

# Along Route '66

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**Class of 1966 Lodge**

## January 2009

### **65th Birthday Party in Santa Fe**

**Jim Lustenader** recently sent out the following email regarding our Santa Fe Mini-Reunion:

“Obviously, economic conditions have taken a turn for the worse since we first proposed a 65th birthday party for our class in Santa Fe. However, the reunion committee feels that enjoying the fellowship that comes with celebrating a significant year in our lives and doing so in one of the most beautiful and interesting cities in the country would appeal to a number of classmates. In that spirit, we are moving ahead with arrangements for the party on May 22-25 and would like to hear from you if you fall in one of the following categories.

1. If you have not signed up and want to come, the early registration deadline of January 31 is fast approaching. You can take advantage of considerable savings on this excellent weekend by sending your deposit check and completed form now. Both hotels -- La Fonda and Garrett's Desert Inn -- have blocks of rooms available at special “Dartmouth Class of '66 Birthday Party” rates, so you can save money on lodging, too, by getting in touch with them right away. The registration form, hotel info and details about the weekend can be found on our Class website (<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/66/>) and in the last newsletter, which was mailed to you several weeks ago and is also on the site. Checks should be made out to “Dartmouth Class of 1966” and mailed with the form to me at 26191 Isle Way, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

2. If you have made hotel reservations but have not sent in your deposit for the weekend's activities and meals, you need to do so by January 31 in order to capture the lowest cost and confirm your attendance, which in turn will allow us to finalize our arrangements (see above for how to get a registration form). Checks should be made out to “Dartmouth Class of 1966” and mailed with the form to me at 26191 Isle Way, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

3. If you have sent a deposit check but not made hotel reservations, please make those reservations before the end of the month so we can get an accurate headcount of attendees and finalize our arrangements (see above for how to get information on special hotel rates).

I also want to point out that the reunion committee is looking at ways to further economize and reduce costs associated with the party. If we are successful, it may be possible to share those savings with the attendees. So if you feel like escaping the doldrums of CNN and celebrating our collective 65th birthday in one of the most colorful, historic and vibrant places in the country, please firm up your plans to be in Santa Fe on May 22-25.”



### **Activities and Events**

Activities will start on Friday night, May 22, with a reception in La Terraza Room at the La Fonda Hotel. Dinner that evening will be on an individual basis: “block” reservations will be made at a number of nearby restaurants. Saturday will include an “a la carte” selection of events, including visits to the Georgia O’Keefe Museum, the Folk Art Museum, the State Capitol, and a botanical tour, led by Eric Treisman, Rebecca and Mike Bromley, and Margie Carpenter. Golf tee-times and tennis courts will also be available at the Black Mesa Golf Club and Bishop’s Resort respectively. Saturday evening we will convene at the Rio Chama

Restaurant for reception, dinner, and talk by Anne Hillerman, daughter of the world-renown, and recently deceased, author Tony Hillerman. Sunday we will tour some of the beautiful environs, including a visit to Bandelier National Monument, an optional hike to Anasazi ruins, a visit to the Los Alamos Science Museum, and a picnic lunch. Sunday evening will be free for individual or group dinners. The 65th Birthday Party will conclude with a Monday brunch in La Fonda’s La Terraza Room overlooking Santa Fe’s Plaza.

### **Accommodations**

The La Fonda Hotel on the Plaza will serve as the “headquarters” hotel; a block of 30 rooms is available **until March 24** at \$189 per night regardless of length of stay. To make reservations, call 800-523-5002 and mention “Dartmouth Class of 1966 Birthday Party”.

The Committee has also reserved **until April 1** a block of 20 rooms at Garrett’s Desert Inn, approximately two blocks from La Fonda, for \$89 (queen bed) and \$99 (2 queen beds or 1 king). Be sure to mention “Dartmouth Class of 1966 Birthday Party” to obtain the group rates at 800-888-2145. As with La Fonda, reservations for rooms before and after the reunion are available at the same rate on a “space available” basis.

### **Transportation to Santa Fe**

The suggested transportation mode is to fly to Albuquerque and rent a car for the hour’s drive to Santa Fe. There is also a rail service from the city to Santa Fe. Airlines that fly into Albuquerque include Southwest, Northwest/Delta, United, Continental, American, USAir, ExpressJet, and Frontier. Because of Southwest, fares are fairly reasonable, if you’re close to a Southwest departure airport. As reported in past issues of *Along Route ‘66*, **Bill Ramos** has offered to fly classmates from Albuquerque to Santa Fe on his Cessna 414 (contact Bill at wramos66@aol.com) and **John Pearson** (mcvene@yahoo.com) is organizing train travel from and to the East Coast.

