

Along Route '66



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Letter from Our Presidents

Dear Classmates,

As we vault, lurch, lope and amble through our sixth decade on this orb, it's once again time to rekindle old friendships and assuredly make some new ones with fellow '66'ers at our 40th(no, that's not a typo!) Reunion next Memorial Day weekend.

After thoughtful deliberations by your Class Officers and 40th Reunion Committee, both of which were guided by the survey of classmates, it was unanimously decided to hold our 40th on a weekend rather than mid-week after graduation in 2006. We are most hopeful that a weekend time frame will result in greater attendance, especially for those of us who are still working.

SO, SAVE THE DATES
Friday, 5/26/06 through Monday, 5/29/06

Your Reunion Committee of Al Keiller (chair), Roger Brett, Robin Carpenter, Bob Serenbetz, Chuck Sherman and Jim Weiskopf (bursar) have been scheming for a few months now to make this event an enjoyable and memorable get-together with lots of activities for our A-types and plenty of mellow time for our B-types.

We urge you to take time from your busy schedule to return to the Hanover Plain and share some of your life's travels and travails with Dartmouth friends and family. A complete schedule will be distributed by both snail and e-mail in the near future. So do mark your calendars now. We want you there!

Fondly,

Steve Warhover and Bill Higgins

40th Reunion Housing

Al Keiller advises that the Hanover Inn has been secured as our reunion headquarters, with the Hayward Lounge, off the lobby, as the registration and hospitality area. A block of 40 rooms has been reserved at a discounted price of \$189 per night for the nights of May 26, 27, and 28; "early bird" reservations can be made now by calling the Inn at 603-643-4300, with "Class of 1966" as the group name.

Other hotels, including the Residence Inn by Marriott in Centura, across from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, will be reserved shortly. Of course, classmates should feel free to reserve rooms at any favorite spot in the Upper Valley.

Mini-Reunion Plans Being Finalized

Plans are also being finalized for the Fall Mini-Reunion over Homecoming, October 21-22, 2005. The football game, under new coach Buddy Teevens, will be against Columbia. A sign-up sheet will be available in the September newsletter.

News from Classmates

Paul Murphy and his wife Carol have joined the ranks of Dartmouth parents. His daughter Tessa Murphy Class of 2009 will be starting in the fall. Paul's other daughter, Gillian Murphy, is a Principal Dance with American Ballet Theatre and was recently seen as Odette/Odile in PBS's Dance in American presentation of Swan Lake. Check out her website at gillianmurphy.com. Paul and Carol live in Chesapeake, VA, where Paul continues to work for the agricultural inputs distributor Royster-Clark, which he serves as CFO. Paul recently led his company through an IPO in Canada. He can be contacted at paulmmurphy@cox.net.

On June 30, **Chuck Sherman** retired from the National Institutes of Health (from whence the acronym NIH for 'not invented here' first originated) and officially relocated to Strafford, VT. I'm sure we're all pleased that out tax dollars are no longer supporting our webmaster and vice-president! **John** and **Anne Rollins** hosted a rowdy party of twenty-five of Chuck's DC friends, who did an excellent job of both toasting and roasting the honoree. The picture on the next page captures the Dartmouth grads in attendance.

Coming Events

Fall 2005 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 21-22, 2005
40 th Reunion	Hanover, NH	May 26-29, 2006
65th Birthday Party	London, UK (?)	TBD, 2009



(L to R) John Rollins '66, Bill Berenson '69, Bob Haslach '68, Margie Carpenter, Chuck Sherman '66, Jack Bennett '66, Bob Burka '67 (who graduated with us in '66).

As mentioned in the last newsletter, **John Hughes** is a neighbor of Chuck's in Strafford and a future neighbor of mine in western NC. "Our builder just started framing our Brasstown home, so we hope to be in by October. Both our boys are getting married this year, one in NJ in June, and one in Sonoma in October, so we're going to be limited in our VT and NC trips."

