



# Along Route '66

Photo by Joshua Renaud '17

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## March 7th is '66 Night – Get Ready to Join in Celebration!

### '66th Night 2017 is Just Ahead

You don't have to wait another 5 years and trek all the way to back to Hanover to experience the fellowship of your Dartmouth Classmates.

Every year, on or about the 66th Night of the year, we gather in or near our home communities all across the globe. Last winter, over 90 of us assembled in 17 locations in the US and UK. Most were pictured in the April Along Route '66 newsletter.

To keep the Spark of '66 alive after last year's wonderful reunion in Hanover, we will be having another decentralized reunion on or about the '66th night of the year, March 7, 2017.

This will be the 9th annual '66 Night celebration – and each year there have been more gatherings in more locations. There were 17 separate gatherings in 2016, compared to 14 in 2015.

Anyone can set up a local gathering – and any gathering of 3 or more classmates within 2 weeks of March 7th qualifies as a '66 Night event. As an added incentive, the Class Executive Committee authorized buying the first round of drinks at any local gathering of 3 or more; a \$66 check is being sent to each host.

Each regional host will contact classmates in his area to let them know the time and place of their local event. As we go to press, 26 local events are being planned, with more to come!

The following classmates have volunteered to host a '66 Night gathering in their area:

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Arizona – Tony Muller

Atlanta – Roy Rubin

Boston – Albie MacDonald

Southern CA – Rob McAuley & Don Graves

Chicago IL – Bob Nash

CT (Central) – Dave Johnston

CT (Southwest) – Hector Motroni

Colorado – Tim Urban

England – Steve Hladky

Florida (SE) – Jim Cason

Florida (Sanibel Island) – John Barbieri

Florida (Vero Beach) – Bill Higgins

Hanover – Al Keiller

Hawai'i - Steve Coles

New York City – Bob Cohn

Minnesota - John LeFevre

Ohio (Toledo) - Tom Brady and Budge Gere

Rhode Island – Jon Colby

South Carolina – Jim Weiskopf

Tennessee – Jeff Stein

Texas (Houston) – Joe Hafner

Texas (Austin) – Bob Baird

Pennsylvania – Tom Hooper

Washington State – Gary Broughton

Washington DC – John Rollins

Wyoming – Jeff Gilbert

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Classmates:

By the time you get this we likely will have had Winter Carnival here in Hanover, or at least a variation of it depending on how much snow we have (pretty sparse at the moment). As Alumni Relations reports, "students on the Winter Carnival Council, who are deeply invested in making this event the best possible experience for their peers and the College, selected the activities most popular among today's students...such as the ice sculpture contest, human dog sled races, and the polar bear plunge." So some new traditions are taking hold.



The College also announced that it just accepted 555 applicants from the largest early decision pool in Dartmouth's history: 1,999. I mention this because I think it exemplifies the strong pull that the College has for highly-qualified students, many of whom can come here only because of Dartmouth's needs-blind admissions policy. For a fuller appreciation of what that means to potential undergrads, I refer you to two items in this newsletter: Noel Fidel's column in support of the Dartmouth College Fund, and a letter from Ashley Manning '17 to Hector Motroni and Steve Smith thanking them for her scholarship, which they co-funded last year through the DCF.

The January-March quarter has traditionally been an active one for class events and this year is no exception, with an overnight at the '66 Bunkhouse at Moosilauke, a ski mini, and a golf mini (perhaps a warm-weather antidote to the first two). And there is '66 Night on March 7. Chuck Sherman and his team of local coordinators set a record for this event in 2016, and, as you will see in Chuck's column, plans are in place to beat that performance this year.

Further down the calendar, Brad and Mary Stein have organized a Fall travel mini on the Danube; see Brad's note for all the details of what promises to be a great experience. Then we will assemble for Homecoming, October 6 & 7. And on Friday, November 10, Brown will host Dartmouth at Boston's incomparable Fenway Park for the third time in their 95-year history of gridiron competition. Ticket information will be released sometime this Spring and we will keep you posted on plans for a '66 mini; make plans now if you would like to attend this special event.

