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Our 50th Reunion - A Great Success

Four hundred ninety-one classmates and guests attended the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1966 in Hanover, June 9-14. Based on the comments from attendees (See Page 3), everybody seemed to enjoy the event. Attendance set a recent record for 50th reunion attendance, as we attracted more people than the classes of 1965 and 1964.

The weather was “mixed” with unseasonably cold temperatures and intermittent rain for most of the weekend but, in spite of that, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share memories and life experiences “Along Route 66”. Key highlights included:

- The dedication of the Class of 1966 Bunkhouse at Moosilauke
- Presentations by Professor Donald Pease, President Emeritus James Wright, Athletic Director Harry Sheehy, and VP Alumni Relations Martha Beattie
- BBQ picnic with the Class of 2016
- Lunch with President Philip Hanlon and the Board of Trustees
- Dinners on Baker Lawn, at the Boathouse, in Collis, and at the Class Tent
- Commentary on Dartmouth’s “Sense of Place” by Al Ryan
- Glee Club concert with ’66 Alumni singers, led by John Hargraves
- Class meeting followed by a memorial service, led by Rev. Budge Gere and Rev. Brad Laycock and featuring music by ’66 Glee Club members
- Dartmate presentation on “Women at Dartmouth”
- Get-togethers of fraternities, sports teams, clubs, and other organizations
- Dancing to “The Flames” on Saturday night
- A panel discussion on the future of higher education led by former Dartmouth professor and Carleton College President Rob Oden with Barry Machado and Tom Brady
- Golf and tennis tournaments
- A display of 1960’s memorabilia in Rauner Library that included photos taken by classmate Paul Klee
- A nature walk along Mink Brook
- Walks to the Class of 1966 Lodge led by Chuck Sherman
- Preview of Howie Weiner’s new feature film, “The Last Poker Game.”

With this issue of “Along Route 66”, we are launching a new section called “Notes from the 50th”. We invite you to send us your notes about what you enjoyed the most, people you reconnected with, new friends made, and people you would like to see at the 55th Reunion – or anything else regarding your memories and connections to the Class. This issue’s column begins on page 3.



FROM THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

Greetings '66 Classmates,

Let me begin my final President's letter by thanking all of you for your support during the past five years. You always responded positively in so many ways. My greatest satisfaction has come from reconnecting and having conversations with so many of you. Thank you.



We shared a presentation prepared by Ben Day at our Reunion Class Meeting highlighting our Class accomplishments during the past five years. Here's the link--<https://youtu.be/Xhh1wvFPYUU>. Here's a summary of what you all have accomplished:

- 21 Newsletters and Newsletter Editor of the Year for Bob Cohn and Erv Burkholder in 2014
- A successful '66-'16 Class Connections Program led by Chuck Sherman, including a Special Recognition Award and the Class of '66-'16 Webcam
- 30 Dartmouth Alumni Magazine notes and Secretary of the Year Award to Larry Geiger in 2013
- Highly successful 70th Birthday Party in Jackson WY arranged by Committee members Bob Serenbetz, Dean Spatz, Ken Taylor and Jeff Gilbert
- Growing number of mini reunions, including two international cruises, and '66th Night gatherings led to a Special Recognition Award in 2015
- Honorable Mention, Class of the Year in 2014
- Graduation of our first '66 Endowed Scholar, Zonia Moore '16, Phi Beta Kappa
- Fabulous full color 50th Reunion Book delivered under budget and free to consistent dues payers by Co-editors Bob Serenbetz and Ben Day
- The Class of 1966 Bunkhouse at Moosilauke, 50th Reunion Class Gift
- Record Class of '66 giving to the Dartmouth College Fund during our 50th Reunion year of \$1,349,000 and 57% participation under the leadership of Bob Spence
- Highly successful 50th Reunion pilot program that incorporated recognition of gifts beyond the DCF—grand total of \$9,268,000 with 58% participation.
- Total giving during the 5 years since our last reunion: \$14,517,000.
- Highly successful 50th Reunion under the leadership of Jim Lustenader and Bob Serenbetz, with every Classmate attending the Core Reunion free—unprecedented!

It has been an honor to be your Class President and to serve with a wonderfully dedicated, hard working group of officers and Executive Committee members.

Best wishes, good friends and Classmates,

Al Keiller

FROM THE NEW CLASS PRESIDENT

My thanks to Al Keiller for his astute leadership over the past five years. Through his hard work, patient diplomacy and keen sense of what was required to get the job done, Al has significantly elevated our overall contribution to the College and its students. And he has left the Class in fine shape, making my upcoming stewardship that much easier.



