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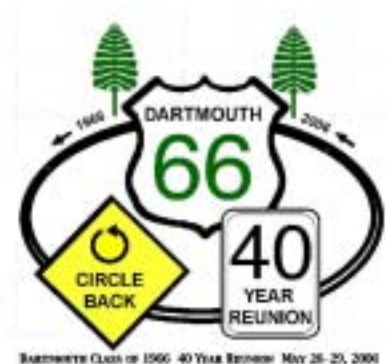
Mini-Reunion Planned for October 21-22

Another activity-filled weekend has been planned by **Al Keiller** for the Homecoming Mini-Reunion. Class events start with the Friday night Parade of the Classes, followed by Saturday morning brunch and class meeting at **Paul** and Margo **Doscher's**, the football game versus Columbia, a post-game reception at the Hanover Inn, and dinner at the Norwich Inn. The complete schedule and sign-up form is shown on Page 12.

40th Reunion

Al Keiller and his Reunion organizing committee of **Roger Brett** (Co-chair), **Jim Weiskopf** (Treasurer), **Rich Kaiser** (Golf Coordinator), **Jeff Futter** (Tennis Coordinator), and at-large members **Bill Higgins**, **Steve Warhover**, **Chuck Sherman**, **Robin Carpenter**, **Dan Barnard**, **Rich Daly**, **Ken Zuhr**, **Margie Carpenter**, and **Bob Serenbetz** have been developing the program and venues for the 40th Reunion, May 26-29, 2006. A preliminary schedule and sign-up sheet should be available in the next newsletter.

40th Reunion (cont)



As noted in last month's "Along Route '66", 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. In addition, a block of rooms have been secured at the Norwich Inn (802-649-1143), both inside the Inn at \$129 per night and outside in the "motel" unit at \$79 per night. Again, be sure to use "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.

News from Classmates

As you will note in the "News from the College" section of the Newsletter, President Wright has introduced a number of initiatives to help the victims, and their families, of Hurricane Katrina. I was uplifted by the spirit of one of our own "victims", **Jim Keating**: "Patty and I are safe and sound in Pensacola, Florida. Our children live in Baton Rouge, LA and Austin, TX and were not affected by the storm. Our new home in Pass Christian, Mississippi was destroyed by the wrath of the goddess, Katrina. I have been a civilian radiologist at Kessler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS for the last 14 months, which had to close its hospital; so I am now homeless and jobless. After an exciting evacuation east and a week staying with relatives, we decided to rent a nice condominium on the beach in Florida and declare ourselves no longer refugees, but on vacation. Our future, therefore, is uncertain. We will probably wait until the dust settles before we address the problem of where to go and future employment, which may require a different short term versus long term solution. However, we are in reasonably good spirits considering the circumstances. The ripple effects of Katrina will not hurt us financially to any great extent. I hope to see you guys at the reunion in 2006." I am sure there are other classmates in the Gulf states that were affected by Katrina; let us know how you all fared and any suggestions on how we can individually best help the rebuilding effort.

Chuck Sherman has now settled into the life of a Vermont gentleman farmer: "I saw **Rich Daly** at **Dick Birnie's** farm last week and **John** and Ann **Rollins** visited yesterday for lunch. We had dinner with **Robert Buckley** near his home in Woodstock last night. I'm off to Cape Cod, today until the end of the week."

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

Lance Tapley sent in a newsy update, spurred by **Noel Fidel's** news last month: "It was with great delight that I read in the class newsletter and the alumni magazine's class notes that Noel Fidel's youngest son Alexander was heading to Hanover as a member of the class of 2009, following his brothers Nathan '02 and Louis '03. Noel and I and our families have now completed a remarkable parallel circuit. Our youngest son Elias will also be in the class of 2009, following his brothers Asa '02 and Adam '03. The only discrepancy is that my wife Peggy and I had four children. Our oldest son Isaac was in the class of 1992. One of the nice things about visiting Asa and Adam was my being sure to run into Noel and family on the Green. There are a couple of other parallels between the Fidel family and us. While Noel's boys are all past and future Dartmouth swimmers, mine are past and future Dartmouth rowers. (H2O being one of the parallels?) My first three boys were on the Lightweight Crew, but Elias is three inches taller than his brothers and must now compete with those brutes, the heavyweights.

