

Along Route '66

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LoCurto Elected Alumni Council Representative

In an election running from April 1 - May 15, **Wayne LoCurto** was chosen the Class of 1966 representative to the Alumni Council. Wayne, a 1968 graduate of the Tuck School, spent his working career in the consumer goods marketing and marketing services industries. Always active in class activities, Wayne has coached Tuck students and the Dartmouth Football Team on interviewing skills and has been active in alumni interviewing, including serving as Town Chairperson. He and Kathy, residents of Westport, CT, have been married forty-two years, raising four daughters, including Susan '95. They hold the class record for grandchildren at twelve!



Wayne's first Alumni Council meeting will be in December. Any classmates interested in bringing issues to the Council can reach him at wlocurto@aol.com.

139 classmates voted, 76% using the electronic ballot on the Class website. This is the first election by a class for an Alumni Council rep using both on-line and mail-in ballots and will likely serve as a model for other classes in the future. Thanks to Webmaster **Ben Day** for setting it all up and making it easy for us "technically-challenged" folks .

Planning Continues for 65th Birthday Party

The 65th Birthday Party Planning Committee has continued its work to finalize the schedule for Memorial Day Weekend 2009, May 22-25, in Santa Fe. The La Fonda Hotel on the Plaza will serve as the "headquarters" hotel and site of the Opening Night Reception on May 22; a block of 50 rooms has been reserved at \$189 per night. Classmates wishing to arrive sooner, or stay later, will be able to secure that rate for their entire stay. The hotel's reservation number for Type A personalities is 800-523-5002. Mention "Dartmouth Class of 1966 Birthday Party". Negotiations are almost finalized for an alternative hotel, within a half mile from La Fonda, with a rate of approximately \$79 per night.



La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe



A hiking trip to Bandelier National Monument northwest of the city is being finalized for Saturday, with **Dick Birnie** providing geological commentary. Local coordinator **Eric Treisman** describes the location as a relatively easy hike in a beautiful, green valley with Indian cliff dwellings and the usual National Park facilities. Golf, tennis, art gallery browsing, private garden visits, and shopping will be available for our non-hikers.

Planning is also underway for the Saturday night dinner with author Tony Hillerman, Sunday picnic, and Monday brunch. The Fenn Gallery, with a lush garden and pond amid quality works of art, the Randall Davey Audubon Sanctuary, and the Santa Cafe are among the top considerations. Once these sites are finalized, the Committee will develop a budget for the weekend.

Roger Brett has initiated conversations with the Backroads Travel Company, who organize walking trips around the world, including Santa Fe. However, the cost (\$2500 per person for six days and five nights) may prove prohibitive to many classmates, so a poll has been placed on the Class of 1966 website (www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66) to gauge the level of interest before a commitment to Backroads is made. PLEASE HELP THE COMMITTEE BY TELLING US YOUR PREFERENCES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.



Dining Room at La Fonda

Finally, again for those who plan ahead, air travel should be made to Albuquerque, about an hour drive from Santa Fe. While public transport is available, classmates may find rental cars more convenient.

News from Classmates

Speaking of Santa Fe, **John Rollins**, **Jeff Greenleaf**, and **Erv Burkholder** attended a reunion of their Stanford Business School class there May 9-11. John, a member of our 65th Birthday Party Planning Team, used some of his free time to meet with **Eric Treisman** and see first-hand the proposed hotels, reception and meal locations, and picnic areas.



Ted Amaral of N. Falmouth, MA, sent along an article from "Black Ice", the newsletter of the New England Ice Yacht Association, documenting an ice boat race he participated in on January 4. Apparently, these single racing boats can hit speeds of 60-65 miles per hour "without losing control". The picture is of Ted on Lake Winnepesaukee on January 26.

