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DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1966 40 YEAR REUNION MAY 26-29, 2006



40th Reunion - May 2006

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40th Reunion Mega Success!!

During the Memorial Day Weekend of May 26-29, 131 classmates and over 245 total attendees participated in the Class of 1966's Fortieth Reunion. This was the biggest turnout since the Class' 25th Reunion and easily surpassed the attendance of the Classes of 1964 (which also had a Memorial Day 40th) and 1965 (which participated in the College's June mid-week reunions last year).



Al and Jo Keiller at Registration

Classmates arriving in Hanover were greeted by special road signs at the entrance to the town, welcoming our Class back to the College.



The Reunion Committee, ably led by Chairman **Al Keiller** and Co-Chair **Roger Brett**, put on an activity-packed Friday-Monday affair, starting with Friday afternoon's Registration at the Hanover Inn's Hayward Lounge and receipt of a special Dartmouth fleece vest.

Common Ground in the Collis Student Center in old College Hall served as the venue for the welcoming reception and casual "pizza" dinner, with ample quantities of red and white wine and kegs of beer. In between renewing old acquaintances, and starting new ones, the co-ed Dodecophonics Singing Group put on an outstanding performance of both old hits from the 60's and more modern tunes. At about 9 PM the Class entourage moved back to Hayward Lounge for late night socializing.



(L to R): Jack Brister, Dean Spatz, Harry Santangelo, Steve Zegel



After a continental breakfast, catered by Lou's in Moore Hall, Saturday morning saw the first of our panel discussions, led by **Peter Prichard** and his panelists of **Steve Hayes**, **Jim Weiskopf**, and Andrew Samwick, Director of the College's Rockefeller Center. The topic "Everyone's a Critic: Media Bias in the Age of 24 Hour News" solicited a number of "pet peeves" from the audience, mixed in with the experiences of the panelists. Perhaps most intriguing was the recognition that the "old" ways of obtaining news, broadcast media and newspapers, have been supplanted by the internet, cable news, and (no kidding) Comedy Central!

The second panel of the morning focused on retirement. Led by **David Johnston**, the panel included **Rich Abraham** and **Jeff Brown**, but was largely an audience participation seminar, including lots of input from our spouses. Topics were broad, encompassing everything from starting second careers, travel, caring for aged parents, financial planning, medical issues, ongoing financial support of children, the education of grandchildren, to community service.



A short walk from Moore Hall led us to a big tent and barbeque at the DOC House on Occum Pond, for the traditional Reunion Picnic. Hamburgers and hot dogs were gobbled down in preparation for a broad range of afternoon sporting activities, campus tours, and museum trips. The golfers had a short walk to the first tee, where **Rich Kaiser** organized six foursomes (Including a ladies' medal group) into a Callaway competition, which no one but Rich could understand. Suffice it to say that the participants were even more suspicious of and befuddled by the scoring methodology when

Rich personally won two of the prizes and his foursome partner **Jim Beardsley** took first low net. **Dean Spatz** won second low net by apparently being granted as a "gimme" any putt within eight feet of the cup by **Rick Reiss** in return for a mythical gift to the Dartmouth College Fund!! The only legitimate winner appeared to be **Gene Nattie** with low gross of "74".

The tennis players were more democratic with their prizes; seemingly everyone won something. **Jeff Futter** organized the tennis competition and was ably assisted by our own **Ted Thompson**, Director of the College's Boss Tennis Center.

Dick Blacklow laid out an apparently tough race course for the five runners, including the jumping over, or wading through, three creeks. It is still unclear to the less athletic whether anyone finished the course, as Dick was conveniently away at a family graduation.

Other athletic endeavors included a hike up Mt. Gile and canoeing on the Connecticut River.

