

# During—and After—Viet Nam—continued

## Class Supports Ed Miller's Dartmouth Vietnam Project

If you attended the Viet Nam Panel portion of our 50th Reunion, you will remember History Professor Ed Miller, who added an educator's perspective to the two-plus hour discussion. One of Ed's special activities at the College is his Dartmouth Vietnam Project (DVP), which is compiling oral history interviews of many Dartmouth alums. At the urging of the Class of '64, which has been financially supporting this project for several years, our Class Committee considered doing the same. We invited Ed to attend our May Class Committee meeting to provide details on the project and how we might help.

Class Secretary **Dick Olson** captured the discussion in his draft minutes as follows:

Ed Miller, professor in the history department and a historian of the Vietnam war, spoke about the Dartmouth Vietnam Project, which is building a digital archive of personal testimonies about the Vietnam war era. Miller trains Dartmouth undergraduates to interview alumni, faculty, and other members of the Dartmouth community about their experiences. Miller also is launching the Dartmouth digital history initiative to develop a suite of digital tools to analyze digital collections of oral data which will allow researchers to tag interviews and produce data visualization. Miller said there is no diminishment of student interest and that he plans to run the Vietnam project for at least 2 more years. Class members shared stories that could be included in the interviews. **Roger Anderson** talked about being sent to Prague on a covert assignment, and **Jack Hopke** volunteered his interest in being interviewed. **Dave Gang** talked about Georgetown medical school and participating in protests in DC. **Dave Peck** said our class alone probably has 20 to 25 Peace Corp volunteers. Prof. Miller said he'd love to include some of those as well. Miller said the biggest item in his budget is for transcription of the interviews and that he currently has a backlog of interviews that need to be transcribed. That's important not only for the researchers but also for data analysis. Beyond transcripts, the project has operating costs primarily for a summer training program which are considerably less, a few thousand a year, including bringing Dr. Kelly Crager up from Texas Tech University which has the largest collection of Vietnam interviews, and providing students with stipends covered through the undergraduate research system. Transcriptions cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. The

While our May Class Committee meeting was occurring in Hanover, Classmate **Jeff Hinman** was at the former Griffiss Airforce Base in his hometown of Rome, NY attending the dedication of a new Vietnam Veterans Memorial honoring 12 area residents killed in Vietnam. The dedication ceremony was the culmination of a 21-year effort to create a permanent memorial.

DVP uses professional transcription specialists in keeping with the standards they use at Rauner Library. All interviews become part of DVP archive but also for Rauner Archives of Dartmouth history.

As a result of this presentation and subsequent discussion, the Class Committee unanimously voted to commit \$10,000 to support the Dartmouth Vietnam Project.

Ed reports that to date the project has interviewed the following '68s:

**Ronald Brown**

**John Everett**

**Jeff Hinman**

**Andrew Jay Hotaling**

**Calvin Jones**

**Mike Lenehan**

**Richard Parker**

Don Pease (actually a '66, but graduated '68)

**Burton Quist**

**Arnold Resnicoff**

**John Spritzler**

**David Stearns**



Ed Miller addresses our 50th Reunion Viet Nam session

