

Along Route '66



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News from Classmates

Paul Darling sent along the following news: "I have lived and worked in Switzerland now for 8 years. I am a professor of information technology at the ecole hoteliere Lausanne . Having put in our 66 newsletter several times that anyone coming to Switzerland was welcome and encouraged to contact me, someone finally did and it's changed my life. In August of 2004 **Bill Gruver** and his wife Joan took me up on my deal. We had a great dinner together and although I hadn't seen Bill in some 38 years, it was as if we had been in contact continuously since graduation. Noting my celibataire or bachelor status, he suggested I contact a family friend of theirs whom he had known from his position as a trustee of Berea College in Kentucky and her position as a fund raiser for the school. Well, one thing led to another and Bill's and Joan's friend, Debra Johnson and I were married here in Chateau d'Oex Switzerland in June of 2005. **Ed Long '66** also played a cupid role in making this all happen.

Since the wedding took place so far from the US, we decided to repeat the vows on December 31st, 2005 for the home crowd and to take advantage of Bill Gruver's status as the mayor of Eagle's Mere, Pennsylvania. New Year's Eve was his last official day as mayor and we were his last official function. So after 39 years, Bill married his old Dragon friend to Debra. So there were two prominent roles played at the wedding by 66'ers.



To dispell any possible confusion, Bill's in the center of the picture and I am on the right. Debra's the good looking one in the white gown!" Not sure if Paul's still offering his hospitality, but any classmates visiting Switzerland can get in touch with Paul at paul.darling@ehl.ch.

Michael Bromley (MBromleyPC@aol.com) wrote, "Rebecca (wife of 35 years, Smith '67) and I were very sorry not to have made it to Reunion. We had made reservations, blocked off time etc. but events, in the form of a very bad car wreck, intevened. We arre making a gradual recovery and hope that there will not be any too serious permanent consequences. I guess the next big one is #50, so we will hope for better luck next time." Mike, best wishes from all of us for a continued, but speedy, recovery.



Mike MacQuarrie sent in an article from the Sierra Sun featuring his work in emergency medicine at the Tahoe Forest Hospital ER, a facility serving Squaw Valley and six other ski areas in the Lake Tahoe, CA region. A fifteen bed ER, the facility expands to 21 beds during weekends and holidays, where Mike can treat broken ankles, broken legs and up to 35 wrist fractures. "On Christmas afternoon we had 40 people check-in in less than 40 minutes," recounted Mike. He added, "We never know what is going to happen in one day. That's what is great about emergency medicine." Mike can be reached at Box 759, Truckee, CA 96160.

A number of classmates are on the move. **Bob Gilbert** has moved his family and company headquarters for cheese processor Bel Brands (Bob's President) to the Chicago area. Bel Brands USA is the American subsidiary of Fromageries Bel, a worldwide marketer and manufacturer of branded cheeses (such as Kaukauna®, WisPride®, Mercks® and Owls Nest® spreadable cheeses) with headquarters in Paris, France. Bel Brands USA also manufactures The Laughing Cow® processed cheese wedges, Mini Babybel® natural cheeses, Price*s® pimento cheese spreads and Connoisseur®, European-style spreadable cheeses. Bob's new address is 28317 West Gray Barn Lane, Lake Barrington, IL 60010.

Joseph Gustaitis is also in the Chicago area. His new address is 1824 West Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60622.

Coming Events

Fall 2006 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 13-14, 2006
65th Birthday Party	London, UK (?) (Subject to Class Poll)	TBD, 2009



Words and pictures from **Dave Potthoff** of yet another Tabard Mini-Reunion, a follow-up to the get-together during our 40th Reunion: “The highlight of the weekend at our house and condo at the Lake of the Ozarks on the weekend of September 23 was the induction of **Harry Santangelo** (pictured at left) into the Tabard Brotherhood. We made the induction/initiation official by crowning Harry with the sacred Tabard headgear, a recitation of the Tabard Creed, presentation of the official Tabard certificate, introduction to the Tabard super-secret handshake, the blessing with Jack Daniels, and award of the official Tabard T-shirt.

Attendees included Harry and Rheta Santangelo, Dave and Dolores Potthoff, **Chris** and Marie **Meyer**, **Steve Zegel** and Pat Farrell, **Jack Bennett**, **Rick** and Margy **Kornblum**, and Mike Wolff '67, Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, who legalized the initiation as our advisor in the place of Mort Lindahl.”