A number of people took a tour of the College's new facilities, led by College Architect Jack Wilson. Major stops on the tour, which was also given again on Sunday afternoon, included the new state-of-the-art (to put it mildly) Fitness Center, on the second floor of the Gymnasium, a view of the major renovations to Memorial Field (the laying of artificial turf and the construction of a new football locker room and training facility behind the East stands), renovations to the pool, the new dorms on the old Mary Hitchcock site, the Berry Library, the Kemeny Mathematics Building, the new dorms on Tuck Mall, and renovations at the Thayer School.

Perhaps the most heavily attended tour was to the Billings Farm National Historic Site in Woodstock. Led by Margie Carpenter, many of the golf, tennis, and runner "widows" participated, along with some of our more intellectual classmates. The farm, including the Mansion and Gardens, was formerly owned by the Rockefeller family and donated to the National Park System a few years ago.

Other tours included the Baker-Berry Library, the Hopkins Center, and the Dartmouth Greenhouse.

While a couple of golf foursomes played eighteen holes in a record seven hours (complaints surfaced about some of our more frugal classmates searching for lost balls), the majority of the attendees found a bit of time for relaxation prior to the start of the evening events. Others, most notably alumni of the Tabard, Theta Delt, and Alpha Theta, re-united in their old houses, invariably complaining about the smell (how soon we forget!!). Theta Delt included the Classes of 1964 -68, with get-togethers at the Smoyer Lounge, the home of Sven Karlen '65, the House, and a lake in Lyme.



Tabard Reunion



Alpha Theta Reunion



(L to R) Tom & Donna Clarke, Roger & Korcki Brett, Chuck Vernon at Theta Delt Reunion

In recognition of the fact that Thayer Hall will be regrettably torn down (did I hear some cheers?) in the next year or so, the Saturday night reception and dinner were held at the place we all loved our freshman year and couldn't wait to get out of as upperclassmen. Sorry to say, "Mystery Meat" was not on the menu, but in its place a delicious seafood/lobster bake including clams, chowder, corn on the cob, chicken and all the trimmings. There was an unfulfilled clamoring for pads of butter and extra napkins to see if we could still "hit the ceiling".



Co-President **Steve Warhover** served as emcee, introducing **Bob Spence** and **Rick Reiss**, our DCF co-chairs who presented two checks, one for \$540,000 for our Reunion gift to the Fund and another for \$4.9 million for the Class' contribution to the College's current Capital Campaign, "The Will to Excel". Accepting on behalf of the College was Bob Ceplikas '78, Deputy Director of Athletics, who gave a brief presentation on the state of Dartmouth sports.



Music and dancing, wine and beer, continued at Common Ground in Collis, where a disc jockey treated us to “Songs of the Sixties”. Towards the end of the evening, he led a count-down of the results of our Class poll of the best fifteen songs of 1966 (see page 12). Throughout the evening, current students “dropped by” to enjoy the music and our dancing acumen, to such tunes as “Let’s Twist Again” and “Shout”.



Karen Serenbetz and Robin Carpenter

After another fabulous Lou’s continental breakfast outside 105 Dartmouth, Sunday morning began with a panel devoted to issues facing the current student body, administration, and faculty at the College. Moderated by **Noel Fidel**, the panel included four children of classmates and current students (Elias Tapley, Alex Fidel, Michael Reiss, and

Rob Cowden), minority student Alysia Harris, Dean of Residential Life Marty Redman, former Vice-President of Alumni Relations **Stan Colla**, and Professor **Dick Birnie**. Suffice it to say that while the campus is still struggling with the relative emphasis of teaching vs. research, the Student Life Initiative, and the integration of minority students into Dartmouth life, the students remain bright, dedicated, and multi-faceted.