It was a pleasure to reconnect with many of you during reunion, and to hear your ideas for class projects and programs. I am looking forward to having more such conversations and welcome any input that you might have--please feel free to get in touch (201-401-5678 or jimlustenader@aol.com). There are new faces on your Executive Committee, as well as some existing members assuming new roles. As Vice President, John Rollins will be working closely with me and others on the EC in a variety of areas. Brad Stein will chair our travel minis, while Al Keiller will take on other mini-reunion duties such as Homecoming, ski weekends and golf outings. Alumni Council rep Budge Gere will become an at-large member when his term expires and Terry Lowd will chair our 55th reunion in 2021, replacing newly-elected Treasurer Bob Serenbetz. Al Rottenberg will chair Bequests and Trusts, and John Hargraves will come on board as an at-large member, joining Tom Brady, Gary Broughton and Jon Colby.

Larry Geiger (Secretary), Ben Day (Webmaster), Chuck Sherman ('66th Night Coordinator), and Erv Burkholder and Bob Cohn (Newsletter Co-Chairs) will continue their current duties. Bob Spence, however has decided to take a well-earned break from being Head Agent for 20 years. Having achieved a class record in participation and funds raised for the DCF in the past year, Bob will be retiring and helping us find a successor. More on this at a later date.

It will be a pleasure working with this group of accomplished and dedicated volunteers to serve the Great Class of 1966 for the next five years.

Best regards,
Jim Lustenader

New Class Officers

President:	Jim Lustenader
Vice-Pres:	John Rollins
Secretary:	Larry Geiger
Treasurer:	Bob Serenbetz
Alumni Council:	Budge Gere
Head Agent:	Bob Spence
Bequests & Trusts:	Al Rottenberg
Mini-Reunions:	Al Keiller & Brad Stein
Webmaster:	Ben Day
66th Night Coord.:	Chuck Sherman
Newsletter Editors:	Erv Burkholder & Bob Cohn

Submit News to: etburk@gmail.com
Class Website: www.dartmouth66.org

NOTES FROM OUR 50TH

In this issue, we are sharing excerpts from some of the feedback our Reunion Chairs have received about the 50th Reunion. We are also launching a new recurring section in the newsletter called “Notes from the 50th” – containing your notes about what you enjoyed the most, people you reconnected with, new friends made, and people you would like to see at the 55th Reunion – or anything else regarding your memories and connections to the Class. Please send your feedback and observations to robertmarkcohn@gmail.com or etburk@aol.com.

Here is some of the feedback so far:

From Charlie Stuart: “Having just finished reading the latest issue of DAM, I am reminded to send a final thank you for everything you gentlemen organized for our superb reunion. It’s astounding, really, what you pulled off. The turnout was magnificent, the organization perfect. I honestly think the turnout is a reflection of the work you put in well in advance of the event itself. With great appreciation...”

From Professor Don Pease: “I cannot recall a lecture-discussion that I found more rewarding. The questions ‘66ers raised after the lecture (and through e-mail days later) deepened my understanding of *The Book of Daniel* and renewed my belief in what John Sloan Dickey called the “liberating arts”. I am so grateful to you for the honor of addressing your class...”

From Steve Zegel: “Truly appreciate the work for the Reunion. I have placed the EXPERIENCE in the Top 10 of my life experiences! I continue to read the YearBook and will use the bio topics for my expanded biography for my self, family, and friends. I have wonderful pictures with classmates and brothers that I share with friends, colleagues, and self daily! Will be sending thanks to the others on the committee. Wah. Who. Wow!”

From Larry & Beth Simms: “Dear Al, Jim, and Bob... You and all our classmates deserve congratulations and heart-felt gratitude for a very special 50th reunion weekend. Larry and I both want to send our warmest thanks to those of you who planned and brain-stormed the myriad details...and we want to express gratitude to all the classmates and “Dartmates” who showed us so many kindnesses. There were several whose names we never knew as well as old friends who simply came and helped push Larry’s wheelchair up an incline or scouted out a nearby handicapped bathroom, or just came over to sit and talk with Larry. This may have been our best reunion ever, perhaps because the camaraderie of youth has become a seasoned mix of generational memories and awareness of the passage of time. Friendship and shared remembering was called “holy work” at the memorial service, and indeed it was. Again our thanks.”

From Claudia Brown: “It was an honor and privilege to attend our 50th with you who helped make it a marvelous and memorable occasion. Every aspect worked out well and everyone enjoyed all of the fruits of your hard labor and love ...the whole weekend was everything Jeff and I had hoped for and more. Our deepest thanks to you and the entire committee for all of the hours, days, months and minutes. which you so generously spent on behalf of the Class of ‘66. We give a rouse for you and send our best.”