George Trumbull writes, "I am almost fully retired and hopeful of having more time for trips to Hanover, the 65th Birthday trip, etc. Lyn and I will celebrate our 37th anniversary with a trip to Hanover (where we had our first date) to visit our son who wandered a bit (Princeton Class of 1999 and a PhD from Yale), but joins the Dartmouth faculty as a Professor of History starting in September. His sister Melissa (Dartmouth '95), his Mom, and I are all excited to have more reasons to visit Hanover and Dartmouth and Tuck friends now in the Upper Valley including **Chuck Sherman** and Margie Carpenter." Our congratulations to Professor Trumbull on his appointment to the faculty.

Coming Events

Fall Mini-Reunion
65th Birthday Party

Hanover, NH
Santa Fe, NM

October 17-18, 2008
May 22-25, 2009

Linda and **Bob Spence** last year “celebrated 40 years of marriage by having the family and Linda’s sister Judy all together at Caneel Bay on St. John for a few days. While there, we took time on the beach to repeat our vows. Forty years ago we were able to repeat our vows entirely from memory; this time we wrote them down and read them aloud.” Well, Bob, in twenty more years, you may not be able to read or hear them!! Congratulations to both of you on another milestone many of us seem to be reaching.



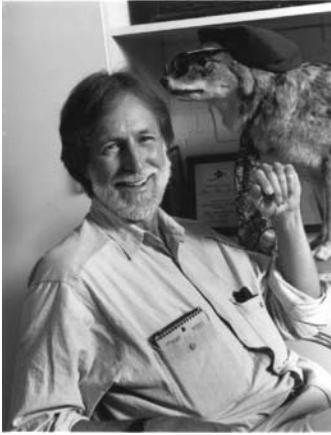
It was great to receive a note from an old Deerfield classmate, **Terry Ruggles**: “I am married to the same wonderful woman for 40+ years (her dad and brother both Dartmouth). We have two sons who have presented us with a total of six terrific grandchildren (four girls/two boys). Recently on campus with Chris Miller '63 (writer of Animal House) to visit Alpha Delta. The Biography Channel was filming a two hour special on the movie and Chris asked several of us, who experienced the hilarity, to return to the Hanover Plain with him. With film crew following, we visited AD, Murphy’s on the Green, and then back to AD for the late evening party. The banning of tap systems seems a tragedy and only adds to the trash around campus. Bring back the tap systems and keep the outstanding campus clean!” Terry still lives in Greenfield, MA; toga stories can be relived at truggles@springfieldprinting.com.



1966 soccer stars **Larry Geiger**, **Pete Barber**, **Howard Dobbs**, and **Bill Duval**, attended the dedication of Burnham Soccer Field and Pavillion in Hanover, April 18-19. Larry and Pete are shown at left with Coach Burnham.



“On April 21st, I realized one of my long-term goals,” writes **Chuck Benson**, “by hiking up Mount Moosilauke on snow-shoes with forty pounds of Alpine skis, boots, water, etc., and then skiing down the carriage road and the snapper all the way to the bridge at the lodge. Bright sun, 70 degrees, and no wind at the top. An ideal day! The trail down was a bit sketchy due to the lateness in the season. Plenty of spruce blowdowns, moose poop, and rocks, but, all in all, perfectly doable. Hopefully next year I’ll have an alpine touring setup so I can skin up. Anyone interested for next year? The good news is that there is still time to do Tuckerman’s which I did several times in high school and college.” Those who don’t like high speed quads and/or don’t mind stepping through moose droppings can contact Chuck at chuckros@yahoo.com. Personally, I’ll be with Tim Urban at Winter Park!



Using the Electronic “Green Card” on the Class of 1966 Website, **Jim Lenfestey** writes, “Aside from a wonderful 60th birthday gathering with former roommates Dr. **Phil Wade** and **Dean Anderson** and their wives on Mackinac Island, Michigan, where Susan and I now live in the summer (and where Dr. **Miles Trumbull** occasionally steams in from nearby Harbor Springs), otherwise have been quite out of touch. In 1998, with our four children out of the house, I left my position on the editorial board of the StarTribune, the largest daily newspaper in Minnesota, to become the writer I’d wanted to be since Dartmouth and Tony Herbold’s class. Since then I have published a book of essays and seven small collections of poems, my latest is A CARTLOAD OF SCROLLS, based on a “conversation” with 1200 year Chinese hermit poet Han-shan, AKA Cold Mountain.

