

Along Route '66



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This edition of "Along Route '66" gives me the opportunity to get caught up with a number of news items that have come in since the beginning of the year, but got "deferred" given the emphasis on publicizing the 40th Reunion. There have also been a number of emails received from classmates concerning the reunion which I'd like to share.

I'm also pleased to announce that **Ben Day** has agreed to serve the Class as Webmaster, with responsibility for updating the Class website with news, features, and photos. Our first and only Webmaster up until now, Class Prez **Chuck Sherman**, will be assisting Ben during the transition. On behalf of the Class, thanks, Ben, for agreeing to perform this important function.

Homecoming Mini-Reunion

The Homecoming Mini-Reunion, October 13-14, is just around the corner...and new Mini-Reunion Chair **Terry Lowd** has an activity-packed weekend planned for us all, including a get-together with other alumni at Blunt (the white building next to Hitchcock) prior to the Parade, morning brunch and class meeting at the Hanover Inn, a chance to see the progress made by Coach Teevens and the Big Green football team vs. Holy Cross, a reception with the Classes of 1964, 1965 and 1967 after the football game, and the annual class dinner at the Norwich Inn, with presentations by Dickey Class Fellowship winners and recipients of our Dartmouth Sponsors stipend. So be sure to send in your sign-up sheet on Page 7 and build on the friendships renewed or made at the 40th!!

News from Classmates

Tony Yezer, who was unable to attend the reunion, but enjoyed the last issue highlighting the event, notes "I am really enjoying the website, webcam, and the newsletter. Your efforts are appreciated. My only complaint is the high ranking of "The Last Train to Clarksville" by the Monkees in the Hits of 1966 list - actually I would complain about anything by the Monkees making the top 25! Anyway, keep up your efforts to keep the spirit of '66 alive and thanks again."

Our erstwhile Reunion Co-Chair **Roger Brett** sent along the following: "In line with your request for more pics and as a possible follow up for the next Newsletter, I thought the attached was very appropriate as it depicts the sole casualty of the Reunion. You are probably aware that **Jeff Brown** took an elbow to the eye during the Group Photo in front of Dartmouth Hall and it developed into a real, full blown shiner as shown. This picture is very appropriate as it was **Howie Weiner** who inadvertently gave Jeff the elbow as he fell off the Dartmouth Hall steps. To get revenge, Jeff beat Howie at this pool game and he must have done it with good sight out of only one eye, which makes the loss for Howie even worse! By the way, I understand from Claudia that Jeff named his eye his 'Weiner Shiner'!"



Thought I'd share the thoughts of **Pete Barber**, which I believe represent those of many of us after our reunion weekend in Hanover: "Bob, your name was on my list of fellow 66'ers to write upon my return from the east coast----been back two weeks but have not worked my list very well. I regret I did not really hook up for a chat in the 3-4 days, but I was amazed as to how many guys I knew, even though most of the connections were from my New Hampshire Hall days, well over 40 years ago...not many frat bros returned or fellow jocks, but that did not diminish from the fun...the wives were great, not intimidated by the slight regressing of their husband's maturity levels!! It truly was a very well thought-out reunion and the weather fully.....it seemed like most of the tall alums had slimmed down and the



Steve Zegel and Pete Barber at the Reunion Barbeque

shorter guys such as myself had gained a few..... many good conversations bringing up fond memories...I was very surprised by the number of 2nd homes on Cape Cod from just the number of alums I talked to, including our place in Chatham. To be honest, I was not really looking forward to the reunion all that much, but I was very pleasantly surprised with so many good conversations with alums such as Dick Birnie, Tom Clarke, Wally Buschmann, Ken Berger, Chuck Vernon, Bill Duval, Don Graves, Clark Griffith, Chris Meyer, Dave Pothoff, Neil Castaldo, George Emlen, Bill Higgins, Dean Spatz and so many more. Hope you and Karen are doing well and am already looking forward to the next get together."

Steve Coles apparently spent the long ride back from the reunion to his home in Hawaii reading James Zug's book on John Ledyard, "The American Traveler": "I highly recommend it to all class members, whether they were Canoe Club members or not. Among other tidbits, it recounts how he may have been the originator of the term "Dartmouth Green" in a letter to Eleazor Wheelock explaining his reasons for leaving the College. It's available at Amazon.com."