From Tom Brady: “... must tell those who were not able to attend that this was the best reunion ever....Al Keiler, Bob Serenbetz, Jim Lustenader, Bob Spence, Larry Geiger, Jim Weiskopf, Ben Day, and others did a superb job of organizing the entire weekend. Every event offered opportunities to reconnect and to participate and the affinity events were also well organized and well attended.

“...our Alpha Theta gathering...was terrific and a chance to meet several of the brothers and sisters and their families....those attending from our class were: Peter Eddy, Ken Reiber, Brad Laycock. John and Pam Harbaugh, Wayne and Weetie Hill, Rob and Teresa Carpenter, Tom and Betsy Brady.”

From John Galt: “Just a brief “Thank You” to you and the other reunion organizers for a fun, well-organized, worthwhile 50th Reunion. Sally and I fully enjoyed ourselves. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to re-connect with men I had known well while an undergrad and to talk with those whom I had hardly known as an undergrad. The food and drink were excellent. I had only one complaint (it was too cold Sunday morning during Commencement), but that was the responsibility of someone far higher up the management ladder than anyone in the Class of 1966!”

From Bruce Berger: “You and your faithful associates did a stellar job over the past four days that we participated in the ‘66 Reunion. Your attention to detail and concern for all of us was obvious from the first moment we arrived. The dedication of the bunkhouse was classic Dartmouth and the North. The weather was fitting and maybe even added to the significance of the occasion. We totally enjoyed the wide variety of lectures, tours, meals, concerts, meetings (both official and affinity) and rekindled old (and often neglected) friendships as well as made new and hopefully lasting friendships with our classmates. The dorms were fine and made it easy to get around and even park our car.”

From John Barbieri: “Back in Florida for a couple of weeks before returning to UK, Judy and I would like to say a very heartfelt thanks for the all the effort you and the other 66ers put in to make the 50th reunion such a success. The whole thing was grand and the Bones Gate do particularly so...”

From Pete Barber: “You and the head honchos outdid yourselves...we were totally pleased how smoothly it was run... my own parking place really helped. Thanks...”



CLASS OF 1966 BUNKHOUSE AT MOOSILAUKE



We Did It!

The '66 Bunkhouse at Moosilauke was dedicated on schedule on June 9, 2016. Almost 200 classmates and guests braved 45 degree weather and wind gusts reaching 40 MPH to witness the dedication and opening of our 50th Reunion Class Gift. See photos on our website at Dartmouth66.org.

Your generosity made this possible: 162 Classmates and 3 widows of Classmates donated a total of \$519,000 to fund this beautiful, timber-framed, 4 bedroom, family-oriented, four season Bunkhouse. Over 4000 hours of volunteer labor supported the effort, including many hours by '66s and others from classes ranging from 1957 through 2019.

Those speaking at the Dedication included: The Reverend Budge Gere '66; Dan Nelson '75, Director of Outdoor Programs; David Hooke '84, Co-owner of TimberHomes Vermont; and Claire Pendergrast '15, Ravine Lodge crew member. We were honored to have Bob Lasher '88, Senior VP for Advancement, accept the Bunkhouse on behalf of the College. Bunkhouse Advisory Committee members Doug Hill '66, Jim Lustenader '66 and Al Keiller '66 cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the '66 Bunkhouse.

On Saturday, June 11, at the Reunion Trustee Luncheon, Tom Lips '66 and Ken Taylor '66, representing all donors, presented President Hanlon '77 a ceremonial "key" to the Bunkhouse. A special "challenge coin" was minted with a likeness of the '66 Bunkhouse on one side and the Reunion logo on the other, and was included in everyone's Reunion welcome packet.

Our Bunkhouse is now a part of the living legacy of the Class of 1966 to be enjoyed by Dartmouth students, alumni and families for generations to come.

Men Over 60: Don't Quit Now-- My 50th Dartmouth Reunion

by Peter Dorsen (edited for space)

The questionnaire for my reunion asked. "What would you do differently, if you could do it again?" My answer: "I can't."

I had trepidation meeting up with my buddies of yesteryear. Dartmouth was indeed notorious for discovering the hangover. Admittedly, many of us had done some pretty wild things. I too.

From my perspective as a grey-haired elder this is a matter of "invincibility versus invisibility." The "Spirituality" chapter for Men over 60: Don't Quit Now, written by the chaplain of our class --- previously disguised as a carefree undergraduate hockey goalie -- led to my personal seismic realization that I needed to find closure, say goodbye to men I had not seen for fifty years. I cried ahead of time of the work ahead of me.