Co-President **Bill Higgins** led the Class Meeting, which included a financial report from Treasurer **Jim Weiskopf** (we are solvent and should have a \$50,000 kitty to support our 50th Reunion in ten years), **Bob Spence**’s update on the Class’ performance vs. goal in the Dartmouth College Fund (46% participation, cash and pledges at 86% of goal, and still a month to go before the campaign ends), and a report from **Rich Daly** on the Bequest program (the Class leads all classes from the 60’s in Bartlett Society membership). **Gary Broughton** presented an update on our Class projects, which over the past few years have included two John Sloan Dickey Foundation fellowships for work abroad and a \$1,000 commitment to the Dartmouth Sponsors Program, which pays for visits by student athlete recruits to the campus. Looking forward, Gary presented options for consideration, including contributions to the Tucker Foundation community service programs, a stone 1966 marker in the newly planned Alumni Plaza to the north of the Baker-Berry Library, memorial trees and benches, and an endowed (\$50,000) Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund. There was discussion regarding the reduction of Dickey Fellowships from two to one, an increase in the funding of the Dartmouth Sponsors Program to \$2,000 per year (for which we would have two student athletes per year to interact with at mini-reunions), annual funding of a Class Scholarship with completion at our 50th Reunion, and purchase of a stone marker at Alumni Plaza. In order to fund the increased activity, the Class approved a dues and projects increase to the level of \$66 (\$50 for dues and \$16 for projects) from the current \$50. A final plan will be developed by the Executive Committee.



Bill mentioned that planning was already taking shape for the Class' 65th Birthday Party in 2009. A poll will be undertaken in conjunction with the next Newsletter to determine preferred options regarding time and locale. Interest was high for an add-on week of travel, perhaps coordinated through Dartmouth Alumni Continuing Education and Travel.

The Nominating Committee of Bill Higgins and Steve Warhover presented its slate of new officers, which was unanimously approved by the Class: **Chuck Sherman**, President; **Al Keiller**, Vice

President, **Larry Geiger**, Secretary, and **Tim Urban**, Treasurer. Appointed officers included **Bob Spence** as Head Agent, **Alan Rottenberg** as Bequest Chair, **Terry Lowd** as Mini-Reunion Chair, and **Bob Serenbetz** as Newsletter Editor. Chuck will continue in his role as Webmaster for the time being, while we await a skilled volunteer to take over this responsibility. A Class Executive Committee will also be selected shortly.

The Sunday morning activities concluded with a picture of reunion participants on the steps of Dartmouth Hall and an attempt to capture photographically a "66" on the lawn of Dartmouth Row. Unfortunately, the ladder used by Daily Dartmouth photographer Kawahaki Awina proved to be a bit short. Nevertheless, the class photo, used on the cover of this newsletter, was excellent and can be downloaded from the Class website. We sincerely thank Kawa for his efforts.



The Café Courtyard at the Hopkins Center served as the backdrop for the Sunday Class Lunch (box lunches, soft drinks in plastic tubs carried by Al and Roger, etc.). A number of classmates moved on a short distance to the Hood Museum for a presentation by Director Brian Kennedy and, following the presentation, a tour of the facility. The Campus facility tour with Jack Wilson was repeated, with most of the participants ending up on the Baker Tower, with its spectacular views of the campus and the Upper Valley. The Tower was open especially for the Class of 1966 Reunion for most of the afternoon.

Golfers, tennis players, and hikers could have another "go" at their favorite sports, or try Class 2 white water rafting on (what else?) the White River.



Other tours included the College's Organic Farm north of Hanover and another Margie Carpenter-led trip to the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, NH, for a tour of the Sculpture Museum and Gardens. A short drive across the Connecticut to the Cornish Art Colony Museum completed the trip. In addition, graduates of the Thayer School had a reception overlooking the new atrium at the School.



Thayer School Reception



An open bar and hors d'oeuvres at the "Top of the Hop" started the evening activities with entertainment by the Dartmouth Aires. A delicious sliced tenderloin and salmon dinner in Alumni Hall was followed by a special presentation by Dean Emeritus Ralph Manuel honoring **Bill Higgins** with the College's Alumni Award. Bill is our second classmate so honored (**Fred Rosenblatt** was the first) and the presence of daughter Molly '91 and son-in-law Rich Aube '91, along with granddaughters Haley and Claire, made it an extra special family event for Bill and Jane. I should add that **Hector Motroni** will become the third Class of 1966 recipient of the Alumni Award later this year.

