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Large Turnout for Homecoming Mini-Reunion

About 60 members and guests of the Class of 1966 journeyed to Hanover for the Homecoming Mini-Reunion, October 19-20. A heavy rainstorm greeted those marching in the Parade of the Classes down Main Street, which tended to shorten the ceremonies in front of Dartmouth Hall, but not the enthusiasm of the Class of 2011 as they lit the bonfire and chased each other across the Green.

Hayward Lounge at the Inn was the site of the Saturday morning brunch and class meeting. **Rich Kaiser**, **Al Keiller**, Linda and **Bob Spence**, Melanie and **Dave Barton**, **Ken Reiber**, Sharon and **Gary Broughton**, and **Paul Doscher** were among those deliberating over Class business, including the decision to hold the 65th Birthday Party and add-on walking trip in Santa Fe during the Spring of 2009. In a poll conducted over the last four months, 49% of respondents chose Santa Fe as their first choice compared to 33% for second-place London. As important, 100% said they would attend a reunion in Santa Fe, regardless of their preferred site. Of those who chose Santa Fe, almost half said they would also attend an add-on walking trip.

There was considerable discussion of Class projects. President Chuck Sherman announced the re-establishment of a book purchase program through Baker Library to memorialize all deceased classmates. A continuation of two John Sloan Dickey Fellowships for work abroad, and a \$1,000 per year contribution to the Athletic Sponsors Program, to provide funding for trips to the campus by prospective student-athletes, was approved. The Class also approved a plan to establish an endowed (\$50,000) Class of 1966 Scholarship by the time of our 50th Reunion, earmarking \$4,000 per year from dues payments. There was considerable discussion about finding a “and mortar” project, perhaps a new scoreboard or a DOC cabin.



(L to R) Don Graves and Steve Lanfer

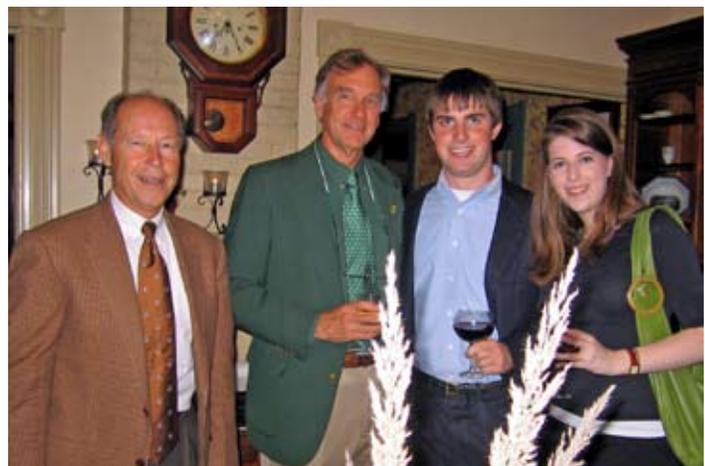
While the Class Budget was approved as presented (see below), there was considerable discussion of the surpluses from the 40th reunion and Class operations. A motion was passed that the Class fund all meals, refreshments, and activities for the 50th Reunion to promote universal attendance. To that end, a decision to purchase a \$37,000 bond maturing in 2016 was approved. This will be added to the \$40,000 bond the Class owns that will be maturing in 2015.



Dartmouth vs. Columbia, looking at East Stands and the new Floren Varsity House

The football game proved to be exciting with a 37-28 win over Columbia. A Tabard block included **Wayne LoCurto, Harry Santangelo, and Chris Meyer**. Following the game, all members of the Class were invited to the Athletic Tent, to meet current players, as well as members of the undefeated 1962 team that was honored during half-time ceremonies. Ann and **Ted Thompson**, along with Class “legacies” Mare Keiller Bluestein '93 and Claire O’Keeffe '07, were among those attending a reception with the Classes of 1964-68 in the Hayward Lounge.

