

DEAR CLASSMATES,

Why are so many of us coming back for our 50th Reunion? We're coming back to reconnect with friends -- the people with whom we shared four of the most formative years of our lives. As our Reunion Theme states, we have moved along different paths for 50 years, but we have a common bond, a singular fellowship, stemming from our College years together. This is also true even for those we may not have known during our Dartmouth years.

While friendship with classmates is the prime reason for coming back, we want to make your return to Dartmouth as enjoyable, entertaining, and enlightening as possible. Here are some **50th Reunion Highlights:**

- **FOUR PANELS – GREAT ISSUES**

1. **The Sweep of History** - A review of the tumultuous 50 years since our graduation (civil rights, Vietnam, end of the Cold War, advent of computers, and more, including a gaze into the future). Presented with a special video-taped introduction from NBC's Tom Brokaw, and a panel including Melvin Small '60, prolific author and Distinguished Professor of History, Wayne State University, Joe Helble, Dean of Thayer School, and Mort Kondracke '60, author, commentator and TV pundit.
2. **Afghanistan and the Middle East** – Is US strategy correct? Is it working? What about Obama's troop surge? How/when does the US get out? Speakers include Peter Galbraith, former Deputy UN Envoy to Afghanistan, fired for charging recent Karzai election was fraudulent, and Brendan Kelly, articulate Dartmouth student and former Marine platoon leader in Iraq and Afghanistan. Another expert will be added, possibly Nicholas Burns, former Undersecretary of State under President George W. Bush.
3. **Dartmouth and Dr. Seuss** – A lighter subject to follow graduation ceremonies. Humorous treatment by Dartmouth English Professor Don Pease, author of a new book on this subject.
4. **Healthcare** – A critique and report card on the current debate and whether it has addressed the key issues. Where to from here? The story behind Dartmouth's well publicized, national role in all this. Speakers include Dartmouth President Jim Kim, Dartmouth Institute Director James Weinstein, and Dick Levy '60, Chairman of Verian, a billion dollar medical systems firm, and a hospital overseer.

- **Great Dinner Venues and Entertainment**

Friday Night – Cocktails in Baker Library followed by gracious dinner on Baker Library lawn. Reception with President Kim followed by Glee Club Concert in Hopkins Center.

Saturday Night – Riverside reception with a jazz combo followed by dinner in the same location with a 10 piece band playing music from the swing era. Dance to the tunes of Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, and others, or just sit back and enjoy the memories and great sounds.

Sunday Night – Riverboat theme in Alumni Hall for a great dinner/theater experience. Dan Wilkinson, '60 is an elite banjo-picker who has assembled his New Orleans Jazz All-Stars especially for our Reunion. Rock to "When the Saints Go Marchin' In".

Monday Night – Final reception at the Top of the Hop and dinner at the Webster Room at the Hanover Inn, followed by a performance by the entire cast of the New London Barn Players doing their “Straw Hat Review”. The Barn, now in its 78th season, is a stepping stone from summer stock to Broadway for America’s young, gifted musical talents. Songs from Carousel, Hello Dolly, and other Broadway Classics.

- **Housing** – For those of you staying in the dorms, we have arranged to have the East Wheelock Cluster for our class. These are among the newest dorms on campus, are well located across from the gym and our Class Tent, and are air conditioned. The College administers the dorm housing for reunions and they will be sending a letter to all of us in March with details and costs for the dorm rooms. These rooms will be your least expensive and most conveniently located housing alternative for the Reunion.
- **Socializing, Outdoor Activities, Golf, and Tennis** – There will be time at Reunion for all of these pursuits. Check the Preliminary Program included with this letter to see when various events are scheduled.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW? – Check the enclosed list of those who have indicated they are coming and make sure you are on it. Your friends will want you here in June! Then fill out the enclosed Registration Card and send it back to our Class Treasurer, Bill Moorman. We have done everything we could to hold Reunion costs down and we are under the amount charged by last year’s 50th Reunion Class.

We want you back! This may be the last time so many of us will get together. We all owe it to each other and ourselves to be at our 50th Reunion!

See you in June!

Dick Chase
Reunion Co-Chair

Bill Gundy
Reunion Co-Chair