

Along Route '66



Co-Presidents: **Bill Higgins**, 5360 Miami Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243
Steve Warhover, 33 William Fairfield Drive, Wenham, MA 01984
Vice-President & Webmaster: **Chuck Sherman**, 3100 Rittenhouse Street NW, Washington, DC 20015
Secretary: **Larry Geiger**, 93 Greenridge Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605
Treasurer: **Jim Weiskopf**, 13125 Willow Edge Court, Clifton, VA 20124
Head Agent: **Bob Spence**, 16 Surrey Road, New Canaan, CT 06840
Bequest Chairmen: **Rich Daly**, 5036 N. Creosote Canyon Drive, Tucson, AZ 85749
Steve Lanfer, 178 Sea Meadows Lane, Yarmouth, ME 04096
Alan Rottenberg, 24 Gould Road, Waban, MA 02468
Mini-Reunion Chairman: **Al Keiller**, 85422 Dudley, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Newsletter Editor & Alumni Council Rep: **Bob Serenbetz**, PO Box 1127, Newtown, PA 18940
Phone: 215-598-0262 Fax: 215-598-0770
Email: BobSerenbetz @ prodigy.net
Class Website: <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66>

January 2005

Happy New Year!! I apologize for the length of time between this and the last newsletter, particularly given the rush of news regarding Dartmouth's football program, which suffered through a dismal 1-9 season (more on this later). The fall Mini-Reunion was another successful event and plans are underway for our 40th Reunion next year.

Ski Mini Planned in March

Tim Urban has again offered the class the opportunity for a mini-reunion in Winter Park, CO, from March 18-21. As noted on the sign-up sheet on Page 7, Tim is offering his family's two homes in Fraser, about twenty minutes from the ski area, at a very modest cost of \$25 per person. Those of us who participated two winters ago had a wonderful time, regardless of our level of skiing...and the warmer March weather with plenty of snow on the slopes added to our enjoyment. Given the limited number of rooms, it will be on a "first come-first serve" basis. We hope that many of our classmates from the West will join us for the weekend.

Fall Mini Reunion Well Attended

About fifty classmates, spouses, friends, and children visited the Hanover Plain October 29-30 to celebrate the annual Fall Mini-Reunion. To start the weekend, ably planned and executed by **Al** and **Jo Keiller**, a pre-parade beer-wine-sandwich party was held on Friday night at the DOC House on Occom Pond with the classes of 1964-68. Among those attending the "supper" were **Skip Battle**, taking a short "time-out" from his People Soft Board duties during the merger negotiations with Oracle, **Ken** and Anne **Zuhr**, on an extended New England visit from Gilroy, CA, **John** and Pamela **Harbaugh**, taking a break from the rebuilding in their hurricane-ravaged town of Satellite Beach, FL, **Gary**, Sharon, and Laura '95 **Broughton**, **Bob** and Tina **Gilbert** visiting their daughter Katie '05, **Robin**, Theresa, and Abigail **Carpenter**, **Chuck Sherman** and Margie Carpenter, **Rob** and Judy **Cleary**, all the way from Denver, and **Gary**, Leslie, and Max **Jefferson**. Although missing the pre-parade get-together, **Gus King** and family arrived from Maine just in time to join the class at the parade and bonfire.

As always, **Paul** and Margo **Doscher** were gracious hosts for the pre-game brunch and class meeting. New arrivals included **Ken** and Samira **Meyercord**, **Bob** and Martha **Cowden**, **Steve Lanfer**, and **Frank** and Marcy **Blod**. Given that the mini was just a few days before the election, Frank's memories of John Kerry as a fellow Navy OCS'er were interesting, to say the least!! **Al Keiller** presided over the Class meeting, which included the 2004 financial report (a breakeven operations year, but a tidy surplus for our 50th reunion), a post-mortem report on the 60th Birthday Party, the upcoming ski mini in Winter Park, CO, and planning for the 40th Reunion. While the group attending the meeting overwhelmingly favored a weekend reunion, preferably in late spring, to be organized apart from the College's mid-week schedule in mid-June, **Al** will be preparing a survey to gain the perspectives of a greater number of classmates.