The annual class cocktail party and dinner were again held at the Norwich Inn, with 39 attendees, including Theresa, Abigail, and **Robin Carpenter**, Isabel and **Halsey Bullen**, and Leslie Warner and **Gary Jefferson**. The large turnout necessitated a switch in venue to the main dining room, rather than the new Wine Cellar.



(L to R) Jeff Gilbert, Chuck Sherman, 1966 Fellow Amy Flaster '08 and Date

The success of the whole weekend was largely due to the efforts of Mini-Reunion Chair **Terry Lowd** and his wife Judy. A round of snaps for the Lowds!!

Be sure to check pages 11-12 of the on-line newsletter, as well as the website, for more pictures of the 2007 Homecoming Mini-Reunion.

Coming Events

Fall Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 17-18, 2008
65th Birthday Party	Santa Fe, NM	Spring, 2009

News from Classmates

Alan Rottenberg was unable to make it to Hanover this fall, as he explains: "As much as Debbie and I would love to join everyone in Hanover, our youngest daughter will be married here in Boston on the 20th of October. Needless to say, our home right now can best be described as (somewhat) controlled chaos. Please give my regards to everyone."

Bill Duval has been heavily involved in the fund-raising (the Centennial Fund) for the newly restored Sphinx: "A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending the first raising of a beer, or several, in the rennovated Sphinx tomb at Dartmouth. There are still pictures of us and others on the wall. I met a soccer player from the Krewe of 1982 who said that when he was an undergrad, he had to memorize my name and number! I had a chance to talk with both Peter Fredrick and Eddie Keible of the Krewe of 1965. Although most of the other faces were unrecognizable and way too young to be Sphinxes, when the songs started, we were all together...and way off key. I have enjoyed hearing back from several of you, including **Dave "Panda Bear" Coughlin, Tony Yezer, Bob Serenbetz, Pete Barber**, and others. Now that I am retired, I am hoping to reconnect with many of the great guys that I met in that wonderful place, so many years ago."

A group of Sphinx alumni responded to Bill's email. **Harry Santangelo** wrote, "Great to hear from you. I was back at Homecoming and got a chance to tour the tomb. Great job. Our fortieth was the first time my wife felt I had settled down enough to return. It has been terrific reconnecting with old classmates."

Tony Yezer responded, "Great to hear from everyone. I also support Sphinx, rugby and crew rather than the College whose administration has forgotten what is distinctive about the Dartmouth experience and tried to make the College look like Harvard on the Connecticut. I'm here in DC, if anyone comes through on a visit and wants to see how we waste your tax dollars! Seriously, lots of free stuff and you are paying for it so you might as well experience it."

Finally, **Dave Coughlin** wrote, "Hi Duves and all; Sphinx and the football team are all I support from our alma mater, for various reasons. But I will continue to do so. Hello to all. Hope I get a chance to get back there to see the restoration soon."

Bob Page sent along "living proof that Nathaniel Page (our youngest Class child) does indeed exist. **Jim** and Peggy **Beardsley** can testify as we took a great walk together out toward the Golden Gate Bridge, with wife and mother Grace the photographer. Nathaniel has also met **Bill** and Barb **Duval** so he is building his Dartmouth resume."



Don Graves writes, "Fall has been beautiful here in Northeast Harbor, and Mt. Desert Island is the perfect place for me to spend five of the first nine months of my retirement. I just finished hosting a reunion in Northeast Harbor for a Society of Mutual Friends from Dartmouth College. A picture from that event is enclosed. The objectives, to enjoy the perfect venue, the perfect company and the perfect meal, were realized." Don attended the mini October 19-20 on his way back to California.



BACK ROW L-R: Lorenzo Carlisle('65), Rob Cleary, Don Graves, Caleb Loring, Josh Grindlay, Steve Abram, Pete Richardson, Greg Eden
MIDDLE L-R: Toni Carlisle, Sandy Grindlay, Judy Cleary, Pam Abram
FRONT L-R: Chris Richardson, Margot Graves, Bonny Loring, Steve Zeller.

