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Our 63rd Reunion: May 26-29. Headquarters will be with 1951 at Forbes College (formerly the Princeton Inn). Thinking of Reunions, **Bob Leach** remembers a caper from 66 years ago: The great "Airplane Banner Heist". "A group of 53ers led by 2 wrestlers went to the Princeton airfield and heisted the banner which was to fly over Palmer Stadium saying "Dinks No More For 54". A narrow escape in a rented cab and the satisfaction of watching all the frosh look up every time a plane went over the stadium atoned for the cost to the class treasury and **Ruddick** having to explain to the State Police and Administration. Somehow the numerals 54 ended up in the room of **Fitts** and Leach. Never figured out how that happened. "We kept thinking we would be booted since we had the proof in our room."

Mimi and **Frank Phillips** traveled over from Holgate NJ for Alumni Day, only to find no classmates at the luncheon table or Memorial Service. One might have expected some of our local area stalwarts (**Sutphin, Cantrell, Matthews** and others) to be on hand, so I hope all are well. I will post the '53 on our website.

It's marvelous how chance encounters enliven our days, like my seeing **Louis Marx** wandering down London's Bond Street some 60+ years ago. Frederica and **Jim Neff** while on a Met Muse trip down the Doure River in northern Portugal ran into Julie and **Bayard Henry** and separately **Peter Ross's** widow Anne. "A good wine was had by all".

Ools Lindholm wonders what is the status of the talked-about DC mini reunion and volunteers to help in the organization. Ools also sadly informed us of the death in Elmira, NY of **Bill Tryon** on March 12, only eight days after the death of his wife Mary Lou. **Evan Gray** advised of the death of his fellow aeronautical engineering grad, **Richard Warden** in South Carolina, on March 11.