We also share a French connection. Noel's is Anne. And maybe his sons spent some time in France? We sent our boys to France during high school, the last three for a school year each. I remember with pleasure listening to Adam converse in French with Anne Fidel in the Dirt Cowboy. Our French connection, which has more ramifications, had its birth in my Dartmouth Foreign Study Program trimester in France in 1964. I said to myself: I like this place a lot. (So, **Frank Blod** et al, when are we going to have that reunion in Montpellier?)

Rick Reiss writes, "I am still working, investing privately, but at a somewhat reduced pace and mostly for my own benefit and hopefully that of a few others as well. Much of my business time is devoted to companies on whose Boards I serve and where I can play a reasonably active role. I am still married to my wife of 36 years, Bonnie, who I met in law school soon after graduation from Dartmouth. We have two children; Lauren who graduated from both Harvard and Harvard Business School. She works for WPP Group, one of the large marketing/advertising conglomerates, and recently married Brian Frank (same educational credentials) in our backyard in East Hampton, New York. It was quite a spectacular event and you can ask both **Gene Nattie** and **George Blumenthal** for confirmation. Our son, Michael, is a member of the Class of '06, so we expect to attend his graduation shortly after our 40th reunion. Interestingly, Gene Nattie's younger daughter, Anna, is a classmate, so 40 years later one of my best friends, roommate for 3 years, and I have children in the same class. Go figure! Gene and I remain very close and play the member guest golf tournament at my club every year. His ability and my high handicap enabled us to win the inaugural event a few years ago! Mike absolutely loves Dartmouth, is a member of Theta Delt, and has made terrific friends. That's one of the primary reasons I remain so optimistic about Dartmouth despite the periodic issues and disagreements some of us seem to have with the College.

Bonnie and I have focused our non-business time on numerous educational institutions and endeavors. She is on the Board of NYU Law School and Midori and Friends, an organization that brings music programs to the New York City public schools. I previously served on Boards of Barnard College and The Nelson E. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth (Rocky). I am currently on the Boards of The New School University and Prep for Prep which enables talented minority students to attend private schools in New York City and the top boarding schools as well. Perhaps the most rewarding program we have started is a family scholarship fund at Dartmouth, Harvard and NYU Law School. Each year we and Gene Nattie, with Karl Furstenberg's guidance, select a scholarship recipient at Dartmouth and we monitor him/her for 4 years. We have met some wonderful young men and women who are truly grateful for the opportunity to attend Dartmouth and it has been incredibly rewarding to watch them develop, graduate and enter the real world. I think you can see why we are so enthusiastic about Dartmouth and the future of the institution. There is probably a lot more that has happened in the last 40 years, but I'll start with the above and my comments on the whole furror of last year. By the way. I plan to attend the opening of the Corey Ford Rugby Clubhouse next month and look forward to seeing a lot of our teammates there. I have absolutely refused to play in the alumni game!!" While not mentioned, Rick has also agreed to help Bob Spence co-chair the 40th Reunion College Fund drive.

Greg McGregor sent in notice of a February 23-26, 2006, ski trip to Aspen's Snowmass, "the largest of the Aspen mountains, at 3500 acres, with plenty of snow for all abilities including tempting cruisers, funky terrain parks, scenic learning areas, and of course glades, moguls, and snowfields above tree line. There are lots of family activities, lessons and rentals, package deals, teen spots, art galleries, bars, restaurants, bookstores, and alternative outdoor activities. Bring the kids and grandkids (the babysitting program is famous), and your business colleagues and relatives. All are welcome at this DARTMOUTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION event. Fly to Denver and drive, or connect to Aspen all the way. This hugely popular ski trip (85 attendees last year at Tahoe) welcomes non-attorneys and even non-Dartmouth friends and colleagues. It ain't just a bunch of pointy-headed lawyers talking about law stuff. They party and ski in a world class resort, at affordable rates in family-friendly accommodations or el cheapo crash pads as desired. Just thought I would favor '66s with this special notification and invitation." Thanks for the heads-up, Greg, who was recently in Hanover for the DLA Annual Meeting. For any further questions, you can contact Greg at gimcg@mcgregorlaw.com.