Another Vermonter, **Bill Duval**, writes from Cambridge, VT: "My three daughters were all 'expecting' at the same time last winter. Our 'grandchild total' quickly doubled from three to six. We now have another on the way to make seven. Am I near the #1 Granddad spot? (Editors Note: Bill, not even close! At last count, **Wayne LoCurto** has twelve). This is still a bit difficult to accept, as I still chase kids around on the soccer field as a referee. My classic rejoinder to those who dispute my decisions is, 'Hey, I've been doing this since before you were born.'"

More news of grandchildren! “It’s been an eventful spring in our house”, writes **Jim Hourdequin**, “filled with good news and not so good news. First the good: daughter Marion delivered an 8 pound daughter the end of April, our first grandchild. She and family will be moving to Newton, MA shortly, where, having completed her PhD in Philosophy at Duke, she will begin an assistant professorship in Philosophy and Ethics at Brandeis. Her husband, David Havlick ’87, will soon be completing a PhD in Geography from UNC and will also be teaching part time at Brandeis next spring. Son Jim ’97 just completed his Harvard MBA where we enjoyed a lively graduation ceremony. He runs Longview Forestry in NH and VT and will be interviewing for several months at Lyme Properties in Hanover before doing a stint at McKinsey in Cleveland starting in January. Son Peter is finishing Asian Studies Masters at the U of Hawaii...Sad news: wife Mary has developed a rare autoimmune disease, but a week at Mayo Clinic offered hope of getting things under control. We are optimistic.” Jim, our prayers are with you and Mary.

Gary Broughton recently completed a cross country bicycle trip, starting in Los Angeles on May 15 and finishing in Boston on July 1. The seven week trip covered 3,422 miles, averaging 80 miles a day, with five “rest” days. That works out to an average of 17 miles per hour, or slightly faster than the DC Beltway at rush hour!



Gary in the Mojave Desert

The route took Gary through the Mohave Desert, across the Rocky Mountains and the Continental Divide at Glorietta Pass, NM, across the Rio Grande into the central plains, across the Mississippi, along Lake Erie and the Erie Canal, across the Hudson and into the Green Mountains, then down to Boston.



Gary in the Rockies

A total of thirty-one others joined Gary, ranging in age from over 70 to under 30. Gary’s equipment was his seven year old Trek 5220. To my knowledge, **Steve Lanfer** is the only other ’66 to have completed a coast-to-coast bike ride (Steve did it twice!). Any more of you out there? At any rate, a wah-hoo-wah to Gary from all of us!

After criticizing USA Today and invoking the wrath of some of our classmates (see Letters to the Editor below), I was pleased to get the following from **Peter Prichard**: "Thanks for your recent reference to my erstwhile editing skills. As to where I am, I've been pretty consumed the last four years helping to build the new Newseum, the interactive museum of news, a \$400 million project which will open in 2007, God willing, opposite the National Art Gallery on Pennsylvania Avenue, just off the National Mall. When it opens, I hope you'll take a crack at critiquing our exhibit text. It will be a beautiful glass-and-steel building somewhat similar to the Rose Center at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, but much bigger. (Jim Polshek designed both buildings.) Details can be seen at Newseum.org. I'm available to give classmates virtual tours of the new building if they happen to be in Washington. And keep critiquing the media! Our classmates take this stuff far too seriously. I think you've added a nice dose of humor to the newsletter." Thanks, Peter!!!

Dartmouth College Fund

The Dartmouth College Fund finished with a total raised of \$27.9 million, virtually right on the goal of \$28 million. Participation remained at last year's 47.4% of all alumni, compared to a goal of 50%. Our class fell slightly short in dollars, but ahead of both the previous year and the 2005 goal in participation, as detailed in **Bob Spence's** note to all Assistant Class Agents:

Thanks to all your efforts, we achieved the participation goal for the campaign just closed. 50.4% of 66's participated. The goal was 48%. You guys brought in 32 new contributors this year, for a total of 341 out of a base of 676. We almost made the dollar goal, coming in at \$235,233 out of a goal of \$240M.

