



Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio

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Letter from the President

Welcome to the latest edition of the Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio newsletter, highlighting the activities and behind-the-scenes efforts that make your club accessible and meaningful.

The Big Green Bus was in town for the annual freshman send-off at the home of Jack '60 and Mary Herrick (August), with over fifty alumni, current students, and parents in attendance. If you haven't seen this, well, you just haven't climbed aboard a vegetable oil fueled; solar power lit, and, recycled material furnished bus. It gets better and better, and the students making the 10 week, 40 city tour embraced their new classmates, welcoming them into the Dartmouth family. And eating a lot of hors d'oeuvres. Michael Scott, Plain Dealer Environmental Reporter, covered the event.

Also that evening, your new club officers were elected:
Mark Heller '70 –President,
Bob Gippin '69 – Secretary

Libby Sobota '83 – Treasurer
Kent Mann '73 – Chair,
Scholarship Committee
Ryan Pulis '93 – Webmaster.

In addition Susan Luria '89, Jay Hole '81, and Ray Boniface '78 will continue to do their excellent work with area enrollment. Kim Haring '96 was given profound thanks for all her dedication to DCNEO, well wishes on her move, and, strict instructions to lead the Miami, FL region.

In late September the new Assistant Director of Admissions, John J. Beck Jr. '09 paid us a visit on his first enrollment trip to Ohio and Pennsylvania. We invited all those alumni who had participated in the student interview process to meet him and hear what the current admissions climate is at Dartmouth. We met at Delmonico's restaurant (Independence) and this informal setting lent itself to casual and frank discussions concerning the admissions

process and acceptances.

Later that month we held a lunch at the University of Akron's Martin Center, and the next month we met with several of our younger alumni at Bar Cento in Cleveland's Ohio City. These smaller events were fact finding and focus group vehicles to ascertain what we could do, or what we could create, to make the club more user friendly. All of us share Dartmouth, but our experiences there and subsequent interests are vastly different. It's extremely difficult to produce events to satisfy all schedules, likings and locales. Our thought is to get together more often, rather than rely on one or two large annual events.

Of course we're on Facebook! Network, find a tennis game downtown, breakfast in Youngstown, a biking companion in the Metroparks. Greet new transplants. We're also looking at a Dartmouth

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Current Club Officers:

- President: Mark Heller
- Secretary: Bob Gippin
- Treasurer: Elizabeth (Libby) Sobota '83
- Events Chair / Ivy 15 Rep: Lindsay Hirschfeld '03
- Scholarship Chair: Kent Mann '73
- Webmaster: Ryan Pulis '93
- Alumni Council Representative: Susan Luria '89
- DED North: Jay Hole '81
- DED South: Ray Boniface '78
- Immediate Past President: Elizabeth (Libby) Sobota '83



Jack '60 & Mary Herrick welcome students and the Big Green Bus to town.



Admissions and Alumni Interviews



Thanks to all who have interviewed students in the past and are willing to do so again this year. The applicants are an amazing group of young adults, smart, motivated, many having already done some pretty incredible things. Interviewing can be enlightening, rewarding and frustrating in turn. Almost all of these 'kids' will make contributions wherever they attend and are more than smart and talented enough to be admitted and do well academically. 80-90% are also admitted to one or all of Harvard, Princeton and Yale, so they have tough choices to make in the process. While there are always fantastic candidates who are not accepted to Dartmouth, let's not let that discourage us, I find in a joy just to get to know them for an hour or so whether they are accepted and matriculate or not. Our task in interviewing is to try to give admissions some insight they may not otherwise get about their intelligence, dedication, perseverance or passion (it is all on the form 6). I think our most important contributions are threefold, (1) to help sell the college to all of the applicants, if they are not applying for Early Decision, they will have choices, (2) identifying the applicants who have done more with less or (3) who have that special something that may not show up in the written ap-



plication, be it an electrifying dynamism, spirit or love of life that just permeates their being and those around them, or those who have overcome some incredible obstacle. Regarding #2 – I'm thinking of the one or two who have dragged themselves out of the dire circumstances with no parents or relatives who went to college and still made something of themselves vs. the fortunate and more prevalent student who, while intelligent, hard working and deserving has had every advantage starting with parents who went to college and 'all the right schools and activities' since they were three. If the former achieves 80% of what the latter does it is arguably a greater accomplishment, and if that student really wants to go to Dartmouth and will be a good fit in the environment, the Dartmouth family and the world will potentially gain more if that student gets the opportunity. My 2¢, take it as you will.