Finally, you will soon receive a request to vote on a new Alumni Council rep to succeed Budge Gere, whose term ends in May. I want to personally thank Budge for so ably representing our class to the Council over the past three years, and to urge all of you to vote in a timely manner so that we can submit the name of our new rep to the College in early March.

As always, if you have any questions or want to share an opinion about anything Dartmouth, please get in touch with me at 201-401-5678 or jimlustenader@aol.com.

Best regards,  
Jim Lustenader

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Classmates,

The Class finished the first half of our fiscal year in December with a little over \$62,000 in the bank, compared to an anticipated \$60,000 by the end of June 2017. Thanks to the 281 of you who have paid your dues, revenues are about 75% of that anticipated for the year. With some significant expenses, such as the Yearbook Supplement, planned for the back half of the year, expenses are running only 52% of budget.



A list of all dues payers is located on [www.dartmouth66.org](http://www.dartmouth66.org) by clicking the "Class Dues" button at the left.

There will be a final mailing to all non-dues payers sent out in mid-February. Our class dues of \$66 cover the continued sponsorship of two students to work or volunteer abroad under the John Sloan Dickey Class of 1966 Fellowship program, as well as a grant to a recruited athlete to visit the campus under the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program.

Dues support our award-winning newsletters and website, the maintenance of our two on-campus webcams, and memorial books provided to Baker Library for our deceased classmates.

Finally, your dues will support the various 66th Night gatherings in March and the distribution to all classmates of the 50th Reunion Yearbook supplement, which will include pictures from our June 2016 gathering in Hanover.

The Executive Committee also approved a program to reserve funds over the next four years with the intention of providing a free 55th reunion for all classmates who pay their dues over the next four years: this year, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. Free classmate "tuition" proved to be a significant attendance boost for our 50th, with almost 500 classmates and guests returning to Hanover.

If you lose the mailing, payments can be easily made on-line at [www.dartmouth66.org](http://www.dartmouth66.org) by clicking the "Class Dues" button on the left and following the instructions for PayPal on the lead page.

If you'd prefer to pay by credit card directly, please send me the credit card type (e.g. Amex, Visa, Mastercard), the name on the card, the number, the expiration date, the security code, the billing zip code, and the amount you'd like to pay (\$66 or \$100 which includes an extra \$34 contribution to class projects). If you'd prefer to pay by check, send it made out to "The Class of 1966" to

PO Box 1127  
Newtown, PA 18940.

Thanks for your continued support of the great Class of 1966. I hope you will join other classmates at the more-than-26 mini-reunions being planned for 66th Night.

Best regards,  
Bob Serenbetz



My term as class representative on the Alumni Council ends with the May meeting. I wish to thank the class for the opportunity to have served as alumni councilor the past three years. The most rewarding part of the position has been the opportunity to connect with those who have shared insights and feelings about present-day Dartmouth. In my final reports I will share my perceptions about what I sense are the issues facing Dartmouth today and tomorrow, and how the College is trying to meet these challenges.



The current leadership of the Alumni Council is working to expand the number of voices it is hearing from alumni. A beginning will be a conversation among the members of respective class executive committees, whose sentiments about the Dartmouth of today will be shared with the Council. Perhaps this will lead to open class forums about specific topics of interest and concern to a number of us. I hope so.

An early valedictory: Spending time with Council members from every class spread over six decades has served as a reminder that no two eras at Dartmouth were or are the same. Yet, undying distinctive aspects of the College have served as a common thread among all classes, including gratitude for what the College has imparted to its graduates and the loyalty and support alumni(ae) continue to feel in return.

My thanks to all of you for allowing me to experience this.