Rob Cleary gave us a synopsis of his book Welcome Intruder: Stories from the Logbook of a Naval Flight Officer (1966-1970), an account of flying attack jets during Vietnam. Rob's book can be ordered by writing him at PO Box 61335, Denver, CO 80206, or emailing him at robo28@earthlink.net.

The Class of 1964 hosted the post-game party at the Hanover Inn, giving all of us the opportunity to mourn yet another Dartmouth loss, albeit an incredibly close game, with the outcome down to the wire, against Harvard's eventual Ivy League Champion team. New Hampshire residents up for the game and Norwich Inn dinner included **Paul** and Bevan **Buffum**, **Jeff** and Penny **Gilbert**, and **Rick** and Nancy **MacMillan**. Joining the class for the dinner, including presentations from our two 2003-2004 John Sloane Dickey Class of 1966 Fellowship winners Joshua Faber '05 and Jhilam Biswas '05, were **Bob** and Linda **Spence**. Reports by Joshua and Jhilamcan, on their projects in Geneva and Calcutta respectively, can be found on the class website.

News from Classmates

Prior to the Mini-Reunion, **Jeff Gilbert** wrote in early September, "I am currently in Hong Kong where I traveled to be with my son Gregg '00 after he was emergency airlifted out of China after suffering a seizure and a bout of Acute Mountain Sickness. He nearly died, but good fortune was with us in many ways and he is now nearly (and according to his Doctors here quite miraculously) fully recovered." In Hanover, Jeff confirmed that fortunately everything turned out well.

Also prior to the Mini, **John Harbaugh** wrote, "Survived four hurricanes during our endless September. Still teaching (28 years) of high school English and community college German (part-time). Jog two miles mornings before school. Enjoy life-long learning. Plan a trip with students to Germany next Spring vacation. Married twenty-eight years to my sexy wife Pam, whom I met in New York. Rowing in a Masters Four in a Georgia headrace, November 6." John's email address is harbaughj@brevard.k12.fl.us

Coming Events

Ski Mini-Reunion	Winter Park, CO	March 18-21, 2005
Fall 2005 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 21-22, 2005
40 th Reunion	Hanover, NH	TBD

Missing from the Fall Mini were **Dean** and Carol **Spatz**, who were on a ten-day tour of Vietnam with the World Presidents' Organization. Also traveling, to India, during the festivities were **Rick** and Bonnie **Reiss**, who had been in Hanover to get a taste of the Fall color the previous weekend.

John and Nancy **Hughes** missed the weekend as a result of breaking ground on their new home in Brasstown, NC. John wrote, "We had a Dartmouth Club of the Midwest (Minneapolis) lunch today and we '66ers had an entire table: **Arne Rovick**, **Jim Beardsley**, **Jim Lenfestey**, and Dean Spatz."

From **Terry Lowd**: "I am moving back 'home' to Pemaquid Beach, Maine this fall as the new owner of Pemaquid Marine, Inc (www.pemaquidmarine.com), a full service boat yard and repair service and the builder of the "Banks Cove 22" custom power yacht located in New Harbor, Maine. Would love to talk with any classmates who might have an interest in such a vessel." Terry can be contacted at lowd@tds.net.

Just before taking off with a Dartmouth Alumni Abroad September tour of the Greek Isles, **Halsey Bullen** sent along the following update: "I'm still racing sailboats every chance I get, sometimes winning, sometimes not. This weekend we sail our J/30 in the NOOD (pronounced "nude", of course) regatta at Larchmont, followed by Laser racing in Rhode Island and Delaware, before heading off for the Greek Isles. With a little accounting standards work in between. Isabel has joined the local Archaeology Club and is happily piecing together broken pottery and digging up prehistoric artifacts in nearby towns. When she's not at work cataloging all the books at the local public library. Daughter Diana (Dartmouth '98) is starting her third year in pursuit of a Ph.D. History of Art at Ann Arbor, having recently returned from a month in Italy researching her thesis topic: The Art Work in Foundling Hospitals During the Renaissance." Halsey's email address is hgbullen@yahoo.com.

