


Along Route '66



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Dear Classmates,

Somewhere in my education, I think I remember learning that one should never apologize in an opus of this type. Well, rules were made to be broken. I'm sure that by now Steve Lanfer is wondering whether I am trying to get him impeached as our new President, or to what degree am I trying to elevate the art of procrastination. I am sorry for the time it has taken to get this first letter to you all. Your input so far has been terrific, and if you don't see what you have written in this letter, then please wait, it'll be in the next one. Speaking of the next one, we're having a class executive committee meeting at Lanfer's house on April 26, and my next letter to you will follow shortly.

Thanks for your patience,

Neal Z

One of the things that starts to happen very quickly when you become a newsletter editor is that the mail you receive from Dartmouth goes up an astounding 1200%. First you get all other class newsletters from the classes within three years of ours, second is the news the College wants to let you know about, and third are your inputs to our newsletter. I'd like to repeat one paragraph from Don Graves' last letter.

"Newsletter contributors, like reunion attendees, are a self selecting body. A lot of classmates select out, feeling too great a gulf from the frequencies emitted by mother Dartmouth, but you are the people who could really make this letter worth reading." And so, into the mailbag.

Speaking of Don, he was recently honored by the College as District Enrollment Director of the Year, small district division. The presentation was made by Dean of Admissions Al Quirk '49. Don also honored me with a wonderful letter, part of which went "I also took a visit to one of the Wigs, now called the "River Cluster" (no Indians in Dartmouth's history...) to see a young woman (Class of '89) I had interviewed out here in Orange County. It turns out that her roommate is the daughter of Bill Sprole (who is now based in Germany). Makes you feel like you are getting along in years." I can second that emotion based on what happened to me when commuting from Grand Central back to my wife Sherrie (we were married in October of '72) and our two kids, Aaron who is eight, and Rachel, five. Anyway, I sat down next to three young persons; one male, two females, all wearing Dartmouth sweatshirts. I asked them if they had any affiliation with the College. They said they were Freshmen (you know, Freshperson just doesn't cut it) Class of '89. I did some quick arithmetic and realized that none of them had been born when we graduated. Talk about getting along in years, any of you out there have any similar experiences? I'd like to hear about them.

Ken Zuhr, a roommate of mine, writes, "...recently promoted to Principal Education Specialist with Digital Equipment Corporation.. As I was also selected for command at a Naval Reserve unit in Pacific Grove, CA, it is going to be a busy next couple of years. Juggling work, reserves, family, and an M.B.A. program will provide enough activity for any mortal as normally as lethargic as myself." Ken and wife Ann, have two daughters, Beth-6, and Katie who is 4.

Tom Rodman, 9 Gage RD, Cochituate MA 01778, writes that he is engaged to Mary Ann Robb of Natick, Mass. They've not yet set a date. Tom is working for the National Park Service as a Ranger. As far as what might be rewarding for the next few years of his life, Tom says that helping the Reverend Jesse Jackson and Senator Ted Kennedy end the heinous crime of apartheid would do it.

Gary Bryson, 5246 South Jamaica Way, Englewood, Colorado 80111 is enjoying life in the Great Outdoors, along with recently increased responsibilities at American Television and Communications. This Subsidiary of Time Inc. had been without a President for a year, and Gary has just been made part of a four man Office-of-the-President as Executive Vice-President. Gary writes that he'd like to have more free time. Gary has also heard that Steve Smith, has changed companies and cities, from General Electric in Erie to GTE in Phoenix.

Another classmate writes, "My wife Helen and I are busily engaged in raising four energetic children... Mary is roaring through second grade, Edward, our dreamer is enjoying 1st grade, Paul is in three yr. nursery school and Cynthia is toddling about with her wreckage left behind. My family is my most satisfying 'thing' and over the next few years I'd like to escape from the time clock of law and start my own business, maybe in manufacturing."

There is really only one problem with the above letter, and that is I do not know who it is from. It came in unsigned. Please guys, let me know who you are. (our fearless post office also forgot to postmark this one, so even the city and state are unknowns. Anyone know a lawyer with 4 kids and a wife named Helen?)