Thank you, you have no idea how much I appreciate your help. I also hope that you all had some fun making calls, and as such we can enlist your support for the 40th year effort. That process will start shortly in terms of getting organized, as being a reunion class the goal will be to get everyone in the class involved and participate in the reunion, as well as the DCF. Any ideas are more than welcome. If you would like to sit in on the class DCF steering committee please let me know. As always, the work load will be kept focused and reasonable. The hope is that an increased level of communication through out the class will help achieve a cohesiveness that surpasses all expectations.

All the best and thanks again (and a big wah-who-wah for Vicky Waggaman!)

Bob

Alumni Council Notes

The 190th meeting of the Dartmouth Alumni Council was held on May 19-21, 2005. This was my last meeting as a councilor, having completed a three year term. Hank Amon '65 replaces me as the class rep for 1965 and 1966. **Tim Urban** completed his second year as an at-large rep.

After the second annual lobster bake on Thursday evening, hosted by the Council for the 2005 graduating class, the Friday meetings began with committee meetings, minutes of which are available on the Alumni Relations website. Tim and I both served on the Student Life Committee. A major part of our meeting was a review that Tim had undertaken of Dartmouth housing, both on-campus and off. While new dormitory construction will help resolve the current housing shortage (rising sophomores are currently not guaranteed college housing), a number of issues were raised, including the potential College certification of off-campus rental units, increasing revenue by pricing rooms according to their

size and location (currently a room on the Gold Coast costs the same as one in the “Wigwams”), and enabling block housing for affinity groups, e.g. sororities, Cabin and Trail.

A presentation by Professors Charles Barlowe (Biochemistry) and C. Robertson McClung (Biological Sciences) highlighted interdisciplinary programs that are being created, growing and evolving across the college. Professor McClung spoke to the student-faculty discovery process and the rapidly increasing demand for undergraduate research opportunities.

Joe Stevenson '57 T'58 spoke to the work being done by the Governance Task Force and their efforts to create the constitution for a unified alumni group. He shared some of the critical issues and proposed changes to the Trustee election process and the structure of the Council/Association. The Task Force would continue to work through the weekend in the hope of getting closure on some open issues. An open forum on the proposed constitution before the entire Association of Alumni is planned for 11 AM, the Sunday of Homecoming Weekend, October 23.

The luncheon at the Hanover Inn included the presentation of the Faculty Award for Service to Alumni Continuing Education to John A. Rassias, '49A, '76A. While Dr. Rassias arrived at Dartmouth after our graduation, a number of us have attended his summer language program or participated in Dartmouth travel programs with John as faculty leader. This was followed by a special tribute to **Stan Colla** in recognition of Stan's service to the College upon his retirement. It included a special tribute from former Alumni Council President **Noel Fidel**.

The afternoon consisted of four breakout groups:

A. Alumni Council Role and Effectiveness

Beginning with a call for a restated purpose and perceived independence, this group called for more individual contact between councilors and their constituent groups and a means to collect reactions from constituents

B. Enfranchisement of Disaffected Alums

Acknowledging that enfranchisement comes in many forms, the group suggested publishing and wide distribution of committee notes from Alumni Council meetings, a web-cam of Council meetings and discussions, having Council leadership attend fall Class Officers meetings, starting a survey program going to inform/solicit alum views (all alumni, short, at regular intervals), create “issue” papers giving both sides of the issues, send out e-mail ticklers to let people know these papers are available with an easy “click” link, and create an Alumni Council web site that is “useful”.

