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Greetings fellow '70's

As you probably know, we have our 40th reunion coming up this year from Monday June 14 to Thursday June 17 in Hanover. This newsletter is a joint effort involving myself, Jeff Dahlman and Gary Miller, who has agreed to wrangle the answers to the enclosed Class Survey some of us on the Reunion Committee have put together. The results of the Survey will be revealed at the Reunion – to, I hope, great hilarity and surprise. For your convenience, you can answer the questions online, using something called Survey Monkey, which Gary seems to understand. God knows I don't. Or, answer the survey questions either by filling out and mailing the hard copy of the Survey to the address provided by Gary – or, **and this is the greatly preferred method** – by going to the College website and then to our class webpage where you will find an electronic version of the Survey. This will make it much easier for both you and us.



Survey Monkey -> <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Dartmouth70-ReunionSurvey>

Plus I have some news about our classmates... including the normal stuff about dangerous war zones, even more dangerous domestic discord, kids going to Dartmouth and the usual suspects.

First, however, I want to report that we have a limited financial aid fund available for those classmates who would like to attend the Reunion but may be unable to come, due to these difficult economic times. Please contact Dave Noyes to see what financial arrangements can be made. Reach him at (908) 626-0077, (917) 902-5595, (212) 458-2496 or DFNoyes@aol.com.

Now, some heartfelt words from Reunion co-chairman Denny Brown, about why we should come to the Reunion this June: 'Put this in the "someone has to say it category." Sorry guys, we're no longer the all-conquering, immortal princes of our overactive adolescent imaginations. Clever, handsome, beguiling...well OK, if you say so, but immortal surely not. Life is uncertain; eat your dessert first. Spending time with one or more of your classmates is surely on YOUR "bucket list," so pick up the phone and call them NOW. Our 40th is the time to celebrate, not our 50th. One of our classmates, who prefers to remain nameless, called me last week urging me to broadcast this message. We all have yearnings to reconnect to certain special classmates. They are always on our minds, but we continue to permit busy lives to postpone scheduling that trip. I did that this summer and will forever rue that decision, as I lost a dear friend and classmate in August. So in the interest of our collective joy and peace of mind, please make plans now to ensure that those who you need to see are here with you in June.'

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You will soon be getting another letter from co-chairman John McCravey with more details of the events and costs of the Reunion.

And now some news... As of this writing, I am pleased to report that Al Brown is alive and well in Afghanistan, where he is serving a 7 month tour of duty as a Battalion Surgeon with the Marine Corps. 4th Light Reconnaissance Battalion in Helmand Province. Email him at charles.a.brown@afg.usmc.mil he love to hear from us. Here is some of what he had to say in a recent email: "Last week a US Army vet came to the Khan Neshin Castle and worked with our Marines and Sailors to put on a clinic for local goats, sheep, cattle and one camel. The corpsmen created a corral near the village bazaar using HESCO barriers and the Afghan District Governor publicized the clinic via radio (hand cranked radios have been distributed by the Marines to local villagers to improve communication between the Afghan government and the villagers, who are largely illiterate). The team treated over 1000 goats and sheep and 100 cattle for worms and bacterial infections; the Afghans got quite a kick out of watching the vet check one cow before treatment to be certain she was not pregnant. I won't go into details of the technique but it did involve a glove that extended from the vet's hand to his armpit. The Khan Neshin medical clinic takes place in a mud hut attached to the outer wall of the Castle. An Afghan physician arrived in the area two weeks ago and brought along a nurse and a midwife. Within the first three days of operation they delivered two baby boys and treated over 100 patients a day. We have turned over supplies and operation of the Village Medical Outreach in Khan Neshin to the Afghan providers since our goal is to support rather than replace the Afghan medical system."

WRITE TO AL NOW PLEASE, WHILE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT. IMAGINE HOW YOU'D FEEL IF YOU WERE THERE? charles.a.brown@afg.usmc.mil

I have also heard from Peter Logan, who will be performing with his old college band at our Reunion. Peter reports: "Work Life: After 31 years practicing in downtown San Francisco, the last 21 years as a partner in a small firm, I've opened up a solo practice. So far, I'm not too busy, about which I have mixed feelings. It's nice to have time for other things, like music, but I miss the energy of more interaction, and I miss the income. We'll see how it develops.

Personal Life: My daughter (only child) is applying to colleges, so will soon be gone. So I will join the "empty nesters." I'm glad to see she's moving on, and look forward to creating my own next stage of living. Yeah, but I will miss her plenty.

I've been single for the past 3 years, after my second marriage ended like the first (d-i-v-o-r-c-e). Not what I anticipated for my life when I was at Dartmouth, but whaddya gonna do?

Classmates: My girlfriend and I had lunch recently with classmate Bruce Blumberg and his wife (Carol Murphy), who live in San Mateo, a few miles South of SF. Bruce and Carol have a house in Maui, and are spending more time there as they reduce their workloads. Their 3 children are

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launched, and doing well. I'm in regular contact with Dwight Macomber, who lives in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia.

I'm excited about our 40th Reunion, seeing classmates and, for me, playing drums with the reunion of the Night Watchmen and Tracks."

Our classmate Tom Peisch is the president-elect of the Alumni Council and assumes that position in May, so he's spending a lot of time in Hanover for that and other reasons. Tom says: "My son Andrew '10 is on the lacrosse team as a walk-on and thinks the world of Star, who is an assistant coach. It is a great joy of mine that the 2 of them have become good friends."

Well, that's about all I have for now, except to report that my daughter Ellie has been accepted as a Masters candidate in Public Health at Dartmouth, starting in July of this year, so she should be at the Reunion as well, preparing to start her school year. I am of course very proud of her. In her application letter, she wrote that she had wanted to live in Hanover for as long as she knew where it was that she actually wanted to live. The girl apparently has green blood flowing through her veins. I am now teaching broadcast journalism at a University in San Francisco. Not quite like being a professor at Cambridge in England like Paul Gambaccini, but I enjoy it, a lot more than I did while working for a PR firm the last few years. (I have had the distinct pleasure of teaching some of the University's female cheerleaders in my class. Can you imagine that – **female cheerleaders!** I'd still be living in Hanover if they had existed in our day.)

Please send me some news about yourself and other classmates. stevefox00@comcast.net.

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