The report of another class get-together comes from **Ted Temple**: "The third annual 'Sons of September' took on a dramatic international flavor this year reflecting its broad North American hemispheric participation: **Bill Bryan** (Providence, RI), **Geoff Huck** (Toronto, Canada), **Mike Schail** (St. Petersburg, FL), and Ted Temple (Beaufort, SC). The SOS'ers held their September, 2007 reunion at Rouses Point, NY on the north shore of Lake Champlain, just a few miles from the Canadian border. Activities included a day trip to Montreal, canoeing on the lake, sun worshipping, moderate imbibing of beverages, and general insult trading. The general feeling was that the reunion was the best ever, resulting in a plan to add an extra day/overnight in 2008."



The final reunion report comes from **Gus Southworth** from his vacation home on Crystal Lake, NH: "Small get together at our place in Enfield in September...left to right, **Jim Lustenader**, **Chuck Sherman**, me, and **Paul Semple**." Thanks to Susan S. for the photo.

"Just passed my orals and writtens in chemical dependency counselling," writes **Peter Dorsen**. "This means I will apply for a state license. My hope is to gain privileges to work part-time as a counsellor. I have recovered fully from two stents placed five months ago." Peter notes he married Jeptum Muttai of Kenya in September. "'Dinah' has a Masters in Theology. I inherited two boys, Jodson (17) and Japhet (19). Her other two, Jean and Joy, live and go to school in Dallas."

"**Jack Young** and his wife, Kathy O'Sullivan, joined Judy and me for a week," writes **Tom Hooper**, "which included visits to Amish country, Constitution Hall, Annapolis, Gettysburg, and a Class of 1962 Reunion at Mercersburg Academy. Highlight of visit was dinner at Monk's Cafe in Philly with Belgian ales on tap, mussels by the bucket, entrees of rabbit, venison, and pheasant." Tom joined the plurality of classmates who picked Santa Fe as their choice for the 65th Birthday Party.

Class Budget

As noted in the discussion of the Class Meeting, the following budget was presented and approved by the Class:

Receipts	
Dues (350 @ \$50)	\$17,500.00
Contributions restricted for Class Projects	\$5,600.00
Interest on savings	\$2,700.00
Mini-reunion (25 @ \$45)	<u>\$1,125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$26,925.00
Expenses	
Alumni Magazine	\$6,000.00
Dues campaign	\$1,000.00
Newsletters (incl. postage)	\$4,000.00
Liability insurance	\$114.00
Supplies (stationery, misc. postage)	\$600.00
Mini-reunion	\$2,000.00
Class Projects	
Dickey Interns (2 @ \$3000)	\$6,000.00
Athletic Sponsors	\$1,000.00
Memorial Books	
30 died 1991-2007 @ \$66	\$2,000.00
3 in 2008 @ \$66	\$200.00
Class of 1966 Scholarship fund	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$26,914.00
Surplus	\$11.00

If you haven't paid your dues yet, I hope you will consider doing so in the new year.

Class Officers' Weekend

More than 200 Dartmouth alumni class volunteers—presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, Webmasters, newsletter editors, reunion and mini-reunion chairs, gift planners, and head agents—met in Hanover on Oct. 12 and 13 for Class Officers Weekend 2007, to discuss reunion logistics, class dues processing, volunteer recruitment, and more. The weekend also brought informal meetings with students; talks by Professor Christian Jernstedt, President James Wright '64a, and trustee Al Mulley Jr., MD, '70; and announcement of the 2007 Class of the Year Award recipients. The Class of 1966 had one of the largest contingents, including **Chuck Sherman, Al Keiller, Larry Geiger, Tim Urban, Bob Spence, Ben Day**, and me. Class Executive member **Roger Brett**, who was touring New England with Korki, joined us for a number of the activities

A good part of the schedule is designed to allow dialogue among peer-officer groups. In addition, combined sessions are held among officers with similar responsibilities. The session of the "communicators", secretaries, webmasters, and newsletter editors, was run by the "gray hairs" at the right, currently all presidents of their respective officer organizations.

