

Dartmouth College Oral History Project
The War Years at Dartmouth
Interview with Patricia Carey (widow of Harry Carey '44)
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- CAREY: Harry Hill Carey, the class of 1944.
- DONIN: Perfect. Where I always like to start with everybody is finding out what obviously your husband's connection was to Dartmouth that brought him there as an undergraduate. And I also obviously want to hear your connections to Dartmouth because they are significant. So tell me about your connections and then your husband's connections.
- CAREY: Shall I start with the first one?
- DONIN: Uh-huh.
- CAREY: Maitland? Maitland Lamprey is my great-great-uncle, who graduated from Dartmouth in 1865. Actually he left Dartmouth to fight in the Civil War. So I don't know whether he graduated. But he is on a plaque in Webster Hall, which was Webster Hall until lately anyway.
- DONIN: Right. Which is where I work now because that's where the archives of the college are located.
- CAREY: Oh, great.
- DONIN: So I know Webster Hall well. There's a plaque there now, you think?
- CAREY: The plaque was when you go in the front entrance, a sharp right. There are huge bronze plaques with all the names of the class of 1892—not '65. I think it's '92. I think it's Uncle Charlie's class.
- DONIN: Oh, great!
- CAREY: Uncle Charlie is Charles Maitland Lamprey, who was Maitland Lamprey's son. And he was the class of 1892. And he was a classmate of Robert Frost's, I understand.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.

- CAREY: I think Robert Frost was a visiting professor in Harry's class.
- DONIN: He was there— Yes, he did come back.
- CAREY: In '44.
- DONIN: Uh-huh. I don't know if he was there in '44. I know he came back as a visiting professor.
- CAREY: We lived in Middle Fayerweather in Room 203, the corner room, a beautiful room because we could see The Green. And I can remember looking out and watching them struggle up the hill in the snowstorm. There was a professor with a great big cloak that I think he taught history.
- DONIN: So how did you meet your husband?
- CAREY: Well, Harry and I met in Providence as little kids. He carried my books to Nathan Bishop Junior High School. I was in the seventh grade, and he was in the eighth.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.
- CAREY: In other words, we were childhood friends and became sweethearts, and I dated him at Dartmouth when he went off to Dartmouth.
- DONIN: So he matriculated in the fall of '40. Is that right? Yes, '40. And did he go through the whole continuous four years or did the war interrupt his...?
- CAREY: No. He was the class that was interrupted.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.
- CAREY: And were drafted. And he went to Iceland. He came back from Iceland after—it was 1943 that he went to Iceland. I didn't hear from him. His parents were going crazy. They had two sons. John was his brother, who also went off. He was in Belgium. Harry was in Iceland in the Coast Guard anti-artillery. You know keeping the Germans away from our shores.
- DONIN: And what were you doing? When did you get married?

CAREY: Then I went off the next year to Wheelock College. And December 7, 1941, was the day that would go down in infamy. We were married in the beginning of my senior year, before it began, on September 21, 1944. Harry, he had come back from Iceland.

DONIN: I see.

CAREY: Between Iceland and OCS. He was on his way to OCS.

DONIN: Okay. Yes.

CAREY: In Georgia. So I finished Wheelock. He came to my graduation. And I joined him by then in Macon, Georgia.

DONIN: Oh, great!

CAREY: So we were together for VJ-Day. I'll never forget it: Everybody out on the streets, hugging and kissing.

DONIN: Dancing and kissing and yes. Joyful.

CAREY: Very exciting.

DONIN: But then did he have to continue his service?

CAREY: So after VJ-Day, they were released. It took forever. Dartmouth welcomed us back. And we started his combined junior-senior year with Tuck, October '43—

DONIN: 'Forty-five.

CAREY: I mean October '45. Yes. And Susan was born in May of '46.

DONIN: Fantastic.

CAREY: May 17, 1946 in Mary Hitchcock Hospital with Dr. John Boardman.

DONIN: That's great, great. And she was the first baby born to the—

CAREY: To the returning veterans in Middle Fayerweather.

DONIN: Uh-huh. I wonder, is it written about in the paper, do you know? I wonder if it's in *The D*?