Budge Gere

**66TH NIGHT MARCH 7, 2017**

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**Who lives near me?**

This can be fun to answer. "Around the Googled Earth they roam, her spell on them remains." A map of the entire Class can be downloaded and displayed on Google Earth, a free program. It's fun to scroll around and see who ended up where, and who is near you. Click on a named pin, and you can zoom in on their house and read their contact information.

**Volunteer now!** Contact me at [chucksherman@mac.com](mailto:chucksherman@mac.com) or (802) 765-9630 if you need help constructing the map on your computer. Let me know if you are willing to be a local host/planner for a get-together on or about March 7. I will provide you with a customized spreadsheet of contact data on Classmates near you — and a \$66 check.



Dear Classmates,

We get a lot of mail from Dartmouth. I don't read all of it, but I do read some. Two items caught my eye this week:



(1) In the current Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, Mike Stanitski, a member of the Class of '92, describes a 54-mile Moosilauke-to-Hanover trek last summer with seven classmates. Toward the end, he writes, "I wasn't sentimental because I missed the way Dartmouth used to be. Rather, I just missed the way we used to be."

(2) Today's e-mail brought a Dartmouth News piece describing an interdisciplinary research course that won the 2016 "Apgar Award for Innovation in Teaching" for Government Professor Russell Muirhead and Philosophy Professor David Plunkett.

The undergraduates who took Current Research in Social/Political Philosophy explored the differing perspectives offered in Government and Philosophy studies as they read, discussed, and debated questions such as "What kind of society should we aim to have, and why?" and "What unavoidable impediments keep the world from being what it should be?"

The prior Apgar Award went to Classical Studies Professor Julie Hruby and Anthropology Professor Deborah Nichols for a course that "examined how legacies of the past shape contemporary archaeology, museum practices, and contemporary governmental policies." The course name: "Who Owns the Past?"

Where am I going with this?

Well, each of us owns the past for occasional visits, but as Joni Mitchell wrote in her great song, *The Circle Game*, "We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came." Maybe this is age 72 talking, but I neither miss the way Dartmouth used to be nor the way I used to be. What I do miss but also celebrate is the intellectual adventure Dartmouth provided in our day and continues to provide to the undergraduates taking courses all across the curriculum of the sort that Dartmouth honors with its Apgar Award.

Yes, we can't go back. But we can pay it forward. That route is always open in our passage through the circle game.

Yours on behalf of the Dartmouth College Fund,

Noel Fidel  
DCF Head Agent

**Steve Zegel writes:** “Bill Hobson and I attended the St. Louis Dartmouth Club Holiday Luncheon on December 21, as we’ve done for years. A great time as ever.”

**Tom Brady** celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Plastics Technologies Inc., the company he and his wife Betsy (Smith ’68) created in 1985 and still run. PTI provides many opportunities to local students and graduates of the University of Toledo’s College of Engineering, where Tom has served as a mentor and advisor. Tom and Betsy recently engaged Toledo School for the Arts (a blue ribbon charter school in Toledo), The UT College of Engineering, and students from UT’s College of Visual and Performing Arts in the collaborative production of a celebratory video which can be viewed at :

[https://youtu.be/mWo-icw\]2WY](https://youtu.be/mWo-icw]2WY)

**Pete Barber** sent a letter to **Al Keiller** and **Bob Serenbetz** regretting that he missed returning to Hanover for Homecoming:

“Really missed not coming up for homecoming, but by the time of the Harvard game we had already driven 4200 miles across the country visiting relatives and stopping in Lake Geneva and Chicago visiting Barry Machado and Gene Whitehorn.

“We were able to visit the Lincoln Park zoo, a definite highlight. Imagine walking thru the zoo for free on your way to work or to a tavern? We were even tough enough to visit the botanical gardens with our wives. Anice Machado was having conniptions over the Cubs game, some of which was caused by her deceased father waiting his entire life for a Cubs series victory. As for me, I feel like a poop not really caring about professional sports, and we have the Giants and Warriors in our back yard, and the Sharks were in the finals last year.

“Also, missed the dinner at the Norwich Inn: always fun seeing the bright kids to whom I cannot hold a candle. Again thanks for you guys’ hard work.

