

Along Route '66



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News from Classmates

I've received a number of cards and emails from classmates who regret having missed the 60th Birthday Party in San Francisco, the subject of a gallery of photos on Page 6. **Steve Hayes** writes, "Sorry Barbara and I weren't able to make it out to Napa with you guys. I was able to muster up a 60th Birthday celebration last week at the Ritz Carlton Club on St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands: Barbara, me, and two other couples, including John Fletcher '65. My mind and body keep saying, 'Let's retire!', but my bank account keeps saying, 'Not yet!'. In any event, life is good. I am working now only half time and am serving on the Boards of a couple of non-profit organizations, which is helping to move me along that continuum from 'success to significance'. Our kids, Emily, 22 in August, and Peter, 18, are doing well. Emily is at High Point University in North Carolina and Peter is finishing up high school and working." Steve can be emailed at SHayes @ litsys.com.

From **Chuck Vernon**: "Just read the thing on 60th Birthday party - -I'm not 60 yet, so it was OK to miss it! Photos say **Allan Anderson** and **Don Graves** must have had facial surgery, since they look the same as they did in September 1962! All these people doing such important things! I'm only working part time (wife Jamie says, 'That's Charles. He doesn't work much!'). Get to spend a day

or two a week with two grandgirls. And build just enough furniture to pay bills. Not important—but it's really a fun time for me as I still get to coach hockey and lacrosse and do summers on the Jersey Shore.” During the rest of the year Chuck still lives in Windsor, CT and can be reached at [chuck_vernon @ loomis.org](mailto:chuck_vernon@loomis.org).

Dave Pothoff writes, “It’s been a very long time; but, I’m still alive and retired in the state of Missouri. I keep up with **Wayne LoCurto**, my old Tabard roommate, and will be spending the weekend with **Steve Zegel** and wife, Pat, at my home at the Lake of the Ozarks. I enjoy reading about the exploits of our fellow classmates; here’s a little about my last 38 years.

I retired 12/31/03 after 30 years with Marsh and McLennan. Married my bride Dolores (Dede) in 1972 - - no children. Spent my entire insurance career in St. Louis, so now I consider St. Louis my hometown. Have had some physical problems that have slowed me down this year, but I think I’m on the way to a good recovery. I see Steve Zegel with regularity and he and I have attended several Dartmouth events, so I keep up with the alma ‘mother’, at least on a local level. I haven’t made any reunions since graduation, but hope to see all of my ‘mates that I haven’t spoken to in 40 years (unbelievable) at the next one.” Dave’s address is 6 Lamertin Lane in Oakland, MO 63122 or you can email him at [DJPothoff @ aol.com](mailto:DJPothoff@aol.com).

After having offered his Swiss chalet as a mini-reunion site, **Paul Darling** writes, “After living in Switzerland for six years and inviting classmates to visit my alpine chalet, **Bill Gruver** and his wife Joan and dog Gretl finally made the trip. Actually, they vacation every year in Switzerland, so they stopped for a brief visit on their way home in August. We hadn’t seen each other in 38 years, but it was like old friends renewing their acquaintance after a brief absence. We were not only classmates, but members of Dragon as well. Bill is a professor at Bucknell and I am still teaching at the Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne. All is well.” Other potential visitors can get hold of Paul at [paul.darling @ ehl.ch](mailto:paul.darling@ehl.ch).

I received a press release that **Bob Hermann** has been named President of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, serving residents of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Rockland, and Sullivan Counties in New York. The organization, on whose Board Bob has served for the last four years, provides free civil legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families, in the areas of housing, domestic violence, elder law, civil rights, children’s advocacy, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, public benefits, consumer law, and education. Currently associated with the firm of Thatcher Proffitt and Wood LLP of New York and White Plains, Bob is the former Solicitor General of New York State and a former partner of Plunkett and Jaffe, PC. He has argued cases before the New York Court of Appeals, several federal courts, and the US Supreme Court. A graduate of Yale Law in 1969, Bob is the author of many legal articles and Counsel for the Poor, which provides a comparative analysis of the effectiveness of different defense counsel systems. Bob and wife Susan live in Scarsdale. Congratulations, Bob, on your election and for an outstanding career!!

Speaking of authors, **Rob Cleary** has written his first book entitled Welcome Intruder: Stories from the Logbook of a Naval Flight Officer (1966-70), based on flying the attack jet known as the A-6 Intruder during the Vietnam War. Rob writes, “The book tells the stories that reflect the range of emotions, from abject fear to extraordinary courage....extraordinary men, extraordinary times, extraordinary story.” You can order the book from Rob at PO Box 61335, Denver, CO 80206.or email him at [robo28 @ earthlink.net](mailto:robo28@earthlink.net).

