

To members of the Classes of 1967 and 1968,

This is a brief message from the fall session of the Alumni Council held in Hanover on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. I will follow up in the coming weeks with a full report about things happening at Dartmouth, including the new President and the financial situation, but I want to make sure you are aware of the news concerning trustee elections, a topic which has generated more news than other matters over the past few years. During the meeting the Alumni Council voted 89-1 to approve candidates to run for the two Board of Trustee vacancies that will be voted upon next spring: Mort Kondracke '60, Executive Editor of Roll Call (www.mort4dartmouth.com and <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=437>) and John Replogle '88, President and CEO of Burt's Bees (www.john4dartmouth.com and <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=437>). Mort and John are highly accomplished in their respective fields, critical and independent thinkers, and effective communicators. Both have multi-generational Dartmouth ties, a history of involvement with the college, and board experience. Mort is a journalist of 40 years who has covered politics, policy, health care, education and the economy, and has a reputation as a fierce independent and voice of moderation. John has 20 years of experience in business management, operations, strategic planning, budgeting, sales and marketing, and is a recognized leader on corporate social responsibility and sustainability issues. Given the complexity of Dartmouth as an institution and the challenges it faces in the current environment, we are fortunate to have such fine alumni to run for the Board of Trustees. I have met Mort a couple of times in connection with Dartmouth and personally know of his devotion to Dartmouth, and while I had not met John before the meeting, we have a number of mutual acquaintances who speak very highly of him.

Mort's and John's approval came at the end of a two-year process led by the Council's Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee (<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=437>). The 11-member committee has representation from alumni in ten different classes living throughout the U.S., and whose Dartmouth involvement includes activity in clubs, classes and affiliated groups. At Dartmouth, more than 70% of them were involved in fraternities or sororities and many in athletics, the arts, and various clubs. Since graduation, they have been involved in fields that include media, technology, communications, health care, finance, consulting, nonprofits and government. Over the past year, the committee met 14 times and reviewed more than 400 alumni nominations. Extensive vetting was conducted and a diverse slate of finalists were interviewed in person in early November. It is through this process that Mort and John were recommended to the Alumni Council (<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=437>), where they were introduced and approved.

Alumni will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for trustee between March 10 and April 7, 2010. Please visit www.voxthevote.org for more information about the election and the candidates. As Dartmouth alumni we have the rare privilege of electing members of the Board of Trustees. I hope you will join me in encouraging all of our classmates to become familiar with the candidates and vote. This is our opportunity to make our voice heard and to play a direct role in the oversight of the College.

In other areas, the students, the campus and the alumni who have met him are all thrilled with our new President Jim Kim. Even if you have not followed news directly from Hanover, you may have seen him in the general press and on Bill Moyer's Journal. Despite the current economic squeeze on College resources, everyone I talked with, both at the September inauguration and during other campus visits, there is a great feeling of optimism throughout the College.

John Manaras '67