"After practicing law for 35 years (31 at a firm I founded in 1972)," writes **Dave Dubrow**, "I am now of counsel to another small firm, Stieber & Veloric, and like to call myself semi-retired. I hope to get rid of the 'semi' sometime soon. Fran is in her 41st year teaching English at Livingston High School. Older son Richard (RISD '92) is President of Advanced Media Design, Providence, RI, an architectural imaging firm servicing architects and developers nationwide. Younger son Aaron (Williams '99), after traveling in Asia, doing documentary film work and teaching at Rutgers, is now completing a time, and will be traveling to New Orleans in a couple of weeks to celebrate **Max Stern's** 60th." Dave can be reached at dave.dubrow@verizon.net.

Another Class Lawyer, **Gregor McGregor**, writes, "I am coming up on celebrating 30 years of environmental law practice at McGregor & Associates in Boston. I live in historic Concord, MA with wife Sharon and infant Margaret (Class of '25). Do we have the youngest child in the Class?" My guess, Gregor, is you do!!! And to think you'll be 81 at her graduation!!! Anyone can challenge Gregor's "record" by emailing him at gimcg@comcast.net.

Greg Eden notes: "Just completed an eighteen month assignment as CEO of Faulkner USA, an Austin-based company specializing in the design/build/finance of convention center hotels. Have started a new Austin and Santa Fe based company, Eden Polk & Company, to create a public private partnership equity fund. Would recommend Rob Cleary's book Welcome Intruder, a great read and well-written story (see ordering instructions above)." Greg is living in Austin and can be reached at geden@edenpolk.com.

Another classmate has joined the ranks of the recently retired. **Eric Waples** writes, "Retired with wife Sue in Estes Park, CO, five minutes from Rocky Mountain National Park. Spend my days hiking the many trails of the park; studying history, natural history, and geology; teaching squash at the athletic club nearby, and traveling. I now awaken every morning to the sound of bull elk bugling right outside our bedroom window. It sure beats an obnoxious alarm. We welcome visitors, especially old Fayerweather, tennis, and Chi Phi friends." Visitors can contact Eric and Sue at ewaples1@aol.com.

Norman Jones has moved from Honeoye Falls, NY to 650 Breault Road in Gladwyn, MI.

In Memorium

Sadly, **Greg Ball** passed away on October 17th of prostate cancer. An Economics major at Dartmouth, Greg was Vice-President and Rush Chairman of Phi Kappa Psi, a member of Dragon, Dorm Chairman and a representative to both the UGC and IDC his sophomore year, and a member of the Ledyard Canoe Club. Condolences can be sent to Greg's widow Susan at 101 N.W. 47th Street, Seattle, WA 98107.

Football Woes

As noted at the beginning of the Newsletter, the Dartmouth football team has been in the news over the past few weeks. On November 30, John Lyons was fired as head Football coach, after the team finished the season 1-9. Coach Lyons compiled a 60-68-1 overall record over thirteen seasons, 43-50-1 in the Ivy League.

A scant ten days later, the Valley News revealed a letter that Dean of Admissions Karl Furstenberg had sent to the President of Swarthmore College in December 2000, upon the Pennsylvania school's decision to drop football from its athletic program:

"I am writing to commend you on the decision to eliminate football from your athletic offerings. Other institutions would do well to follow your lead. You are exactly right in asserting that football programs represent a sacrifice to the academic quality and diversity of entering first-year classes....My experience at Wesleyan and Dartmouth is consistent with what you have observed at Swarthmore. I wish this were not true but sadly football, and the culture that surrounds it, is antithetical to the academic mission of colleges such as ours."