Coming Events

Fall 2004 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 29-30, 2004
Ski Mini-Reunion	Winter Park, CO	March 19-20, 2005
40 th Reunion	Hanover, NH	TBD

Gus King writes from his home in Brunswick, ME, “Adjusting to life after politics—teaching at Bowdoin and the JFK School at Harvard, counsel to a law firm and a mergers and acquisitions firm, both in Portland, and several profit and non-profit boards. Plenty to do; no sign of retirement!” Email Gus at bensdad2 @ gwi.net.

Howie Weiner has published another book (look for them all on Amazon.com) on Multiple Sclerosis entitled Curing MS: How Science is Solving the Mysteries of Multiple Sclerosis.

Chuck Sherman was kind enough to pass along a brief review from Science News (according to Chuck a “weekly”, read “weakly”):

“Weiner’s documentation of this 30-year-long quest to find the cause of multiple sclerosis (MS) pinpoints a treatment, and discovers a cure is not only a poignant examination of the research being conducted regarding this particular disease, but also a solid overview of the nature of medical research in general. Affiliated with Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Weiner has been in on the development of the most cutting-edge therapies for the disease. In these pages, he offers clear background about how scientists now understand the nature of MS in spite of the myriad ways in which the disease affects different people. Among the valuable research tools that Weiner highlights as particularly valuable in pushing forward MS research is magnetic resonance imaging. He provides a 21-point hypothesis on the cause and treatments of the disease that includes details of how those treatments work, in clear language. Weiner explains the field’s major discoveries and describes the challenges still looming. All of this is set against the background of how scientists work together, or sometimes don’t, and the role that business, especially the pharmaceutical industry, plays in the scope and character of MS research.”

The book is published by Crown at \$24.95. Chuck adds that Howie has received substantial research support from the National Institutes of Health over the years.

Also in the area of publishing and books, **Bob Cohn** writes, "My company, Times-Mirror Magazines, was sold to AOL-Time Warner in 2001. Working with my former CEO and a private equity group in Chicago, we have created a new 'boutique' media firm called Active Interest Media. We have acquired magazines and a home plan publishing company." Bob lives in New York City and can be contacted for subscriptions at rcohn @ aimmedia.com.

Jeff Stein asked me to change his email address and in return had to submit some news! "Right now I'm teaching at Watkins College of Art and Design Film School. Working to get a book on film published. Kids are growing too fast. Jessica is 15 and Danielle approaching 13. Probably the most significant: my wife Brenda has become a fine artist of turned wood whose works are in the collections of a number of dignitaries. Our yard is full of stumps and logs of many species." Jeff's new email address is steinnash @ bellsouth.net.

Finally, I chatted a few months ago with **Barry Ripley**, who is still living in Keene, NH, but just purchased a home in Newport, RI. Barry is currently working at the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, MA and serves as Executive Director of the American Flock Association in Boston. "Flock", it turns out, is the material used in upholstered furniture. Barry and wife Carole have three daughters and a son; his Dad, Class of 1929, is one of Dartmouth's oldest alumni (97, I think), but still makes it to the College for Alumni Council and Class officer meetings. His Mom serves as Class Secretary and is the first class in the Class Notes section of the Alumni Magazine.

Dartmouth College Fund Report

Bob Spence and his team of Assistant Class Agents did an outstanding job in helping the College raise a total of \$31.4 million with a 47.4% participation rate. We were one of 26 classes to set a new non-reunion year record. I have reprinted Bob's email sent to the Class in August:

Dear Classmate,

I am pleased to announce that the Class of 1966 set a new Dartmouth College Fund non-reunion year record, with a total of \$239,212 contributed vs. a goal of \$200,000. Our participation rate of 45.8% was below our goal of 48% and something I hope to focus on even more next year. Our total dollars represented a 25% increase vs. last year. While thanks are in order to everyone who contributed, I wish to express a special thanks to the many classmates who assisted in this effort as assistant class agents. I am hoping that all of you will consider helping again next year. Anyone who would like to volunteer as an assistant agent, please let me know by return email.

The Fund in total raised \$31,452,315, a new record, with a participation rate of 47.4%, a 2 percentage point increase over 2003.

Hope everyone is having a pleasant summer and look forward to seeing many of you in October.

A round of snaps for Bob's efforts!!! Volunteers for 2005 can contact Bob at rmspence @ email.msn.com.

Fall Mini-Reunion

The Fall Mini-Reunion will be held over the Dartmouth Homecoming Weekend, October 29-30. **Al Keiller** has added a Friday night Reception and Light Supper, prior to the Parade of the Classes, at the DOC House by Occum Pond, starting at 5 PM. Members of the classes of 1963-68 have also been invited. A full schedule, which includes the always popular pre-game (this year against Harvard) brunch at **Paul and Margo Doschers'** and the Saturday night dinner at the Norwich Inn, with the past year's winners of our Class of 1966 John Sloane Dickey Foundation Fellowships, is attached, with a sign-up sheet, on Page 7. Al will be discussing preliminary plans for the 40th Reunion in 2006 at the Class Meeting, so be sure to attend if you're in town.