While I am sure the anonymity above was an oversight, I ran into some classmates' feelings that I would like to share with you. After volunteering to be editor of the newsletter for a while, I came home and started to contact some of my classmates whom I had not seen at the reunion. There were several that I telephoned, and we seemed to chat amiably. When I asked if I could relate their stories in the newsletter, they said no, preferring their privacy. I thought it a shame that some wonderful stories could not be told. I was impressed at the reunion with the diversity of our returning classmates, yet in more than one conversation, it was mentioned that perhaps some of our friends who perceived themselves not to be as successful as they might have wished, did not come to the reunion. I'd like to see if perhaps, on an anonymous basis, they could share their positive experiences with us. I'd like to use as an example, a wonderful excerpt from a '63 newsletter.

"Jim Wendell provides us with an example of the Dartmouth Spirit and its effect on his life. Jim writes, " I guess every Dartmouth grad can't be a flaming success. I've spent a good part of the last 20 years bouncing from alcohol treatment centers to mental hospitals. There was a divorce, then my second wife died at age 25. I have four children and am now happily remarried. I am working and going to school. I guess the Dartmouth Spirit has taken the form in me to never give up. Life today is real good. I'm sober and happy and that's what counts."

In a letter from Nancy L. Elliott '43ad, Director, Special Alumni Services, to all of the newsletter editors, the following is excerpted:

One day last week a couple of students asked me if I would help them publicize the "Fortnightly" with the idea that alumni might like to subscribe. I am sending this particular issue only because I have an office full of them and I did promise to help..... (The Fortnightly is published every two weeks by The Dartmouth, and appears to give a concise recap of the last two weeks' events from a student's point of view.) One year is \$20. Write:

-The Dartmouth, Hinman box 6175, Dartmouth College, Hanover NH, 03755.

Edward Grew relates that his new Address is: Dept: of Geology, University of Maine, Orono ME 04469. Ed started there a year ago and is continuing his research in Antarctic geology. Last austral season he participated in a Soviet Antarctic expedition as a U.S. exchange scientist, spending part of the summer in Germany and the remainder in several Soviet cities as a guest of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. One of the items most rewarding to Ed is "Personal Diplomacy". (ed's quotes) His definition is improving understanding among people of different nationalities, particularly those from Socialist countries. Results- I have met no individuals who want war. (Amen).

Chris Meyer, 1 Prospect, Nahant MA 01908, tells us that he's transferred from John Hancock's Treasury Department to Hancock's Property and Casualty subsidiary as its Treasurer. Chris has been with Hancock for 16 years following Dartmouth, Michigan, and the Army Reserve. Chris was married in 1979 to Marie and now has two year old Dianca, a "super kid". Chris says she'll be the equal of my friends from New Hampshire Hall and the Tabard in the fine artform of raising Hell. Chris has more news but it will have to wait until the next issue:

Bruce J. Berger, M.D., Valley View Farm, Hopewell N.J. 08525, and His wife Barbara have 2 children a boy 15 and a girl, 13. Bruce practices dermatology and dermatologic surgery in Hopewell, and corny but true according to Bruce, the most satisfying things for him are his family and his practice. Bruce also gets the first annual "ALONG ROUTE '66 IT'S A DAMN SMALL WORLD AWARD" for the following, and I quote:

"While waiting at the KATMANDU, NEPAL, airport for a flight along the Himalayan mountain chain, my wife and I bumped into Jamie McGregor (whom I had not seen since graduation) who was embarking on a mountain climbing expedition.

Readers are cordially invited to try for the second annual award!!!!!!

Dr. Rich Abraham, of Canton, CT writes that the practice of internal medicine is OK as a third associate has joined his practice, (in Rich's words, a woman with two small children) Rich enjoys watching his kids grow rapidly in both stature and in their understanding of the world. Personally I don't think Rich is nearly harried enough as his handwriting is much too neat!

Tony Hanslin, another of our M.D.'s, is an assistant professor of plastic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston TX. His work consists mainly of taking care of burns and facial injuries doing reconstructive surgery. In Tony's words, "not much cosmetic surgery... no movie stars.... lots of illegal aliens... not too much money.... BUT interesting and fun." Tony's been married for 11 years and has has 2 children. He contributes his avoidance of the Dartmouth Diverce stereotype to dumb luck in meeting his wonderful wife.

BITS AND PIECES

Dave Johnston gets really upset at those who shirk their dues, so if you have not already sent in your \$20 to the College, please do so ASAP.

DO NOT FORGET THE ALUMNI FUND!!!!

Once again there is the annual request for our class to assist the College in providing addresses for some of our classmates. If you know the address of any of the following, please send it to:

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Blunt Alumni Center
Dartmouth College,
Hanover, NH 03755 or you can call at 603-646-2154.

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PLEASE, KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING, IT IS FUN TO EDIT !!!