The process is powerful. It didn't matter that many of us have aged differently over fifty years. But yet, the spirit looking out from wrinkles and, sadly, sag, had not changed. "Do you remember how you and I spent hours after studying talking endlessly by the corner on The Green after the library closed?" Frankly, not. Oh well, I faked it because remembering the details had zip importance. "We didn't care even if it was minus 20 degrees." Ah, I thought, "Age is wasted on the youth."

Yes, Dartmouth was all men. But so were all those other fancy East Coast schools. Yes, weekends, making up for lost time, could be punishing. Yet, what we learned had little to do with the classroom. Truth and beauty might hide in the form of last minute debilitating "All Nighters," studying as an antidote of too much sleep and much less books. The answer lay not in soporific lectures but a frat brother who could distill all you needed to know for the final in twelve hours ("I'm way over my head. I will not pass"). You did.

There were enough hearing aids at the reunion to raise the value of hearing aid stock twenty points. Everest and Jennings wheelchairs did well too. I confess, I visualized a booth in the alumni tent for wheelchairs, walkers, and canes. Nasty. But there was indescribable joy reconnecting with men I had not seen for fifty years. This is no easy task. Our name badges had names on both sides with large letters.

I will confess, I did engage our class spouses. Question: First of all, I thanked them for just being present. Second, I asked "What do you do?"

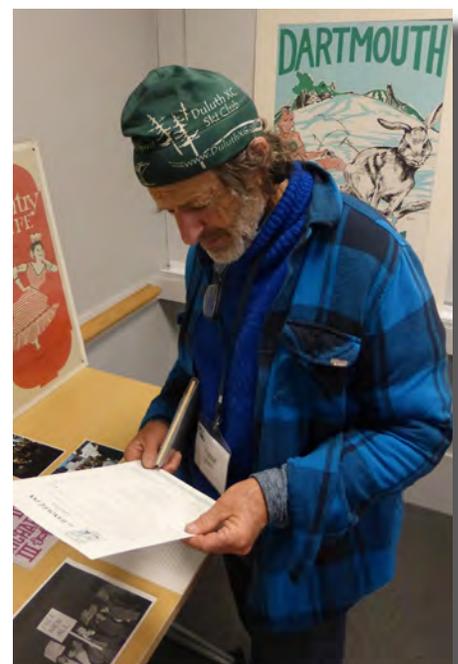
Answer: "Oh, I spend most of my time with 'him'... ..or "our grandchildren." Ever one to push the envelope, I went fearlessly on. Third: "What did you do when you were working?" Answer: "School teacher, professor, pediatrician, non-profit administrator." Not shabby. Not through yet, I proceeded. Question: "What is your passion?" Answer: First quiet. Prompting necessary. "What is your passion?" At last I break through: "Painting, travel, volunteering, I still work." Yes, yes, there is hope.

A tremendous challenge actually for our wives is the adjustment to retirement.of hubby, themselves. Many men (and women) defined Who I was by What I did. I am suggesting that many of us—myself included---struggle with retirement. Again, Erikson explains that at 70, we are looking back. "Did I accomplish what I set out to do--to make my life count?" Many of my classmates conceded, "Not so much, but I hope I have made an impact on the people I touched, my grandchildren, my children, my profession."

I was lucky even to make it to my fiftieth college reunion and to walk in commencement with the graduating class of 2016. Our class officers had paired us up with graduates over a picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers. Instead of a sea of white hair and faces from the sixties, I looked into the eyes of pristine faces of every color and country in the throes of early adulthood.... Their plans for their future knock my socks off.

"What are you going to do?" I ask. "I have a scholarship to go to Nepal to help them with water." Another, "I will go to Santiago, Chile to work in the barrio." Our path was much simpler: medical, law, engineering schools. Plenty became professors, anthropologists, doctors, lawyers. God bless those who became school teachers.

Why was I admitted to this esteemed institution? I think it was to make an impact on society. Many of us tried. I study the eager idealistic faces in front of me. I realize the equation has changed. Now, I understand the diversity that selected seniors from China, El Salvador, Senegal, patrician or impoverished families by a financial "blind" admission policy. This idealistic youthful blend must contribute to a larger and desperately needed conclusion—bring the world together, discover an equation for world peace, heal the endangered environment, and learn how we can love one another. We did our part. No one failed. It's in the trying. Now it's up to them to take their shot at the future. I am more optimistic after my 50th journey on Route '66.



Special 50th Reunion Contributions from Classmates

In recent years, your Class leadership heard from many Classmates that there are important priorities at Dartmouth that you want to support beyond the Dartmouth College Fund.