All of these wild meanderings are described on my website, www.coyotepoet.com if anyone is interested. Still married to Susan Williams, met at Dartmouth, now with four grandchildren growing up in Santa Fe and Seattle. I sometimes bang around the country doing readings on the occasion of a new book, spreading a little news of the interior landscape. Happy to connect with any classmates along the literary road, or in Minneapolis or Mackinac.” Jim, hope you’ll combine a trip to see the grandkids with our 65th Birthday in Santa Fe.

“Looking forward to the Birthday party in Santa Fe,” writes **Mike Bromley** of Colorado Springs. “We hope that nothing dramatic intervenes. We had planned to attend the 40th Reunion, but Rebecca’s breast cancer and injuries to me from a near fatal car wreck in March, 2006, prohibited my travel. Things are on the mend - -we wake up each day with renewed appreciation for the good things in our lives.” Glad things are looking up, Mike; see you and Rebecca next Spring.

Recent articles in the “Dartmouth Alumni Magazine” have featured Rutgers University professor **Bill Dowling** and Newseum President **Peter Pritchard**. Bill, best known for his books and articles defining the negative impact of big-time athletics at the university level, including the recently published Confessions of a Spoilsport: My Life and Hard Times Fighting Sports Corruption at an Old Eastern University, is quoted as calling student athletes “hired morons”. Yet, his courses on 17th and 18th century English literature are not only popular, but lead to “favorite professor” recognition.



Peter made news recently for relocating the Newseum from Arlington, VA to the National Mall in DC. Formerly Editor-in-Chief of “USA Today”, Peter serves as President of a seven-story, \$450 million complex that tells the story of five centuries of news history. Peter credits Professors Perrin, Finch, and Loomis with kindling his love of the written word, which is demonstrated in an article on his memories of Vietnam (see page 7).

Thanks for all your news...and please remember to use the electronic green card on the Class of 1966 website. It’s easy...and makes the job of transcription for your editor easier as well.

In Memorium

Bernard “Buck” Shinkman passed away at his home in Bethesda, MD on Monday, May 5th. Buck, a native of Washington, DC, came to Dartmouth from St. Mark’s School. At the College, he was active at WDCR, Le Cercle Francaise, and the Episcopal Youth Group, which he served as Chairman our senior year. A member of the Army ROTC program, Buck served 28 years in the U.S. Army (Active and Reserve), including service in Vietnam, retiring in 1994 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

A Foreign Service Officer with both the U.S. Information Agency and the U.S. Department of State, he spent 26 years in public diplomacy, serving as both the Government’s Press Spokesman and as an educational and cultural affairs attaché. Buck’s overseas assignments included Press Spokesman at the U.S. Embassies in London and Ottawa, and as American Center Director in Belgrade, Davao, and Accra. His assignments in Washington, D.C. included Deputy Director of the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs; Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Programs; and Country Affairs Officer for the UK, Ireland, Canada, the EC (now the EU) and the OECD in the U.S. Information Agency’s Office of European Affairs.

In the fall of 2004, Buck left full-time employment at State, but continued to work for the department on a part-time basis, as an advisor on Public Diplomacy matters in the State Department’s Office of eDiplomacy. He is survived by his wife Gillian, daughter Claire, and son Paul.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 10th at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, followed by a reception for family, friends, and colleagues at the National Press Club. Attendees included **Joff Keane**, who sent word of Buck’s passing: “A fellow Foreign Service Officer and friend who, like **Jim Cason** and me, spent much of his career serving Uncle Sam in Latin America, I joined an estimated 150 friends and family members of Buck at a moving memorial service celebrating Buck’s life of public service.” The Class has donated a book to Baker Library in Buck’s memory.