Along with a request for a Top Hits of 1966 CD, **Mead Over** sent a link to the Center for Global Development (www.cgdev.org), which he serves as Senior Fellow, “working on issues related to the economics of efficient, effective, and cost-effective health interventions in developing countries. Much of his work since 1987, first at the World Bank and now at the CGD, is on the economics of the AIDS epidemic. After work on the economic impact of the AIDS epidemic and on cost-effective interventions, he co-authored the Bank’s first comprehensive treatment of the economics of AIDS in the book ‘Confronting AIDS: Public Priorities for a Global Epidemic’ (1997,1999). His most recent book is entitled ‘The Economics



of Effective AIDS Treatment: Evaluating Policy Options for Thailand’ (2006). Other papers examine the economics of preventing and of treating malaria. In addition to ongoing work on the determinants of adherence to AIDS treatment in poor countries, he is working on optimal pricing of health care services at the periphery, on the measurement and explanation of the efficiency of health service delivery in poor countries and on optimal interventions to control a global influenza pandemic, should one occur.

After leaving Dartmouth, Mead served in the US Peace Corps’ first program in Burkina Faso, where he worked with villagers in the construction of 25 water wells. He took one year off during his graduate education to work as a Foreign Scholar in the Economics Department of the French National Institute for Agricultural Research. He taught health economics, development economics, applied microeconomics and econometrics as an Assistant Professor of Economics at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts from 1975 through 1981 and as an Associate Professor of Economics at Boston University from 1981 through 1985.” Mead can be congratulated on his exceptional career at 4825 32nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20008.

40th Reunion: Photos, Etc.

Noel Fidel sent along the following: "Here is a photo of some of the Pi Lambda Phi brothers and spouses from the reunion. In the back row from the left are **Hector Motroni, Hank Streitfeld, Jeremy Reitman, Dave Johnston, Rich Abraham, me, Alan Rottenberg, Dick Alderman, Ben Cohen, and Don Glazer**. In the front row from the left are Pam Streitfeld, Anne Fidel, Myra Motroni, Debbie Rottenberg, and Joan Cohen. (Judy Abraham, Maxine Alderman, and **Rick Reiss** all missed the photo.) I wish I could make it for Homecoming, but not this year. Maybe next year."



In a separate green card, **David Johnston** (see above) added the following: "Reunion was special. Older we get, the more important are old friends, looking for truth, honesty, relationships, and schmaltz! We had it all, plus great weather. Great job Al, Roger and rest of Reunion Committee."

I recently lost my brother (75), leaving me as the last of my birth family. But my own nuclear family, plus friends, keep me optimistic. Remember what mark twain said, 'Good friends, good books, a sleepy conscience - - - this is the real life.'"

Any other photos are still more than welcome. Please forward to me at bobserenbetz@prodigy.net and I'll also forward them on to Ben Day for our Class Photo Gallery on the website for the full-color versions.

Winner of Top 25 Hit Songs from 1966 Contest

As you may recall, in the Reunion Issue of "Along Route '66" we offered a free CD of the Top 25 Hits from 1966 to the classmate who could answer the greatest number of the following questions:

1. A famous songwriter performed one of the Top 25... name him and another song that he wrote, but did not perform, that was also in the Top 25

Answer: Paul Simon of Simon & Garfunkel wrote and performed "Sounds of Silence" and wrote "Red Rubber Ball", performed by Cyrkle

2. Two members of different groups who performed songs from the Top 25 went on to form one of the "Super" groups of the 1970's. Who are they and what was the name of their new group?

Answer: David Crosby of the Byrds and Graham Nash of the Hollies formed Crosby, Stills, and Nash (later adding Neil Young)

3. Name the major league pitcher, who performed in a World Series during the 1990's, whose nickname was one of the Top 25 songs.

Answer: Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams of the 1993 Philadelphia Phillies

4. Name the Broadway show, soon to be a major motion picture, that was based on one of the performing groups of the Top 25.

Answer: "Dream Girls", based on the early career of Diana Ross and the Supremes

And the winner is.....**JOHN ROLLINS**. John's submission included the following, "Ever since we stood around the juke box in the basement of the Gate and sang all these songs, I've had a hobby of following (and loving!) the music of the 60s. Also, I've attached the playlist I made up for our reunion CD since it came with none. It's formatted to the size of the CD case." Congratulations, John, your CD is in the mail!

And any classmates interested in printing John's playlist, it's posted on the Class Website at www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66.