CAREY: No, but we got—and I don't have it. I was silly and gave it to Susan; it's more important to mum than Suze. She's the babe. And she has a plaque, a miniature certificate of welcome from Dartmouth College signed by President Dickey, John Sloan Dickey.

DONIN: That is great. Because I know they were giving out some sort of certificate. The hospital was as well. Mary Hitchcock was also giving out certificates of some sort. But that she got a special one because she was the first.

CAREY: Right.

DONIN: That's terrific. So just to back up for a minute, how many terms did he get under his belt, did your husband get under his belt, before he started his service up in—

CAREY: He was a junior. So he had three years.

DONIN: And of course following 1941—I guess it was '43—they started running year round. But he wasn't there at that point.

CAREY: When we came back we were going year 'round.

DONIN: Yes, yes.

CAREY: But, no, they hadn't done that.

DONIN: No, they didn't start that I don't think until—was it '43? I think so. Maybe it was '41. I don't remember. But so when he left, he had enough credits to be considered a junior.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: And did he know what he was going to major in at that point? He wanted to do the Tuck program?

CAREY: Business. Definitely business. Yes. He eventually—He started out after graduating from Dartmouth in the Shawmut Bank training program in Boston, you know, officer training program. And then he ended up CEO of his own bank in Bristol County, called the First Bristol County National Bank.

DONIN: Wow!

- CAREY: It merged. And he did very well in banking.
- DONIN: Great. So was it your impression that—I know you weren't married yet—but you were a couple so to speak, right? You were boyfriend and girlfriend at that point.
- CAREY: Yes, from 14 on we kind of, you know, you don't know. You're both dating like mad. Dancing school together. And a beautiful social life in Providence. But when he went off, we were number one, and I always went to the Green Key and carnival and everything.
- DONIN: So that was my question: Did he have sort of a traditional undergraduate experience up until the time that he went off to do his service?
- CAREY: Yes, he did.
- DONIN: Because I think after Pearl Harbor, the college shut down a lot of the sort of social activities: the fraternities, I think, cleared out. Because so many students went off and enlisted and enrolled and were drafted that, you know, a lot of the sort of nonessential activities of the college were shut down.
- CAREY: Yes, but not completely. Because I do think that—Well, I know Jack Stephenson, who ended up being in his class, I think he's older than Harry. She's Eleanor Stephenson—class of '44—from Norwich, Vermont. So she's still there.
- DONIN: I should talk to her. Uh-huh.
- CAREY: Yes, she's still up there.
- DONIN: Uh-huh. And her husband was class of '44?
- CAREY: Yes.
- DONIN: What was his name?
- CAREY: John H. Stephenson, Jr.
- DONIN: Right. Okay. Oh, good. See, every interview I do, I get five more names.

CAREY: Yes. Well, a very important one is Eric Barradale. He's been a leader in our class.

DONIN: How do you spell the last name?

CAREY: Dr. Eric B-A-R-R-A-D-A-L-E.

DONIN: Oh.

CAREY: And Joan. And they live in Bennington.

DONIN: Bennington? Okay. Great. So back to you and your husband. So some of the social stuff was still going on, was your sense, before he started his service. He was able to join a fraternity and...?

CAREY: Yes. Definitely. He lived in Middle Mass his sophomore year—freshman and sophomore years. And then he joined DTD—Delta Tau Delta, next to Sigma Chi.

DONIN: And why did he enlist rather than—I mean why didn't he wait until he'd finished?

CAREY: That was the mindset of our guys.

DONIN: Yes.

CAREY: You know they wanted to get rid of the Japs and the Germans. They wanted to go to war. It's a different thing today.

DONIN: Mm-hmm. Yes. And a lot of them were doing it.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: A lot of them were doing it.

CAREY: Well, hardly any of them weren't doing it.

DONIN: Right.

CAREY: Another classmate of his, Fletcher Burton, went off and joined the ambulance corps in England.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: And never went to—I don't think he even went to Dartmouth. He was going to go. Win Martin, that's another one. Winslow Martin.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: Who was agent in our class. He just died. And Cappie's still alive. And they have a place in Eastman.