### **Cost and Sign-up**

The cost of the weekend, including all group activities, is \$299 per person for sign-ups on or before February 1. **If you have already made hotel reservations, be sure to get your check to Jim to take advantage of the lower rate.** We will hold a drawing among all early-bird registrants for a luxury suite at La Fonda, which normally goes for \$449 per night, for which you will be charged the standard discounted rate of only \$189 per night. After February 1, the cost will be \$350 per person. Please also check the appropriate boxes if you are interested in playing either tennis (free) or golf (\$87 excluding rental club cost of \$45) on Saturday morning. The sign-up sheet is available on the class website or on page 14 of this issue.

## Coming Events

66th Night Get-Togethers	Various	March 7, 2009 (Approx)
Ski Mini-Reunion	S. Lake Tahoe, CA	March 19-24, 2009
65th Birthday Party	Santa Fe, NM	May 22-25, 2009
Fall Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 23-24, 2009

Be sure to join the twenty-eight classmates (Barber, Brett, Bromley, Broughton, Futter, Hobson, Hooper, H. Jones, Lustenader, LoCurto, J. McGregor, Meyer, B. Page, Ramos, Rollins, Rottenberg, Serenbetz, Sherman, Spatz, Stebe, B. Stein, Treisman, Urbanic, Vincent, Warhover, Yarmon, J. Young, Zuhr) who have already made reservations.

### Sixty-Sixth Night



**Roger Brett** has agreed to be the Class Point-man (sorry, Point-person) for an innovative concept:

The Dartmouth Class of 1966 will celebrate the New Year and the Good Old Days on the 66<sup>th</sup> night (or day) of the year, March 7, 2009. This will constitute a geographically dispersed mini-reunion of the Class. By the way, this is not our original idea; we swiped it from some of the younger Classes.

**You can be one of the organizers!** The challenge is to “show some gear” and initiate a geographically convenient gathering of your local Classmates. Pick a restaurant or pub or sporting event near you, make reservations, and invite your former compadres to get together. Or accept their invitation.

**Who lives near you?** Use the Google Earth map created by your Executive Committee to identify Classmates who are in your region of the country or the world. You may not remember them; you may never have known them. But you have something important in common. You all had matriculation papers signed in front of you by John Sloan Dickey in the Tower Room of Baker Library on September 22, 1962. You became the “stuff” of an enduring institution.

Not all living '66 Classmates are represented on the globe; some had PO Box numbers, some were in places that Google could not identify, a few have become lost to us. Some addresses may be out-of-date. Maybe you will find them. Good luck. Let us know if you need help making contact.

**More about Earth66.kml.** This is a file that works with Google Earth, a free program from Google. First, download the file from our Class website, <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66/> and make sure you have Google Earth installed. When you double-click on .kml file icon, it will create a globe with pushpins into the home of nearly every living '66. Give it a few minutes to create and populate the globe. Zoom into the pin that represents you, then slowly “zoom” out and notice which other pushpins come into view. Click on the pins, and you will find the address, phone, and e-mail (if we have them) for Classmates who are near you. If you live in a metropolitan area, zoom in close to make sure you are seeing all Classmates in your area. Use this information to make your plans for 66<sup>th</sup> Night. Don't be shy.

**Celebrate!** Share some beer or wine and stories with one another on 66<sup>th</sup> Night (or sometime within a few days of March 7, whenever you can arrange to get together).

**Coordination.** Of course, we want to accumulate statistics about those of you who celebrate. Please report your event and a list of the participants. How many were you? Where did you gather? How many were strangers in college? One from each group should send the report to me, Roger Brett, roger@casabrett.com, and I will tally the worldwide participation in this celebration.

**Take pictures!** This could be the biggest mini-reunion in the history of the College. E-mail your jpg or tiff image files to me with a carbon copy (remember carbon paper?) to Newsletter Editor Bob Serenbetz, bobserenbetz@prodigy.net.

We will publish the results in an upcoming issue of *Along Route '66*. We will boast about the number of gatherings, the biggest gathering, the most remote gathering, the gathering in the strangest place, and the gathering of the most former “strangers”.

Have FUN! If nothing else, download the Earth66.kml file and speculate about how we have disbursed around the “girdled Earth”. Look at Hawaii, Alaska, England!

--Roger Brett

### Ski Mini-Reunion at Lake Tahoe

**Tim Urban** is organizing another ski mini-reunion, this time at South Lake Tahoe from March 19-24, 2009. The “headquarter” accomodation will be at Tim’s twin brother Ted’s, overlooking the lake and a twenty-minute drive to the North Heavenly ski area. Squaw Valley is about an hour away. Depending on the number of classmates interested, a rental house is also available at a cost of around \$200 per person for the long weekend. Interested classmates can contact Tim at timurban44@hotmail.com.