You will recall from last month's issue the report of **Gary Broughton's** cross country bicycle trip. "I suspect you will receive several other reports from classmates who have bicycled across country," writes **Will Wilkoff**. "It's sort of an Everest for the everyman and quite doable for someone who is reasonably fit and committed. It was a wonderful adventure and one that I had dreamed of doing since I got my first 3 speed as a preteen. My wife and I did it in 2000 going from Anacortes, Washington back home to Brunswick, Maine. We did it with another couple, unsupported (meaning that we carried all of our gear). Total distance 4,021 miles in 53 days for an average of 75.8 miles per day. We had three rest days and had 7 days over 100 miles. Our passion for seeing the world on two wheels continues and we have been to France 9 times on our own self-planned and guided tours. Not bad for a guy who almost flunked college French. Our next big ride is the South Island of New Zealand this winter."

Our other "known" cross country bike tripper, **Steve Lanfer**, writes, "Thanks for the note in your newsletter about my trip across the country. I am contemplating another one, but have only cycled across the US once. I did ride across Europe twice, with my second and third sons (one trip each). The two trips together totaled somewhat more than the US trip. As each of these trips included just me and a son, we had to carry our own luggage. I am still using the same bicycle to ride to work during the summer. It currently has about 17,000 miles on it. I was amused recently to read about

people riding their bicycles to work because of the high gas prices. That may be a nice benefit, but I doubt that it was a motivator for any of us. We ride because we want to ride and in my case because I need the exercise so I can keep eating. See you in October.”

Rob Knight has recently retired from Yankee Barn Homes in Grantham, NH. Last time I saw Rob, it looked like he could still easily make the Lightweight Crew 150 pound weight limit, unlike his former coxswain!!

Another retiree filling us in on his activities is **Steve Smith**: “Jean and I are enjoying retirement in southwestern Michigan in the small town of Lakeside. We have tied **Bill Higgins** with five grandchildren with the arrival of twins to our daughter, Emily, in May. Jean and I completed the construction of a winter home in Tubac, AZ (near Tucson) where we got to see **Rich** and **Mary Daly** and **Dick** and **Pietie Birnie** last winter. I keep myself doing a variety of volunteer and civic activities”. Steve can be contacted at stevesmith@hewi.net.

Class author **Rob Cleary** writes, “Now that I have had an introduction to writing and authorship, I find that I enjoy words and sentences. The current project is in collaboration with a high school friend (Princeton '65) on New Jersey tales of growing up in Chester, NJ. A second topic is to produce an article on Dartmouth alumni killed in action in Vietnam. Marine Bob Kour '65 will work on KIA's pre-1965 and I'll work on post-1966. If you have stories when these men were in active duty, please call me at 303-355-9221.”

News from the College

Alumni Relations has announced that our own **Bill Higgins** and **Hector Motroni** are among the eight recipients of the College's 2005-2006 Alumni Awards. The citations for Bill and Hector will be published in future issues of the newsletter. Congratulations from all of us to Bill and Hector!!

The College announced on August 16, 2005, that David P. Spalding '76, who is Vice Chairman of The Cypress Group LLC in New York City and Chairman of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York, has been appointed Dartmouth's Vice President for [Alumni Relations](#), effective early October.

