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Dear Classmates, Mates, and Friends,

The countdown has begun for the 25th Reunion, now less than a year away. Plenty of time you say, and you are right in many respects, but there is so little time as far as some of the vital preparations. For the class and for yourself, do three things right now:

1. **Consider Involvement.** If you want to be a part of making the 25th next June a success, call Dave Johnston at 203-278-0020.

2. **Mark Your Calendar.** Put these dates down somewhere in your house or on your person... June 13-16, 1991.

3. **Plan for the Mini-Reunion set for October 12 - 14.** Homecoming Weekend it is, and so it will be for the Class of '66. See details below.

GETTIN' READY

Jack Stebe confirms the MINI-REUNION IS ON! Organize your fall schedule to be in Hanover for Homecoming and our fall mini-reunion. The dates are OCTOBER 12-14 and the football opponent is Yale. Once again Jack has reserved a block of rooms at the White River HoJo's (This facility is now also known as the Vermont Conference Center.) Jack advises, "We have 20 rooms reserved and they will be given to the first 20 classmates who contact me with credit card in hand. The rooms are \$101.60 with tax included this year, please let me know if you want a non-smoking or first floor room." To make the reservation call Jack at home (617) 545-2542 or at work (617) 258-1432 to get your name down.

As your information from the College always spells out, activities seem to run on continuously. Only one thing do you really need to plan too far in advance and that is getting football tickets in the class section. You have

already received the application in the mail, so send it off immediately. (Note: If you miss the deadline, there is still no problem with getting tickets, it just means that sitting in the Class section is problematical. The sellout in Hanover is a memory.) Remember the Class Section Deadline is SEPTEMBER 21. If you have lost or misplaced the form, just send on \$15.00 per ticket plus \$3.00 for handling to the DCAC Ticket Office and specify seats in the 1966 Class Section.

Our schedule for the weekend looks like this:

Friday Evening

Class march from assembly point at the Catholic Church on Lebanon Street to Dartmouth Hall with Speeches, Songs, and Bonfire.

Reception for the Class at Margo and Paul Doschers' in Norwich.

Saturday Morning

Breakfast with the President (College function)

Class Meeting and Related Reunion Planning

Tailgate with the 65's just in front of the Sphinx. The 65's put on a really great spread; this year we have formalized what we have been horning in on for several years. (A Chip will be taken, I assume.)

Saturday Afternoon

Football versus Yale or relax in the anticipated Hanover fall ambience.

Saturday Evening

Cocktails and Dinner at the Hotel. Speaker and program to be announced.

Sunday Morning

Reunion Planning Meeting.

Last year we broke ground on this tradition. I know I had a great time and didn't note anyone who didn't. If you are within driving distance of Hanover, call your old roommate and make plans to meet in Hanover this October 12 and begin the crescendo to June.

GETTIN' READY - THE COMMITTEE MEETS

Back in April at the annual class officers' weekend put on by The College, your executive committee convened for its bi-annual meeting. The meeting was planned to squeeze in among the various College activities by having a late lunch at... Thayer Hall.

If you have not been back to visit this spot, let me assure you that it is different. The food options are enormous. Among the 45 year olds that were in our group, there were a conspicuous number of salad eaters, a familiar sign of the times.

Richard Birnie, our Dartmouth Faculty Classmate, joined us with two children in tow. Dick impresses me as a very approachable prof, one that well serves The College and reinforces the best recollections that we have. Dick has assisted Rich Daly in getting the Reunion Giving program off and running, and I was struck by one of the observations he had, that I want to share with you.

Rich reviewed the progress of the Reunion Giving Campaign and thanked Dick Birnie particularly for traveling (along with Paul Doscher) from Hanover to New York for a planning meeting that Rich had organized with Rick Reiss. Dick commented in response, that rather than be thanked, he wanted to express his deepest appreciation for the efforts made by the Class and all the Dartmouth Alumni on behalf of The College and the faculty in particular. He just wished that many of his colleagues could share in the experience he had in New York and witness the commitment and support that the Alumni provide without fanfare and with too little credit, particularly among the faculty.

Sage commentary and very much appreciated. I sometimes wonder why we seem to have so few Dartmouth alumni on the faculty when they would provide such a welcome bridge in these difficult times among the Dartmouth Community members.

Al Keiller attended for the first time in his recently assumed capacity as Reunion Treasurer. Charlie Wilmot, Class Secretary announced that his fate was currently being decided as he contemplated a career change that might take him out of the country. [As I write this, I have had no update, so maybe he stayed put as Steve Lanfer's right hand man down in Connecticut.]