### Class of 1966 Lodge Contributions

As of January 19, 128 classmates have contributed or pledged \$87K to the Class of 1966 Lodge (see list on page 13), in addition to the \$25K from the Class treasury and one memorial gift. As you will recall from the last issue of *Along Route '66*, Peggy and **Lance Tapley** were the first from our class to experience the overnight comforts and spectacular scenery at the Lodge:



“After dallying at Saturday’s post-game class party at the Hanover Inn, where I spoke my annual 1964 Montpellier French with **Frank Blod**, my wife Peggy and I drove at dusk across the hills behind Hanover to the trailhead. Throwing sleeping bags and food into a backpack and pack basket, we switched on headlamps to hike up the leaf-covered trail. Inexplicably — I deny that the gin-and-tonics at the Inn were responsible — we missed the sign for the final turnoff. Wandering along a woods road, we came to a clearing full of logging equipment, and we fully realized our mistake. But using the stars as a guide (true!) as well as the sound of a brook, we soon found the lodge via a service road.

We have a weird tendency to rove through the forest in the dark. We can tell inspiring stories about arriving on skis at Second College Grant cabins well after dark at zero with a wind blowing (**Bob Baldwin** can testify to one such trip). Thirty-five years ago, our only previous arrival at this lodge site, then occupied by the Harris Cabin, came after a trudge through the snow at midnight. I remember that we slept with our three-year-old son Isaac ('92) as close as we dared to a small blaze in the big fireplace. I also remember that the old cabin was filthy.

But the new, fittingly six-sided '66 cabin/lodge is so clean, new-wood handsome, and spacious it's a bit surreal as a DOC-rustic experience. It's also well insulated: we used only the kitchen woodstove to heat up enough space to be comfortable, though it dropped to freezing outside. The industrial-strength gas stove enabled us to swiftly cook up a supper of couscous and our garden zucchini, with sardines, cookies, and a bottle of the finest Golden Gate merlot. We slept comfortably on mattresses in the loft above the kitchen; even that room has gas lights.



Sunday morning, after breakfast, after appreciating the fluttering of the birch and poplar at the edge of the clearing, after scooping water for clean-up from the deep brook, and after I had worked up an agreeable sweat chopping wood, I gave myself a bath on the back deck, in the sunlight. We didn't get lost on the way out; the trail actually is well marked. The foliage was dazzling.

I emailed a few suggestions to the DOC, such as a screen for the fireplace and toilet seats for the outhouse, but the lodge is well appointed and well located. In fact, it's magnificent. We want to heartily thank the students who built it and the classmates who had the good judgment to seize it as a class project. We hope to return often."

**Jim Lustnader** sends his thanks to those of you who have already given to this important project, with a reminder that all donations are fully tax deductible:

#### The Appeal of Pledging

For those who have not yet given (or donors who would like to give more), you can help us get the rest of the way by making an immediate donation by check or a pledge. If you choose to pledge, you can spread your gift over 3 years (an appealing strategy in these uncertain times) and decide how much of your pledge payment will fall into each year, thereby taking advantage of tax deductibility over time as the economy improves. Please see the contribution form that appears on the next page.

#### Increase Your Gift with an Employer Match

Please don't forget to check with your employer regarding matching gifts; you will get credit for the full amount of the gift, including that portion provided by your employer.

#### Memorial Gifts

We welcome gifts given in memory of deceased classmates; here is how those gifts will be handled:

- In the case of a spouse giving a memorial gift, her name will be included on the plaque as follows: Mrs. John H. Doe
- In the case of others giving memorial gifts, all non-spousal gifts for a specific classmate will be pooled and the inscription on the plaque will read "John H. Doe -- In Memoriam"

#### Gifts from Outside the Class of '66

Several people who are not part of the Class but who were active in the DOC as undergrads have expressed interest in donating to the Lodge. Their donations are welcome and their names will appear on the plaque with their class numerals. Pass the word if you know someone who falls in this category.

#### A Gesture of Appreciation

All donors will receive a beautiful 8" x 10" photo of the Lodge. Those who donate \$1,000 or more will also receive a Lodge t-shirt. If you have already donated enough to qualify for the shirt, please email Chuck Sherman (chucksherman@mac.com) with your size and he will see to it that you get one. Otherwise, just note your size on the form contained in this newsletter. Also, if you paid for a shirt at the mini-reunion this past fall and have already given over \$1,000, please let Chuck know and we will increase your donation amount by \$10.

We are getting there but we still have a long way to go. We hope you will take this opportunity to make a gift or pledge that will help us reach our goal of \$160K. Thanks in advance for your support of this enduring legacy to the outdoor tradition at Dartmouth and to our Class:

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Class of 1966 Lodge Fund

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Category (Check One):  John Sloan Dickey (\$10,000+)  
 Fred Harris (\$5,000-\$9,999)  
 Ross McKenney (\$1,000-\$4,999)  
 John Ledyard (up to \$999)

1. I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and my check is enclosed, made out to "Class of 1966 Lodge Fund".
2. I would like to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and agree to pay this amount in full by June 30, 2011.
3. I would like to charge my contribution or pledge to my credit card:

Card type \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you are making a pledge and would like to put it on your credit card, please indicate below how you would like the charges distributed and you will be reminded annually by the Dartmouth Development Office:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2009       \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2010       \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011

4. My employer has a matching gift program, which will add \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my donation, bringing the total to \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Employer name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Please enclose a copy of employer's matching gift form)

5. For gifts of \$1,000 and over: My t-shirt size is:      \_\_\_ Medium    \_\_\_ Large    \_\_\_ Extra Large

6. I would like my gift to be in memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

Please mail completed form (and check, if applicable) to: Dartmouth College, Class of 1966 Lodge Fund, 6066 Development Office,  
Hanover, NH 03755

Thank you!

