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Greetings from Hanover:

On September 19<sup>th</sup> Dartmouth held convocation, the official opening of the academic year. Also on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Dartmouth dedicated 8 new residence halls, housing approximately 500 undergraduates. The McLaughlin Residential Cluster, on Maynard Street (the former site of Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital) consists of Berry Hall, Bildner Hall, Byrne II Hall, Goldstein Hall, Rauner Hall, Thomas Hall, and Occom Commons. The Tuck Mall Residences, directly across from the Gold Coast Dorms, include McLane Hall and Fahey Hall, which honors our classmate, **Peter Fahey** and his family. These are all fabulous new facilities, built with significant input from undergraduates, with amenities not found in the older residence halls, and in many ways utilizing the latest in conservation technology. The architecture fits comfortably into the campus, the landscaping enhances their presence, and many have commented that, in particular, the Tuck Mall buildings look like they have always been there.

At the dedication a short film was shown which featured interviews with the families of those after whom the buildings are named, in which they described their memories of residing in various dorms while undergrads. Pete Fahey, with Helen at his side, recalled how during his freshman year in Mid-Mass, he, along with **Jeff Spiegel, Fred Martin** and **Geoff Church**, would toss water balloons out of third floor windows at unsuspecting people walking to and from Thayer Hall. Pete noted that by spring term, he and the others had discovered that “Trojan rubbers” were much more effective than balloons, as they held more water. This tale got by far the biggest laugh from those in attendance.

In the program distributed at the dedication, the following described the Fahey family’s involvement with Dartmouth:

“Peter Fahey ’68 Th ’70 has played an integral role in the College from which he, two of his brothers (Steve ’70 DMS ’72 and Tim ’74), and all of his and wife Helen’s children (Kim Fahey Brown, MD. ’92, Peter Fahey Jr. ’94, Michael Fahey, MD, ’97, and Katie Fahey ’06) graduated. Helen graduated from Skidmore in 1967 and has shared Peter’s Dartmouth experience since 1968, when they were married and lived in Sachem Village. Peter is co-chair (with Brad Evans ’64) of the \$1.3 billion Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience while remaining a Thayer overseer (since 1990) and a member of the Thayer Development Committee (since 1996). He completed ten years of service as a trustee (1994-2004), chaired the Dartmouth College Fund (2002), and was co-chair of the Student Life Initiative Committee (1999-2000), among many other responsibilities. An avid fan of lacrosse – he never played, but three of his children did – he and Helen made a generous gift in 1999 towards the construction of Scully-Fahey Field. Additional Dartmouth gifts include an endowed scholarship and support for curriculum development at Thayer. In 2001, he became a retired limited partner at Goldman Sachs. He began work there in 1975 after earning an MBA with highest distinction from Harvard Business School, where he was a Baker Scholar.”

Absent from this litany of service to Dartmouth are the many leadership roles he has played with the Class of 1968. Our class and Dartmouth College have benefited enormously from Peter's involvement and dedication. The naming of Fahey Hall is a well-deserved honor. Congratulations to Peter and his entire family.

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By all accounts, the Napa Valley mini-reunion was a huge success. The report below comes from **Ed Heald**, who along with **Ed Schneider**, made it happen.

### **The Class of 1968 60th Birthday Celebration Report**

How best can I relate to all of you, both those who participated in the gathering and those who were not there, the wonderful time we all had together to celebrate our coming to age 60. I guess the best way is to walk you through the happenings that occurred during the gathering:

\*Who was there? - **Ed and Sue Heald** were the first to arrive, on Monday 9/11. **Bill and Faith Rich** and **Joe and Maureen Grasso** arrived on Wednesday the 13th. Most people came in on Thursday, the first official date of the gathering. These included **Bob and Lora Block**, **Frank Couper and fiancée Joellen Wilson**, **Dennis and Pat Donahue**, **Linc and Susan Eldredge**, **Peter and Helen Fahey**, **Larry and Julia Griffith**, **Chris and Diane Hjermstad**, **Cedric and Betsy Kam**, **Mike and Betty Lenehan**, **Jim Topinka and his wife Anita Woo**, **Clark and Vicki Wadlow**, **Mark Waterhouse and Leslie Cosgrove** and **Ron and Janet Weiss**. Friday arrivals were **Bill and Marsha Adler**, **Dan and Adele Hedges**, **Gary and Kathryn Horlick**, **Frank and Laura Hugg** and **Ted and Stacey Levin**. **Dan and Diana Bort** joined us at **Ed and Liliane Schneiders** just for this evening, a welcome surprise to have him there. Finally, on Saturday, **Paul Fitzgerald** joined us, along with the daughter and son-in-law of Bob Block, **Jessa and Justin Barnard**, both Dartmouth '02s. Of course, our on-site, resident planner and coordinator was **Ed Schneider** and his wonderful wife **Liliane**.