The board's restructuring was addressed by trustee Al Mulley. This isn't the easiest time to be a class officer," Mulley said, "but it's one of the most consequential times in the history of the College, and one of the most important times to be in class leadership."



(L to R) Larry Geiger, Chuck Sherman, Bob Serenbetz

The Class of 1966 was among seven classes that were recognized for outstanding performance during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Our citation follows:



Dartmouth College Fund

Hard to believe it's that time again, but the 2008 Dartmouth College Fund has started in earnest. As of mid-December, 120 classmates have already given or pledged \$121,000 to the Fund, well ahead of last year in both dollars and contributors. Head Agent **Bob Spence** sends along the following brief message:



Dartmouth's Mission: educate the most promising students and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and of responsible leadership, through a faculty dedicated to teaching and the creation of knowledge.

DCF's Purpose: provide the unrestricted operational financial means enabling Dartmouth to accomplish its mission.

Class of 1966 Mission Statement: to commit to ongoing fellowship among classmates, ensuring a strong bond with the College. Core missions include communication, annual reunions, fundraising for the College, and special projects promoting student needs and College welfare.

We are Dartmouth , and our class annual support of the DCF helps the class achieve its own mission just as such helps the College.

32% of student financial aid comes from DCF contributions. Given that Dartmouth 's students, when compared to the other Ivies, rank lowest in socio/economic background (15% of undergraduates are first generation college students), the DCF financial aid is elemental to the college's need blind admissions policy.

Dartmouth 's endowment stands at \$3.76 billion. 38% of financial aid is derived from the endowment. While the endowment number appears large, in comparison with the colleges and universi

ties with whom Dartmouth competes, it is rather modest. Endowment and the DCF must fund the same or a better college experience for the student if the college is to continue to attract the most promising students. Contrast Dartmouth's endowment against the \$260 billion in donations given annually in this country, 77% by individuals, of which educational donations rank second in category (behind religious donations).

Our class DCF goal this year is \$275,000 and 52% participation. Last year we raised \$269,000 and achieved a 51% participation rate (344 donors). As indicated above, we have a long way to go, but it is a promising start.

In addition to gifts, we badly need agents for class contacts. If you would be willing to call four or five classmates for the DCF and class, please contact me at rmspence@msn.com. Your efforts and contributions have resulted in recognition for the class in a variety of ways. One way we would like to be recognized is as "Class of the Year". To achieve that, we need your support. Please help.



Alumni Council Representative

As you may know, each class is currently paired with an adjacent class, and the representative for a three-year term is responsible for both classes. Our class is currently paired with the Class of 1965 and is represented by Hank Amon '65. He will complete his term on the Alumni Council on June 30, 2008. Per our new class constitution, the Class of 1966 will elect a representative to the Dartmouth Alumni Council for the 2008-2011 term. Each representative attends two meetings (Thursday - Saturday) each year in Hanover (early December and mid-May). Councilors are responsible for their travel to and from Hanover. The Alumni Relations office provides them with overnight accommodations for Thursday and Friday nights, as well as most meals while they are in Hanover for the meeting.

In order to meet the deadline of having a rep in place by July 1, the Class Executive would like to have your nominations by March 1, and an election to occur (by internet and regular mail) during six weeks starting April 1. Anyone interested in nominating themselves, or another class member, should contact Chuck Sherman at chuck.sherman@dartmouth.org or at the mailing address on the front of the Newsletter. Nominees should be good communicators and willing to solicit suggestions on Council activities and initiatives from both the classes of 1965 and 1966. For more information about serving on the Council, you may contact some of our most recent past councilors, including Noel Fidel, Tim Urban, Chuck, or me.