Chuck Sherman took over emceeing duties and introduced Professor Emeritus Jere Daniell '55 of the History Department, who taught perhaps fifty of us such subjects as Colonial History (he had embarrassingly compiled a list of our grades in his courses!). Professor Daniell gave a fascinating talk on the issues discussed at the College during our four years (preparing for coeducation, the departure of John Sloan Dickey, his refusal to accept government funding of a major micro-biology lab, masters programs in the arts and sciences, etc.), many of which were unknown to us at the time. Chuck then presented the outgoing class presidents with Dartmouth chairs and **Al** and Jo **Keiller** and **Roger** and



Korki **Brett** with beautiful Hanover Bowls from Simon Pearce for all their hard work on behalf of the Class' 40th reunion. The evening concluded with night-caps and socializing in the Hayward Lounge at the Hanover Inn.



Monday morning started with a Memorial Service at the Rollins Chapel (view at left from our Baker Tower tour), in honor of the forty-seven classmates who have passed since matriculation. Fred Berthold '45, former head of the Tucker Foundation, led the service. **Bill Higgins, Steve Warhover, Wayne LoCurto, and Steve Zegel** read the names of the departed classmates. A copy of the Memorial Program is available on the Class Website.

The final event was a closing brunch in the Daniel Webster Room of the Hanover Inn. The food and setting were grand, and we heard for the first time of the birth of Mary and **Brad Stein's** "grand-legacy" (see below), but melancholia filled the room as we realized it would be another five years before we were all together again.

So much of the weekend's success was due in large measure to the hard work of Reunion Chair **Al Keiller** and Co-Chair **Roger Brett**, their wives Jo and Korki, and the Committee that supported Al and Roger. Final thoughts from our Reunion leaders:



As your Co Chairs, we first want to thank those who joined us for our 40th Reunion: 131 classmates and 245 total participants. The near perfect weather facilitated participation in our many activities, including 30 golfers, 20 tennis players, 5 runners, 21 hikers, 51 who toured the Billings and/or the St. Gaudens museums, and 35 and 23 who canoed and white water rafted, respectively. Various tours of new campus facilities, the Hood Museum, the College greenhouse and organic farm, and Baker-Berry Library provided other activity options. The year of planning was well worth the many compliments we received. For those who could not join us, don't miss our 65th Birthday or our 45th Reunions. Second, we want to thank our Committee members who literally did the heavy lifting over the weekend: Jim Weiskopf, Chuck Sherman, Robin Carpenter, Rich Daly and Ken Zuhr: and a special thanks goes to Margie Carpenter (tours), Rich Kaiser (golf), Jeff Futter and Ted Thompson (tennis), Bob Serenbetz (publicity), and Co Presidents Bill Higgins and Steve Warhover. Third, we want to also thank the moderators of our three excellent panels: Peter Prichard, Dave Johnston, and Noel Fidel. Finally, Jo and Korki join us in thanking you all for the lovely Simon Pearce Hanover bowls presented to us Sunday evening.

Al Keiller and Roger Brett

The fact that the Class had elected to "do it on our own", without the help the College provides for a mid-week in June reunion, made the weekend that much more difficult to plan, execute...and SPECIAL!

As your Newsletter Editor, I'd personally like to thank those of you who shared your pictures of the reunion, including Tom Brady, Roger Brett, Wayne LoCurto, Rick Kornblum, Chuck Sherman, and Dave Pothoff. Many of the photos were included in this Newsletter. Those who have others to share for future issues of "Along Route '66", please forward jpeg files to me at bobserenbetz@prodigy.net. They may also be posted on the Class' website.