C. Trustee Elections:

The group lamented the high level of rhetoric and misinformation that permeated the recent elections. The group proposed a resolution for the release of information on voting patterns by the Balloting Committee. Ultimately, the group did not recommend any significant actions, as these might be construed as being a knee-jerk reaction by those dissatisfied with the recent election outcomes

D. Council/College Communications:

Action items included the creation of “D-SPAN” with web-casts of Council events, an ombudsperson to report to alumni, having classes adopt undergraduates, an “Alumni 101” learning opportunity, and a survey of alumni to get feedback.

The Friday dinner was highlighted with Alumni Awards to Amy Cammann Cholnoky '77 and Gary Love '76, and a speech to the Councilors by President Wright.

The Student Life discussion was led by Dean James Larimore, joined by Undergraduate Representatives Neha Kulkarni '05 and Kristen Wong '06, focusing on Alcohol at Dartmouth. Using comparative data, Jim provided some perspectives on data on student drinking patterns and the consequences.

Bradford Evans '64 then gave the Trustee Report, including an update on facility projects and the Board's recent trip to Stanford to compare governance activities and issues.

For the 2005-2006 Council Year, Chrissie Drescher '87 and Jeff Weiss '86 were elected to the Nominating Committee, and Bill Mitchell '79 to the College Relations Group. Richard Routhier '73 T'76 was elected Council President by acclamation and Martha Johnson Beattie '76 President-Elect.

During new business, Councilor Carey Heckman '76 presented a resolution in support of club sports. The resolution was passed after some discussion.

A resolution was presented in support of a financing plan under consideration for the Alumni Magazine which will be presented to the Trustees. The resolution was passed unanimously (see trustee action to the resolution below).

Trustees Direct Changes to Alumni Magazine

On June 10, the Board of Trustees unanimously resolved to:

1. Approve an annual subsidy of up to \$500,000 for the operations of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (“DAM”) in accordance with the business plan presented to the Board at this meeting (the “Business Plan”), such subsidy to be reviewed annually by the Board, it being understood that (A) the Business Plan shall provide that the dues payable to DAM by classes in their first 5 years after graduation shall be zero, by classes in the years 6 to 15 after graduation shall be \$5, by classes in years 16 to 50 after graduation shall be \$10, and by classes in years following their 50th year of graduation shall be \$5, in each case adjusted by inflation; and (B) such subsidy shall be available to classes that agree to distribute DAM to substantially all graduates of the College in their class; and
2. Amend the Charter of DAM to (A) replace all references in such Charter to the “Director of Alumni Relations of the College” with the “Vice President for Alumni Relations”, and to the “Director of Public Affairs” with “Vice President for Public Affairs”; and (B) add two

designees of the President of the Class Presidents Association, in consultation with the Chair of the DAM Editorial Board, to the DAM Editorial Board; and

3. Request the Vice President of Alumni Relations to report to the Board at the June 2006 meeting regarding the implementation of the Business Plan, and the success and progress of DAM in serving the interests of the alumni body and other Dartmouth constituencies; and
4. Thank the DAM Business Model Task Force; DAM Editorial Board and the Alumni Council for their work and dedication to the College in preparing the Business Plan and other recommendations presented to the Board at this meeting.

While the resolution does not provide for universal distribution of the magazine, nor does it totally remove the burden of funding from the classes (our cost per subscription is reduced from approximately \$20 to \$10), it is clearly a step in the right direction. The addition of two representatives from the Class Presidents' Association increases the balance of the editorial board to alumni. While the details of what constitutes distribution to "substantially all graduates of the College in their class" will be presented and discussed at the Class Officers' Weekend in September, it will possibly be all graduates who have contributed to the College, paid their class dues, or attended a reunion during the past five years.

Other Trustee News

The June meeting was the first attended by new trustees Peter Robinson '79 and Todd Zywicki '88, both petition candidates who were elected by alumni last Spring. Besides passing the resolution on the Alumni Magazine, the Board also lifted its moratorium on the formation of new single-sex, residential and selective organizations. This action acknowledges the progress made by the Coed, Fraternity and Sorority System over the past five years in meeting new standards of excellence and recognizes requests for a new sorority. Finally, the Board approved a fiscal 2006 undergraduate operating budget of \$355.9 million, including \$45.7 million for financial aid. The budget for the entire College, including all graduate schools, is \$629.4 million.

