

## D'61 DAM Article – September/October 2020

COVID-19 simply will not go away! Some areas have performed much better than others; some areas have performed more poorly than others. Some areas performed poorly early on but have improved dramatically; some areas which performed well early on have deteriorated dramatically. The bottom line at this time is that COVID-19 is not yet under control. Also, the virus' direct and indirect effects on our Class and our classmates are becoming more apparent. As of June, at least three classmates unfortunately had succumbed to this virus. Our anticipated mini-reunion scheduled for this past April in San Diego had to be cancelled at the last minute. Our anticipated mini-reunion scheduled for this October is ready to go but is awaiting final clearance from the College.

Through the aforementioned observations do not present a particularly cheerful outlook for the current situation, at least one event occurred recently which was indicative of a thoughtful and positive gesture indicating clearly that we are all in this together and that we are all here within the Dartmouth community to look out for each other. One day in mid-June, a research scientist at the Dartmouth Institute was walking past the Robert Frost statue near the Bema and noticed a cloth facial mask with "D" lettering lying on the ground. Realizing that Robert Frost was just sitting there without a facemask on, she picked up the facemask and gently placed it on the face of the statue to make sure that Frost was practicing medically approved and socially acceptable anti-coronavirus procedures. She then took a picture of this unusual rendition of the Frost statue. That same day a member of the College administration also walked by the Frost statue and noticed a socially distanced and appropriately face-masked Robert Frost contemplating our world of today. He too photographed the unusual incident. It turns out that the College selected the photo as a *Photo of the Week* in June. This small incident illustrates how we are all looking after the Robert Frost statue, who has been looking after all of us in the Class of 1961 and at the College for the past nearly 24 years.

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