\*What did we do? While no visit to the Napa Valley area can be done without winery visits, which many of us did on our own, we did have certain planned events:

-Thursday evening was an informal cookout at the Silverado Resort, in a lovely tree shaded location called The Arbor. Outdoor tables (under heat lamps to keep the night chill away) and good food contributed to an excellent beginning - not to mention the excellent wine selections. The weather was outstanding, with nary a cloud in the sky during the whole gathering, so the weather gods were kind to us, to say the least.

-Friday morning was intentionally left open. Some of us played golf; some of us made winery visits, some of us rented bikes for a good ride. The only planned event during the day was an afternoon winery visit organized by Bob Block to the Hess Winery and Art Collection. To say the least, this was a fascinating visit, as Donald Hess is something of an art collector, focusing on new contemporary artists. His collection is world-class and world-famous, and is housed in an old Christian Brothers winery. After a tour of the art collection, we were treated to a wine tasting of the Hess Collection vineyard in one of the buildings used to house the barrels of wine as they age. What an afternoon.

-Friday evening brought us to the highlight of the weekend. We gathered at the Silverado for a bus ride up to Ed and Liliane Schneider's house in St. Helena, about 20 miles north of Napa on the grounds of the Meadowood Resort. We wound our way up and up this narrow and steep drive until we could go no further up, and there we were at their place - and what a place it is. The house is beautiful, with a back deck that overlooks the Napa Valley in one of the most spectacular settings I could ever have imagined for such a house. We were there before the sun set, so we were able to absorb the beauty and the peacefulness of the sunset from this outstanding vista, accompanied by a glass of exquisite wine and companionship of classmates and spouses and friends-I wonder how much better life can be when I look back on this. Dinner was again outdoors, again under heat lamps, with a little extra spice added by a band that Ed and Liliane had there, to provide background music and encourage dancing. A number of us and our spouses got up and led in the singing of a few Dartmouth songs, and, while we could have used a good collective tuning, the spirit with which we sang overcame that minor detail. The meal was wonderful again, as were the wine selections, as was the crystal clear and star-filled sky-a phenomenal evening in every sense of the word.

-Saturday during the day was again intentionally left open, to allow us to pursue our own interests. For dinner, we gathered again for bus transport back to the town of St. Helena, to the

Tra Vigne Restaurant. Wine and appetizers were served outside in a tree-filled courtyard, followed by a lovely dinner in one of their private wine rooms. Here, our esteemed class president Clark Wadlow continued a tradition that has been established on the class ski trips of presenting recognition awards to various key people. This award, which features at the top the northern end of a south facing horse, is to honor those who have given of themselves to the betterment of the gathering and the class. Of course, this was awarded to Ed Schneider, for the invaluable assistance in planning and coordinating this event. We talked again as a group about our class project, the First Year Trip Endowment Fund, to encourage support. Also, we talked about not waiting another 10 years for another gathering of this nature. More on this will follow.

-Sunday was a departure and travel day, so nothing scheduled. Some had to head out early, some are taking advantage of their trip west to visit family or children who now live in the area and stay for a few more days. All, however, were sad to see the gathering end, maybe if only because it symbolizes that we are in fact 60 and can deny it no longer.

\*What does the future hold? As mentioned above, much discussion took place that focused on not wanting to wait another 10 years before we can get together again like this. While we do not want to create any conflicts with the normally scheduled class reunions at the College (such as the 40th coming up in June of 2008), the consensus of opinion was to have another trip like this in about 3 years or so. An assignment given to all in attendance, and one being given to all classmates, is to give thought to places we could have such a gathering in the future. What we need is a hook, something that has universal appeal (like winery visits) without focusing exclusively on sports like skiing or golf, but a place where similar activities and others are readily available for those who would be interested. Suggestions that have been offered already are places like Williamsburg VA, Savannah or Charleston, New York City, San Antonio TX, The Greenbrier Resort, Sun River OR. Also presented were thoughts of outside the US, with particular emphasis on Italy (the Amalfi Coast, Tuscany, Sicily). So, you can see, the goal is to get input from as many of you classmates as are willing to think about this and let Ed Heald know what you come up with. Contact him at his email address esheald@aol.com.