Class Officers' Weekend

September 15-16 were the dates for the annual Class Officers' Weekend in Hanover. The Class had its largest turnout since at least 1991, with President Chuck Sherman, Vice-President Al Keiller, Secretary Larry Geiger, Webmaster Ben Day, Head Agent Bob Spence, and me all in attendance. The theme of the meeting was "Volunteerism" or how best to draw on the skills and experiences of individual classmates to build a more cohesive and involved class. The weekend included panel discussions on recruitment, characteristics of strong volunteer leaders, and effective class leadership, a presentation by Professor John Vogel of the Tuck School on "The Changing Face of Volunteerism", and breakout group discussions of issues including improving communication among class leaders, rebuilding class leadership after officer transitions, setting class goals, and motivating volunteers. Luncheon and dinner speakers included President Jim Wright, Trustee Jose Fernandez '77, and Vice President of Alumni relations David Spalding '76.

Each officer category has its own association and almost half of the weekend is spent in these groupings of like-officers, sharing the specifics of financial matters, communication, and the like. Training sessions are set up for new officers with Association leadership and Alumni Relations staff.

The Class is well-represented in Association leadership: Chuck is the new President of the Webmasters' Association, Larry is Vice President of the Secretaries' Association, and I'm President of the Newsletter Editors' Association.

Chuck held a meeting of attending officers to discuss his goals for the class and to establish an agenda for the Class Meeting on October 14. Each of us also reviewed our individual goals.



(Back L to R) Ben Day, Chuck Sherman, Larry Geiger
(Middle L to R) Sharon Day, Karen Serenbetz, Bob Serenbetz
(Front L to R) Jo Keiller, Al Keiller, Bob Spence

Treasurer's Report

The annual solicitation of class dues will be mailed out over the next few weeks. As approved at the Class Meeting in May, dues will be \$50 and the optional Class Project fee will be \$16, for a total of an easily remembered \$66. Class projects will be finalized by the Executive Committee after consultation with the Class at the October 14 meeting.

The Executive Committee will also be finalizing the investment of the surplus from the 40th reunion. As a result of the larger turnout than anticipated, overhead expenses per person were greatly reduced. A lot of the work that would normally have been performed by hired students was taken on by classmates and spouses, most particularly Jo and **Al Keiller** and Korki and **Roger Brett**. In addition, our “beverage” consumption has fallen from its peak years (and past reunions) and the Committee was able to return all unopened containers. The net-net benefit of the incredible effort from Roger and Al was a surplus of \$20,000.

Dartmouth College Fund 2007

Time flies...it seems as if we just completed a successful 2006 Reunion Campaign (\$553,371 raised and 53.8% participation), when Bob Spence and his team of agents are organizing for the 2007 Drive:

Dear Classmate,

Where is Dr. Seuss when you need him? You guys remember the movie “Lifeboat”? It was produced in the 1950’s. A group of people with divergent backgrounds and interests survived their ship’s sinking in the South Atlantic . There had not been time for a distress call. They were a coherent community until resources became scarce, then the situation spiraled downward into a story as old as that of Cain and Able. Thankfully, Dartmouth has written a much more optimistic script. Dartmouth is an infinitely expandable lifeboat, picking up distressed swimmers each year, making them unsinkable, and eventually sending them off to find their own landfalls of dreams. Periodically, the unsinkable swimmers return to maintain the lifeboat, encourage and support the lifeboat’s occupants, and rekindle relationships. (They also seem to become greener with age!) The only real divergence is when a new occupant asks an unsinkable swimmer the location of the landfall of dreams. The unsinkable swimmers then point in every possible direction.

The above was the basic message delivered at the class officer’s weekend, expressed in different terms of course. It is a message our class has and will continue to enhance. This year, our class DCF goal will be 66% participation and underwriting the equivalent of 10 DCF scholarships for today’s undergraduates. An individual donation of \$25,000 provides for one DCF scholarship. The majority of us are not in position to individually fund such, but collectively we can. For those classmates who are willing and able to fund an individual DCF scholarship(s) during the 2007 campaign, I will personally reimburse your taking your recipient to lunch (asking for feedback, of course). The DCF will see to it that you know the recipient and that the recipient knows you. (I won’t offer dinner, you guys eat too much!) This year, our class agents will individually choose classmates to contact, so we can rekindle old friendships. We will parse the class by interest group, to see if we can encourage greater communication and participation, and hopefully enlist additional agents in the process. At the end of the campaign, we will also put together a small group of callers to remind classmates of the June 30 deadline. By the way, unassigned classmates are usually called by students within the Greencorps. If you do not wish to be called by a student, let me know. Usually it can be kind of fun, but the DCF will abide by your desire if you do not wish to be called.

Remember, the DCF touches all aspects of student life and student academia, and paves the path for those who choose to go on to one (or all) of the professional schools. Endowments are essential, but it is the DCF which allows Dartmouth to function daily. Please support ’66. We are Dartmouth .