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### **News from Classmates**



After the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, **Jim Keating** is back on the Gulf Coast in Diamondhead, MS, working as a radiologist at Gulfport Memorial Hospital, while enjoying life with wife Patty and grandchildren Jack (7) and Meg (4), pictured at left boating on Redfish Lake, ID, last summer, near son Jimmy '93's home.

**Jim Cinberg** writes, "Still working: five days plus per week. One child still in college, one a junior in high school, one child graduated Dartmouth. Thought the school was great and I was really pleased at how Dartmouth had changed since our days: diversity/coed and how it hadn't: still lots of space to be your own self. I take care of people with balance problems as a 'doc' (physician and surgeon) and teach the subject at a doctorate program here in New Jersey. Our ignorance as regards balance problems is greater than our knowledge. Lots out there to learn: it's as if I'm still in school: only now what I learn is applied."

"We were planning to attend the 65th birthday party, just about to make reservations at Garrett's Desert Inn", writes **Don Ries**, "when we received word of a job in India for the first 6 months of 2009. So I will be teaching middle school science at the Mercedes-Benz International School In Pune, India. Unfortunately they don't consider our class birthday party a sufficient reason to miss school and fly me back to Sante Fe, so I will miss it. About the only regret for taking the job. The program looks great, we were at Bandelier National Monument 20 years ago and it is well worth another visit, which we were looking forward to. Hearing Anne Hillerman would have been another treat. Hope you have a great "party", our best to everyone and looking forward to our 70th."

**Jay Vincent** writes, “I am looking to retire from The HallStar Company at the end of April, after 25 years, 20 of them as CEO. I’ll remain Chairman, and along with several other Board memberships, will keep my hand in on the chemical industry where I’ve been employed for 36 years (GE and FMC also). Andrea and I have finally shifted our residence to our new/old co-op in Chicago, after 31 years in the north shore suburb of Wilmette. The Wilmette house remains on the market and is almost empty now. If you know of any young/growing families moving to our area, I’m willing to be quite flexible, and one could not pick a better location to raise kids. I believe our realtor has our house on a website: <[www.630greenleaf.com](http://www.630greenleaf.com)>. Our new address is: 229 East Lake Shore Drive - Unit 7W, Chicago, IL 60611-1351. We have been traveling, spending three weeks in Morocco in November and will cruise in the South Pacific for three weeks in January. If it seems I’m already retired, I’m that close.... We are signed up for Santa Fe in May, and I’m trying to arrange the Lake Tahoe mini in March.”

“While countries in Latin America have advanced significantly in the last 30 years, they still must broaden access to education and investment in scientific research in order to modernize”, according to former United States Ambassador to Paraguay, **Jim Cason**, who gave a lecture in the Rockefeller Center Tuesday, titled “Emerging Trends in Latin America. “Over the past three decades, Latin American literacy rates have steadily risen, the infant mortality rate is the lowest in the world’s developing regions, and, due to improved education for women, the birth rate is now under control. But countries in the region must continue to work to bridge the education gap between the rich and the poor. Latin American governments are hindering their own growth by pouring money into the education of a small minority of rich elite.” He added, “Governments overspend on universities for the urban elite, but there is no good basic education for the rural population. So the poor are still excluded from government.”



“I mostly worry about the dearth of scientific research in the region,” he said. “Latins are falling behind the rest of the world — not a single university in the region is in the world’s top 100, and only three universities are in the top 200.” Jim, who majored in Latin American studies while at Dartmouth, was a Fulbright Scholar in Uruguay before entering the U.S. Foreign Service. Over the course of his career, he has acted as Chief of Mission at the U.S. Interests Section in Havana and has served on U.S. missions in El Salvador, Bolivia, Panama, Uruguay, Italy, Venezuela and Portugal. Upon assuming his ambassadorship in Paraguay, Jim learned Guarani, the native language. Although he had no previous musical experience and had never played an instrument, Jim recorded several compilations of Guarani songs, and has received a great deal of air time on Paraguayan radio stations, making him something of a local celebrity (see September *Along Route '66*). The lecture concluded the Rockefeller Center’s Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series, which honors the former U.S. vice president for his contributions to society.