\*Classmate News - With so many attending, lots of news was shared:

-**Jim Topinka** is an attorney specializing in start-up, entrepreneurial companies up to the point of public offering. Lives in the heart of San Francisco, with a second house in Point Reyes up the coast. Wife Anita Woo is involved in Asian art. Both work out a lot, so are in excellent shape.

-**Mike Lenahan** just retired from being a litigator, active in opera and symphony boards in the Concord NH area.

-**Ed Schneider** lives in Piedmont CA with Liliane and their son Evan, a senior in high school. Older son Jeremy is a senior at Dartmouth. Liliane is a gardener and Ed is a slowly reforming workaholic at his San Francisco-based company, hoping to spend more time in St. Helena and with family and friends.

-**Bob Block** represents the Classes of 1967 and 1968 on the Alumni Council, hopefully to transition to the Assembly with a positive vote for the new constitution. He is eager to hear from classmates with questions/concerns about what is happening at Dartmouth. He can be reached at rsblock@adelphia.net. Bob's career is still going as an orthopedic surgeon and is fully embroiled in the IT revolution, having just implemented an electronic medical record in our practice. For fun, Lora and he visit wine country, Europe and the west coast annually. Both daughters, Alexandra and Jessa (D'02) are now married. Alexandra has just completed a two-year law clerkship and started working for a New Haven law firm this week. Jessa just started her second year at Stanford Law.

-**Peter Fahey** often spotted around Hanover though seldom for long stretches, frequently with some of the six (soon to be seven) grandchildren in tow.

-**Ron Weiss** continues to practice law in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and tax and estate planning for business owners. Plays violin with the Pioneer Valley Symphony, rides his bike whenever he can and continues to work with a variety of local nonprofit organizations, including the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. Janet retired last year from her career as a legal recruiter. Daughters Emily and Kate (Rubenstein), D'00 and son-in-law Dustin Rubenstein D'00 all now live in the San Francisco area.

-**Bill Adler** is standing as general counsel of Globalstar satellite communications, having helped nurse his company through Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Globalstar is headed for an IPO this fall. Bill recently finished a six-year term as a trustee of a large Bay Area nonprofit theatre

company. Marsha, a PhD, is a consultant on government relations and community service for higher-ed organizations and corporations.

**-Clark Wadlow** wants the class to know that the Wadlows, Weisses and Horlicks had a gourmet 9-course (actually 14 plate), 4-hour lunch at the world famous French Laundry in Yountville on Friday, and all were well sated at the dinner Friday evening.

**-Larry Griffith** is in his third year of retirement. Moved to Florida in 2005. Spends his time sailing, skiing, traveling, golfing and home renovation.

**-Dan Hedges** with Adele have finished redecorating and have moved the furniture into their Thetford VT house. In the next few months, they will start building a new house in Houston. Architects are Joe Adams D'70 and his wife Gail.

**-Dennis Donahue** and his wife Pat celebrated their first anniversary in June. Pat has retired but only in the sense that she no longer earns money. If she isn't gardening or landscaping, she is golfing, kayaking, skiing, etc., and she loves to socialize. Although she would like Dennis to retire too, that is not in the picture in the immediate future. "I love what I do (financial and investment advisor) and would not be as good as she is in redirecting my energies in other ways. I do plan to take more time off for vacation, travel and family. Between us we have 5 grandchildren (though Pat is leading-she has 4 versus only 1 for me), who range in age from 11 years to 1 month. Her 3 children and her grandchildren all live in Evergreen CO, which is a bit far but, on the other hand, is convenient to be able to visit them all in the same town. My son Brendan and his family (including grandson Aidan) live in Springfield VT, where he practices law. My daughter Cara currently lives at home in CT with Pat and me while she pursues courses to become a school counselor. She is single, as is Pat's daughter Linda, and, we think, are not only highly eligible, as they say, but are beautiful and wonderful people as well. In the summer we spend a lot of time at Pat's Hyannis MA (Cape Cod) home, kept company by vacationing kids and grandchildren, other family and friends. We both love out-door activities, including skiing, and much enjoy the annual '68 mini-reunion ski trip."

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**Gerry Bell**, as many of you know, is heading up our special 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift project, the endowment for Freshman Orientation Trips (also known as DOC Trips and 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trips). While we have made some progress, there is still a great deal of money to be raised in the next 12 years. To help provide some momentum and to get everyone thinking about this worthwhile undertaking, he has submitted the following for your consideration.

***Why a special 50th Reunion "project"?*** The answer, I think, lies between loyalty and legacy. Our DCF support is loyalty -- in some sense an obligation, paying one's dues every day, repaying and honoring those alums who helped pay our way, making sure Dartmouth remains the pre-eminent institution that shaped us and gave us to the world. We've always done this, and will continue to do it, exceedingly well and generously.