Best,
Bob

A special thanks to all who contributed to the 2006 DCF, as listed on the following page.

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Alumni Constitution Editorial

Judging from emails received from several of you, the proponents and opponents of the Dartmouth Alumni Constitution have been bombarding you with letters, phone calls, and emails regarding the vote that started September 15 and continues through October 31. As noted in the August issue of "Along Route '66", I had invited opponents to send me their thoughts for a "fair and balanced" perspective. Unfortunately, I have not yet received any opposing points-of-view. I shall present my recommendation that you vote for the proposed Alumni Constitution and my rationale.

Some background is probably in order to position the Constitutional debate. During the middle of the nineteenth century, at a time when the College was on the verge of closing, the Administration went to the Alumni and asked for financial help. In return, leaders of the group that agreed to help the College insisted on the establishment of an alumni organization (the Association of Dartmouth Alumni) that would not only provide advice and counsel, but also be responsible for the selection of half the trustees. In accepting this offer, the College became one of the few academic institutions (the only one in the Ivy League) that gave its alumni that responsibility.

As the College prospered entering the twentieth century, the job of providing advice and counsel by the entire Association obviously became unwieldy. For that reason, the Alumni Council, a subset of the entire Association, was formed in 1913 with representation from the classes, the clubs, and the graduate schools. The size of the council has varied over the years, but has stabilized with approximately 100 members. It conducts its activities through a number of committees (e.g. Academic, Student Life, Athletics) and meets formally twice a year. Each representative's term of office is generally three years. Our class alternates representation with the Class of 1965. I was the two-class rep from 2002-2005; Hank Amon '65 represents us until 2008. Tim Urban, Class Treasurer, was an at-large member from 2003-2006.

During 2001, the officers of the Association of Alumni decided to modify the Constitution in order to make it more responsive in our fast-paced world. In addition to other changes, many of which have been incorporated into the new proposed constitution, the Association recommended that it be eliminated and be replaced by a more representative (larger) Alumni Council. A vote was held in December 2003 in Hanover (at that time, only alumni present at the meeting could vote) and the proposal, which required a three-quarters majority vote, was defeated by nine votes. In other words, 73% of those present voted in favor of the new constitution, 2% shy of approval. Leading the opposition was a group acronymed DAOG (Dartmouth Alumni for Open Governance), who felt that too much power would reside in the hands of a select Alumni Council.

Following the vote, a new Committee, including representation from DAOG, was appointed by the Association's officers to try again to develop a new constitution. Rather than eliminating the Association, the proposed Constitution retained it as the over-riding body, but established an Alumni Liaison Board to meet directly with the Trustees and the Administration, a Nominating Committee to handle Alumni Trustee and other Association nominations, a Balloting Committee to supervise all Association elections (including those for trustees), and an Alumni Assembly, similar in scope to the current Alumni Council, but increased in size to allow for one representative for every class up to their 50th reunion, five positions for classes past their 50th reunion, and two positions rather than one from "recognized affiliated groups" (e.g. Black Alumni, Gay and Lesbian Alumni). Most importantly, there will be 21 at-large members of the Assembly and half of the Alumni Liaison Board, Nominating Committee, and Balloting Committee directly elected by the Alumni body at large (the balance by the Assembly), not by the Council, as is the case today. The Vice President of the Association, also elected by all Alumni, would succeed in subsequent years to the positions of Assembly Chair, Association President, and finally Alumni Liaison Chair.

The most controversial change, and the one that has galvanized the opposition, relates to new procedures for electing alumni trustees. Previously, the Alumni Council Nominating Committee could choose up to three candidates per opening, after which a "petition" candidate could secure 500 signatures and run in opposition to the Council slate. Under the proposal, candidates interested in running must secure 250 signatures prior to the selection of an Alumni Assembly Nominating Committee slate, so that the Nominating Committee, half of whom are to be elected by the Alumni at large, will have the opportunity to consider one or more of these "petition" candidates before it makes its nominations. Any petitioner who has secured the 250 signatures may choose to continue as a petition candidate, whether nominated or not. It is this process that the Wall Street Journal, among others, has deemed to be "undemocratic".

The proposed constitution was unanimously endorsed by the drafting Committee, including all members of DAOG. While getting ready to present the revised Constitution, the Committee also proposed a change from $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ as the necessary plurality for approval and endorsed "all-media" voting. These amendments to the current constitution were approved at a meeting of the Association of Alumni in Hanover on February 12, 2006.