Trustees' Decision on College Governance

Back in October, "Along Route '66" covered the latest developments in the Trustees' September 8 decision to expand the Board from eight charter trustees to sixteen and to mandate a change in the supervision of election of alumni trustees (eight) from the Association of Alumni to the College. The primary rationale was to increase the diversity of the Board and to change the increasing politicization of the election process.

At the time, the Trustees had recently started a series of meetings with alumni in the major cities. At the same time, the Association of Alumni initiated a lawsuit to prevent the Board from enacting the changes and an injunction to prevent an immediate increase in charter trustees. Our newsletter included an editorial by **Angus King** criticizing the Trustees' decision; we invited classmates to send in editorials in favor of the action. **Ed Dailey** wrote a letter to The Dartmouth, in opposition to the actions of the Association of Alumni, which is reproduced below.



Since mid-October, the Association of Alumni has dropped the injunction based on a commitment not to expand the number of charter trustees for the foreseeable future. The lawsuit continues.

John Rollins attended the DC presentation and submitted the following: "After Ed Haldeman's brief opening remarks, he opened the floor to questions. There were about 100 present and the questions ran about 10 to 1 against him. I asked: 'We understand that part of your rationale for expanding the board by 8 charter trustees, instead of elected trustees, is to increase board diversity. Let's look at the record. 6 of the 8 current charter trustees, including your 2007 appointment, are in the investment business. On the other hand, the democratically elected trustees such as T.J. Rogers and Steve Smith have more diverse backgrounds. The evidence would suggest that you should expand the board by 8 elected trustees instead of 8 charter trustees. Right?' The question got some applause and while Ed stumbled with trying to answer, there was audible murmuring in the audience. Ed tried to explain that there were other kinds of diversity, but the audience was still clearly dissatisfied with his response. Finally, he pledged to change the type of trustees he would appoint in the future to the charter positions."

Besides Ed Dailey's editorial, which follows, classmates interested in the debate should check the Class of 1966 website at www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66 for links to various articles, editorials, and other resources. In particular, I would suggest reading an editorial in support of the Trustees in The Dartmouth by Professor Don Pease at www.thedartmouth.com/2007/11/14/opinion/pease.

Editorial

The following letter from **Ed Dailey** was published in The Dartmouth on October 4:

To the Editor:

Can we understand the logic of an 11-member committee of the Association of the Alumni which, while claiming to represent all of the alumni, has just voted to sue the College without so much as consulting the alumni ("Alumni to take legal action against College," Oct. 3)?

First, consider that the Association is nothing more than a super-nominating committee and overseer of the election process for alumni trustees. It does not and has not had the right for almost 100 years to speak for the alumni on any issue; it does not and never has had the right to determine the size or composition of the Board of Trustees; and it does not have and never has had any governance rights in the College.

How does an 11-member “executive” committee of the Association presume to speak for almost 69,000 alumni on such a charged issue as a lawsuit against the College? If the executive committee claims to be acting “in the best interests of Dartmouth College and its alumni,” why hasn’t it seen fit to ask the alumni?

Before driving over the cliff, why not convene a meeting of the Association of Alumni (as expressly permitted in the Association constitution) and ask for our views? And if the executive committee claims to represent the alumni, how can it proceed with a secretly financed lawsuit? Regrettably, this lawsuit will be more of the same mean-spirited, political hyperbole which has been rejected by most of us. Far from serving the interests of the alumni, the actions of the executive committee and its secret allies simply add to the partisan divide.