Letters to the Editor

As mentioned in the last "Along Route '66", I have received two letters over the last few months from **John Gullett** and **Dean Spatz** regarding Dean Furstenberg's comments regarding football at Dartmouth:

Dear Bob,

Dean Furstenburg was right in 2000! Football was overemphasized even when I was at Dartmouth. I don't share your position from your comments in the January Newsletter. More than that, the issue seems to be very divisive. There may be a better way of opening such discussions. Perhaps polling the class and publishing the results as has been done before might work, so long as the questions are fair. Why don't you try that approach with this controversial issue? I appreciate the effort you are making to get the Newsletter out and would be interested to learn what the sentiment is. An editor has a responsibility to all sides of an issue, a responsibility that applies to the Class Newsletter just as much as to USA Today. Jim Hourdequin's reasoned reply this month makes me sorry that I didn't reply then. Polemic and name calling are not helpful here. That makes me prouder of Jim, whose letter was a reasoned argument for our position. He made me revise this letter a lot. I don't know if we have ever met, Jim, but thank you. I am concerned for the Alumni Council. Are they a little "out of touch"?

John Gullett '66

John raises some interesting issues. First off, his idea of polling the class is a good one; please see page 11 for a survey. Upon re-reading the original story of Dean Furstenberg's comments in the January Newsletter, I find my report factual and objective, including Dean Furstenberg's "defense" of his comments. By publishing your letter, John, as well as Jim Hourdequin's, Tom Clarke's, and Dean Spatz' (see below), I am "responsibly" providing both sides of the issue. Regarding your comments on the Alumni Council, I do not think its members are wholly "out-of-touch", but I do believe they are not necessarily representative of the Alumni body as a whole, as evidenced by the fact that the last three trustee positions have been won by candidates not endorsed by the Council.

As to the other side, **Dean Spatz** gave me permission to publish a letter he wrote to President Wright back in January:

Dear Jim:

You and I have corresponded in the past and I know that you disagree with my positions on a number of things. I certainly give you the right to disagree with them, as I am sure you will give me the right to decide where to give my donations.

As you are aware, I started Osmonics, Inc. in 1969 based on work I did at the Thayer School of Engineering, and that it was recently acquired by General Electric Company. What you may not realize is that I never heard of Dartmouth College until Coach Bob Blackman contacted me to play football at Dartmouth. I was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Dartmouth was something that was only a street sign next to Harvard and Yale. I presumed that it was a good place to go to school.

Bob Blackman did a great job of recruiting me and I wanted to play football.

My football team went on to win the Ivy League and the Lambert trophy in 1965. I got injured and had to drop out as a sophomore, but still felt part of that team and still do today.

I owe a lot of my success to Bob Blackman, football, Thayer School and Dartmouth. My heart still lies with Dartmouth, but my head is becoming confused with your management of the school.

As the CEO of Dartmouth College, I fully expect you to terminate Dean Karl Furstenberg. If I had an employee that came out against the strategic plan of my company, I would have to terminate him. You have not done so. That tells me that you support what he had to say and that, in fact, the strategic plan of Dartmouth is to de-emphasize football and other athletics.

Please be advised that until Dean Furstenberg has been removed from his position, my giving to Dartmouth and the Thayer School and the proposed endowed seat at the Thayer School will not occur. I will continue to give to the football program and other athletics, providing I can be convinced that what I give to them will not be used by a school that is the antithesis to my feelings. Had it not been for football, Coach Blackman and perhaps the willingness of the admissions officer at that time to stretch the SAT qualifications, I would have never gone to Dartmouth. For you and the others to think that SAT scores and intellectual capability are the most important things to succeed in this world shows me a lack of respect for those individuals such as myself.