Coming Events

Fall 2006 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 13-14, 2006
65th Birthday Party	London, UK (?) (Subject to Class Poll)	TBD, 2009

Class President **Chuck Sherman** apparently has won a convert in his continuing campaign, expressed often during the reunion, to designate the slow-moving, not too bright “moose” as the Dartmouth mascot: “So, I’m guessing Chuck and I are the unabashed ‘66 D-Moose poster boys,” writes **Jon Colby**. I stand proudly with my raised antlers, turn down nose and droopy ears are ready to take on all Tigers, Bull Dogs, Lions (Columbia, Nittany or otherwise). Our Moose will stomp your pussycat mascots and dump a robust load on their defeated heads as a reminder of his noble and stately new responsibility: epitomizing the enduring, proud, independent, irrepressible and irresistible spirit of the North. Yes, Chuck and I back this fine four legged Native American. Right for my favorite president, right for us! (Oh, yes, he is a BULL MOOSE, even though that might risk sideline jeers of Bullsh- -). Get over it slackers, what our big boy lacks in table manners, he makes up in, mmm, well didn’t one win the heart of some Milk Cow somewhere in Vermont a while back?” When I pointed out that Jon’s foofy dog Vinny hardly supported his case (better to have a Lab, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, or even a Pit Bull), Jon replied, “As to Vinny, our loyal, fierce, adorable Cairn Terrier (AKA Terrorist) , I’ll simply mention that he takes on all challengers with gritty determination. He combines feline independence with an all-knowing awareness. And that’s saying a lot from a kid who raised litters of Goldens, Labs and German Shepherds. Go git ‘m, Vinny!”



Vinny and Jon Colby (Vinny on left)



Joff Keane sent along a long note recounting his travel experiences leading up to the Reunion: “Who said luggage living was no fun? My wife Graciela and I sadly brought to a close six months of exciting nomadic existence at the end of April. We began last October in Asuncion when I retired from the Foreign Service while in place as US Ambassador to Paraguay. We enjoyed the Southern Spring relaxing at a beachfront home in Punta del Este and enjoying fine steaks and wine, perfect weather, windsurfing, and spectacular bird watching. The early Southern Summer was spent in Argentina and Chile, including Buenos Aires, Tierra del Fuego, and Argentina’s magnificent Glacial Park. Chile’s Southern Lakes District, one of the most beautiful spots on earth, was the perfect scenario for scores of miles of hikes, horseback riding, boating, and Graciela’s

painting. Two weeks in Peru and Colombia provided the chance to steep ourselves again in colonial history as well as see many friends and family. Three weeks hiking the national parks of Costa Rica barely scratched the surface of that little Garden of Eden. We are now settling down in Fairfax, VA.” Joff can be reached at 3947 Fairfax Square, Fairfax, VA 22031.

Dick Birnie sent along some photos of “two ‘66’ers practicing for retirement - salmon fishing on Lake Winnepesaukee.”



Chuck Sherman and Fish



Dick Birnie and Fishes

Question is: Who caught the biggest fish???

I received a note from the College that **Steve Jordan** had been selected by New Hampshire Magazine as one of the “Top Docs” of 2006. The New London, NH Hospital noted in an ad recognizing Steve’s election, “We are proud to announce that Dr. Jordan was recognized as the state’s top internist. We applaud his continued dedication to New London Hospital and our patients, his pursuit of clinical excellence and the outstanding medical care he provides.” Congratulations, Steve, on a tremendous honor.



Sharon and **Gary Broughton** and Karen and I joined a Dartmouth Alumni Travel tour of southern Africa in early May, which included visits to Cape Town, the Cape of Good Hope, the wine growing region surrounding Stellenbosch, Johannesburg, Soweto, Victoria Falls (at Livingstone, Zambia), Chobe National Park in Botswana, and the Thornybush Game Reserve on the border of Kruger National Park. Other than the fifteen hour plane ride to get there, the trip was fascinating, with side visits to a number of the places significant in South African history, including Robbens Island (where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned) and the excellent Apartheid Museum. The four days in Chobe and Thornybush gave us a

chance to see firsthand the “Big Five” (lions, leopards, rhinos, buffalo, and elephants) and the lions’ “prey” (giraffe, zebra, impala, wildebeest, etc.), all in their natural habitat, along with countless species of birds and other animals (hippos, crocs, and hyenas). It’s indescribable to be within ten feet of a lion pride chewing on its “kill” in an open land rover.



Tom Brady sent along a photo taken at his daughter Cindy’s wedding, July 3, 2005:

Back row: George Lathrop (son-in-law) and grand daughter Elizabeth (2 yrs), Jamie Falik (son-in-law), Tom Brady ‘66, Sam Carson (father-in-law and Dartmouth class of ‘34), son Rick (Denison ‘01) and Rick’s fiancé, Bonani Ray (Ohio State ‘01)

Front row: Grand daughter Caroline (6), grand son Sam (3), daughter Kathy Lathrop (Colgate ‘94), daughter Cindy (Denison ‘97), and wife Betsy (Smith ‘68).

Phil Wade was the first to respond to the offer of a copy of the “Top Hits of 1966” CD: “I’m sorry to have missed the reunion...away that weekend for long planned grandchildren reunion. It looks like it was a great time. Given my present location and work (Internist at Dartmouth Hitchcock), it would have been a pretty local trip for Barbara and me.” Phil’s address is 8 Acorn Hill Road in Lyme, NH.