“David Spalding has distinguished himself throughout his career by his outstanding management ability on behalf of both non-profit organizations and businesses,” Dartmouth [President James Wright](#) said. “He knows how to help institutions achieve their goals and how to reach out to key constituencies. He has also since his student days demonstrated his continuing desire to help Dartmouth. I look forward to his joining the Dartmouth administration. We are so fortunate that he was willing to take on this important assignment at this time.”

Spalding succeeds our own **Stan Colla**, who has served as Vice President for Alumni Relations since 1993. Stan announced in January 2005 his plans to retire. The complete press release can be found at www.alumni.dartmouth.edu/news.shtml.

The College has made a broad response to Hurricane Katrina, as noted in President Wright's letter to alumni and friends of Dartmouth:

Dear Friends,

A week after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, the magnitude of its impact on the lives of thousands of people has become clearer to all of us. Our hearts are with all the victims of this terrible disaster, and I wanted to let you know what Dartmouth is doing in response.

As we prepare to start the academic year, we have reached out to our own students who have been affected by the hurricane and have provided individual counseling and support. We have assured them that we will work with them if they need a financial aid reassessment or time away from their studies. We will evaluate each student's situation on a case-by-case basis in order to be as helpful and supportive as possible.

Last week I authorized an expansion of our special student program to accommodate academically qualified students from colleges and universities in the affected region to attend Dartmouth for the fall term. We have received about 200 inquiries since we announced this program. Housing on campus is extremely tight, but I have been gratified by the local response from Upper Valley residents and even Dartmouth students who are willing to open their homes or share rooms with visiting students. (Editor's note: 32 students from Tulane, Loyola, the University of New Orleans, and Dillard have now been admitted, housed with Upper Valley families) Thayer School of Engineering is offering the opportunity for qualified engineering graduate students displaced by the disaster to attend on an interim basis. The Tuck School of Business has accepted some MBA students to its second-year program. The Dartmouth Medical School is working with the American Association of Medical Colleges to assist schools and students in developing a plan for medical students. We have also reached out to faculty from the region to offer them temporary appointments with library and computing privileges.

The Tucker Foundation is working with students, staff, and faculty from across the institution to coordinate efforts to provide assistance and contributions to the relief effort. We are also working on a broader educational program to engage the whole campus in what we might learn from this disaster. Some faculty and staff have requested leave to volunteer their time with the relief effort, and Traci Nordberg, our chief human resources officer, has developed a policy to make this possible through special leave arrangements.

Last week the Alumni Relations Office called alumni/ae leadership in the region and established a blog (<http://dartmouthkatrina.blogspot.com/>) where alumni/ae can locate friends. The College website also has a number of other links to programs and agencies that are helping the relief effort, available at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~news/features/katrina/>. Information will be added to this site as it becomes available.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the hurricane and that we at Dartmouth hope that you and your loved ones are safe.

Sincerely,
James Wright

Classmates planning to attend home football games this fall (see schedule on page 8) should be aware that every Saturday morning at 9 am, Dartmouth Alumni Continuing Education & Travel offers a one hour pre-game lecture by a Dartmouth faculty member at the Hanover Inn. This free series is called **Faculty Chalktalk** and features topics such as manifest destiny, the oral tradition of the blues, and casino gambling on Native American reservations. Everyone, not just alumni, are welcome to attend. Over Homecoming, you may want to attend the Chalktalk before heading over to the Doschers'.

Football Survey Results

Seventy-nine classmates, more than 10% of the class, responded to the poll regarding football at Dartmouth and the Furstenberg controversy. While the results are not a statistically reliable reflection of the entire class, given the lack of random sampling, they are nevertheless interesting, as noted below:

1. Football in particular, and collegiate sports in general, are over-emphasized on college campuses in the United States.
Yes _81%_ No _19%_

2. Football in particular, and collegiate sports in general, are over-emphasized at Dartmouth.
Yes _24%_ No _76%_

3. Football programs represent a sacrifice to the academic quality and diversity of entering first year classes
Yes _28%_ No _72%_

4. Football, and the culture that surrounds it, is antithetical to the academic mission of colleges such as ours
Yes _14%_ No _86%_