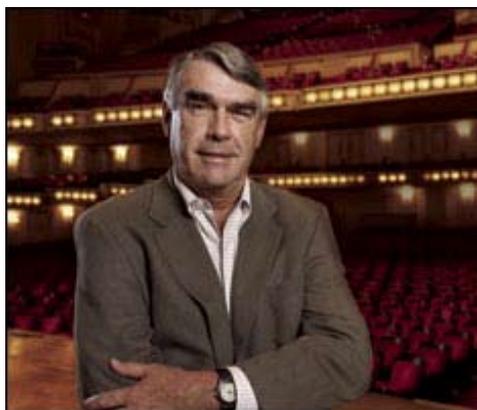
**Walter Harrison** has relocated from a blue state to a red state! “Hi, Ya’ll, I apologize for not being in better touch over the years. I just closed my solo pediatric practice of 35 years for a more relaxed life style in Nashville, TN and to be nearer to one of our daughters. We have been super busy over the last number of months what with arranging for the practice and the building, selling and buying our MA and TN houses, my father’s death, the Jewish holidays, and our son Danny’s wedding all without internet for almost 2 weeks and there is still so very much more to do. People in Nashville have just been very welcoming. We have had 5 different dinner and lunch invitations for the Jewish holidays and another several lined up. The weather has just been wonderful in the 70’s and 80’s, sunny and not humid at all except for 2 days. However, it is now in the 40’s and 50’s, which we have been told is cold for Nashville at this time of year. It was very liberating to sell the snowblower up in MA. I started work mid-October at a very large pediatric group in Nashville. It’s one of 13 pediatric offices here in Nashville. I am working in the Spanish side and I am getting along with my pidgen Spanish and the help of translators and Rosetta Stone. It’s very busy with lots of pregnant patients. Regards to all. Ya’ll come on down, Y’hear.” Walter’s new home address is 533 Summit Oaks Ct, Nashville, TN 37221 and email [wharrison@centpeds.com](mailto:wharrison@centpeds.com).

George R. Trumbull IV, son of Lyn and **George Trumbull**, has been named an Assistant Professor of History at the College. According to *Dartmouth Life*, “He studies the history of north and Islamic Africa and has further interests in colonialism, narrative history, and environmental studies. This year Trumbull is teaching ‘Africa and the World’ and ‘Islam in Africa’.” George graduated from Princeton and has a Ph. D. from Yale. I’m sure “our” George is glad his son has finally seen the light!!

**Doug Raichle** is among a group of alumni that entered a suit in Grantham County Court on November 14 against the College’s Board of Trustees, regarding its decision to obviate an 1891 agreement between the alumni and the College that established parity between the number of Board and Alumni-elected trustees.

As you may recall from the November issue of *Along Route ‘66*, **Pete Barber** will be among a handful of alumni inducted in March into the equivalent of Dartmouth Athletics’ Hall of Fame, the “Wearers of the Green”. I had mistakenly believed that Pete was the first inductee from the class, but it turns out that he will join fellow classmates **Brian Beattie**, **Tom Clarke**, **Ed Long**, and **Bruce McKissock**. My apologies to Brian, Tom, Ed, and Bruce...and, again, congratulations to Pete.

### In Memorium



**William Randolph “Randy” Adams** died on January 14 of pancreatic cancer. Born in Cleveland on August 5, 1944, and raised in Cincinnati, he came to Dartmouth from Mariemont High School, where he was Class President and co-captain of both the football and tennis teams. A brother of Kappa Sigma, he majored in government and urban affairs, but dropped out of the College and served in the Navy as a lieutenant in the Vietnam War. He finished his degree at Syracuse University, but returned to Dartmouth to earn an MBA from Tuck in 1974. He was best known in his hometown of St. Louis as the President and Executive Director of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra from August 2001 to August 2007.

As his obituary in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch noted, “Mr. Adams did not have a typical orchestra president’s resume. He was not a musician, and he didn’t work his way up through the ranks with smaller orchestras before taking over one of the world’s great ensembles. Instead, he came from a background of 25 years in banking and as a management consultant. That gave him the confidence of St. Louis business people at a time when the SLSO was close to bankruptcy. He led a major financial restructuring of the organization, increasing its endowment to \$125 million from \$18 million and attracting gifts for physical improvements to Powell Symphony Hall. Mr. Adams also helped to attract David Robertson as the orchestra’s music director.”

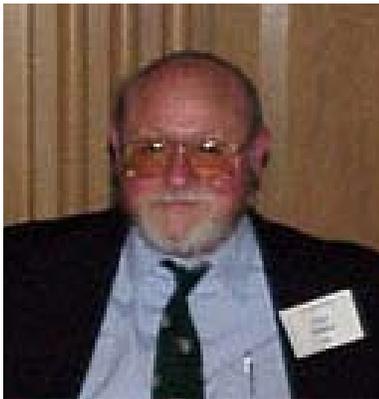
He worked for 17 years for a management consulting firm in Chicago, coming to Mercantile Bank in St. Louis in 1991 with his then-wife, Peggy, and two children. In 1995, he became chief executive of Mercantile Bank of St. Louis and executive vice president of Mercantile Bancorp. He helped oversee the merger of Mercantile and Firststar (now U.S. Bancorp) in 1999-2000.