Dartmouth’s Impact on the Development of Skiing

In the history of Dartmouth College, there have been many unique adventures shared by alumni and friends. One of the most significant is the development of skiing in North America and other parts of the world. A number of alumni and staff have gotten personally involved in a project to substantiate the preeminence of Dartmouth in the world of skiing. Everyone sees the significant value of clearly identifying the College as the unequalled leader in the evolution of what is now a substantial industry!

This group plans to publish a book, and create a film documentary, on this subject. They invite all alumni to join them in helping to uncover interesting stories and facts to properly tell all aspects of this seldom-told tale! You may know things that have never been written down, are long lost, or are happening right now. The material coming is a fantastic statement on how Dartmouth has impacted the skiing industry, and the lives of skiers though out the world! You can see more details on this project at <http://biggreen65.wiki.zoho.com/Dartmouths-Contribution-to-American-Skiing.html>. If you have something of interest, first send an email to Steve Waterhouse ‘65 (<mailto:stewater@aol.com>) or Doug Leitch ‘65 (mailto:celtic_aquarian@hotmail.com), and they will then explain to you how best to send the information to us. Please contact others who might have a contribution to make to alert them to this project.



Dick Durrance ‘39, the father of
Dick Durrance ‘65



Dear Classmates,

Let's talk about Princeton. Why? Well, we celebrate our 65th birthday next year. While it can be frustrating as we age to physically not to be as flexible as we once were (come to think of it, the complete opposite can also be true) our minds are still pretty sharp. To test that, here is a short memory quiz for you. In the fall of 1965, prior to the Dartmouth/Princeton football game, a Princeton undergrad was quoted, given Princeton's undefeated team that it was too bad they would never know how really good they were. After the game, a Dartmouth undergrad was quoted saying that now Princeton did know how really good they were. So what was the final score? I can't remember.

What does this have to do with the DCF? We still compete with Princeton. In one aspect Princeton class of '66 is performing better than we are. Its participation rate is a pretty steady 54%. Now, we could hire a Princeton class of '66 as a consultant, but he probably would want a 20% cut of all contributions and free beer. (Oops! We are talking about Princeton, substitute cocktails for the beer.) The way those guys party I don't think we could afford the offer. What we can do is just what the football team did back in the fall of 1965. Sure, our guys trained hard and studied the competition. The reason Dartmouth won, however, was because our individual players wanted to with a passion. We compete with Princeton for students. Just as in football, there is a cost to being able to compete effectively, and that is where the DCF and your support come in. We have a June 30 deadline, so the clock is ticking. Our goals are 52% participation (ultimately 66%) and \$275K this year; so far we are at \$226K and 41%. We need you to want to help achieve our class goals.

One can donate on line at www.dartmouthcollegefund.org or by calling 800-228-1769 to join the class honor roll. By giving now you can also take advantage of the matching gift program being made available from a generous alumnus. Please help. We are Dartmouth.

Best wishes, Bob

Other Dartmouth News

Beginning in academic year 2008-09, to ensure that Dartmouth remains accessible to academically talented students regardless of their financial situation, a number of enhancements to Dartmouth's financial aid program will be introduced.

1. Free tuition for students who come from families with annual incomes below \$75,000
2. Replacing loans with scholarships
3. Need blind admissions for international students
4. Junior leave term with no earnings expectation

The College also announced that it has reduced the cost of a fifth fall term for seniors who wish to become certified teachers from \$12,305 to \$600.

The Dartmouth Figure Skating Team captured its fifth consecutive championship in Ann Arbor, Mich., at the National Championship competition held April 5 and 6.

For those of you who receive this issue on-line, there are still two weeks left (until June 5) to vote for officer and executive committee nominees to the Association of Alumni. This is an important election, as one slate of candidates supports the Board of Trustees' decision to expand the Board with more "charter" trustees and would end the Association lawsuit against the College, while the other favors maintaining parity between charter trustees and those elected by the Alumni. The positions of both slates are best described at dartmouthundying.com and dartmouthparity.com. The voting site is voxthevote.org.