I endorse the Constitution and urge you to vote for its adoption. Is it perfect? No! For example, one of the criticisms is that the class, club, and affiliated group reps can be appointed rather than elected. I think they should be elected and have urged the Class to consider amending our Class of 1966 constitution to mandate election of our Alumni Assembly rep, in the same way we elect our President and other officers. I also do not subscribe to the process whereby alumni can vote for more than one candidate for one open trustee position, e.g. if there are two Assembly candidates and two petition candidates, you can vote for all four people!!! As I get older, I do not think that at age 72 (50th reunion year) I'm going to be less capable of handling issues facing the College than my son, yet I will be forced to have less representation than my son's class. Finally, I do not think the expansion of positions for "affiliated" groups from five to ten promotes alumni unity and cohesion.

However, there is a fair process for amending the document and bringing about future enhancements. Most importantly, in spite of any flaws, I believe the Constitution will lead to increased alumni participation in the decisions facing the Trustees and the Administration.

Supporters of the Constitution have been characterized as "insiders" and, in the vernacular, "butt boys" of the Administration. As someone who has in the recent past voted for two Trustee petition candidates, endorsed the termination of Karl Furstenberg (editor's note: Mr. Furstenberg recently announced his resignation from the College), complained about the mismanagement and editorial policy of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, joined former Council President Noel Fidel's successful fight against the ill-conceived plan to terminate swimming as a collegiate sport at Dartmouth, and criticized the mishandling of the Student Life Initiative, I hardly consider myself under the control of the Administration and resent that characterization.

To summarize, I am in favor of the new Alumni Constitution, as it is more democratic: it gives alumni the opportunity to directly elect a number of key committee positions and at-large members of the Alumni Assembly. I am in favor of the Constitution as it provides for more class reps: classes are still the most important grouping for alumni and the group to which they most closely identify. I am in favor of the Constitution as it makes it easier for petition candidates to run and gives them the opportunity to gain endorsement from the Association's Nominating Committee. This is my position and I hope you will adopt it. But, regardless of your position, PLEASE VOTE!!!

If you desire even more information, I urge you to visit www.voxthevote.org (Pro) and www.alumniconstitution.org (Con). There will also be links to these websites, and this editorial, in a PDF format (for easier printing) on our Class of 1966 website at www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66_

65th Birthday Party

As you well know, in three short years we will be celebrating our eligibility for Medicare (assuming it still exists!), "normal" retirement, and other senior citizen benefits associated with having survived on this planet for 65 years. Time for a party, RIGHT!!!

Well, your crack Mini-Reunion team, now ably led by **Terry Lowd**, wants your input as to where our "birthday" party should be held. To refresh our ever-fading memories, we have previously celebrated our 50th Birthday in Washington, DC, our 55th in Charleston, and our 60th in San Francisco.

There had initially been some keen interest in an "off-shore" event, hence the "London, UK?" designation in our table of coming events on Page 3. Unfortunately, some in the world (George Bush to some, Osama bin Laden to others, depending on your political persuasion) have made overseas travelling "mas difficile".

To the more cynical amongst us, keep in mind that these surveys do have weight, as demonstrated by the decision to hold our successful 40th Reunion in May without the College's blessing, in accordance with the results of our reunion survey. So please let us have your (and your significant other's) input on the following page. An on-line version is now available on the website at alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66.

Class of 1966 65th Birthday Survey

Assumptions: 3 day event (long weekend), possibly preceded or followed by a week long program

1. My preference would be having the event overseas...

_____ Yes (Go to Q.2)

_____ No (Go to Q.3)

2. My preferred location overseas would be...

_____ London _____ Other

_____ Paris (Location)

_____ Rome

3. My preferred location in the US would be...

_____ Arizona _____ Other

_____ Las Vegas (Location)

_____ Santa Fe

_____ Hawaii

_____ New Orleans

4. I would prefer the Party to be held in 2009 during the...

_____ Spring

_____ Summer

_____ Fall

_____ Winter

5. I would be interested in a week long program either preceding or following the three-day event...

_____ Yes (Go to Q.6)

_____ No (Go to Q.7)

6. The type of program I would be most interested in would be a...

_____ Ocean Cruise _____ Other

_____ River Cruise (Name)

_____ Bus Tour

_____ Biking Trip (Moderate a la Backroads)

_____ Walking Trip (Moderate a la Country Walkers)

7. I would be interested in serving on the organizing committee for the mini

_____ Yes

(Name)

Note: Please complete on-line at www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/66 or return to Terry Lowd at 38 Fish Point Road, New Harbor, ME 04554