DONIN: Oh, yes. Close by.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: Uh-huh. Now, so going back to when you joined him on campus after you were married, and you were living in Fayerweather, what sort of—What did you do while he was going to school? Did you get a job? Before the baby was born obviously.

CAREY: Well, yes. Of course I was pregnant. I was a babysitter for a little girl, for a baby, whose father was a music professor at Dartmouth. I can't think of their names, but I know where they lived.

DONIN: It'll come to you. Where did they live?

CAREY: I think his name might have been Bell. Isn't that funny? Music and Bell.

DONIN: Very appropriate. Right.

CAREY: Professor Bell. And it was down beyond the library before Rope Ferry.

DONIN: Right.

CAREY: That's where he lived. Why I babysat, I don't know. Twenty-five cents an hour, something silly.

DONIN: Uh-huh. Where was Mrs. Bell?

CAREY: Teaching piano lessons.

DONIN: Ah-hah. So she needed some care.

CAREY: So she needed somebody. She needed a teenager to walk the child.

DONIN: So everybody was working. All the wives were working mostly if they weren't having babies?

CAREY: Yes. Yes.

DONIN: Were you—

CAREY: Do you know Patty Eccles?

DONIN: Yes.

CAREY: Well, Patty's a good friend and Dave Eccles. Dave had a lot to do with Steve, class of '74. My son, Dartmouth '74, who was confined to a wheelchair.

DONIN: Now how did you know Patty Eccles when you first got there?

CAREY: Well, Dave Eccles and Harry were classmates. And Dave by then was also handicapped. He wasn't in a wheelchair then. But he had had a ski injury, I think. Harry was a great skier and skied for his fraternity. These guys would all jump in the car and go to Tremblant on weekends and ski.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: And they had their own Dartmouth ski jump and everything. And I said, "Harry, I don't think I want you to do that." And he said, "Well, I've already done it." [Laughter]

DONIN: It was too late.

CAREY: But he wasn't like Eric, Eric Barradale. He just did it. He wanted to know that he could.

DONIN: Right.

CAREY: And landed on his feet.

DONIN: So what was life like going up there as a young married—a newlywed really.

CAREY: Glamorous!

DONIN: Was it?

CAREY: A dream come true!

DONIN: Now because of your relatives you'd been up there before. This wasn't your first time?

CAREY: Oh, I'd been going there since I was a baby. And we lived about a mile from the Brown stadium. And I tell you, the Dartmouth-Brown games were a huge celebration at our house.

DONIN: I bet.

CAREY: And we usually won. I think we always won.

DONIN: In those days Dartmouth football was really good.

CAREY: Oh, fantastic. That was—

DONIN: Was that the year of the Cornell game?

CAREY: Oh, Daddy died in Mary Hitchcock Hospital November 13, 1937, the weekend of the Dartmouth-Cornell game.

DONIN: Wow.

CAREY: Well, we won. Mummy was up there. I'm the oldest of five. And Mum—my mother—was in Hanover with Dad because he was in Mary Hitchcock.

DONIN: Why was he up there?

CAREY: Because they were on a trip when he thought, well—Their trip was to visit their children who were in Camp Anowan on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, New Hampshire. The daughters were there. And the brothers were at Camp Wanolancet. Oh, it's Waukela, Wanolancet. I went to Anowan as a little kid because my great-aunt was the director. Then as we got older and we were into camping, I went to Camp Wanolancet; the girls went to Wanolancet, and the boys went to— No, the boys were at Wanolancet, and the girls went to Waukela. I was teaching swimming by then. I was waterfront. But my whole career, pre-college career, had been camping.