For those of you interested in purchasing tickets to the football game, you can now do so on-line at www.dartmouth.edu/athletics. Be sure to specify your desire to be seated in the Class of 1966 section.

I mentioned in the last issue of 'Along Route '66' that **Tim Urban** has again agreed to host a Ski Weekend in Winter Park, CO, for the weekend of March 19-20, 2005. A sign-up sheet will be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Dartmouth Athletic Sponsor Program

As you know, a portion of our Class dues goes to the support of recruiting student athletes to Dartmouth. This past year \$305,000 was raised from individuals and classes. Our \$1,000 contribution puts us in the Top Ten of classes. Among the sports that recruited successful high school athletes as a result of the program were men's football, hockey, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, baseball, cross country, rowing and tennis and women's basketball, soccer, ice hockey, field hockey, swimming, volleyball, track, lacrosse, and softball.

Class Financial Report

Each summer, **Jim Weiskopf** as Class Treasurer submits a summary of the class' finances for the past fiscal year. During 2003/2004, 386 classmates paid their \$40 dues and 372 contributed an additional \$10 for the JSD Foundation fellowships, the same as last year. Total receipts, including mini-reunion income, totaled \$19,806 and total expenses, including alumni magazine subscriptions, our contributions to the fellowships and Dartmouth Sponsors, plus expenses for the two mini-reunions, totaled \$19,798, for a surplus of \$8! Well done, Jim!

In Memorium

We join the College in mourning the death of David T. McLaughlin, Dartmouth's 14th President, on August 25 at age 72. Mr. McLaughlin, AB '54, Tuck '55, the last alumnus to serve the College as president (1981 to 1987), had been CEO of Toro Manufacturing prior to becoming Dartmouth's President. He had previously been involved with the College as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1971 and as its Chairman from 1977 until he succeeded John Kemeny. A complete obituary is available at www.dartmouth.edu/~news/releases/2004/08/26.html.

More Pictures from the 60th Birthday Party



(L to R) Margie Carpenter, Chuck Sherman, Kathy LoCurto, Jack Bennett, Liz Callison, Wayne LoCurto at Fisherman's Wharf



(L to R) Jim Makol, Rich Abraham, Debbie Rottenberg, Alan Rottenberg, Judy Abraham, Jennifer Makol, Dave Gordon, Lucia Heldt at the North Beach Restaurant

Class of 1966 Homecoming Mini-Reunion
October 29-30, 2004

Get set for our annual Class of 1966 Mini-Reunion for Homecoming! Following the successful pattern of the last few years, the weekend will include a Saturday morning **pre-game brunch and Class meeting** at Paul and Margo Doscher's home in Norwich, VT and a **Class cocktail party and dinner** at the Norwich Inn Saturday evening. In addition to the football game, there will be field hockey, soccer and cross country events, as well as other cultural/entertainment options for you to choose from. Please return the bottom portion of this page with your check made out to **Dartmouth Class of 1966** (not to Al Keiller) by October 14, 2004.

Date	Time	Event
October 29	5:00 PM	Reception & Light Supper at DOC House (Occum Pond) With Classes of 1963-68
	7:00 PM	Parade of the Classes (Meet at Memorial Field)
	9:00 PM	Bonfire
October 30	10:00 AM	Class Brunch & Class Meeting Paul and Margo Doscher's home, Norwich, VT
	12:30 PM	Football Game vs. Harvard (order tickets directly from Dartmouth using ticket application or calling 603-646-2466, but specify Class of 1966 section)
	4 PM	Post game reception with Classes of 1963-65 at Rauner Hall (aka Webster Hall)
	6:30 PM	Class cocktails at Norwich Inn ("Living Room")
	7:30 PM	Class Dinner at Norwich Inn ("Terrace Room") Presentation by John Sloan Dickey Class of 1966 Fellowship Recipient(s)

Directions to Paul and Margo Doscher's Home

Cross bridge from Hanover to Norwich. Proceed west to Norwich Inn. Take first left past Inn onto Beaver Meadow 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 Doscher's. Phone 802-649-2901.

PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 14, 2004

To: Al Keiller
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Al's contact info: cell phone 919-619-3950
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Yes, I plan to join you and other '66ers for our Mini-Reunion October 29-30, 2004. Please reserve dinner at the Norwich Inn for ____ adults @ \$38 each and ____ students/children @ \$24 each. I am enclosing a check made out to the Dartmouth Class of 1966 for \$_____ to cover the above.

(Name and phone #)

(Address)

Choice of Entrees for Dinner: _____ Beef
(#)

_____ Salmon
(#)



Don't Forget!

The Moose Awaits Us at the Norwich Inn

Send in Now

Your Sign-up Sheet for the
October 29-30
Homecoming Mini-Reunion