

April 4, 2007

Dear Dartmouth Lawyer:

We recently received a letter from several fellow Dartmouth alums/lawyers endorsing the candidacy of Sandy Alderson to the Dartmouth Board of Trustees. We do not labor under the illusion that anyone in the Dartmouth community is awaiting word of our endorsement of Professor Stephen F. Smith, or needs our guidance in sorting out the merits of the candidates. In light of that letter, though, and our enthusiasm for the contribution that we feel Stephen might uniquely make to the board, we have written this letter intending no disrespect either to the authors of the earlier letter or to Sandy Alderson.

Stephen is a remarkable man. He grew up the son of a single mother on welfare in the poorest neighborhood of Washington, DC. He helped support and raise his three younger siblings. He graduated from Dartmouth at age 20, then proceeded to the University of Virginia Law School, where he graduated near the top of his class. He spent two years clerking for judges including Justice Clarence Thomas, and ultimately chose to pursue a career as a teacher at the University of Virginia Law School. He is one of the law school's most popular teachers—and not because he suffers fools gladly.

Those of us who have had the good fortune to meet Stephen know that he is a charismatic man of great character. We think Stephen would make a unique contribution to the Board as a Dartmouth Trustee. His priorities for Dartmouth are ours—visit his Web site, [StephenSmithTrustee.com](http://StephenSmithTrustee.com) for details—with an emphasis on retaining the character of the College as a college, maintaining a commitment to a learning environment safe for all points of view, and restraining the growth of the College bureaucracy. Those of us with kids currently attending Dartmouth know that, contrary to what you may have heard elsewhere, even though Dartmouth remains great, not all is well in Hanover. We are confident that, as a Trustee, Stephen would prove just the sort of critical, constructive voice that Dartmouth needs.

We know you can and will sort these matters out for yourself before you cast your ballot. We write only to urge you to consider the contribution that Stephen stands on the verge of making to Dartmouth.

Very Truly Yours,

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