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D'61 Class Executive Meeting (Conference Call)

April 2, 2014

Attending the Call: Denny Denniston, Ken DeHaven, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Bob Conn, Rog McArt, Hank Eberhardt, John Damon and Mike Murphy (invited guest).

Absent from the Call: Ivar Jozus, Tom Conger, Dave Birney, Tom Dalglish, Pete Bleyler, Oscar Arslanian, Pete Palin, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt

Denny Denniston, class president, called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Re: Class Liability Insurance Coverage:

In response to the concern that the class might not have liability insurance coverage for its scheduled activities and meetings, Denny Denniston reported that he checked with the College Alumni Office and received confirmation that the class was indeed covered for all normal activities of the class.

Re: Fall Mini-Reunion 2014:

It was reported, on behalf of Maynard Wheeler, chair of the class' mini-reunions in Hanover during the Fall season, that this year's mini-reunion would be held on October 3-4. Through an oversight, the conflict with the most sacred Jewish holiday of the year, Yom Kipper, was not taken into account before making the decision. Although when informed, other fall weekend dates were considered. However, for one reason or another, it was deemed by a majority of the officer group to keep the original dates. In the future, it was agreed that potential religious holiday conflicts would be considered and taken into account before arriving at a final decision, whether for the Fall mini-reunion or for any off-campus mini-reunions.

Re: Class Survey:

Bob Conn, in charge of drafting and submitting the class survey to the entire class and then tabulating the results, reported that the survey was completed, revised based on viable comments received from various class officers, and submitted to the entire class by email on April 2nd AM. As of this conference call, he already has received 43

completed surveys. With respect to the questions about off-campus (out-of Hanover) mini-reunions, Williamsburg, VA currently led the way for new locations and San Francisco, CA led the field for return locations, with Bob noting that the aforementioned was based only on the limited number of surveys returned to date.

Re: The Frost Statue:

Mike Murphy, who spearheaded the class' initial effort decades ago to find a qualified artist, agree on the statue's design, negotiate the acquisition, fund the class project and deliver the now acclaimed Frost Statue to the College for installation on the campus, has agreed to spearhead the class' current effort to renovate and improve the area surrounding the Frost Statue, including the pathway leading up to the statue (eg. install a bench in front of the statue, make the path leading up to the statue more attractive and wheelchair accessible, etc.). Mike stated that he had already contacted the maintenance and grounds office to find out what, if anything, had been scheduled for the Frost statue area during the next few years.

As an aside regarding the Frost statue, Vic Rich reported that he wrote a Letter to the Editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM) on March 27th, stating that the magazine's lead article, "A History of Dartmouth in 50 Objects", for the March/April edition of the magazine had erred in its homage to Robert Frost, class of 1896. The article used his monogrammed suitcase, now owned by the College, as its tie-in object to Frost. Instead, he stated, it should have used the on-campus statue of Robert Frost as a more fitting object of tribute, especially since the statue was conceived, commissioned, paid for and donated to the College by an entire class, the class of 1961. Since the statue is visited daily by alumni, students, faculty, administrators, prospective students and guests, it would have been a more meaningful tribute to one of this country's greatest poets. Within a few days, Vic received a reply from the DAM Editor's office stating that his letter to the editor would be published in a future edition of DAM. It appears that the Robert Frost Statue is indeed gaining traction on campus. Also note the 2 page display of the statue, along with a short Frost poem, contained in the January/February edition of DAM.

Re: The Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Program:

John Damon, co-chair of this effort with Pete Palin, updated the class officers on the current appeal to encourage classmates to include Dartmouth College in their wills, for some specific bequest amount or percentage of the estate to Dartmouth in general and/or to some specific program(s) at Dartmouth (including the '61 Legacy Fund and

the Robert Frost Statue). John reported that the class currently had 41 approved BTS members and 2 in process and close to completion. John stated that the class' 8 new BTS members enrolled and accepted during the current fiscal year was the most of any class to date. Denny congratulated the BTS co-chairs and then discussed a class goal for the 55th Reunion. After some discussion and with the understanding of the difficulty with setting goals in this area, it was agreed that a class goal of 55 BTS members by 2016 was a reasonable and achievable goal --- "55 by the 55th".

Re: Dartmouth's Annual Alumni Fund (Dartmouth College Fund):

Hank Eberhardt, Class Co-head Agent , reported that all class officers had made or formally pledged a contribution for the current fiscal year and that he was now looking to achieve 100% from the class executive committee. Also, emphasis is being placed on achieving 100% from the Class' 78 specified leadership prospects. Unfortunately, the class this year lost one of its most reliable and avid contributors to the Alumni Fund each year. To date, the class has achieved a confirmed \$155k of its stated goal of \$260k. The emphasis during the last 60 days will, as always, be on achieving a broad participation by '61 class members in the Dartmouth College Fund.

The President adjourned the meeting at 1:55PM. The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday May 7, 2014 at 1PM for approximately one hour. (*Dial in number: (712) 432-1500 Access Code: 448111# When prompted, enter above access code.*)

Respectfully submitted,

Victor S. Rich, '61 Class Secretary