When confronted with the letter, Dean Furstenberg defended the letter as being supportive of a friend, and that athletics is an important part of life at Dartmouth: "We have made a different set of choices at Dartmouth." It was noted that while it may have been a personal letter, it was written on Dartmouth stationery. The recently-fired Coach Lyons commented, "What was he thinking?"

President Wright quickly issued a statement, in the Valley News' opinion, "distancing himself from Furstenberg's letter and expressing confidence in the admissions dean":

"We take great pride in the accomplishments and contributions of our student athletes and I am optimistic about the future of the football program. The opinions expressed in Dean Furstenberg's letter in no way reflect Dartmouth's approach to athletics, and I am confident that we have a strong relationship between the Athletic Department and the Admissions Office."

A couple of weeks later, facing mounting criticism from the Dartmouth community, Dean Furstenberg issued the following apology:

"I am writing to apologize to all of you and express my deepest regrets about the remarks I made...in December 2000. I made a mistake. While I cannot take back what I wrote four years ago, I want all of you to know that the sentiments expressed are not an accurate reflection on intercollegiate athletics, athletic competition, and those who engage in it."

Criticism has continued. Some have questioned why it took two weeks for Furstenberg to issue an apology. The football community, in particular, is incensed because his apology did not specifically reference his comments about football players and the football culture. Finally, it would appear that the diversity in the student body that football players in general bring to the College is not a form of diversity for which Dean Furstenberg is searching. As your Alumni Council representative, if you have any experiences or comments you would like to share regarding Dean Furstenberg in particular, or the situation in general, please email me. In past newsletters, classmates have opined on Admissions' poor handling of legacies.

Getting back to the football coach opening, on December 22, the College announced the establishment of a new coach search committee, which included our own **Dick Birnie**, Professor of Earth Sciences, and faculty advisor to the football team. On January 6, it was announced that Buddy Teevens, who preceded John Lyons, would succeed him as Coach. Coach Teevens won the Ivy League championship in 1990 and 1991, but has an overall head coaching record at Dartmouth, Tulane and Stanford of 47-90-2.

Where is Peter Prichard When You Need Him Department

Towards the end of the Presidential elections, USA Today's lead article started off as follows:

"President Bush leads Sen. John Kerry by 8 points among likely voters, a narrower advantage than Bush held in mid-September and one that puts him at the edge of the survey's margin of error. Among all registered voters, the president's lead widened to a statistically significant 11 percentage points" (my underline).

Guess what the headline was? BUSH'S LEAD GETS SMALLER IN POLL. Huh??

I use this only as a precursor to an even more egregious error by America's newspaper. In a November 12 article on the country's leading prep schools, it counted among Exeter's most famous alumni our own Daniel Webster, "author of dictionary fame". Excuse me??? I found this particularly comical, and ironic, considering that Peter Prichard, former Editor-in Chief of USA Today, had received the Daniel Webster Award from the Dartmouth Club of Washington!!!

Class Officer Meetings and the Alumni Magazine

In early September, **Chuck Sherman** and I attended the annual Class Officers' meetings in Hanover. While most of the time is spent with your peer officers (i.e. secretaries with other secretaries, bequest chairmen with bequest chairmen), to exchange ideas and compare notes, there are some combined meetings with the whole officer contingent. I am pleased to note that a sub-committee looking into Alumni Magazine funding, and subscription policy, has been successful in gaining, from Alumni Relations and the College, an opportunity for all classes to reinstate all former subscribers without any cost to the class. **Bill Higgins, Steve Warhover, and Jim Weiskopf** quickly decided to take advantage of the offer, so that all of us, regardless of whether or not we have paid our class dues, will again receive the magazine for the next twelve months. It is hoped that universal distribution to all alumni will be continued in the future.

I guess I should also note that Chuck was elected Vice-President, and President-Elect, of the Webmasters' Association, and I was elected to the same positions for the Newsletter Editors.