We lobbied hard, and the time was right to test a new approach to Reunion Giving and Recognition. Thanks to the leadership of Vice President of Development Andrew Davidson and that of Bob Lasher, Senior Vice President for Advancement, the Trustees approved a pilot program just for the Class of 1966, and just for our 50th Reunion. It was a great success.

The total funds raised by our Class under the pilot recognition program: \$9,268,000 (including the \$1,349,000 for the Dartmouth College Fund) with 58% participation.

During the June 11 Trustee lunch, several Classmates were asked to represent the Class in making the presentation of the ceremonial check to President Hanlon:

- **Joe Hafner** -- Joe has been a strong supporter of the DCF, while also providing leadership gifts to Tuck and an endowed fund in honor of Spanish Professor Bob Russell, a pioneer in foreign studies.
- **George Trumbull** -- George added an endowed Trumbull Family Scholarship for Dartmouth undergraduates to go along with a similar fund at Tuck.
- **Tim Urban** -- Tim likewise endowed an Urban Family Scholarship fund in honor of our 50th.
- **Rick Reiss** -- Rick added two endowed scholarships to six previously given to support our wonderfully talented Dartmouth students; a total of 8 Reiss Scholars are now supported every year.
- **Skip Battle** -- Skip, with son Daniel '01 and daughter Emily '05, made a generous challenge gift of \$5 million to support the construction of a new lodge at Moosilauke.

At the Trustee luncheon, we also recognized the generosity of Classmate **George Berry** who passed away in 2014, including his major Reunion year gifts to the Dartmouth College Fund and other priorities.

In addition, other examples of Classmate gifts that were recognized and counted in our Reunion year included:

- "Friends of..." various sports teams and other campus organizations.
- Gifts to capital programs at Thayer School and the Hood Museum
- Additions to existing endowed scholarship funds

We look forward to working with the College to evaluate our pilot, and hopefully extend the recognition policy to other classes.

Class Financial Summary

By Al Keiller

A portion of our 50th Reunion Class meeting on June 11th was devoted to a number of financial matters. With the completion of our 50th Reunion and the close of the fiscal year on June 30, an update is provided below:

- Reunion attendance: 269 classmates and 207 guests attended the Core Reunion; 173 attended the Thursday Early Bird event, 163 stayed for the first extension and 78 for the second extension. In addition, some 15 others attended a single dinner or other single event.
- Reunion financial results: In addition to the \$88,000 reserved to allow every Classmate to attend the Core Reunion without charge (unprecedented for any class), we collected \$107,900 in reunion fees and paid out \$183,700 for all reunion expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$12,200.
- Reunion yearbook: The total cost to produce and ship the full color book was \$29,500, some \$11,200 under budget, and well under the \$80,000 plus other classes have incurred to produce black and white books. 317 books were shipped without charge to Classmates who paid three consecutive years of dues prior to Reunion, 30 have been sold and 15 were gifts (Reunion speakers, Alumni Relations, Rauner Library, President Hanlon, etc.).
- Dues and Special Projects Donations: We set records for dues payers at 367 (plus two widows and 61 who prepaid fiscal 2017 dues), for total collections of \$28,380. Plus \$11,930 was donated for Class Projects.
- Overall financial status: We began the year with \$88,000 of reserves set aside for our 50th reunion and \$48,200 additional funds in our Treasury. We ended the year with \$59,400 in the bank.

Hal Ripley Society Members

The following classmates have made DCF gifts every year since graduation:

Dick Alderman	Caleb Loring
Chuck Benson	Terry Lowd
Robert Bertocchi	Bruce McKissock
Tom Brady	Hector Motroni
Gary Broughton	Jim Nutt
Jeff Brown	Gerry Paul
Wally Buschmann	Mike Ransmeier
Ben Cohen	John Rollins
Rich Daly	Paul Semple
Bill Duval	Bob Serenbetz
Jef Fellows	Norm Shaffer
Larry Geiger	Bob Spence
Don Graves	Win Stuebner
Wayne LoCurto	



Hundreds more photos online at:
Dartmouth66.org
Thanks to Rich Abraham, Danny Barnard,
Paul Klee, Gary Broughton, Wayne Hill
and Dartmouth College



A Sense of Place

by Allan A. Ryan '66

On the last day of Freshman Week 1962 – some 54 years ago – we sat in Webster Hall for a lecture by Professor Francis Childs, on the history of this College. He told us of Eleazar Wheelock, Daniel Webster, and William Jewett Tucker, and he concluded his presentation with this: “You are now a part of Dartmouth, and for as long as your lives shall last Dartmouth will be a part of you.”

