed as an example -- gambling, hoarding, whatever -- let us know!) I finished and published a major report on mercury in canned tuna and children's exposure last month, working with several consumer and health organizations. Probably my last such opus -- I really would rather be more "retired!" Sarah (27) works locally and still lives upstairs; Dan (24) emigrated to San Francisco 2 years ago and crunches data for Credit Karma.”