



Class of 1961 -- 50th Reunion

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To: '61 Classmates
From: Jim Baum – Reunion Book Editor
Re: Musings Unlimited

Remarkably, in June 2011 we shall collectively celebrate our fiftieth reunion. I will need your help soon. The next letter will ask you to send your reflections on life and/or your Dartmouth experience.

Musingly, I am reminded that the 50th class at our graduation was the class of 1911. Those alums, after two world wars and even with the help of modern medicines, looked pretty darn old to us then. So here we are, through diligence and hard work, and dumb luck still alive at 70 in a world those alums in 1911 could not have dreamed of, yet we are looking pretty damn chipper.

From around 604 of us in 1957 to about 517 now, we each have a story to tell, a thought to impart, or some wisdom to transmit. I hope you are as keen as I to read those tales, updated from ten years ago, while we can still read and hopefully understand them. Therefore, I agreed at the last meeting of the class in Hanover to edit a book of musings to be distributed in connection with our fiftieth. Maynard Wheeler, our reunion chair, twisted my arm on this project. Many of you know that editing such a book is not part of my skill set. However, I have great help: Frank Ginn is working with me as honorary editor; Alan Orschel and Tom Conger are the assistant editors.

Obviously, a mere editor must have something to edit to yield a work of art. Diligent inquiries on my part revealed that the work is easy when contrasted with the efforts to get you to send material on a timely basis. We will furnish you a questionnaire, a request for your musings and a photograph and a time schedule for you to submit your material.

In view of the terrible economy, we are working on methods to reduce our cost and at the same time provide “incentives” to you both before the reunion and after we return home in late June 2011.

Whether you love Dartmouth, despair of her, or wallow in indifference about her, we are a band of brothers who share a unique bond and we will want to hear from you. Start collecting your musings.

Jim Baum

Not too early to think about housing. The Class of '60 has been shocked to find that most hotels in the Hanover area are already sold out for their reunion this June. The Hanover Inn has a block of rooms for our class that are now available for advance registration. Most of the motels in the area will start taking reservations after June 1st of this year.

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