5. I support Dean Furstenberg's letter applauding Swarthmore's decision to discontinue collegiate football
Yes _24%_ No _76%_

6. I support President Wright's comments regarding the pride the College feels towards the accomplishments and contributions of its student athletes
Yes _89%_ No _11%_

7. I participated in a collegiate sport (club or sponsored) while at Dartmouth
Yes _68%_ No _32%_

8. Participation in collegiate sports was among the most important parts of my Dartmouth experience
Yes _56%_ No _44%_

9. Dean Furstenberg should have been commended for his comments by President Wright
Yes _13%_ No _87%_

10. Dean Furstenberg should have been severely reprimanded for his comments by President Wright
Yes _51%_ No _49%_

11. Dean Furstenberg should have been fired for his comments by President Wright
Yes _31%_ No _69%_

12. The College's handling of the Furstenberg matter has influenced my giving plans to the College
Positively _0%_ Negatively _35%_ Not at all _65%_

Looking behind the numbers, those who participated in athletics were much more likely to say that Dean Furstenberg should have been severely reprimanded by President Wright (62% vs. 27%), and slightly more likely to believe he should have been fired (35% vs. 21%). Non-participants in athletics were more than twice as likely as participants to believe that football is over-emphasized at Dartmouth (39% vs. 17%) and also more likely to support Furstenberg's letter, than participants (32% vs. 20%). The percentage of athletic participants were less likely than non-participants (9% vs. 22%) to believe Furstenberg should have been commended for his letter. As a result of the controversy, there was no particular difference between athletic participants and non-participants as to their giving plans, although the classmates who felt Furstenberg should have been fired most closely correlated with those negatively influenced.

Letters to the Editor

The survey on Dartmouth's football controversy sparked a number of letters to "Along Route '66". I have reproduced a number of them and edited some others:

Dear Bob,

For some time I have been troubled by the recent furor at the College over the "admissions issue/Furstenberg letter" and have finally decided to toss my views into the blogosphere.

The real issue here is one of degree. Football, athletics, "the culture that surrounds them," fraternities, alcohol are not inherently good or bad. However, the emphasis (commitment, abuse, importance) that we attach to these activities can have very positive and/or very negative repercussions. Let's be very simplistic. Almost every alumnus/alumna would like to see Dartmouth athletic teams win their conference, league etc. I would also bet however, that very few of this group would favor a big time athletic program where the athletes are hired hands, take make-believe courses, live in segregated (luxury) housing and are handed the keys to fancy new cars when they arrive on campus by an invisible alumni group (Tom Wolfe's "I am Charlotte Simmons" is worth reading on this subject).

My conclusions from this whole brouha are as follows:

- 1.) Karl Furstenberg's letter was wrong and unfortunate. So what? He has apologized and admitted as much. Who amongst us has not committed a major screw-up in his life? Do you want to be judged only by that screw-up? I think not.
- 2.) The overall quality of the Dartmouth student body has never been better. I challenge anyone to refute this statement. And if you do not believe me or admissions or the administration, go to Hanover, ask the faculty, spend some time in the classroom, meet and talk to the students and ask the coaches. I am willing to bet a lot of money (ie. dinner at Lou's) on this one!!
- 3.) SPORTS ARE GOOD. They are good for you and they are an important, integral, positive part of one's education, personal growth and emotional well-being. They are not however, the be-all and the end-all; and the end (victory at any cost) does not justify any means. Whether Dartmouth or any other similar institution has achieved the proper balance is open to debate. The only aspect of the Dartmouth, Ivy, smaller, elite college programs that I find unfortunate is that every sport has become a year-round, full time commitment. It is no longer possible to "play" one in the fall and another in the spring. You are either a tennis player or you are not. I also think it is unfortunate that these schools cannot support freshman and junior varsity programs – but that's another subject.
- 4.) My final point: I will preface this one by stating unequivocally that quality education is our country's most important product. Without it, we cannot compete in a global marketplace and we will not survive as a great society. At best we would be doomed to mediocrity and there would be little hope that our children and theirs (yes, our grandchildren) would have the same opportunities that have allowed us to pursue our dreams, achieve our goals and enjoy our lives; opportunities that I think many of you would agree were made possible by the four years we spent at Dartmouth College. So let me return to my point. I think that it is a huge mistake and unfair to current and future Dartmouth students for anyone to hide behind minor issues, perceived grievances or petty complaints about fraternities, sports, admissions, the administration or the politics of the faculty and to use these disagreements as an excuse not to support the College.