Reunion Miscellany

As referenced above, Mary and **Brad Stein** left the Reunion early Monday morning to drive through to Washington, DC, for the early arrival of their first grandchild. Brad recounts the events leading up to Monday...and what followed:

At around 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 28th, Mary and I had just returned from a hike up Cardigan Mountain with Bill and Joan Bailey and Ken and Samira Meyercord, our afternoon activity in what was a perfect reunion weekend. We were in the midst of getting ready for the class cocktails and dinner at the Hop and Alumni Hall when we got a call from our son, Zachary Stein '96, from Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. Zack's wife, Margaret Chang '96, had gone into labor and their baby, our first grandchild, would soon be born. After consulting the Serenbetz's, the Baileys, the Meyercords, the Pauls, the Sangers, the Nadels, and others, we decided to leave for the drive to Washington early the next morning. At 6 a.m. we were on the road south. At around 10:15 we arrived at our house in Mamaroneck, N.Y., re-packed our luggage, and set out again. Late in the afternoon we reached the District and the hospital. When we arrived in Margaret's room we met the proud parents and little Isabel Stein, 7 pounds 7 ounces, and 22 inches long (!). Isabel also has a Chinese name, Yi Jueh, which means something like independence and spunkiness. (Be careful what you wish for!) To Mary she looked like Margaret; to me she just looked like a perfect baby. After a few hours of visiting, and giving the new baby her Dartmouth sweatshirt, hat, mittens and sleeper, we left to stay at Zack and Margaret's apartment, where we had dog-sitting duty with their Collie-Labrador mix, Ripken. And that's how we spent the next two days, walking the dog in the morning, evening and at night, shopping a little, and visiting the family in the hospital. Isabel and Margaret are both fine, Zack is too, and all of them went home on Wednesday, as did Mary and I.



Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to make a wonderful 40th Reunion, that ended for us on such a high note.

Besides Brad's note, I also received word from two classmates who had wished to join us. **Albie Macdonald** wrote, "I'm sorry to have to miss our 40th Reunion in Hanover this weekend. I'll be traveling to Wales on Wednesday with seven other Winchester Country Club members to play golf for eight days all around the Wales coast. It was poor planning to have our trip scheduled in conflict with the '66 reunion, but the scheduling was done by some unsympathetic Harvard types. They are all good friends, though, so I went along with the oversight. The trip includes five successive presidents of the Winchester Country Club, and a sixth who is likely to succeed number five when it's his turn. It might seem like this traveling group of good friends has the inside track with the WCC voters, like Bill Higgins and Steve Warhover with the Class of '66, but it's just the way things happened through a very insightful and impartial nominating committee...I enjoy reading about all our talented classmates, and remembering how great it was to be part of those four years. When I think about how casual I was about applying to college – only two applications, Bates and Dartmouth – I can't get over how really lucky I was to have been in the Dartmouth '66 circle. I wish I could be with you this time around to celebrate the years, but I'll have to hope for another chance in 2011 or 2016. Wow, does that seem like a long way away for 1966! All the best wishes to you and our classmates."

Coming Events

Fall 2006 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 13-14, 2006
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65th Birthday Party	London, UK (?) (Subject to Class Poll)	TBD, 2009
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“With great regrets I will be unable to attend our 40th”, wrote **Jim Hourdequin**. “Son Jim, Class of ’97, will be getting married in Bennington, VT that very weekend. We will, however, be visiting Hanover more frequently as Jim now makes his home in Hartford, VT, across the river, and will be working for Lyme Properties with offices above the former site of the Dartmouth Co-op. His fiancé, Kathryn Cunningham (Harvard College, Yale MD), will be moving her practice to the Upper Valley as well – site to be determined. We are delighted at the prospect of a new daughter-in-law and an extended family. Wife Marg has bounced back from her frightening experience with a muscle-debilitating, auto-immune disease after a productive week at the Mayo Clinic last June. She has continued as Principal of King Philip Middle School here in West Hartford, and after lots of drugs and persistent P.T., she is back cross-country skiing. Hurrah! Daughter Marion will be leaving her philosophy teaching at Brandeis to start a similar job at Colorado College. We’ll miss her and our only grandchild (so far), but we’ll enjoy the excuse to visit Colorado. Son Peter finishes his Masters in Asian Studies at Hawaii in May, but will probably remain in Hawaii...another great place to visit. All continues to go well and we thank God for our many blessings.”