Randy served on the boards of numerous St. Louis-area civic and charitable organizations. He is survived by two adult children, William Duff “Duffy” Adams and Jessica M. Adams.

**Abbott Carson “Kit” Combes**, an editor at The New York Times Magazine who helped create its “About Men” column, died from lung cancer on December 26 in Mount Kisco, N.Y. A native of Pittsfield MA, Kit came to Dartmouth from the Berkshire School. He was a member of Green Key and managed the baseball team.

Kit’s first job in the newspaper business was at the Patriot Ledger in Quincy, MA. He next was at the Washington Post where he was on the Metro desk as the Watergate story was breaking. He was a portfolio editor at the Washington Star before moving on to the New York Times in 1981. At The Times, Mr. Combes worked as an editor and writer for the Sunday magazine until his death.

According to his obituary, “As the first editor of ‘About Men’, which made its debut as a weekly column in 1983 and ran until 1996, he signed up many of the writers who made the column one of the magazine’s most popular features. He also wrote sprightly articles about shaving his beard and the beauty of the bow tie. He wore one, with walking shorts, a jacket and sockless loafers, from Memorial Day to Labor Day.” He was married twice, to Alice Schwab and Constance W. Wardrop. He is survived by his companion, Marion McKeone, three daughters, Andrea W. Combes of East Greenwich, R. I., and de-Raismes Combes and Ada Barker Combes, both of Bedford Hills, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Mary August, Axel, and Berit Olsson. Kit lived in Katonah, NY.



**Stephen G. Posniak**, an outdoorsman, retired federal employee and former advisory neighborhood commissioner, died at his home in Washington, DC, on December 16, after shooting himself in his backyard, the day after a federal magistrate judge in Minneapolis denied motions challenging key aspects of charges filed in a 2007 Ham Lake, MN fire, which destroyed more than 75,000 acres and 132 buildings in both Minnesota and Ontario. A trial was to begin in January. Steve had pleaded not guilty at his arraignment, and his attorney, Mark Larsen, called the government’s case “an exercise in overcharging.” He said there was no evidence “at all” that Steve intentionally set the fire. He said Posniak would have contested the charges vigorously.

Steve was a life-long resident of DC, having graduated from Woodrow Wilson HS before entering Dartmouth. While at the College, he was a government major and Class of 1926 Fellow, a cross country runner his freshman and senior years, and a member of the DOC, WDCR, and Le Cercle Francais. Following graduation, Steve remained active with the Dartmouth Club of Washington and attended both class birthday and reunion events. Classmates Jack Bennett, John Rollins, and Jim Weiskopf joined about 100 others in attending the memorial service honoring his life, held at the River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, Maryland on January 4, 2009. The Reverend Ginger Lake, who delivered the eulogy, told those present that Steve should be remembered for his life and not for the tragic event that ended it. She spoke of Steve’s four years in Hanover and his love for nature and the wilderness. Steve is survived by his wife Jane, his daughter Beth, and brother John. Jane has asked that any memorial donations be made to the Class of 1966 Lodge.

While not a member of our class, many of us were saddened to learn of the passing of Coach Alden H. “Whitey” Burnham on November 18 at the age of 85. Burnham arrived at Dartmouth in 1960 as the school’s coach for lacrosse and soccer, and the following year became the Big Green’s first and only three-sport coach when he took over the wrestling program. He remained head coach of all three sports through our senior year, before focusing on lacrosse and soccer again. In his nine seasons as a Big Green coach, he had 14 All-America selections in lacrosse and four more in soccer, plus guided three Ivy League championship teams — lacrosse in 1964 and ’65, and soccer in 1964.



In 1969, Burnham moved into an administrator's seat as the assistant director of athletics at Dartmouth; he was appointed the associate director of athletics for development and alumni affairs in January 1983, with responsibilities that included directing the Athletic Sponsor Program — which at the time had more than 600 members — and overseeing the many Friends' organizations affiliated with Dartmouth athletics. Burnham retired from his post on June 30, 1989 after 29 years as a member of the athletics department staff.

Burnham Field, Dartmouth's home for the men's and women's soccer teams, was dedicated this past spring in honor of Whitey as requested by lead donor Stan Smoyer '34. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joanne, and their two children, Fred and Janice. Since his retirement, he and Joanne continued their enthusiastic support of Big Green teams, attending many of the college's athletic events.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested contributions to a charity of your choice in honor of Alden Burnham. Cards, notes and remembrances may be sent to Joanne at the following address:  
Joanne Burnham, 12 Mitchell Lane, Hanover, NH 03755.