Enough philosophy – to the mechanics. Dartmouth has a great on-line system for us to use in the interview process called I-Track. For the DED (District Enrollment Director) it organizes all the applicants and volunteers and allows us to assign interviews and track progress. For you as interviewers it makes it a bit

easier to submit the interview form, known as the Form 6. All you need is a VOX/VAN account and to either check your email or set it up to forward to the email you check regularly. This is relatively easy and the alumni office can help or try the following link. Once you have an account you can access email, I-Track and any other college services that are not public. <http://www.dartmouth.org/services/email/> Additional information on the interviewing process can be found at:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~interviewers/interviewing/>

I strongly encourage everyone interested in interviewing to set up an account, I do most of my DED 'work' either before 7 AM or after 10 PM, so it is much easier for me if I can use the system and email vs. the alternative of personal email accounts and Excel spreadsheets. Deadline for Regular Decision: 02/20/10

If you prefer to interview with someone else as a team or pair, please let me know and I will be happy to accommodate and help in any way I can. Sometimes this is a good way to start for new interviewers, just to get a feel for it. I know our Webmaster Ryan Pulis did his early interviews with his father Lee Pulis and felt

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it helped him with getting used to the process and having a gauge. If you are new and have the time, I suggest interviewing a couple of students or working with someone else to spread the workload on the write-ups. If you don't have recent and intimate knowledge of this age group through your own children or some other involvement it is very difficult to gauge truly outstanding/exceptional vs. very well rounded, very

talented, hard working and very intelligent other 15,000 applicants. Hey – if it was an easy slam dunk no brainer we wouldn't be adding any value . . . We are contemplating holding one or more group interviewing events where a number of alums and candidates assemble on a Saturday in late January or early February to get a number of interviews done. This can be a great introduction to those new to the process as well as a dynamic and

fun time for all involved. Please let us know if you are interested in participating—there are 28 Regular Decision candidates in the system already, and they will be assigned to interviewers soon.

Finally, thanks to all who helped get the 14 Early Decision candidates interviewed!

- Jay Hole



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Club ning site to facilitate contact.

And save the date for the **annual Holiday Brunch** at the Cleveland Racquet Club (Beachwood) on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 11-1 for current students (our treat). Cost to you, though, is \$20 members/\$25 non, and, we ask that you consider hosting an additional student ticket at \$20. RSVP to Mark Heller (mheller@fodorco.com; mobile 216-509-5117); or our web page with a PayPal link for this purpose.

There are a number of local alumni who deserve recognition. Steve Dettlebach '88 was recently appointed

United States Attorney for Northern Ohio. Susan Luria '89 is on the Alumni Council Nominating and Alumni Search Committee and Louisa Guthrie '79 is chair of the Alumni Council Honorary Degree Committee. As mentioned, our past President Kim Haring '96 moved to Miami (FL) when her husband, Brian, was appointed Federal Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Medical Hearings and Appeals. But we've grown, as two alumni, Mark Fischer '80 and Jeff Ustin '89 have recently relocated to Cleveland.

The newsletter includes your 2010 dues request. You may send the form to Libby Sobota or use PayPal. Thank you in advance for your membership.

Not that I think it's possible, but...whatever I haven't covered, Dartmouth can – daily! Receive the highlights of Dartmouth news reports each day on your pc or pda. Sign up and the Dartmouth Office of Public Affairs will send you the daily news updates from the College, Graduate Schools, and Alumni areas.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions about the club, events, or communication. If you'd like to get involved we warmly welcome your participation. Looking forward to seeing you on 12/12/09 or at a gathering in your neighborhood.

- Mark Heller

DCNEO is on Facebook! Join the group today. Notices posted, meet alumni, sign up for events, share news and views.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=153649955838&ref=ts>





Mark Heller talks to students from the Big Green Bus.

Admissions stats for Classes of 2013 & 2014:

Northern District (441)

DED – Jay Hole '81 (216) 470-4472 -

j.embry.hole.81@alum.dartmouth.org

Class of 2013

96 total applicants

Early Decision - 11 total, 2 matrics, 1 wait list, 8 Deny

Regular Decision - 85 total, 11 admits, 3 matrics, 11

WL, 11 withdrawn, 2 incomplete, 50 deny

Class of 2014

Early Decision - 14, Regular Decision - 20

Southern District (443)

DED – Ray Boniface '78

Class of 2013

43 total applicants

Early Decision - 1 Deny.

Regular Decision - 42 total, 3 withdrawn or incom-

plete, 5 admits, 5 wait list, 3 matriculated.

Class of 2014

Early Decision - 3, Regular Decision - 9

New and Noteworthy

Mark Fischer, Class of 1980, recently took a leadership role in a Cleveland-based company, Robin Industries. He is currently commuting from the Detroit area but is spending a majority of his time here and glad to be switching allegiances from the Pistons to the Cavaliers. You can get in touch with Mark via email at:

mark.fischer66@yahoo.com

Louisa Guthrie '79 is chairing the alumni council honorary degree selection committee. See this article for details:

<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=438>

Susan Luria '89 is serving on the Alumni Council Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee. An overview of the committee's mission and a letter from the committee to alumni can be found here:

<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=437>

Steve Dettelbach '88

was publically sworn in last month as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Mr. Dettelbach stated, "I am honored to be leading the dedicated and talented career staff at the United States Attorney's Office. Their

promise, and my promise, to you is to serve this district with excellence and integrity." The full news release can be found on the Dept. of Justice website:

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ohn/news/26October2009.html>.

More can be read in this article from the Chicago Tribune:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/topic/wjw-new-us-attorney-txt.0,3639168.story?track=rss-topicgallery>



The Boniface Family