Sincerely,

Rick Reiss

P.S. I have agreed to Co-Chair our 40th reunion fundraising effort. So when I or another member of our class calls you, please give us a hearing. I welcome the debate on this subject.

Dear Bob,

Although the answer to the last question may appear to be inconsistent with the answers to the rest of the questionnaire, I have always given to the College no matter how much I have disagreed with existing policy. The reason is that I expect the College to be subjected to folly from time to time, and I believe that I must support the continued existence of the College so that it can survive any such tomfoolery. In other words, I have faith that, in the long run, the College's students, faculty, alumni, Board of Trustees, and administrators will do the right thing for future generations of young people.

Hector Motroni

Dear Bob,

The Football issue is just one bit of a gnawing feeling that Dartmouth, like many of its peers, is on the wrong track. The outsized building programs, burgeoning creature comforts for students, even uppification of Hanover all are part, like the Football program, of a ratings game.

What should be important to alums and the College itself is not how it stacks up against its supposed peers in #applicants/opening, football standings or nature of facilities but rather whether Dartmouth graduates people poised to make contributions to society intellectually and materially. This runs to re-addressing the question "who are the best applicants?"

Dartmouth by some measures is always going to be a number 3-4-5 versus Princeton, Harvard, Yale, etc. So get over it. Let's not waste resources. In some ways Swarthmore has it right. My impression is that they try to attract the best applicants for their school and thereby are concerned only that the applicant pool be big enough to provide superlative Swarthmore classes. This is better targeting than trying to attract more applications from a pool holding many who may prefer other schools' locations, facilities, athletic programs.

Dartmouth is a unique and superlative institution. What matters is not that it has six applicants for every opening but that it has enough extremely able applicants who really want to be at Dartmouth because of its location and culture. The College should be building on its traditional special ability to attract active student-scholars with energy and can-do attitudes. Good athletic programs belong in this model but only to the extent that extramural and intramural opportunities abound for capable students. Dartmouth should not be bending admissions standards to recruit athletes who by any other measure would not be admitted.

Appropriate admissions standards should value diversity, athletic ability, community service and a host of other traits. Different students, as now, will have different mixes. The difference is that there will be no one or two traits which permit substantially lower academic accomplishment than the rest. We need to get beyond the rating game and go back to recognizing that graduating strong, capable, active players in the game of life is what has made Dartmouth and her alums hold dear a special bond.

Naturally, I think that the College had it right in the days of John Sloan Dickey.

Mark Blanchard

Dear Bob -

Rather than make suggestions about how to improve the story, I'd like to ask what the point is. Why have a survey that phrases questions and limits responses in ways that tend to accentuate extremes? Asking whether Wright should have praised, condemned, or fired Furstenberg seems silly — Are those really the most appropriate choices? What is the point of an informal survey where respondents are self-selected? Why spend time and attention on a letter Furstenberg wrote five years ago? If you want to stimulate meaningful dialog on the pros and cons of football and the athletic program at Dartmouth, that might be useful.

Or maybe you could apply your brainpower, your energy, and the advantages of a Dartmouth education to something important, to some real life-and-death issues. There are plenty to choose from, but here are a few off the top of my head:

- stopping the illegal, immoral, and just plain stupid war/occupation in Iraq is killing and wounding tens of thousands of people...*
- cutting off funding for Israel's brutal repression of Palestinians...*
- figuring out how to help the 1/6 of the people in the U.S. who live in poverty...*
- fixing the absurd healthcare system where 15% of the people in the wealthiest nation in the world don't have any health care...*
- doing something to rein in the ever-increasing corporate control of government?*

Peter Crownfield

Dear Bob:

For whatever it is worth, I thought I would wade into the Dean Furstenberg controversy.