## **Alumni Council**

**Wayne LoCurto** attended his first meeting of the Alumni Council, as our Class Representative, in early December and submitted the following report:

"A complete summary of the meeting is included for your review on the Class website at [www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66/council/index.php](http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66/council/index.php). However, I would like to highlight a few points:

1. This spring all alumni will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Association of Alumni [AOA] constitution. The AOA conducts the elections for alumni nominated trustees. The change will provide for up to two Alumni Council nominees for each open seat. It also preserves the petition candidate process. The winner will be the candidate who gets the majority of the votes of all voting alumni. This amendment makes sense, and I encourage you to vote in favor of it. The Board of Trustees [BOT] has never failed to accept the winner of the AOA elections.
2. Another lawsuit has been filed against the College to try to force parity on the Board of Trustees between charter trustees and alumni nominated trustees. The BOT feels this suit will fail, but it may cost the College \$1-2 M to fight. After discussions with the President of the AOA and Ed Halderman, Chairman of the BOT, I think we have a better chance of gaining, or at least approaching, parity through meaningful discussions between the BOT and the AOA. Lawsuits are not the answer. They are costly and embarrassing to the College and her Alumni.
3. It appears that Buddy Teevens will be the football coach next fall. Despite the 0-10 record, the coaching staff and the athletic director feel the team is making progress. They believe that restoring the team's winning ways is tougher than they thought, and it will require more time. Next year will be Buddy's fifth year as Head Coach since returning to Dartmouth in 2004.

4. The DAC has formed an Alumni Liason Committee to meet with the BOT and discuss alumni concerns/issues. Please email me any comments or concerns which you would like me to forward to the committee.

The endowment is down about 13.5 percent (not including private equities). Harvard's is down 22 percent. As a practical matter, Dartmouth is looking at a possible \$40 million shortfall, and so the school is taking steps to cut up to \$40 million out of the operating budget over the next two years. It has already been determined that this won't affect the tenured faculty or financial aid.

Keller says he will have a plan in place by February that will be open and transparent. "There are efficiencies to be gained," he said, "but there is not much fat in the budget."

In the area of capital projects, Trustee Jose Fernandez '77 told the Council that the Class of 1978 Life Sciences Building is far enough along that it will go forward. The replacement of Thayer Hall and the new Visual Arts building will be put on hold, as will the full renovation of the West Stands of Memorial Field

Thanks, Wayne, for your report. Classmates interested in expressing comments or concerns can reach Wayne at [wlocurto@aol.com](mailto:wlocurto@aol.com).



### **Dartmouth College Fund**

As noted in Wayne's report, Dartmouth, like many institutions, is facing a difficult financial environment. Vicky Riley, our class' Development Office liaison, shared the following with Head Agent **Bob Spence**:



"Dartmouth's total expenses are \$440 million/yr. \$220 million/yr of those expenses are fixed and cannot be cut. The College needs to remove \$40 million/yr out of the other \$220 million of "variable" expenses budget. This assumes the DCF meets this a goal of \$40 million...any shortage in meeting the goal will also turn into additional expense cuts. We have a hiring freeze. We are sending everything possible via email to cut mail costs. Lots of changes here."

Bob adds, "In 2008, 27.8% of the DCF went to financial aid; 39.8% to faculty and academic programs; 6.6% to athletics; 25.8% to culture and community. In terms of endowment per student Dartmouth ranked 16th (2007). Our class gave in total \$1,597,620 to the DCF, Tuck, Thayer, DMS and restricted giving for 2008, of which the DCF accounted for \$250 thousand. In our communications, while we focus on funding the lodge, we can't forget what allows Dartmouth to remain the premier educational source that it is.

We will be running a matching gift program during February to encourage those who haven't given to the DCF for a year or more. A small number of classmates are banding together to match a contribution of up to \$242 (the cost of a day for a Dartmouth student) from people who have not participated for a year or more, with the hope of both increasing our DCF participation percentage as well as class cohesiveness. Approximately 356 of our classmates will be receiving a postcard to that effect soon."

## **Class of 1966 Website**

One of the areas that sets our class apart from others is the quality of our website, [www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66](http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66). Started by **Chuck Sherman**, the website has been managed over the last two and a half years by Webmaster **Ben Day**. Ben works hard to insure that all aspects of the site are current, including the latest newsletter, mini-reunion sign-up sheets, Class of 1966 Lodge information (including a video), Alumni Council minutes, classmate email addresses, etc. He will soon be undertaking a project to add more photos and include updated Class Notes from **Larry Geiger**. He has recently updated the masthead and I urge you to “bookmark” the site and visit it often.

## **Class Email Addresses**

The Class Executive Committee is now in the process of correcting the email addresses on the class website that we use to send newsletters and other communications. You may see and correct what we have on the Class website at any time (click on “Classmates”, then click on “Display all Classmates”, finally clicking on your name). We deleted addresses that no longer work and added some we got from the College’s database. Some we never had, indeed, some of you may still not have one. If you received *Along Route '66* via email, our record for you is good. We do not share our files with the College.