Sincerely,

D. Dean Spatz

So, please fill out the survey on page 11, and I'll report on which side the majority of our opinions lie.

Bill Dowling is also interested in any opinions you'd like to share with him:

Dear Bob,

I'm writing a book on commercialized college sports that will have a chapter on Ivy athletics and, specifically, Dartmouth — i.e., the Furstenberg episode.

Could you put a note in the newsletter saying that I'd like to hear from anyone who:

- 1) Believes that applicants who wouldn't otherwise have gotten into Dartmouth ought to be admitted because of their physical skills;
- 2) Believes that the College ought to tolerate the practice of coaches' "set asides" — that is, slots in the entering class reserved for applicants who have the physical skills needed in a particular sport; and
- 3) Believes that reserving a portion of places in the freshman class for applicants admitted for their physical skills does not substantially dilute the quality of entering classes and, as a direct consequence, the quality of the graduates Dartmouth sends out into the world.

As you might guess, my own views on all this are similar to those stated by Jim Hourdequin in the class newsletter — I'm very happy that our class produced at least a few people who have a sense of moral perspective on this issue. But I very much need material from the "booster alumni" for my Ivy athletics chapter. They should indicate whether or not they want to be quoted by name. I can simply say "another classmate wrote that" (etc) for those who'd like to stay on background.

Thanks,

William C. Dowling '66
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Next "Along Route '66"

I plan to put out the next newsletter in September, in time for sign-up information for the mini-reunion in October. In the meantime, please share your latest accomplishments, and those of your spouses, kids and grandkids, retirement plans, travel and trips, and anything else by emailing me at bobserenbetz@prodigy.net (preferred mode, as I can be lazy and just copy your news onto the newsletter format) or using snail mail via the green cards. Also, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the 40th next May!!!

Hope everyone's had a fun summer.

Survey on Athletics at Dartmouth

Please answer the following questions either on-line at the Class of 1966 website (www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66) or by forwarding to Robert Serenbetz, Po Box 1127, Newtown, PA 18940.

1. Football in particular, and collegiate sports in general, are over-emphasized on college campuses in the United States.
Yes _____ No _____
2. Football in particular, and collegiate sports in general, are over-emphasized at Dartmouth.
Yes _____ No _____
3. Football programs represent a sacrifice to the academic quality and diversity of entering first year classes at schools like Dartmouth
Yes _____ No _____
4. Football, and the culture that surrounds it, is antithetical to the academic mission of colleges such as Dartmouth
Yes _____ No _____
5. I agree with Dean Furstenberg's letter applauding Swarthmore's decision to discontinue collegiate football
Yes _____ No _____
6. I agree with President Wright's comments regarding the pride the College feels towards the accomplishments and contributions of its student athletes
Yes _____ No _____
7. I participated in a collegiate sport (club or sponsored) while at Dartmouth
Yes _____ (Got to Q.8) No _____ (Skip to Q.9)
8. Participation in collegiate sports was among the most important parts of my Dartmouth experience
Yes _____ No _____
9. Dean Furstenberg should have been commended for his comments by President Wright
Yes _____ No _____
10. Dean Furstenberg should have been severely reprimanded for his comments by President Wright
Yes _____ No _____
11. Dean Furstenberg should have been fired for his comments by President Wright
Yes _____ No _____
12. The College's handling of the Furstenberg matter has influenced my giving plans to the College
Positively _____ Negatively _____ Not at all _____

Where is Gary Broughton?



Please email the answer back to BobSerenbetz@prodigy.net. All winners will receive a prize.

Dartmouth 2005 Football Schedule

Sept. 17	Colgate
Sept. 24	At New Hampshire
Oct. 1	Pennsylvania
Oct. 8	At Yale
Oct. 15	At Holy Cross
Oct. 22	Columbia (Home Coming and '66 Mini-Reunion)
Oct. 29	At Harvard
Nov. 5	Cornell
Nov. 12	At Brown
Nov. 19	Princeton