I write from the perspective of my four years at Dartmouth where I missed not one football game (and saw something like 39 victories in four seasons) and spent hundreds of hours in a fraternity situation that was filled with beer, poker, bridge, bleary-eyed Sunday mornings recovering from Saturday nights, Wednesday evenings watching *The Fugitive* on the tube, and scene after scene right out of *The Animal House*. In contrast, my son Peter attended not one football game, never joined a fraternity (in fact never set foot in one), never played bridge or poker until the wee hours of the morning, never had a beer (not one), and saw no television on Wednesday evenings. But he did become a Senior Fellow and he did write and produce and act in the first student-written musical to be mounted on a Dartmouth stage in some 225 years.

From my perspective, although I had the best college experience I can imagine for myself, I am immensely proud that my college some 30 years later could provide my son with an experience that was so vastly different (and I think better) than the one I enjoyed on the Hanover Plain in the 1960s.

The point here is that in 2005 Dartmouth can provide everything from my 1960s experience to the very different experience my son enjoyed in the late 1990s. This leads me to conclude that it is a better place and a better school than it was in our day and that we geezers should be celebrating that fact and not letting ourselves get petulant and hysterical (and withholding money from our College) when some administrator says something stupid that does not comport with our gauzy memory of the school. If given a second chance to go to Dartmouth in the 21st century, would any of us really back away because of something a dean said in an unguarded moment? Wouldn't we be wise to disregard such minutia and instead embrace such a second chance because in our heart of hearts we know Dartmouth would be able to give us the best education and the best growing up experience available anywhere?

In the final analysis, Dartmouth is not the sum of my 1966 experience or my son's 1997 experience (or something in between) or the outcome of some football games or some unfortunate remarks made by a dean. It is so much more. And if we all don't see that, maybe we did not take away from our 1960s experience the things we should have.

Sincerely,

David W. Tucker

I have tried to capture as broad and balanced a perspective as I could find from your letters; my apologies to those I have left out for reasons of space and/or balance. A final letter from a classmate who has decided to parlay his feelings into alumni politics:

Dear Bob,

After a lot of review and soul searching, I have decided to agree to run as a petition candidate for the President of the Alumni Association. I feel the Alumni Association needs to be more transparent to the Alumni. Specifically, I am bothered that the only Alumni who can vote for the Executive Committee and Officers must physically be in attendance at a meeting on Sunday, 23 October 05. I believe use of e-mail, mail or telephone, like corporations do for shareholder votes, is more appropriate. The same goes for changes to the Association Constitution, which is scheduled to be discussed on 23 Oct 05.

I know Stan Colla is running for secretary-treasurer and I'm sure he would agree that this is an important meeting and would urge, as I do, that our classmates, regardless of their views or vote, try to attend the Sunday morning meeting in the Hop's Alumni Hall on our Mini Reunion weekend.

This election will have a major effect in Alumni relations with the College. The major function of the Alumni Assoc. is its nomination of alumni to the Board of Trustees.

Given the recent elections of three Trustees through the petition process, I believe the next (Alumni Association) Executive Committee may well be asked by the establishment to abridge or eliminate the petition route without a mail vote by the Alumni. Association meetings though open to all alumni, are lightly attended, and since the date of the annual meeting was changed 15 years ago to frequently coincide with Alumni Council meetings, there is a pronounced tendency toward an Association of "insiders" not representing the approximately 60,000 living alumni.

Thanks for the "soap box" and I look forward to seeing everyone at the game.

Dean Spatz

Next "Along Route '66"

I believe we have probably exhausted the Furstenberg/football controversy and, taking the suggestion of Peter Crownfield, will devote my "newsletter" energy to helping our Reunion Committee communicate timely reports on their progress. 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!!!