I think few of us fully understood what he meant. We had been here only a few days; we were still learning our way around the campus in our freshman beanies, still wondering what this place had waiting for us; some of us still wondering, perhaps, whether we had come to the right place at all, this beautiful remote College on the hill, in the granite of New Hampshire.

Four years later, at Commencement, we assembled again, for the last time as students, and heard John Sloan Dickey, that tall strapping fellow with his bounding Yellow Labrador, give us a sort of farewell: “And so, Men of Dartmouth,” he said, “the word is so long, because in the Dartmouth fellowship there is no parting.”

But we were parting, some of us to return home, or to new jobs, or to roam round the girdled earth, some of us to law school or medical school or some other school, some of us, in that fateful year, to military service, some of us, at that impossibly young age, to marriages. We said our so-longs to those who had become close friends, roommates, teammates, and fraternity brothers, assuring each other we would meet again, not knowing where or when, but sensing that wherever it might be, it would be removed from the life we had lived, in the world that had been ours, for four years in this place.

Now, fifty years to the day after that sunny Commencement, we are here, again, at this place: honored guests of advanced age, thinner of hair, thicker of waist, slower of foot though perhaps with new knees, each bringing with us the scars and joys of a life we could not have foreseen then. We have read obituaries or attended funerals of classmates with whom we shared the Ravine Lodge, a road trip, the chem lab, 105 Dartmouth, the Skiway on a bracing February afternoon.

Dartmouth is of course now a place quite different from the College we knew then. There are women here, students and faculty. Diversity, a word of little significance back then, surrounds us now. In our class, there were several, no more, men of color in a population overwhelmingly of white, middle-class, suburban fellows, and most of us did not appreciate then how distant this community must have seemed to those few, and to our classmates who were gay in a community that did not acknowledge their full selves, or allow them to.

Beyond this, we are here at a place that is far less remote than the one we knew. In our lives at this College, communication with the world beyond Hanover depended on two pay telephones in a dormitory, WDCR and the D, and mail at the Post Office in the new Hopkins Center. Scant television, except on that awful weekend in November 1963 in Spaulding Auditorium. No personal computers, or email, or texting, no internet or cellphones or social media. Our facebook was a bound volume of high school graduation photos. Had anyone said then that we would someday routinely go online with our laptops and smartphones to Google a website and download a PDF to the cloud or a flash drive, I dare-

say even John Kemeny would have been mystified at what on earth they were talking about.

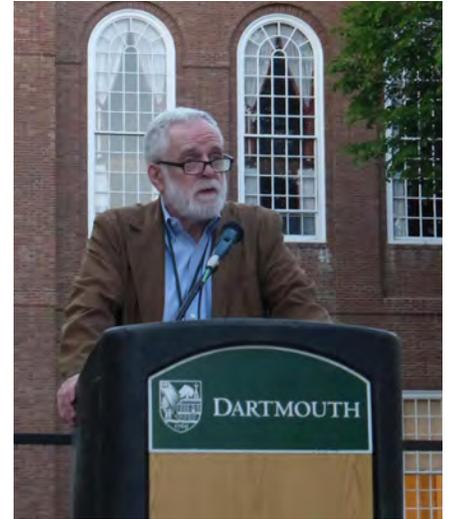
And yet... Whether we have come back often in the intervening years, or are returning now for the first time, the Moosilauke trails still lead to the summit; we can walk straight to our first dorm room; the Tower Room still beckons us to come in and find a book and a stuffed chair and snooze for a while; we can flick out at the Nugget; we can paddle, or row, on a river that flows as it did half a century ago. The mornings are still sharp and misty; bells still clang; feet still crunch on snow. It is possible, if we wish it, to walk across the Green and imagine that it is still 1966 and that the young men and women throwing a Frisbee are our friends and their dates.

Professor Childs, in his history lesson to us, had begun by acknowledging that we had all come from somewhere else. As he put it, “You have left your families and your hometowns to plunge into a new place and a new environment, Dartmouth College, and you find it doubtless quite different from any that you have known before. Yet here, as everywhere, the past is with you in the present.”

Fifty four years later, most of us would find his words truer than we could have appreciated then. This week our past is once again with us. For all that Dartmouth has changed, and continues to change, her spell on us remains. There is a sense of place here, a sense that assures us that we know where we are, a place that can gently erase the years and remind us, however fleetingly, of our youth.