A privilege knowing both of you. - Sincerely, Pete”

**Bob Cohn**, Consumer Marketing Director for Bonnier Corporation, was one of the initial group of inductees into the *Media Industry News* Marketing Hall of Fame at their Marketing and Sales Excellence



award ceremony on September 15th at the Yale Club in New York.

**Chuck Horn** recently published a book called *Lessons by the Hour* about his experiences as a clinical psychologist with real live patient dialogues. It is available on Amazon.com under the name Charles Henry and Chuck adds, “it’s fun”.

**Larry Goss** retired from Salem State University as a full professor of geography in 2010. He wrapped up 23 years of consulting to New Hampshire’s economic development department in 2012.

After searching New England and warmer regions of the South, Larry and his wife Sharon decided to retire to Madison, Wisconsin, in 2014 and are enjoying life in a university city and being near Sharon’s relatives. They recently moved into a new, over-65-style, ranch house that they designed. They get to travel a lot as daughter Laura and her family live in Virginia and son Peter and his family live in Oregon. Larry and Sharon enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new classmates and their partners at the recent 50th class reunion. The discussion of the Vietnam War and its effects by former President Wright with the class was especially moving.

**Al Keiller** and wife **Jo** traveled to Barcelona and Catalonia Spain in May with Lynne and Hunt Whitacre ‘64. It was their 19th “Ke-whit tour” since 1999. In early July, they joined his two brothers, Stu ‘65 and Todd ‘73, and their families, for a gathering at Moosilauke that included an overnight in the ‘65 Bunkhouse and 21 of the Keiller clan hiking the mountain.

Since completing his tenure on the Board of Trustees of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center at the end of 2013, Al has been on the Board of a small, local affiliate, Mount Ascutney Hospital in Windsor VT. He is also Chair of the Planning Commission of West Windsor VT (population 1,030) and is active in the Brownsville Community Church.

**Paul Klee** recently responded to an e-mail from Larry Geiger and provided updated information about his life since Dartmouth:

“...Since leaving the world of documentary filmmaking at the United Nations and moving permanently to Lyme, NH (now so many years ago I won’t divulge how many), I have led a less focused and hectic, and more eclectic and relaxed life. As with so many people who choose to live in small towns, I’ve served on a variety of boards and committees and continue to do so -- albeit fewer in number than before.

“My love of the outdoors, a *raison d’être* for choosing Dartmouth in the first place, has meshed perfectly with choosing Lyme as my later-life home town. In addition to hiking, skiing and snowshoeing, my interest in photography has translated into volunteer work for a regional land trust organization as well as a presenter of travel-related photo programs before groups in Lyme, at a regional science center, and to Appalachian Mountain Club audiences. One of my most rewarding activities involved interviewing older Lyme residents for an oral history book project.

“This past Fall I mounted a photography retrospective at our library, looking back at more than 50 years of photographing people, places, and pursuits worldwide. This exhibition included a print from an early Kodachrome transparency which I took in front of Dartmouth Row in our Junior year, a photograph some may have seen in a recent issue of *Along Route 66*. My wife and I continue to travel to near and faraway places, where my camera is always around my neck.

“The bonus of living near Hanover is obvious, and it has given me a chance to re-connect with the Class at our 45th Reunion and most recently, at our 50th. I don’t think I could ever have imagined in my undergraduate years that this corner of the planet would become my home, but it has and I’m grateful for it!”

**Chuck Sherman writes:**

“Here is a photo of our class’s first mini at the ‘66 Bunkhouse. We had a great weekend of skis and snowshoes and meals, and had the distinction of being the first winter group to use the bunkhouse.

Dan Nelson, Director of Dartmouth Outdoor Programs, organized the full weekend and cooked most of our meals. February 3-5, 2017.”