As Treasurer, Dave Johnston reported that the Class should have a reasonable balance to start out in our Reunion year. Expenses will be high this coming year to cover the additional costs of the Reunion as well as a reduction in support from the College. Dave, as Reunion Chairman, then updated the planning for the 25th. Most importantly, the critical positions have been staffed with able volunteers. A fall kickoff is planned that will build throughout the year. This newsletter should be a key communicator during the next 9 months. (Oh, please don't let me let you guys down.)

I reported on the Newsletter and the Yearbook. The Newsletter has not been as frequent as it could and should, but I promised to crank it up for the 25th. By joining functions with the yearbook, we also can work some efficiencies since Along Route 66 can provide the principal vehicle for both. Efficiencies will be important this year as the College has cut the support for the Yearbook in half! Our "subsidy" from the College will be about \$6,000 toward a total cost of some five to eight times that. I will be including the primary questionnaire and solicitation for data in the next Newsletter. Also forthcoming will be an approach for helping get over the cash flow difficulties that the yearbook presents.

On the fund raising side, Rick MacMillan reviewed the status of the Annual Fund. We seemed well on our way to meeting the target

fund raising level, and all who supported the Annual Fund are to be congratulated. For the agents who assist Rick so ably, a special gesture of thanks is extended.

Rich Daly presented the picture for our Once-In-A-Lifetime 25th Reunion Giving program. Rich has been very busy getting some of the organization in place and has commenced a series of informal planning and familiarization meetings around the Northeast. The response has been good, and if the opportunity presents itself over the next few months, please try to make one of the meetings. No Formal Goal has been set for the Campaign yet, but it will represent the most important fundraising program The Class has ever undertaken.

We managed to outlast even the student staff at Thayer, and finally adjourned to other activities at 3:00.

UPDATE ON THE MAILBOX

For those of you who have sent in updates, news and commentary, I have them. They will be presented herein, if not in this issue in an immediately forthcoming issue. Believe me, I have not published for a lack of material. You all have been great. Keep it up.

ALONG ROUTE 66 - PHILLIPS (OR IS IT GULF 76)

With all the attention being put on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the U.S. response, I have kept an eye open for the possible deployment of the Abraham Lincoln. As you may recall from an earlier report in Along Route 66, the Commanding Officer of this newest of aircraft carriers is Bill Hayden. Bill took charge of the latest of the Nimitz class ships as of the commissioning last November 11. The Alumni Office provided me with an article that Bill had penned recounting the construction and planning that preceded the commissioning of the Lincoln.

Titled "Coming Alive - The Birth of a Carrier" Captain William B. Hayden, USN captures the tremendous effort of organizing, from scratch, a complement of almost 3,000 sailors to operate this largest of America's fleet. To present a vessel of this size, I quote from the article as follows:

"The nuclear-powered supercarrier Abraham Lincoln is by weight the largest warship ever built. She is 1,092 feet long and 252 feet wide. Her flight deck measures four-and-one-half acres. The ship has a crew of 2,800 men and supports an air wing of nearly 3,000. This leviathan is a formidable deterrent - capable, mobile, powerful, and able to steam for more than 15 years without refueling, about 1.1 million miles."

Bill points out in the article the importance that he placed on learning from the precedents set by others such as the sister ship Roosevelt, the Stark and Roberts tragedies, and his own prior experience as XO on the Eisenhower. The planning need was best illustrated as Bill commented,

"Challenges? Sure, we've got many ahead of us. The crew is young: our sailors have an average age of just over twenty years old. Only ten percent have operated on a carrier before, and many have never been to sea at all - so we're not as experienced as our sister ships."

So, as you watch the evening news, keep an ear open for the Lincoln. Your class is proudly at the helm.

Many classmates served in the armed forces and quite a few made it a career. I have been logging in the retirements over the past few years as twenty year anniversaries passed and guys like Stebe and Darling joined the rest of us in the private sector. One classmate who continues in the military along with Bill is Ed Long, also a Navy man. Ed recently updated his status as follows:

"I am finishing a year-long fellowship at the council on foreign relations in New York City and will be returning to the Navy as Deputy Operations CINCLANTFLT Staff, Norfolk Virginia. Married Evylyn Rhodes, a Jamestown, R.I. artist, in January 1990. Have enjoyed seeing Bill Gruver '66 (who is doing well at Goldman Sachs) and saw Tommy Pyles '67 once as he came to the City on business." Ed's new Home Address is 240 North Blake Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23505. I ought to run a contest to have the first non Navy person figure out CINCLANTFLT. I can find Atlantic Fleet easy enough but the CINCL has me stumped.

From the sound of Ed's update, I figure he is going to be around the Navy for a few more years, and at a time when some background in foreign relations may be as important to the Navy as the size of the flight deck. By the way, I sure hope Ed and friends are making plans to be in Hanover for the Reunion. I would love to hear told just a few more times about how we beat Yale in the fall of '62 in the snow at Memorial Field as Ed took in a long bomb from Bill Bower and the freshman prevailed 7 - 0. [Trivia question... Who kicked the extra point?] [Or, was it Bob Ross or Gary Bauer that threw the pass?]