Finally, **Bill Ferris** had suggested to the 40th Reunion Committee that a compilation of digital photos of all attendees be put on the web in advance of the Reunion. Workloads being what they were, a volunteer could not be found to take on this responsibility. However, new Webmaster Ben Day has now started a Photo Gallery on the Class website; be sure to check it out. And here’s the photo Bill forwarded of a sailing day with wife Cheryl in Grenada.



Class of 1966 Participation in College Fund Over 50%!

For the first time in recent memory, the Class achieved its participation goal of 53%, with a final figure of 53.8%! While the dollar goal of \$650,000 was missed by a little less than \$100,000 (final amount raised \$553,371), the Class can nevertheless be proud of its efforts, as we raised \$318,000 more than in 2005. Perhaps we have to negotiate a more realistic dollar goal!!

Our thanks to **Bob Spence**, for his overall efforts at directing all aspects of the fund, and to **Rick Reiss** for his tireless work as Co-Chair during our reunion year.

Class of 1966 Athletic Sponsors Recipient

For the just completed fiscal year, the recipient of the Class' Athletic Sponsors contribution was Stefan Grundmann of Bethesda, MD. Track Coach Barry Harwick '77 wrote, "We were thrilled that Stefan decided to attend Dartmouth after a successful campus visit. Stefan was an excellent hurdler in Maryland last year; he won the state title in the 300 hurdles last spring and we feel he has great potential for our team at Dartmouth. We lost our top hurdler to graduation so we really filled an important need with Stefan, part of a very strong Class of 2010."

We look forward to Stefan joining us for our Homecoming dinner on October 14.

Association of Alumni Constitutional Change

You may recall that on February 12 of this year, constitutional amendments were approved changing the procedure for future constitutional changes from in-person voting requiring a three quarters majority to "all media" voting requiring a two thirds majority. Subsequent to that vote, the Alumni Council in May unanimously ratified a proposed new constitution presented by the Alumni Governance Task Force. This constitution will be voted on from September 15 to October 31 by all alumni using "all media": on-line, by phone, or by regular mail.

Details of the proposal are available on the College's website at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/association>, including several links to, among other items, opposing points of view and a side-by-side comparison of the current constitution vs. the new proposed constitution. Some of the key changes include a consolidation of the Association of Alumni and the Alumni Council, an increase in the number of class representatives, all-alumni voting on at-large members and half of the Nominating and Balloting Committee members, and a change in the procedure for nominating Alumni Trustees, including the requirements for petition candidates. The Class Executive Committee is in favor of the changes; an editorial rationalizing this position will be published in the next newsletter. We welcome any editorial positions from classmates opposing the change, a selection of which will also be published, so that you have a balanced perspective, pro and con.

Regardless of your position on the proposed new constitution, please exercise your right to vote.

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER AT THE MINI!!

Class of 1966 Homecoming Mini-Reunion—October 13-14, 2006

Get set for our annual Class of 1966 Mini-Reunion for Homecoming! The weekend will include a Saturday morning **Class meeting** and **brunch** at the Hayward Lounge, Hanover Inn, a **post game reception** at the Hayward Lounge 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** by October 6, 2006. Please check out the College web site at www.dartmouth.edu (alumni/homecoming) for updated schedules of events.

Date	Time	Event
October 13	6:30 PM	Informal gathering at Blunt Alumni Center (complimentary subs, chips and soft drinks; open to all alumni)
	7:15 PM	Parade of the Classes Meet at Memorial Field
	9:00 PM	Bonfire
October 14	10:00 AM	Class Meeting and brunch Hayward Lounge, Hanover Inn
	12:30 PM	Football Game vs. Holy Cross (order tickets directly from Dartmouth using ticket application sent by mail to you, going to the Dartmouth football website at http://athletics.dartmouth.edu/sports/m-footbl/ , or calling 603-646-2466, but specify Class of 1966 section)
	4 PM	Post game reception hosted by the Class of 1966 in Hayward Lounge, Hanover Inn (by tradition, Classes of '64, '65 and '67 also invited)
	6:30 PM	Class cocktails at Norwich Inn ("Living Room")
	7:30 PM	Class Dinner at Norwich Inn ("Terrace Room") Presentation by Class of 1966 John Sloan Dickey Fellowship recipient(s) and/or Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors recipient(s)

PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 6, 2006

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Yes, I plan to join you and other '66ers for our Mini-Reunion October 13-14, 2006. Please reserve dinner at the Norwich Inn for ___ adults @ \$45 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: _____ Beef #
_____ Salmon #

Special dietary needs _____

Dartmouth 2006 Football Schedule

Sept. 16	at Colgate
Sept. 23	New Hampshire
Sept. 30	at Penn
Oct. 7	Yale
Oct. 14	Holy Cross (Homecoming)
Oct. 21	at Columbia
Oct. 28	Harvard
Nov. 4	at Cornell
Nov. 11	Brown
Nov. 18	at Princeton