But a special project for our 50th Reunion is something over and above that obligation. What do we want to be remembered for? Sure, we'll be remembered for achievement, fame, contributions to society, service to the College -- even a multi-decade hold on the College SAT record. But what's our legacy? What do we want to say about ourselves, about what Dartmouth meant to us, and what we meant to Dartmouth? For that, it seems to me, we need to identify and do something special -- and something different from simply raising the bar even higher on the 50th Reunion DCF record.

***Project Possibilities*** -- Over the two years preceding our 35th Reunion, the '68 Executive Committee considered a number of possibilities for a 50th Reunion project. In some initial discussions, the College Development Office suggested several possibilities: endow an academic chair; fund a capital project, such as a dormitory, academic building, library addition; and the like.

While these are all good and worthy projects, your Committee wasn't overly fired with enthusiasm for them. We decided we should come up with something very different to propose to the entire class. For a good while we considered the idea of "Excellence Fellowships" -- two-year fellowships for outstanding graduating seniors to follow their (and our 1960s) ideals and do something to change the world before settling down to their life's work. We even floated a

couple of trial balloons for that one, with little or no reaction. Then one day David Peck pointed out that fellowships would benefit only three or four people a year, at the end of their Dartmouth experience. "Why not do something for all Dartmouth students," he said, "and do it at the beginning of their Dartmouth experience? Let's endow the Freshman Trip!"

***The Trip Endowment Rationale*** -- The Executive Committee demonstrated a pretty firm grasp of the obvious once Peck put it in front of us -- as did our classmates at the 35th Reunion who gave unanimous approval to the idea. So here we are. And the more I look at the idea of endowing the Freshman Trip, the stronger the rationale I see.

-- For starters, it embodies the ideals of inclusion and community so important to Dartmouth today and to the world. It's something for everyone, and it establishes immediate ties and identity at the beginning of the formative experience of Dartmouth.

-- I'm sure you've already realized that I'm taken, as are others, with the romance of this. To provide the very first Dartmouth experience for all future Dartmouth students, forevermore, and to have that experience be the foundation of their lifelong tie to the College -- that's a legacy in which we can take a lot of pride.

-- Finally, the actuary in me sees some very strong financial implications in the Trip Endowment. Somewhere in all the kids who wouldn't otherwise go on the trip, somewhere in our commitment to starting the Dartmouth bonding experience right away, for everyone, there's a payoff -- difficult to measure, to be sure, but it's there. Our endowment will help create incremental Dartmouth ties, loyalty, identity -- whatever -- and that will result in some incremental increase in DCF participation, in some additional major gifts to Dartmouth, in some greater service to the College. A while ago I played with some projections, and no matter how modest or conservative the assumptions, the present value of increased support for Dartmouth far outweighs the endowment amount. Romance aside, endowing the Freshman Trip is a terrific investment in Dartmouth's future.

***Getting there*** -- Make no mistake about it, the Trip Endowment is a major undertaking. We're projecting right now that we'll need to write a check for \$5.5 - \$6 million in June of 2018. We're fortunate that the College will allow our accumulating funds to be invested in the overall College endowment, giving us access to investment management talent and opportunities we otherwise wouldn't have.

The good news is that we still have over a decade remaining to accumulate this amount, and a reasonable investment return could provide up to half the \$6 million we'll need. That presupposes level annual contributions of about \$250,000 to the Trip Endowment, or a pattern of contributions starting around \$150,000 and increasing steadily. The Class of '68 treasury made an initial contribution of \$30,000 to kick things off, and we've had some sizable individual gifts already. But most of the heavy lifting will have to be done by the Class at large.

And here's the tough part -- doing this means we'll all have to dig a little deeper. This is in addition to the support we give to the DCF. We will not compete with the DCF; we will not ask for Trip Endowment contributions instead of DCF contributions; we will not ask that classmates split what have been their regular historical DCF contributions between the two. This is over and above what we've always done. But that's what makes it special: the once-in-a-lifetime gift that will be our legacy.

Aside from a check written directly to the Trip Endowment, or a gift of securities, there are a number of other readily available ways for classmates to contribute to the Trip Endowment:

-- Write a check for something more than your Class Dues, and direct the difference to the Trip Endowment. Class Treasurer Ron Weiss has provided a check-off on the Class Dues notice for you to do this. Make it an annual habit.