Memories of Vietnam

Probably the most significant event that affected our lives was the Vietnam War. For those of you who may have missed the following op-ed piece by **Peter Prichard** in the April 2 edition of USA Today:

“In the spring of 1967, I walked out to my mailbox in Amherst, Massachusetts and discovered two letters. These letters were important, because they would determine my future. I had been teaching high school English, mainly because I wanted to avoid the draft. But about that time the Selective Service Administration changed the rules, and decided that only draft-age men who taught math and science would continue to receive deferments. The buildup for the Vietnam War was well underway; at its peak, 550,000 American soldiers were serving there.

I opened the first letter. It was from the Peace Corps, and informed me I had been accepted to teach English in Micronesia, in the Pacific Islands. Visions of young women in grass skirts crossed my consciousness, along with a sense of relief.

Then I opened the second letter. It was from Gen. Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service: “Greetings: You are to report to the Induction Center at New Haven on 25 June for induction into the U.S. Army . . .”

My daydream of a lush life in Palau or Bora Bora evaporated, replaced by visions of firefights in steamy jungles. I telephoned Washington and managed to get someone from the Peace Corps on the phone. “We’re very sorry Mr. Prichard,” she said, “but in these cases the Defense Department takes precedence.” So eight months later, on a hot and steamy night, I stepped off the plane at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base. I was tired and frightened; the air was filled with the smells of thousands of small charcoal stoves, and the ground shook from the concussions of outgoing artillery. “155s,” the vets with the thousand-yard-stares told me.

I served thirteen-and-a-half months in Vietnam, most of it at a desk as an intelligence clerk, and although we were shot at and shelled occasionally, we were the lucky ones: The areas we served in, Can Tho and Sadec in the Mekong Delta, were relatively quiet.

When I came “back to the world” in the spring of 1969 I was in relatively good shape. I hated fireworks and jumped at loud noises, and had some unaccountable bouts of bad temper, but I was generally whole, and much more serious about making something of my life than I had been. Service to our country had made me stronger, and today I’m an advocate of one or two years of mandatory national service for all young people, in a civilian or military capacity.

Like many veterans, I was saddened and disappointed by the reception we got at home. Our war was very unpopular: No one said “welcome home” or “thank you for your service.” Instead it was, “Where’ve you been?” If you said, “Vietnam,” the general reaction was stony silence, or worse.



The first time I felt a measure of gratitude was in November 1982, when the Vietnam Memorial that Jan Scruggs and others built was dedicated. I had dragged my young family down to Constitution Avenue to watch the rag-tag parade of Vietnam veterans, and when one of my Minnesota war buddies passed by, I leapt into the street, marching along together with my brothers in arms.

There are more than 58,000 names of the dead on that black granite wall. In all, more than two-and-a-half million men and women served in Vietnam, and, despite the Hollywood stereotype, the great majority returned to lead constructive and useful lives.

There is a proposal now to build a Visitors’ Center, almost entirely underground and using only private funds, near the Vietnam Memorial. Congress has authorized its construction, but at present the project is hung up in the wilderness of the Washington regulatory maze. Our nation needs this Center, which will educate generations of Americans about the sacrifices our men and women in uniform have made, whether the cause was popular or not.

Some day the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will end, and all of our soldiers will come home again. No matter what you think about these wars, every American owes those men and women a sincere, heartfelt thank-you. The proposed Vietnam Visitors’ Center would be another way to say thanks to our millions of veterans; it will be a place where millions of visitors will learn about the responsibilities of citizenship and the value of service and sacrifice.

When these new veterans of foreign wars come marching home again, let us hope that we as a people are wise enough, and generous enough, to avoid asking “Where have you been?” and instead exclaim, “Welcome home!”

