

Dartmouth Alumni Council

Gentlemen of the Class of '60:

Homecoming, last week, as remarkable and memorable as always, left me with these random memories. The football team ended its streak at 17 and convincingly beat Columbia. President Kim gave his first Homecoming oration and being the perspicacious man he is, kept it brief and upbeat and even ventured to predict that we would in fact "take" Columbia. The bonfire burned and collapsed brilliantly as the Class of '13 raucously and with admirable determination circled it. The weather didn't cooperate on Saturday: the tailgate party became a belly-to-belly, elbow-to-elbow huddle under the tent and the football spectators got sodden but didn't seem to mind. Jim Kim was charming, informative and outgoing at our Class lunch. Almost everyone made it to the class meeting, awake or not.

Bill Gundy and Dick Chase are preparing a relaxed and what I think will be a most memorable 50th Reunion for us. If you haven't done so already, color at least June 10 to 16, 2010 in your calendar in Dartmouth green and plan to come to Hanover. There will be optional events before and after those dates. You will hear more from Dick and Bill.

Musings Unlimited, our publication for the 50th Reunion is coming along, but John Mitchell wants more contributions from more classmates. The book will only be as good as we make it collectively; we all have lived long lives, we all have had experiences, we all have had thoughts, we all have memories, we all have something to share and it doesn't matter whether it is a line or three pages, profound or not . . . But do it quickly; the deadline for submissions -the extended one- is now.

This is also your last opportunity to suggest items of comparison for the "Then and Now" feature in *Musings Unlimited*. I am working on a few hundred items now, but am still looking for more of the unusual tidbits. Put your thinking caps on and let me know at agrabowsky@earthlink.net.

The next Alumni Council meeting is scheduled for December 3-5 under new Council president, Janine Avner '80 (who, by the way, gave a spirited Homecoming address). What matters do you want me to bring up or look into? Do you have questions and/or opinions on the ongoing 'parity' lawsuit, next spring's alumni-nominated trustee elections, football, the offices of Institutional Diversity and Equity and of Accessibility, the nationally ranked soccer team, Jim Kim's start, the new Visual Arts Center, anything else . . . let me know so I can represent your interests and/or obtain information for you. Email me at agrabowsky@earthlink.net.

A few news items from Hanover that you may or may not have missed:

- Dean of Faculty Carol Folt took on the additional job as Interim Provost after Barry Scherr stepped down earlier than had been recently anticipated.
- After Tom Crady rather abruptly resigned, the former Director of the Office of Pluralism and Leadership, Sylvia Spears, was named the Acting Dean of the College.
- The Dean of Undergraduate Students resigned and Deborah Tyson, Associate Dean of Residential Life and Director of Residential Education, has been named the Acting Dean of Undergraduate Students.
- Without any fanfare, Jim Kim contributed \$25,000 to the College Alumni Fund, specifically for Financial Aid.
- Dudley Smith is the latest '60 to receive the Alumni Council's "Dartmouth Alumni Award"; the most recent previous award winner from our class was Jim Adler.
- The ALC (the Alumni Council's Alumni Liaison Committee) has issued its annual report to the trustees about what the alumni think and feel about the College. It reflects what you tell me and what I forward (without names) to the ALC. The report also summarizes the council's activities for the year 2008 -2009, including interactions with the trustees and the College. You can read it at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/news.aspx?id=502>.
- If you are looking for interesting stuff to read, check out the suggestions of the faculty at www.alumni.dartmouth.edu/council/goodreads. It is a 21st Century version of Herb West's "Dartmouth Bookshelf" that used to appear regularly in the Alumni Magazine in the 1950's and 1960's. I have a copy of his early 1960's comprehensive list. If I get enough encouragement, I'll post it on our website.
- The DOC continues to celebrate its 100th anniversary: on October 10 approximately 900 Dartmouth-connected hikers attempted to set foot on every inch of the 2,175 miles of the Appalachian Trail. It didn't quite come off: about 100 miles in North Carolina and southern Virginia were left untouched by green boots.

P.S. Despite -or maybe because of- the loss to Harvard on Saturday, you may want to read the Boston Globe's objective and friendly review of our football program at http://www.boston.com/sports/colleges/football/articles/2009/10/30/dartmouth_happy_to_put_losing_streak_behind/.