Class of 1966 Homecoming Mini-Reunion—October 21-22, 2005

Get set for our annual Class of 1966 Mini-Reunion for Homecoming! Following the successful pattern of past years, the weekend will include a Saturday morning pre-game brunch and Class meeting at Paul and Margo Doscher's home in Norwich, VT and a Class cocktail party and dinner at the Norwich Inn Saturday evening. In addition to the football game, there will be field hockey, soccer and cross country events, as well as other cultural/entertainment options for you to choose from. Please return the bottom portion of this page with your check made out to Dartmouth Class of 1966 (not to Al Keiller) by October 12, 2005. Please check out the College web site at www.dartmouth.edu (alumni/homecoming) for updated schedule of events.

Date	Time	Event
October 21	6:30 PM	Informal gathering at Molly's Restaurant, So. Main St
	7:00 PM	Parade of the Classes Meet at Memorial Field
	9:00 PM	Bonfire
October 22	10:00 AM	Class Brunch & Class Meeting Focus of meeting: Planning for 40 th Reunion Paul and Margo Doscher's home, Norwich, VT
	12:30 PM	Football Game vs. Columbia (order tickets directly from Dartmouth using ticket application sent by mail to you or calling 603-646-2466, but specify Class of 1966 section)
	4 PM	Post game reception hosted by the Class of 1964 in Hayward Lounge, Hanover Inn
	6:30 PM	Class cocktails at Norwich Inn ("Living Room")
	7:30 PM	Class Dinner at Norwich Inn ("Terrace Room") Presentation by John Sloan Dickey Class of 1966 Fellowship Recipient(s)

Directions to Paul and Margo Doscher's Home

Cross bridge from Hanover to Norwich. Proceed west to Norwich Inn. Take first left past Inn onto Beaver Meadow Road. Proceed one mile then take sharp right onto Brigham Hill Road. At top of hill turn left onto Tilden Hill Road. First driveway on left is Doscher's. Phone 802-649-2901.

PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 12, 2005

To: Al Keiller
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Yes, I plan to join you and other '66ers for our Mini-Reunion October 21-22, 2005. Please reserve dinner at the Norwich Inn for ____ adults @ \$40 each and ____ students/children @ \$25 each. I am enclosing a check made out to the Dartmouth Class of 1966 for \$_____ to cover the above.

(Name and phone #)

(Address)

Choice of Entrees for Dinner: _____ Rib Eye Steak #
_____ Salmon #

Where's Gary Contest

The on-line contest to locate Gary Broughton resulted in five winners...and some funny comments:

Winslow, AZ. Send grand prize ASAP (cash preferred)...Chris Sanger

He's in Winslow, Arizona and it's about mid-day in late May, I would guess. I forgot to add he's standing in front of a mural which depicts elements of the Jackson Browne-written song, as performed by The Eagles. A statue of Browne is there as well, although not seen. The flat-bed Ford in the mural can still be seen, in spite of the obliteration of the name Winslow. The picture may well have been taken by a bum who stands ready to accommodate tourists. There is no girl looking at him, however. And, of course, I forgot the most important thing of all: Gary's on Route 66. Now I find out the building with the mural had a fire in it, thus the fence around it. And the statue's not in place. And the exact address where Gary is located is: N.W corner of Kinsley Ave. & Second St., Winslow, AZ. (And I hope this teaches you the danger of having pop quizzes in our newsletter)...Peter Lake

Obviously Winslow, AZ...Ed Lerner

Winslow, [Arizona](#) - "Standin' on the Corner" Park. What did I win?...Dale Heckerling

Why, clearly in Winslow, AZ, paying homage to The Eagles. Any good boy who grew up on Highway 66 (Albuquerque) would know this!...George Browning

So, all five of you will be receiving a CD of all your favorite Dartmouth Glee Club songs...sorry, Chris.

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