- DONIN: So can you describe—You said life was glamorous going up to Dartmouth as a newlywed. What made it glamorous?
- CAREY: Well, I just felt it was so exciting. We had more fun. Nobody knew how to cook. This is before we got stoves or anything delivered. So we had refrigerators on the windowsill, which were orange crates from Tansi's. [Laughter] And we'd buy our food and come home and put it out there, and the milk would freeze and pop the top.
- DONIN: Pop the top, yes.
- CAREY: Of the Hood bottles. And there would be the cat sitting on top of the frozen cream. [Laughter] And the squirrels would climb up the ivy and steal the food.
- DONIN: So they moved you into Fayerweather before they'd sort of retrofitted the rooms to have little kitchenettes.
- CAREY: Yes. Right.
- DONIN: Oh, gee. You had no way to cook or anything.
- CAREY: Nothing. And the first bed was a cot. So here we are in a twin bed, the two of us. [Laughter] It was really hilarious.
- DONIN: Yes. But everybody seems to say it was the best time of their life.
- CAREY: It was. It was absolutely a blast.
- DONIN: Nobody had any money.
- CAREY: No money. We lived on the GI Bill.
- DONIN: Sure, sure.
- CAREY: So we would go down to the market—was it Tansi's.
- DONIN: Tansi's. Uh-huh.
- CAREY: And, you know, looking for bargains. And then Harry's parents were very wonderful. They—Mom Carey's mother had died, and she had gotten a car, an extra car, from her mother's death. So there was an extra car for her three kids. And Harry was the lucky one to get it. And it was a Chevrolet convertible.

DONIN: Wow!

CAREY: So there we were in Hanover. And when we had enough gas, we would go to Lebanon to the supermarket, which was anything but super compared to, you know. But it was cheaper than buying food in Hanover.

DONIN: Mm-hmm. Were they still rationing gas in those days? They must have been. Or maybe—this was of course what? '40—

CAREY: No, not after the war. But certainly they were before the war. Yes. Dad saved all his ration cards, coupons, so that Harry and I could use them and take the Chevy to Macon, Georgia.

DONIN: Great. Yes.

CAREY: Where we were stationed.

DONIN: This was before going up to Hanover.

CAREY: Oh, that's before. Yes.

DONIN: Yes, yes, yes.

CAREY: That's before. We're beyond.

DONIN: You're in Fayerweather now.

CAREY: We're now in Fayerweather, and I'm the first one that's pregnant.

DONIN: That must have been very exciting.

CAREY: So down the other end of the hall is Sandy McGreevy and Peggy. And they're older, and they had been trying to have a baby—I think he was the class of '41 or '42. And so they'd been married and trying to have a baby for a long time. And she kept miscarrying.

DONIN: Oh.

CAREY: So here she is, pregnant. So they don't want to tell anybody.

DONIN: No.

CAREY: But Sandy comes down, and he says, “Hey, Carey, I want you to keep track of Peggy.” He’s in med school at Dartmouth. “I want you to keep track of Peggy, and be sure she keeps her feet up at certain times. Even though she’s pregnant, it’s a certain time of the month.” I didn’t know this ‘til then that if you’re going to miscarry, you might be more apt to. So she was to keep her feet above her head. She needs to go to the bathroom. I want you to check her and carry her to the bathroom. “Okay,” says Harry. I don’t remember what happened or whether they had to do that. I’m sure I was involved in asking Peggy the questions.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: Little things like that. Very exciting. Anybody thought they were pregnant, they’d come to us as if we could tell. [Laughter] Just because we were the first.

DONIN: That is great. So what did you do—So Susan was born. Your baby was born.

CAREY: So Susan was born, and I went into labor. And the first one—I have four—the first one was long, all day, labor. So Harry and I walked the halls. He missed classes. And she was born at two a.m. on May 17th in the hospital. And the most beautiful baby I’ve ever seen, of course. They’re so funny. There’s Terry, class of 1969, who went off to the Vietnam War. And they have been married 40 years this July.

DONIN: Amazing.

CAREY: So he’s like a son to me.

DONIN: Mmm. That’s wonderful. [Laughs]

CAREY: And that’s the first baby right there.

DONIN: That’s the first baby born at Dartmouth. That is great. So how far along finishing at Tuck was your husband at this point? How many more terms did he have to do?

CAREY: Well, he finished in June.

DONIN: Perfect! So she was born in May, and he finished in June.