Sadly, a death in the family prevented **Lee Sandler** from joining us: “I unfortunately will not make it to Hanover for the Reunion. I will be in San Francisco for a memorial service for my brother-in-law who unexpected passed away. I am sorry I won’t be able to share good new times and old memories with the class members who are able to be there.”

Finally, although he could not attend, **Jim Edson** took the time to compose a poem: “’Twas the Year of Reunion – Dartmouth ‘66”

’Twas the year of reunion and all through the Class
Waxed the visions of football with cheering en masse
With banners unfurling and orators shining
’Neath well-catered class tents ’midst mugs and fine dining
Were arrayed sixty-sixers in helmets or tweeds
And the merriment grew like Connecticut’s reeds
Under sun and white clouds the hand-slapping mission
Was as noisy as with laughter as nuclear fission
As I swung from my beer keg to see what was the matter
I noticed that most of the class had grown fatter
With stories of ski trips and grandkids and such
I knew our Class Secretary would keep us in touch
With a nightcap for Gile, or Fayer or Mass
I sensed that the festive event would soon pass
From the back of the Libes, to the Top of the Hop
The percussion and Jazz bands would simply not stop
As I lifted the toasts, and sang College songs
It was on Dartmouth campus my heart still belongs

Hits of 1966

The final results of our poll of favorite songs of 1966 were as follows:

1. California Dreamin' (Mamas and the Papas)
2. Monday, Monday (Mamas and the Papas)
3. The Sounds of Silence (Simon & Garfunkel)
4. Good Vibrations (Beach Boys)
5. When a Man Loves a Woman (Percy Sledge)
6. We Can Work It Out (Beatles)
7. (You're My) Soul and Inspiration (Righteous Bros.)
8. Summer in the City (Lovin' Spoonful)
9. You Can't Hurry Love (Supremes)
10. Turn, Turn, Turn (Byrds)
11. Reach Out, I'll Be There (Four Tops)
12. Wild Thing (Troggs)
13. Paperback Writer (Beatles)
14. Walk Away Renee (Left Banke)
15. Good Lovin' (Young Rascals)
16. Time Won't Let Me (Outsiders)
17. Gloria (Shadows of Night)
18. Red Rubber Ball (Cyrkle)
19. Li'l Red Riding Hood (Sam the Sham & the Pharoahs)
20. 19th Nervous Breakdown (Rolling Stones)
21. Last Train to Clarksville (Monkees)
22. Bus Stop (Hollies)
23. Paint It Black (Rolling Stones)
24. Lightnin' Strikes (Lou Christie)
25. Hanky Panky (Tommy James & the Shondells)

Attendees at the reunion received a CD of the Top 15; any classmates who would like a copy, please send \$5 to cover shipping and handling to me at PO Box 1127, Newtown, PA 18940.

Hits of 1966 Contest

For those of you who would like a copy of all twenty-five songs, we are running another of our "Along Route '66" contests!! The classmate(s) with the most correct answers to the following questions will receive a free CD:

1. A famous songwriter performed one of the Top 25... name him and another song that he wrote, but did not perform, that was also in the Top 25
2. Two members of different groups who performed songs from the Top 25 went on to form one of the "Super" groups of the 1970's. Who are they and what was the name of their new group?
3. Name the major league pitcher, who performed in a World Series during the 1990's, whose nick name was one of the Top 25 songs.
4. Name the Broadway show, soon to be a major motion picture, that was based on one of the performing groups of the Top 25.

Please email your answers to me at BobSerenbetz@prodigy.net or send them to PO Box 1127, Newtown, PA 18940.