We did come to this place from somewhere else; it was our place for four years, and then we left it for somewhere else. Yet it remains, and we return and are part of it again for these few days. Professor Childs knew something we didn't, then. However great or measured our dedication to Dartmouth has been for fifty years, this College, this place, has been and will continue to be a part of us, for as long as our lives shall last. The world that was ours then, the times that we knew then, are but distant memories today. Yet it is still our place. We are not strangers or tourists here; we know this place.

And we can believe that, in its way, this place knows us.



MEMORIAL SERVICE MEDITATION

Delivered by the Reverend Dr. Brewster H. Gere '66

Participation in reunions is holy work. Participation in memorial services within the context of the entirety of a reunion is especially holy work.

Reunions are about time and place; about remembering experiences and the people who shared and enriched those experiences.

With the passage of time, with life experiences informing the original experience, and with encounters with those who made each experience memorable, the time becomes sacred, and the space becomes a holy place. In our hearts and minds, the life-changing experiences of a half-century ago have now taken on an almost sacramental quality. Indeed, participating in reunions is holy work.

In the *Book of Ecclesiastes* the writer reminds us, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” The season of our lives when we, the Class of 1966, entered Dartmouth was that of late adolescence emerging into early adulthood. Some of our actions, and thus resultant experiences—usually with comrades in arms giving us courage—could be, should be, would be labeled “adolescent.” Other behavioral patterns actually showed that we might someday tip the balance toward becoming adults.

The time when we arrived here on the Hanover Plain—the fall of 1962—was a time of a lull before many storms that would reach gale force during our four years here. Eerily, hauntingly, those four years proved to be only a prelude to the remaining years of the decade of the ‘60’s. For after the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy and the many and varied actions and reactions surrounding the Civil Rights Movement came the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy and the Vietnam War, about which we all hold our own deeply personal stories.

The place where we Class of ‘66 members began living this season of our lives was not quite Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, that place many of us became acquainted with in high school when we read Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town*. But in some ways Hanover was a town up or down or across the river from the likes of Grovers Corners. Bucolic, with its share of local color; rough-hewn, even with the Dartmouth patina laid over it; not connected by the Interstate until the last few months of our senior year to our homes or to schools where the other gender in any great number resided, these realities led to making Hanover a holy place in many respects because of its isolation, its beauty, its rugged terrain, its location. All this worked to bring us together in common bond.

The time we were here, and the character of the place, influenced what is at the heart of this reunion—the remembering of experiences and of classmates with whom we shared those experiences. It is in the remembering of the people that past experiences come alive.

In *Ecclesiastes* we hear of the juxtaposition of time relative to major events that unfold in everyone’s lifetime, among them:

--a time to be born and a time to die,

--a time to mourn and a time to dance,

--a time to be silent and a time to speak.

I would add to this list a time to celebrate time. In the context of this reunion, this means celebrating time we had with classmates five decades ago, our time together this weekend, and the intervals between graduation and now. This is our holy work, to celebrate these times, thankful for what we have had, hopeful for more.

Embedded in the concept of time is the reality of mortality, of our own and of our mates and of our classmates. We who are now in our eighth decade here on earth have already confronted the issues of life as being defined by death. At any reunion, those who have gathered are never far from the reality of the presence of absence. The way we who are present here today give meaning to our classmates’ absence is to celebrate those times their lives gave our lives meaning. This celebrating of time with them is what makes them spiritually present with us today.

We are thankful that family members of classmates whom we remember *In Memoriam* are part of our community today. Judy Cleary, Debby Kaiser. Barbara Wade, Matthew and Tanya Swett, Jonathan and Rachel Drew (family members of George Berry), and Sage Chase, twin sister of David Dunlap, and her husband Dick Chase—your presence with us enriches our experience this weekend. We thank you for the gift of your presence in the absence of the one you love and who we, their classmates, remember. We hope you know of our affection for Rob, Rich, Phil, Bob, George and Dave, as for all our classmates who are now deceased, and of our support for you and your families.

Indeed, for everything there is a season, and this is the season of the year and of our lives for the 50th Reunion of the Dartmouth Class of 1966. Indeed, there is a time for every matter under heaven, and now is the time to celebrate our time with classmates now deceased who enriched our lives and the Dartmouth Community.

As we hear the reading of the names of our classmates who are with us *In Memoriam*, let us continue the holy work of this reunion.

Visit the Class website at Dartmouth66.org to enjoy more pages capturing our 50-year reunion.

There are links to over 300 photos and an audio recording of Allan Ryan’s address (and the Class of 1966 Podcast channel) as well as copies of Rev. Budge Gere’s Invocation at the Moosilauke Dedication and Martha Beattie’s address to our Class at the dinner on June 10.

