

March 23, 2004

Greetings Northeast Ohio Dartmouth Alumni, Friends and Families:

This letter will serve as a brief update on our activities over the past five months and an announcement of things to come. In general, I will say that, although my involvement with the Club has consumed more time than I originally thought it would, the involvement has been a joy to me. Part of the joy has been in meeting new faces and seeing interesting people connect in Northeast Ohio. If the Dartmouth Club can be such a catalyst, that's wonderful. In each of our events, we have gained traction and seen new faces. We certainly want this traction to continue and increase. I find the most intriguing thing to be that, despite the many years since graduation, we all appear to continue to identify ourselves by our age in this environment, which is not exactly a social norm.

The least joyous part has been the administrative side of the Club. However, we have achieved small wins. We have increased the size of our Club by discovering that certain zip codes over time had not been included in the definition of "Northeast Ohio," hence some of you are receiving a communication from us for the first time. We are also continuing to work on developing a working email distribution list which reaches a greater number of alums, friends and families. If we can achieve that, we can reduce the time and costs associated with Club mailings and increase the effectiveness of our outreach.

#### Recap of Past Events

- **Holiday Brunch, 12/28/03** – A total of 35 people attended a holiday brunch at the Cleveland Skating Club, where undergraduate Echo Brown '06 spoke eloquently on her experiences at Dartmouth and plans for the future.
- **Alumni Interviewing Event, 1/31/04** – Organized by Jon Good '92 and Cindy Shannon '76, 15 alums spent their Saturday morning at gracious sponsor Thompson Hine's office interviewing 35 applicants to Dartmouth. We had an enthusiastic response to this format, as it provided alums with both an opportunity to get to know one another as well as become energized by the caliber of today's student applicants. In addition to those who interviewed at this event, individual alums have stepped in to interview the rest of our applicants – thank you!
- **Alumni Lunch, 2/13/04** – Organized by Luke Case '54, 25 alums dined together at the Great Lakes Brewery as we kicked off the renewal of periodic alumni lunches.
- **Ivy 15 Speaker Series in Early March and Continuing** – Aably organized by Kent Mann '73 as our Dartmouth representative, the Series included 3 talks intended for members and friends of the Ivy 15, with two still remaining (see below).

#### Upcoming Events

At the request of some alums, we are reinstating one of the Club's past traditions – the monthly lunch. At this point, we are setting them up to be monthly, although the time and venue will truly be determined by those who attend and help organize these lunches. In the tradition of many other alumni clubs around the country, we are also adding a family oriented community service event that supports an organization on which one or more of our alums is a trustee. We hope that this will be a success, and hope to bring attention to other ventures in which our local alums are involved. Details:

- **Saturday, 3/27/04: Ivy 15 Lecture at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at Legacy Village, 4:00 p.m. reception, 4:15 p.m. lecture** — Smith College's **Henri Cole**, 'Poet in Residence.' Mr. Cole has also been 'Artist in Residence' at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other institutions. **Topic: "A Reading from 'Middle Earth'"** Mr. Cole's most recent book, "Middle Earth," has been enthusiastically praised by critic Harold Bloom, who describes Cole as a master poet with few peers. **Cost: \$6.00.** Students admitted at no charge. If you have any questions, call (216) 464-8636. Check the Ivy 15 website for additional information: [www.ivy15.org](http://www.ivy15.org).
- **Wednesday, 4/7/04: Ivy 15 Lecture at Hathaway Brown School, 19600 North Park Boulevard, Shaker Heights, 7:30 p.m. reception, 8:00 p.m. lecture, Dartmouth's Own Douglas O. Cooper '63, President and**

CEO, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, and **Timothy S. Donovan**, Executive Director, Ohio Canal Corridor. **Topic: "Ohio and Erie Canalway and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, its 'Iron Spine'"** Ohio and Erie Canalway is the 110 mile National Heritage Area extending south from Cleveland's lakeshore through the Flats along the historic Ohio & Erie Canal to New Philadelphia. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is one of three transportation spines connecting attractions and other elements of the Canalway. Learn about the Canalway, a new kind of park that will change the geographic identity of northeast Ohio, and the role the Railroad plays in this process. **Cost: \$6.00.** Students admitted at no charge. If you have any questions, call (216) 464-8636. Check the Ivy 15 website for additional information: [www.ivy15.org](http://www.ivy15.org).