*(l to r): Doug Hill and Alexandra Breed, Alan Ryan, Chuck Benson, Bill and Nancy Duval, Peggy and Lance Tapley, Margie Carpenter and Chuck Sherman, Gary Broughton, Terry Lowd*

**Class Officers**

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*The ‘66 Bunkhouse on the weekend of Feb 3-5*

**Dick Birnie Memorial Service**

On November 19th, 2016 a memorial service was held in Rollins Chapel for Dick Birnie, Professor Emeritus of Geology at Dartmouth. Chuck Sherman reports that the chapel was packed with Dick’s friends, family, and colleagues.

Among the attendees were at least 14 Dartmouth ‘66 Classmates: Stan Colla, Dan Barnard, Paul Doscher, Chuck Sherman, Rich Daly, Steve Smith, Stu Schweitzer, Lewis Greenstein, Jim Lustenader, Al Keiller, Peter Titcomb, Gus Southworth. Bill Risso, and Robin Carpenter.

*(At right: A plaque on the Green, saying the flags were flying at half mast in Dick’s memory.)*



**DANUBE CRUISE**

by Brad Stein

It is a new year, and, if you are anything like me, you are thinking of leaving the country for a while.

What could be better than joining the Class of ‘66 2017 Cruise on the Danube River? We start in Budapest on September 27th and cruise the Danube -- stopping at various ports including Vienna and ending at Passau, Germany. This cruise on the Danube is one of the most popular river cruises in the world so it will undoubtedly be a wonderful experience.

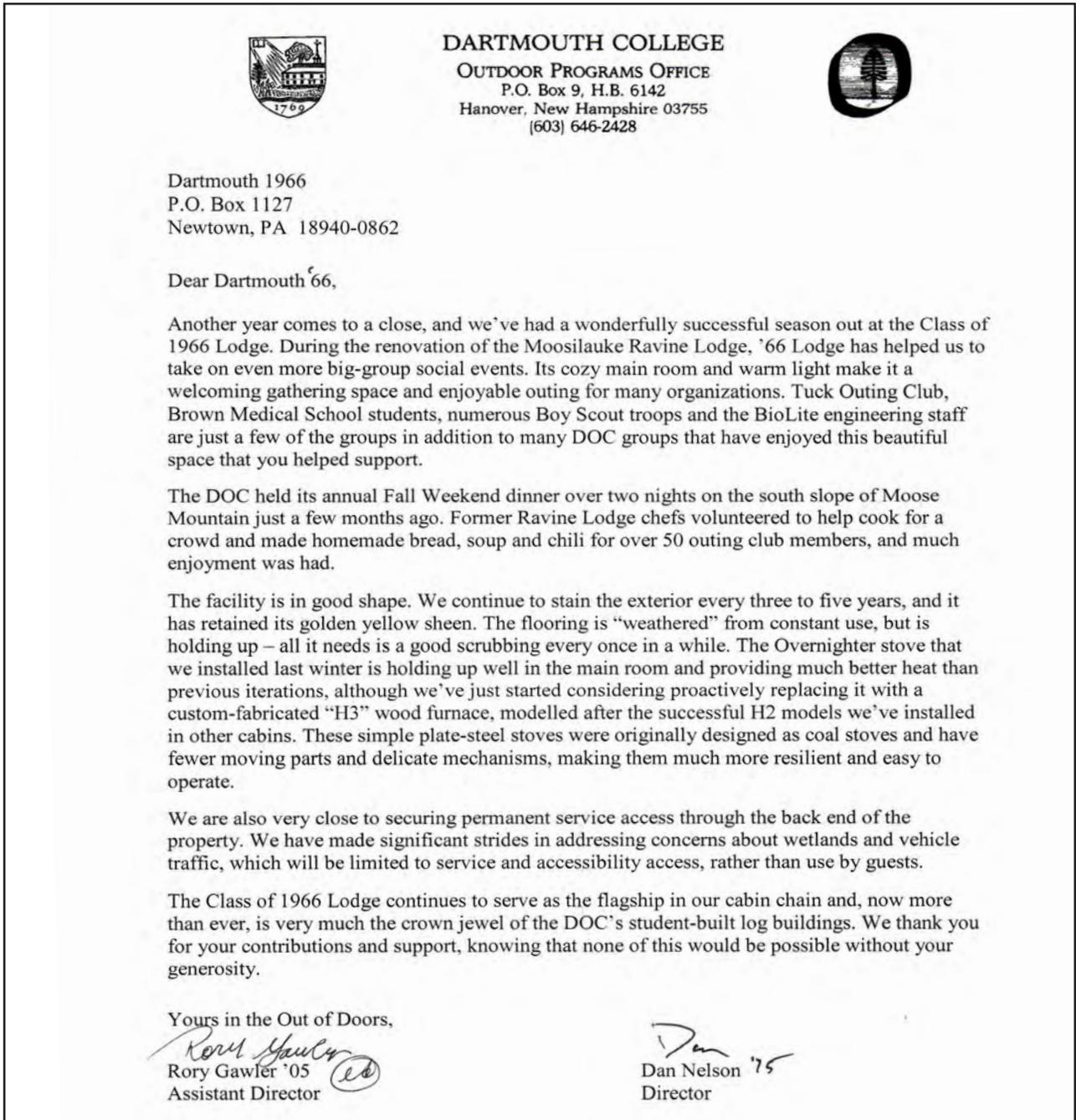
We already have a core group of travelers and if we get only 4 more of you to join us we get a major discount from the cruise company. If you attended our 50th last June you know how great it was to reconnect with old friends and connect with new ones. If you didn’t this trip is a golden opportunity to spend an enjoyable time with new and old friends with similar interests.