MEANWHILE DOWN ROUTE 95

Back in New York in the public sector of relations and image making, Wayne LoCurto updated his move from Glendenning Associates,

"On November 13, 1989 I was appointed President and CEO of Actmedia which is the premier in-store advertising and promotion company in the U.S. We have significant growth opportunities via new products/services in the domestic market and via international expansion. Within the past six months, I visited Steve Zegel in St. Louis and had a visit from John Goss who is president of a commodities firm in Memphis." Wayne con-

tinues to live in Westport at 31 Gorham Avenue, 06680 (Tel: 203-454-1816) with the new business number at Actmedia (203) 656 - 7140.

I could use an update from John Goss, as my info has him working out of Connecticut. I have heard from our other Goss, Larry, who was with the Office of State Planning in Concord, New Hampshire. Larry reported on a recent DOC event,

"Dick Birnie, Dave (and Linda) Owens and I were the only '66s I am aware of who attended the many activities tied to the 50th anniversary of the Ravine Lodge. It was a fun and memorable experience. The Lodge is in far better shape now than in the 60's.

"I was just elected President of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association. I am currently with a consulting, engineering and planning firm in Contoocook, New Hampshire. My wife Sharon is finishing her doctorate in Ministry at B.U. shortly and is a pastor in the Salisbury (NH) Community Church. Daughter Laura commences this fall at Tufts where she was accepted early decision and son Peter is a high school junior and is interested in Dartmouth.

Larry reports a couple of new phone numbers: (H) 603 - 226 - 3276 and (B) 603 - 746 - 3220. His mention of Dave Owens and the DOC prompt two thoughts. One, of course, is the 1990 graduation of Dave and Linda's twins, Adrian and Jonathan, from Dartmouth where they were both so active in the DOC. The other more reflective thought relates to the death of Bob Owens '65 and his family in the destruction of Pan Am 103 last fall. Bob was a classmate of mine at Tuck and a good friend to many in the Class of 66 through his leadership of the DOC. The following letter from Roy Lewicki '64 is passed on to those who inadvertently may not have received notice of this effort to provide an appropriate memorial to Bob.

"The Dartmouth Outing Club, of which Bob was President in 1964 - 65, is preparing to replace one of its most used cabins, Great

Bear. Located on the Appalachian Trail on the west side of Mt. Moosilauke, Great Bear I was built in 1914 and destroyed by fire in 1926. The funds for Great Bear II were donated as a 20th reunion gift by the class of '06, and the cabin was rebuilt that summer. Great Bear II enjoyed a marvelous 62 year life, but was also tragically destroyed by fire in the summer of 1988.

"In memory of Bob's love of the out-of-doors, Great Bear III will be constructed in 1990. Four students from the D.O.C. are now planning to spend the summer rebuilding the cabin. Through the tireless effort of Bob Bucher '64, \$8,000 of the \$14,000 has been raised. We need your help in raising the remaining \$6,000. Dedication of the cabin will be held on September 29, 1990, and you are more than welcome to attend.

"Contributions should be made payable to Dartmouth College and sent to the Friends of the D.O.C., Box 9, Hanover, NH 03755.

Moving from Goss and New Hampshire over the border to Maine, we pick up on Lance Tapley who reports,

"With a partner, we just bought Yankee Books, and moved it to Camden, Maine from New Hampshire. I am President and Publisher. I talk to fellow '66 Publisher David Godine every now and then.

"Isaac, my son, is class of '92 at Dartmouth and a budding artist and historian (a good combination). He made the first boat of the light weight crew freshman year and is now in the varsity boats.

Lance is moving (has moved) from Augusta to Camden. Business address for the relocated Yankee Books is P.O. Box 1248, Camden, Maine 04843; Tel: (B) 207 - 236 - 0933.

Another Maine denizen who usually checks in from the South Pole or some other far away spot, gave the U.S. a spin for a change. Ed Grew writes,

"On November 4, a mini-reunion [66 that is] at my mother-in-law's in Austin, Texas, where I was visiting with my wife, Priscilla. David Harris, Dartmouth roommate of two years came over from San Marcos, Texas, with wife Helen, sons Enon and Noah, and daughter Morgan."

Ed reports regularly on his travels as a "Rocks" professor at the University of Maine in Orono. David Harris is a doctor there in San Marcos, but I have not had a good update for some time. Drop me a line David!