There is now a list of all classmates for whom we have no working email address. The list is accessible by clicking on “Classmates”. If you want to add your address, or if you can provide an address we may lack for someone else, please go back to the home page and click on “Send a Green Card” in the index, filling in the information (and hopefully some news) as indicated. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **Other Dartmouth News**

As noted in **Wayne LoCurto**’s report, be sure to cast your ballot March 25-May 6, 2009, to elect a new Dartmouth Association of Alumni Executive Committee. Elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, and secretary-treasurer, and seven Executive Committee members. You will also have the opportunity to vote on a proposed amendment to the Association of Alumni constitution designed to simplify, clarify, and strengthen the election process and help to advance continuing discussions with the Board of Trustees about the prospect of increasing the number of alumni-nominated trustees. All alumni are members of the Association of Alumni and are eligible to vote. Vote by mail or online (watch for your ballot in the mail in March). Voting results will be announced at the Association of Alumni annual meeting in Hanover on Saturday, May 9. For election information, please visit [www.voxthevote.org](http://www.voxthevote.org).

An article in January’s *Smart Money* took data from the study on college graduate salaries (referred to in last issue’s *Along Route '66*) and indexed it against the cost of a four-year education, to establish a “Return on Tuition”. Averaging three-year post-graduation salaries and fifteen-year post-graduation salaries (the number for which Dartmouth out-ranked all other schools), the article concluded one gets a higher return at a public university than a private one. The leading return was achieved at the University of Georgia, followed by Texas A&M, and the University of Texas. Dartmouth ranked twenty-first, behind only two other private schools (Washington & Lee and Princeton).

A total of 575 students joined one of Dartmouth’s thirty fraternities or sororities this fall, bringing the total of “Greek” members to 1,975, or 62% of eligible students. The College will consider inviting another national sorority to campus, given that all sororities now each have over 100 members.

## **Future Issues of *Along Route '66***

The next issue will be published toward the end of March, so please forward your news and pictures. Remember that you can now go to the class website, click on the “Send a Green Card” link, and electronically pass along any news item.

## Class of 1966 Lodge



### Honor Roll of Contributors (January 19, 2009)

#### John Sloan Dickey Contributors ((\$10,000+)

Noel Fidel

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#### Fred Harris Contributors (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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**Dartmouth Class of 1966  
65th Birthday Party in Santa Fe, NM  
Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, 2009  
Registration Form**

Classmate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner/Guest:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest (Write-in additional guests):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note any Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: Includes Friday Reception, Saturday "Museum Walk", Saturday Reception & Dinner, Sunday Tour to Bandelier & Los Alamos, Sunday Picnic, and Monday Brunch. Please indicate if you plan to play golf or tennis Saturday morning in lieu of "Museum Walk":

	<u>Number</u>		
Class of 1966 Member	_____	X \$350 =	\$ _____
Early Registration*	_____	X \$299 =	\$ _____
Spouse/Partner/Guests	_____	X \$350 =	\$ _____
Early Registration*	_____	X \$299 =	\$ _____
Children/Grandchildren	_____	X \$175 =	\$ _____
Golf at Black Mesa Golf Club	_____	X \$87 =	\$ _____
Tennis at Bishop's Resort	_____	X \$0	
Total Registration Fees:			\$ _____

\* Discounted pricing for early registration and payment received before February 1, 2009 *plus* Win a luxury suite at La Fonda for the price of a regular room! We will hold a drawing among all early-bird registrants for this superb accommodation, which normally goes for \$449 per night.

So send your check and sign-up form now and you could win the suite for your entire stay at the greatly reduced rate of \$189 per night. CHECKS WILL NOT BE CASHED UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 2009.

**Make checks payable to "Class of 1966"**, complete all sections above and mail to:  
 Jim Lustenader, 26191 Isle Way, Bonita Springs, FL 34134

**Hotel Suggestions.**

The *La Fonda Hotel* off the Plaza will serve as the "headquarter" hotel. A block of 30 rooms is available **until March 24** at \$189 per night. Reservations before and after the reunion at the same price are on a "space available" basis. Call 800-523-5002 for reservations and mention "Dartmouth Class of 1966 Birthday Party".

*Garrett's Desert Inn* is approximately two blocks from La Fonda. A block of 20 rooms is available **until April 1** at \$89 (queen bed) or \$99 (2 queen beds or 1 king). Call 800-888-2145 for reservations and mention "Dartmouth Class of 1966 Birthday Party". Rooms before and after the event may be reserved at the same rates on a "space available" basis.

Dinners

Friday night and Sunday night dinners are "a la carte". Reservations will be arranged in advance for tables of six, taking advantage of the broad range of restaurants available in Santa Fe.