To sign up just send an e-mail to our travel agent, Margy Sansone, at the following address: [margy311@gmail.com](mailto:margy311@gmail.com) or call her at (609) 938-4543.

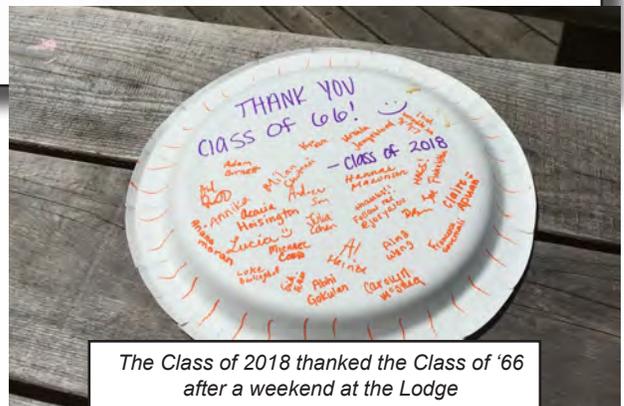
Tell her that you want information on the Dartmouth ‘66 Viking river cruise on the Danube and she will send it to you. If you have any questions for me about this trip or potential future class trips drop me a line at [bradstein66@gmail.com](mailto:bradstein66@gmail.com).

## UPDATE -- CLASS OF 1966 LODGE

The Class of 1966 Lodge continues to be heavily used, and will be even more so this year during the renovation of the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge. Recently, the Director of the College's Outdoor Programs Office sent the following letter to the Class:



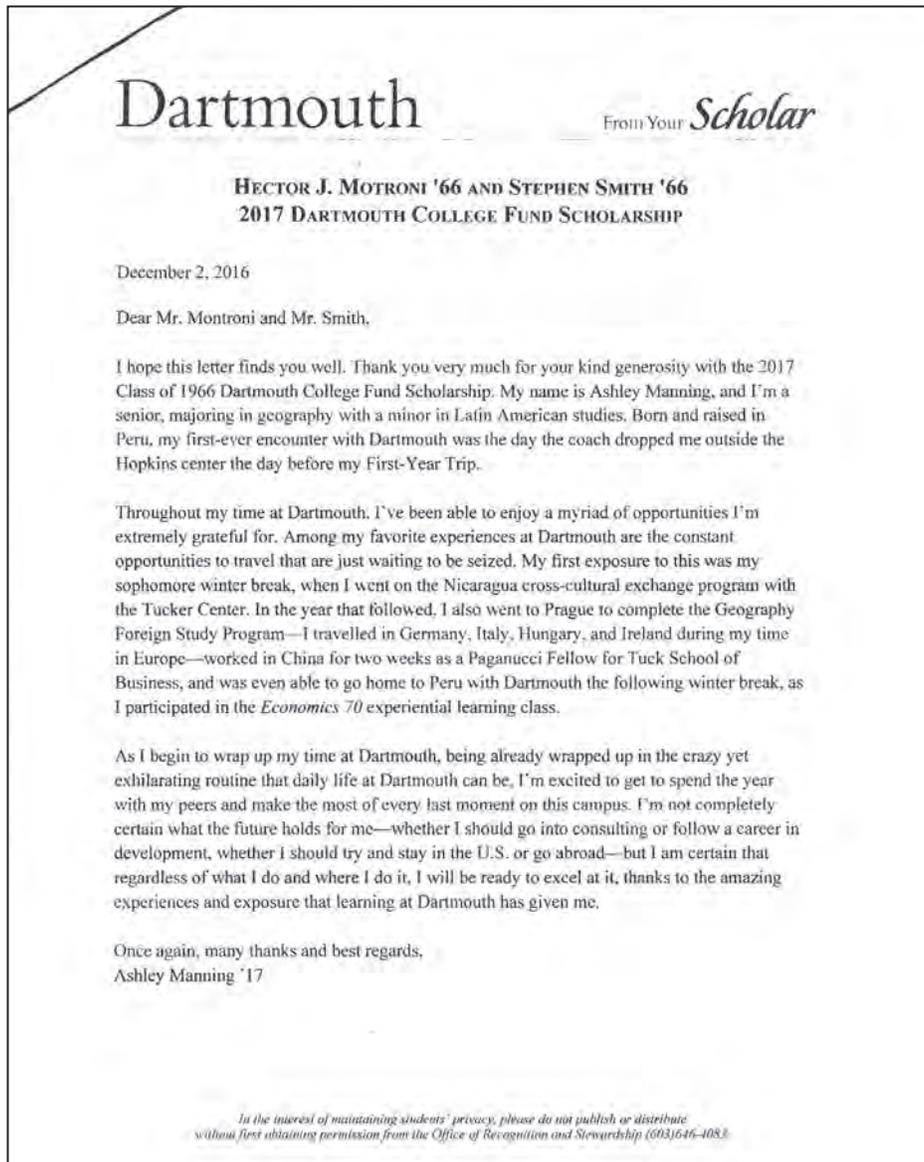
Plaque on new Hammock in the '66 Lodge donated by Chuck Sherman



The Class of 2018 thanked the Class of '66 after a weekend at the Lodge

## A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

For our 50th reunion, the College allowed classmates to team up to provide funds necessary to give a qualified upperclassman a one-year scholarship through the Dartmouth College Fund. Ashley Manning '17 received the scholarship that was funded by Hector Motroni and Steve Smith; her letter of thanks reflects the powerful impact that alumni giving can have on a student's life on campus and beyond.



### Coming Events

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 7, 2017         | -- 66th Night Celebrations                                          |
| March 15 – 20, 2017   | -- Ski Mini-Reunion in Winter Park CO                               |
| Sept 27 – Oct 4, 2017 | -- Class of '66 Mini-Reunion Cruise down the Danube                 |
| October 6 – 7, 2017   | -- Homecoming Mini-Reunion Weekend in Hanover                       |
| October 13-15, 2017   | -- Special Mini-Reunion for Tuck 3-2's at the Tuck '67 50th Reunion |
| November 2017         | -- Mini-Reunion in Boston: Dartmouth vs Brown at Fenway Park        |
| 2019                  | -- 75th Birthday Party                                              |



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