While we are out in the middle of the country and talking about one of our academics, I want to pass on the updates I have received from Will Morgan. Will is still at the University of Louisville. Maybe some of you recall four years ago, when Will's daughter chose Penn over Dartmouth and he commented on the different considerations that went into that process. Well, now Will reports,

"Daughter Whitney graduated from Penn and is going to go on in Architecture (the legacy of Art 1 a generation later?). Son Joel graduates from high school; he wrestled with the Dartmouth application for a while and then, in true Dartmouth fashion, decided to 'punt' (he's going to Union, so the roadtrips to Skids will still be part of his college experience).

"Some of you may have seen the short review in the Alumni Magazine of a new book of mine ("Collegiate Gothic"), but curiously, DAM reviewed the book before it was published (?).

"Missing Hanover winters, I went to Finland last March (only to encounter the warmest winter in decades - - Finns unable to race their cars across the ice) where I gave a series of lectures at the Swedish language university in Turku. In another bit of northern New England nostalgia, I visited the Saab factory at Uusikaupunki (where the convertible is made and lots of other Saabs which Americans assume are Swedish). Will is an

Architecture prof and home in Louisville is still at 1719 Gresham Road 40205.

New to that part of the country and providing an update is Jeff Stein. At the 20th reunion, Jeff filled me in on the work that he was doing in "Tinseltown," and I was impressed. Well, now he has moved to an equally intriguing spot for writers of his genre and he reports,

"Just to catch ya'll up on Jeff Stein: he now lives in Nashville, Tennessee, home of The Grand Ole Opry. Jeff married Brenda Land, October 10, 1987, and has just taken the great leap into Fatherhood. His first born daughter's name is Jessica Lin Stein and was born on July 25, 1989. Along with his full-time careers in husbanding and fathering, he is still writing screenplays and novels and is very active in preserving what's left of our world through his involvement in local environmental groups.

Congratulations, Jeff. As I recall, Jeff writes under a different name (the word for which I have difficulty spelling), and we may have seen a great deal of his efforts and not been able to attribute them to Jeff. [Of course, that's probably exactly why he did it.] I look forward to an in-person update this coming June and learn what the advantages are in Tennessee over Los Angeles... aside from Dolly.

Bruce Kokernot has made a real transition from the heights to the flatlands of Iowa and near the hometown of classmate Bob Wilson. Bruce narrates,

"After a 2 year stint running Kunde Hospital in Nepal, Sir Edmund Hillary's gift to the Sherpas, and a ten month bicycle ride around Asia, Wendy Gilchrist (wife since 1978) and I have been getting acquainted with western medicine at Davenport, Iowa Family Practice Program. We've survived a year and will finish in August 1991. We are interested in working with Third World people in the U.S. (especially Hispanics) after we finish, or else go back overseas. If any of my classmates have any ideas, all suggestions will be appreciated. Daughter Lara, 19, is a sophomore

at Brown (Dartmouth's application arrived too late) and Matr [sp?] is first in class at Minneapolis Arts School.

If you have any ideas for Bruce in his near term move from Iowa, please call or write him directly. Home is now at 1729 East Locust - Apt. "L", Davenport, Iowa 52803; Tel: (H) 319-326-1041 and (B) 319-386-3700.

Bob Wilson now calls Marco Island home down in Florida, but I remember well the Davenport area and Clinton, where Bob grew up. On the Mississippi and a relaxing spot to break up those transcontinental trips to and from school. In terms of providing a focus for the Kokernots work with third world immigrants, it was nothing then, and no doubt is not now.

Rob Cleary dropped me a card from Denver issuing a challenge to go the distance in the annual footrace in San Francisco, the "Bay to Breakers." Rob was reported to be in serious training for this seven mile effort that takes the runners from the foot of the Bay Bridge (The "Bay") out over the crest of our hill line, down through Golden Gate Park and to the finish along the Great Highway that parallels the Pacific Ocean (The "Breakers"). I failed to follow-up on Robo's invite, so I don't know if he was in the 100,000 person throng or not. Invariably there is classmate or two making the jog as it is one of those experiences that most of us can still aspire to without a great risk to our personal well-being. In fact, it should contribute to our well-being.

Personally, I have never made the run in the "Bay-to-Breakers," but there is always next year. Rob reports all is well in Denver, the summer back country and trout fishing looked as alluring as ever.

As we go to press, the troubles in the Middle East are upon us. I have not had a chance to go through all my old notes about classmates that are likely to be in the area. My fellow majors in International Relations are some that come to mind with their frequent postings to this part of the world.

Cason and Keane are over in this hemisphere, but I wonder about Kelswetter. Also Steve Coles was over in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia at one point. Hope the turmoil passes over each and we hear positively from them all soon.

With this update, I sign off, till we meet again, which will be soon as the mailbag is deep and Route 66 needs some repaving prior to our Reunion.

Allen