-- Consider the Trip Endowment among your priorities for capital giving during the Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience. Some or all of your capital campaign contributions can be earmarked for the Trip Endowment as part of the "Outdoor Programs" element of the campaign.

-- Contact Dennis Donahue, our Bequest and Trust chairman, to discuss the Trip Endowment in connection with a living trust, endowment, insurance beneficiary designation, or bequest.

How much to give is up to each classmate. Reunion-year giving is something special, and we'll address that at the time of our 40th. In the meantime, consider a commitment to support both the DCF and the Trip Endowment. A number of classmates have pledged to maintain their non-reunion year DCF support and to contribute a matching amount to the Trip Endowment. I hope many others will join us.

***BREAKING NEWS ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION GIFT***

***BY NOW YOU HAVE THE ANNUAL CLASS DUES NOTICE FROM RON WEISS, WITH YET ANOTHER GENTLE REMINDER FROM ME ABOUT THE FRESHMAN TRIP ENDOWMENT. TO RAISE THE STAKES A BIT, I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT ONE OF OUR CLASSMATES HAS ISSUED A TRIP ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE TO THE CLASS, AND HAS PLEDGED TO MATCH UP TO \$150,000 ALL CLASSMATE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. LET'S DO IT!!!***

Also from **Gerry (He Loves To See His Name In Print) Bell**, a brief update on the ski mini-reunions:

In my recent newsletter missive about our annual Western ski trip (Mammoth Mountain, CA: March 3-10, 2007 -- yes there's still time and there's still lodging room available). I raised the possibility of starting a new tradition: an Eastern ski trip. Always sensitive to my own convenience, I suggested a long weekend at Sunday River, ME for January 19-21, 2007.

Alas, the response has been less than overwhelming. Maybe -- just a guess here -- there's a perception out there that Maine is cold in January. In any case, only Burt Quist, Rich duMoulin, and John Everett have said they're willing to brave the elements here. (Note to you three guys -- I'd love to ski with you, and you're welcome here anytime.)

The same goes for the rest of you. While it looks like an organized ski weekend isn't going to happen this season, the mountain and the snow (and me) will be here all winter. I get a fair number of complimentary lift tickets, and they're earmarked for classmates first (on a first-come, first-served basis). So just let me know the dates of your road trip to the wilds of Maine, and we'll rip it up. (Of course, once you're here, I'll try to make you commit for a weekend of organized madness for next season.)

**News from Classmates:**

**\*From Leckie Rives:** To help you avoid having to use more "filler" in the next issue of the class newsletter, here is a brief update on me and my family:

My wife, Vicki, and I decided to end our 9-year hiatus in southern California and move "back East" earlier this year. The primary attraction was that our oldest son, Peter, got married in 2005 and has blessed us with two little granddaughters. Peter and his family live in Winston-Salem, NC, so Vicki and I focused our search for a new home around Asheville, NC. We sold our house in Laguna Niguel, CA in late May and moved into a rental property in Cedar Mountain, NC on June 1. We have been using this house as a storage facility and our base of operations for the last 3 months while we have looked for a permanent abode. We just closed on a house on the sixth hole of the Etowah Valley Country Club in Etowah, NC (about halfway between Hendersonville and Brevard, NC just off of route 64). This is our 13th house in 37 years of marriage, and we hope that it is our last. Classmates visiting Western North Carolina are invited to give us a call.

However, I am not "retired". In fact, I am not sure what that concept means anymore. I have affiliated with a business brokerage firm, Business Intermediary Services, in Asheville, NC (www.businessintermediary.com), and I hope to teach finance as an adjunct professor in one of the local colleges. This is a continuation of what I was doing in California.

One final bit of news: (1) our youngest son, Michael, graduated from the University of Puget Sound in May and is living in Portland, OR; and our daughter, Lindsay, (Dartmouth class of 2001) just received her PhD in Psychology from the University of Denver and is living in Wilton, NH with her husband, Ed Mears.

That's about it for the Rives clan. Best wishes to all.

Regards,

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**\*Arnie Resnicoff** writes: I just completed a one-year appointment as Special Assistant (for values and vision) to the Secretary and Chief-of-Staff of the U.S. Air Force. I traveled around the world, from Iraq to Korea, meeting with all Air Force leaders. Quite an honor!  
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Once again, we have a dearth of news from classmates. In an attempt get things moving in the right direction, I will, in the near future, be putting together a questionnaire, which I will email to a couple dozen classmates each month. With some luck and cooperation, those returned questionnaires will provide some substantial news for upcoming newsletters. Having said that, please don't hesitate to take the initiative and submit via green card or email news of yourself, your family, and your '68 friends.

Until next time...