Coming Events

October 28-29, 2016
March 7, 2017
Spring 2017
TBD:
2019

Homecoming vs. Harvard (See plans below)
66th Night
Golf and Ski Mini Reunions
Class of 1966 Travel Mini Reunion
75th Birthday Party

MINI-REUNIONS

Homecoming Set for October 28-29

As has been our long-standing tradition, we will once again hold a mini-reunion at Homecoming, this year on October 28-29. The Homecoming football game will be against arch rival Harvard. The time of the game has not been set as yet, so we may need some flexibility with our Saturday afternoon/evening plans.

Festivities will begin at 5 PM, Friday with a reception and supper in the Faculty Lounge at Hopkins Center overlooking the Green. At 7 PM we will break to join the Homecoming parade, Dartmouth Hall festivities and bonfire on the Green. The Faculty Lounge will reopen at 8 PM for additional refreshments (and a welcome shelter if the weather turns cold or wet). The Lounge and adjacent terrace are perfect for viewing the bonfire.

On Saturday morning, we will return to Paul and Margo Doscher's lovely home in Norwich at 10 AM for our Class Meeting and brunch. Those wishing to attend the football game should order tickets directly from the DCAC, and you can request the '66 Class section. There will be a host of other Homecoming athletic events and activities. We will return to the comforts of the Norwich Inn "Living Room" at 6:30 for cocktails, followed by dinner at 7:30. We expect to have Class of '66 Dickey Scholars and our Class Scholar join us and speak of their experiences over dessert.

Please join us on October 28 and 29 in Hanover.



Reunion Moosilauke hikers ready to go!

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Dartmouth College Fund 50th Reunion Results Break Class Giving Record

\$1.349 million, 57% Participation

Learn, earn and return: An old Scots saying, appropriate for our 50th.

So what did we return?

Did you ever have a passion for playing piano?

To play a piano you first need a piano, then you need a teacher, then you need sheet music composed by others; and then you need to practice and practice.

Music....classical or modern -- that's your choice.

You create the harmony that becomes you, and fulfills your passion.

Did you build that piano? No.

Did you create the teacher's abilities? No.

Did you compose the music that enabled you to learn? No. Your passion was to learn.

Your practicing helped fulfill your passion.

However, what enabled you to fulfill that passion was the gift of those who came before you -- and who learned, earned and returned.

So what did we, the Class of '66, return?

- We enabled 23 students through our DCF annual scholarship contributions to sit at that piano we call Dartmouth.

- We provided over \$1.3 million of support to enable students to fulfill their passions, whatever they might be.

- You, Class of 1966, returned enabling those who have followed us to learn and earn.

Thank you!

Bob Spence

Head Class Agent



Dartmouth Class of 1966 Homecoming 2016

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 10/28	5:00 PM	Wine/Beer/Pizza/Salad at the Faculty Lounge in the Hopkins Center
	7:00 PM	Parade of the Classes and Bonfire
	8:00 PM	Post-Bonfire Wine/Beer Party
Saturday, 10/29	10:00 AM	Class Meeting and Brunch at Margo & Paul Doscher's
	TBD PM	Football vs. Harvard (order tickets directly from DCAC & request Class of '66 Section)
	6:30 PM	Cocktails and Dinner at the Norwich Inn

Directions to the Doschers: Cross bridge from Hanover to Norwich. Proceed through Norwich to the Norwich Inn. Take first left past Inn onto Beaver Meadows Road. Proceed one mile then take sharp right onto Brigham Hill Road. At top of hill, turn left onto Tilden Hill Road. First driveway on left is #127. Phone: 802-649-2901

PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 17

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Yes, I plan to join other '66ers for our Mini-Reunion on October 28-29, 2016. Please reserve space at the following events:

Friday Beer/Wine Pizza reception/supper and post-Parade party at the Faculty Lounge:
 (Post-Parade party includes beer/wine/soft drinks/pizza/snacks)

for _____ people @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Friday Beer/Wine/Pizza reception/supper only at the Faculty Lounge:

for _____ people @ \$12.50 = \$ _____

Friday Post-Parade party only at the Faculty Lounge:

for _____ people @ \$7.50 = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner (soup or salad/entrée/dessert/beverage) at the Norwich Inn:

for _____ adults @\$58 each and _____ students/children @ \$38 each; Total for Dinner = \$ _____

Choice of entrees for Saturday dinner: _____ # Slow-roasted Prime Rib
 _____ # Grilled Atlantic Salmon
 _____ # Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)

Special dietary needs: _____

I am enclosing a check to "Dartmouth Class of 1966" for \$ _____ to cover the above.

Name _____ Phone# _____

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