Letter from Thad Seymour

As most of you hopefully know, thanks to some successful negotiating by Chuck, we are the sponsors of the College's webcam atop the Hanover Inn, which can provide visitors to our website a view of the Green and surrounding areas at any time of the day. Well, guess who recently got a bird's-eye view of the Green?

Hi Chuck,

I have just finished watching dawn come to Baker Tower, and it was a nice post-Thanksgiving treat. Sitting at our kitchen table in Florida, it was a special pleasure to be reminded of good times at Dartmouth with the Class of 1966. Thanks for making my sentimental journey possible with your webcam.

After many years of college administration — I left Dartmouth in 1969 to be president of Wabash College and then came to Florida in 1978 to be president of Rollins — I returned to the classroom in 1990 and have enjoyed being an English teacher again. I started my career in Sanborn House.

Thanks again for the webcam, and best wishes to the Class of 1966.

Thaddeus Seymour, your old dean

**Dartmouth Class of 1966
Colorado Ski Weekend Mini Reunion
Announcement and Registration**

This is to announce and invite you and your significant other to a long weekend of skiing, other winter activities and fellowship in Winter Park, Colorado the long weekend of March 18-21, 2005. Classmate Tim Urban has offered to share his family's two, neighboring houses located in Fraser, Colorado off US Highway 40, 20 minutes from the Winter Park Ski Area. Located only 90 minutes from Denver, you could combine skiing with other activities in Denver (such as golf) or visit the Center City casinos, only 60 minutes from Fraser.

Tim describes the accommodations as follows: The "Shire" is a seven bedroom, five bath house with one two-bunk bedroom, two queen bedrooms, one single bedroom and three twin-bed bedrooms sleeping five-to-eight singles and four-to-five couples for a total of 12-14 people. The "Sundance" home has one bedroom with twin beds, one bunkroom with two beds and two bedrooms with queen beds accommodating 6-8 people. The two houses could accommodate a total of 22 people. Tim has offered both houses to the Class without charge, except for a cleaning fee of \$25 per person. Breakfasts will be at the Shire. In order to get the pot going, we ask for \$25 per person in order to stock the house(s) with breakfast, snack and beverage essentials. Lunch and dinner, and cost sharing, will be at the discretion of the individuals/group, with ample restaurant availability in the area. Dinners can also be prepared at the Shire.

Tim indicates that the full and one-half day tickets at the Winter Park ski complex (three mountains interconnected with some of the best snow in Colorado) are affordable compared to other venues. We suggest you visit their website for additional slope, ski school, and other activity information: www.winterpark.com Transportation to Denver will be everyone's individual responsibility, but Tim uses a travel broker out of Denver, Jim Fike (1-800-422-5969, extension 3014), from whom he is able to get deep discount tickets to Denver from anywhere in the US. Rentals of four wheel drive and other vehicles are available at the Denver airport, as well as shuttle service to Fraser. Tim has an 8 passenger suburban and can transport a group to and from the airport and to the slopes.

To reserve a spot(s) for what should be a fun long weekend of late winter skiing at one of Colorado's finest ski venues, just complete the form below and forward it with a deposit of \$25 per person directly to Tim Urban prior to February 28th, 2005. Tim will confirm final arrangements and provide directions to the houses on or before March 4th, 2005. We will move forward if we have 8 or more people sign up. Tim can be reached during the day at 515-225-2222 or via e-mail at timurban@webudc.com

Tim Urban
Urban Development Group
4800 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 204
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

Dear Tim,

Please sign me up for the Winter park ski weekend. There is a total of _____ in our party, including _____ couple(s) and _____ singles. I/we expect to arrive at _____ on March _____ and depart approximately _____ on March _____. Enclosed is a check for _____ to cover our \$25 per person deposit.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Don't Forget!

Send in Now

Your Sign-up Sheet for the
March 18-21
Skiing Mini-Reunion