



2008 DARTMOUTH NIGHT SPEECH

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Good evening.

On behalf of the Dartmouth Alumni Council, I welcome all alumni back to Dartmouth – Dartmouth, the greatest College in the world.

This night, Dartmouth Night, is one of those celebrations which shows how unique and wonderful Dartmouth is. Dartmouth is a singular community, a family, perhaps an obsession, that binds all of us together. No place else on earth has the Dartmouth spirit. No place else on earth does it the way we do.

They don't do this in Princeton, New Jersey. They don't do this in New Haven, Connecticut, and they certainly don't do this in Cambridge, Massachusetts. No, only in Hanover, New Hampshire can you find this kind of camaraderie – thousands of people with Green coursing through their veins, and the "granite of New Hampshire, in their muscles and their brains."

I would be remiss not to recognize that this is President Wright's last Dartmouth Night as President of the College. President Wright, on behalf of the alumni, I want to thank you and Susan for all the great things you have done for Dartmouth in your 40-year career here, and especially in the decade of your presidency. Thank you. APPLAUD

And to the students, especially the freshmen (who helped build this great bonfire), welcome to Dartmouth. Welcome to the family.

You are now part of Dartmouth, and forever more Dartmouth will be part of you.

No matter where you roam around the girdled earth, Dartmouth's spell on you will remain.

And you will run into Dartmouth alumni in the darndest places. At the tops of mountains, in villages in Africa and Asia, in boardrooms, courtrooms, operating rooms, inner

city classrooms, and Senate cloakrooms. And, of course, on occasion, you can also find Dartmouth alumni in basements, playing beer pong.

I wish you all could see the view that I see right now. It's great to look out here and see so many people who know and love Dartmouth. That which binds us together – our undying affection for Dartmouth and our shared experience – is surely stronger and more important than any of our differences. Yes it is a small college, but there certainly are those who love it.

So thanks to all of you, for your Undying love of Dartmouth, and all you do to support Dartmouth. And let's cheer all our teams on to victory tomorrow.

Thank you.