Action by Alumni Council

Given the Trustees’ mandate on the Alumni Trustee selection process, I was surprised that the Council, at its recently completed December meeting, elected to table any discussion and action on this part of its Constitution. Instead, the Council elected to try, for the third time in five years, to win alumni approval of a plan to restructure its organization, with the following amendments:

- Addition of the new mission statement and core responsibilities to the council constitution;
- Removal of the standing list of committees of the from the council constitution;
- Use of email as well as regular mail for official council communications;
- Two candidates for president-elect of the council (rather than one);
- One class representative to council for each class through 55 years;
- Three class representatives to council for classes 55 years and older;
- Formation of 10 regions (groups of alumni clubs) that would elect one representative each (rather than randomly selection of 10 reps from the smaller alumni clubs);
- Two representatives from each recognized alumni affiliated group;
- Reduction of the number of at-large representatives to council from 21 to 6;
- Election of the president of the Alumni Association by all alumni to a one-year term as president of the Alumni Association and an automatic three-year term as a full Alumni Council member (at any one time, two past presidents of the association, along with the current association president, would sit on the council);
- Two graduate school representatives to council from each of the graduate school programs (Thayer, Tuck, Dartmouth Medical School, and Graduate Arts and Sciences);
- Restructuring of the seven representatives from class organizations (president, secretary, newsletter editor, treasurer, head agent, planned giving, and mini-reunion chair) as follows: one representative for presidents (who would represent reunion/mini-reunion chairs as well), one representative for treasurers, one representative for Webmasters, one representative for secretaries and newsletter editors combined (similar to the current system, these two class associations will alternate selecting a representative every three years who will be responsible for reporting to both constituencies), and one representative for head agents and gift planning chairs (with same format as secretaries and newsletter editors);
- Dissolution of the council Committees on Alumni Organizations and Continuing Education;
- Combination of the Athletic and Student Life Committees into a single Student Affairs Committee;
- Renaming of the council College Relations Group as the Alumni Liaison Committee and reforming its composition to include the president, president-elect, and past president of the Alumni Council; the president and two most recent past presidents of the Alumni Association; three council members elected by the council; three alumni elected by the council from the full Alumni Association; and one trustee selected by the Board of Trustees

Unlike the previous amendments submitted in 2006, it is proposed that the key position of Council President will now be chosen by the Council itself, rather than by the Alumni body at large.

Other Dartmouth News

Dartmouth is first among the Ivies in Study Abroad participation rates, according to a study by the Institute of International Education, which tracks the figures in its annual "Open Doors" report. Dartmouth ranks third in the nation among doctoral degree granting institutions in undergraduate study abroad participation, with a participation rate of 60.9 percent. That ranking is up seven spots from the 2006 report. Of other Ivy League schools, only Princeton and Harvard made the list, with participation rates of 30.8 percent and 28.7 percent and ranking 34th and 40th, respectively.

The campaign for the Dartmouth Experience, the largest fund-raising effort in Dartmouth's history, is on track having raised 75 percent of the 1.3 billion dollar goal over 71.1 percent of its timeline.

Since 1998 Dartmouth has added 55 faculty positions in the Arts and Sciences, bringing the total number to 411 and reducing the College's student-faculty ratio to 8:1. "The quality of an institution is profoundly shaped by its faculty. Substantial growth in the faculty has been one of my highest priorities, and I'm grateful to these families for giving us the resources to recognize outstanding teaching and scholarship," said President James Wright.

In spite of the above, the most recent US News and World Report survey of the leading American colleges and universities placed Dartmouth in eleventh place, the first time the College has fallen out of the Top Ten since the survey started. Among the Ivies, only Cornell and Brown trailed Dartmouth.



Happy Holidays

I hope everyone enjoys a happy holiday season with family and friends. Please forward your news, family photos, opinions, etc. to me at bobserenbetz@prodigy.net. Or use the enclosed green "Take-a-Minute" card or the electronic version at www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66.

And don't forget to let Chuck Sherman know if you'd like to serve on the Alumni Council, or nominate another class member, for what should be an exciting three years in the history of the College.

Homecoming Photos





(L to R) Rob McAuley, Sandy Clancy, Chuck Sherman



(L to R) Rich Kaiser, Sandy Clancy, Rob McAuley, and Stan Colla



(L to R) Steve Lanfer & Jeff Gilbert



Class Reception in Heyward Lounge



(L to R) Bud & Elizabeth Heerde, Isabel Bullen