- **Monthly East Side Alumni Lunches – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month - Beginning on 4/16/04. Meet at 11:45, Dine beginning 12:15.** The location, in the Chagrin/271 area, will be announced via email and posting on the Web site. If you have not yet received an email announcement from me, it's because I don't have correct information for you – please send me your address at [susanluria@mindspring.com](mailto:susanluria@mindspring.com). For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Luke Case '54: 216-921-4028, [lhcase@attglobal.net](mailto:lhcase@attglobal.net). RSVP if you can, but if you suddenly find yourself able to come that day, please don't let your lack of RSVP stop you from attending.
- **Monthly Downtown Cleveland Alumni Lunches – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Each Month – Beginning on 5/7/04 - Meet at 11:45 a.m., Dine beginning 12:15. Location - Union Club:** Doug Holmes '84 is graciously spearheading these monthly lunches. Please RSVP for the time being to Luke Case '54, 216-921-4028, [lhcase@attglobal.net](mailto:lhcase@attglobal.net). As with the East Side lunches, RSVP if you can, but if you suddenly find yourself able to come that day, please don't let your lack of RSVP stop you from attending.
- **Community Service Event: Riversweep, Saturday 5/8/04, 8:30 to 12:00 pm.** This is an annual cleanup of the lower Cuyahoga River sponsored by the Ohio Canal Corridor, of which Paul Goldberg '60 is a trustee. He has been issued a challenge by another trustee, a Cornell alum, to see which organization can deliver more bodies to the event this year. If successful this year, the group hopes to reach out to more schools to potentially turn this into an all-Ivy event. It's messy and strenuous, but quite worthwhile, and Paul certifies that you'll have fun. There is a free cookout sponsored by the Ohio Canal Corridor after the event. Please join us with your friends and families. For more information, please contact Paul Goldberg, [pmg@flagprop.com](mailto:pmg@flagprop.com), 216-231-0572 (h).
- **Thursday, 8/19/04: Student, Alumni and Family Reception, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the house of Neil and Susan Luria, 2344 Roxboro Road, Cleveland Heights.** We will hold a reception for all undergraduates, their parents and alumni. Last year we had approximately 40 people at this event. It was so positively received that we're eager to see more of you there and get to know our students and their families. Somehow my house was nominated by the organizing committee as the locale for a second year in a row... We will send you reminders about this event, but please save the date.

#### Other Updates

- **Admissions:** Four students from the Cleveland area who applied early decision were accepted: Katie Boldt from Chagrin Falls High School, Diana Blank from Lakewood High School, Dan Dittrick from University School and Pat Karas from Orange High School. In total, we had 68 students apply from 37 different schools in the Cleveland area. We will hear final decisions in mid-April and will provide more information in our next newsletter.
- **Dues:** Thank you to the many of you who have sent in your dues, and particular thanks to those who have added a bit extra. The Club is a 501(c)3 organization so your dues and contributions are tax exempt. Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. If you have not yet done so for this year, please make checks for \$30.00 payable to the Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio, and mail them to Luke Case, 2847 Broxton Road, Shaker Heights, OH, 44120.

Thank you to the many of you who are becoming involved, attending events and helping us to organize events. We look forward to seeing you in the near future. If you have any comments or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact us. And please don't forget to check the Web site for updates: [www.dartmouth.org/clubs/dcneohio](http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/dcneohio).

Regards – Susan Luria '89 ([susanluria@mindspring.com](mailto:susanluria@mindspring.com); 216-321-4467)