- CAREY: Yes. So Suze and I went back to Wellesley to the Carey seniors' home. And they were living around the lake from Wellesley College in the Hunnewell home. So we set up our apartment in the servants' quarters of this house.
- DONIN: Perfect.
- CAREY: You couldn't find a place to live.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.
- CAREY: So that's where Susan spent the first 18 months of her life, until we were able to find our own apartment in Natick.
- DONIN: So let's see. He graduated in June of 1946. That was the first graduation that they actually had then after the war, I think.
- CAREY: Yes.
- DONIN: 'Forty-six was the first graduation.
- CAREY: That's right. And Susan and I went to the graduation. And he arranged a babysitter because he was still in 203 Middle Fayer. And had a babysitter. And we went to the prom. And nobody recognized me because I was my own shape again.
- DONIN: Right.
- CAREY: And we had to, you know, go up and feed her. I had to nurse her at like two o'clock. And so forth. Two a.m. That's when we quit. That's how it used to be in those days.
- DONIN: Sure.
- CAREY: I mean you could stay up all night.
- DONIN: Right. Not anymore.
- CAREY: And you did.
- DONIN: Yes. Was he ever tempted to adopt the class of '46 instead of '44 since he was graduating in '46?

CAREY: No. There was a closeness about our class. And there still is and always has been.

DONIN: Hmm.

CAREY: We mean a lot to each other. And I think more than the average class because we'd been through this.

DONIN: This being chopped up kind of thing.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: Yes. And there must have been a number of you there who had, you know, missed the graduation time and were graduating at a later year.

CAREY: That's right. But not that many—We became close because we all lived there together.

DONIN: Yes, yes.

CAREY: And all this cooking and everything. The Fieldsteels are a wonderful couple. The Chittims who are both gone now, but were next door, you know, diagonally across in the hall. And we taught each other how to cook on these Bunsen burners.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: I'll never forget the lemon meringue pie I made on the Bunsen burner.

DONIN: My goodness!

CAREY: Can you imagine it?

DONIN: No.

CAREY: Any dumbbell would know better than to try anything like that. It was delicious. [Laughter] It was a nine-inch pie, and the men gobbled the whole thing down in no time.

DONIN: I'm sure. That's great. Very creative cooking went on, I think.

CAREY: Yes, that's right.

DONIN: And you were all learning from each other, I would assume.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: Yes.

CAREY: Yes, the women were doing the buying and the cooking. And the men were studying.

DONIN: Sure. Do you think your husband felt like he was a better student when he came back than when he left?

CAREY: Yes. The statistics show that.

DONIN: Really?

CAREY: That they were more serious.

DONIN: Right, right.

CAREY: You know they had to get through and get on with it and get off the GI dole. What were we getting? \$65 a month, I think.

DONIN: I've heard \$90, I think.

CAREY: Was it better than that? Okay.

DONIN: I don't know. I've heard different numbers. But it wasn't a whole lot.

CAREY: No.

DONIN: And it seems like all the wives were struggling to earn a little bit of money as well because there just wasn't that much money in the budget.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: You were getting by on very little.

CAREY: That's right.

DONIN: In fact some of the recollections say that... Some people remembered that they actually continued to wear their uniforms

even after they were discharged because it was the best set of clothing that they owned.

CAREY: Oh, definitely.

DONIN: There were a lot of people marching around still in their uniforms because they didn't want to spend money on a new set of clothes.

CAREY: On their clothing, that's right.

DONIN: Do think the—Did you get the impression that the veterans when they came back from their service were treated in a different way and respected in a different way...

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because they'd been in the war and, you know, had served their country?

CAREY: Well, I feel, and I'll never forget, John Sloan Dickey at the first day of school—What do you call that?

DONIN: The convocation?

CAREY: The convocation. Welcoming them back and welcome home.

DONIN: Wow.

CAREY: That's what he said. Welcome home.

DONIN: And that was his first convocation, '46.

CAREY: That's right.

DONIN: The fall of '46, because he had come in the fall of '45 after convocation.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: So this was his first—this incoming class in 1946—which was in fact the class of '50, but that first incoming class... No, that doesn't make sense, though.

CAREY: It wasn't '50. We were in our junior year.

DONIN: Right. So John Sloan Dickey—

CAREY: We graduated in '46, the year she was born, in June of '46.

DONIN: So you came back in— Oh, it must have been—

CAREY: 'Forty-five. Pregnant.

DONIN: Right. Maybe it was graduation that he said that to. But that wouldn't make sense about welcome back.

CAREY: No, it was the convocation.

DONIN: Huh! So it was the fall of '45, I guess. But he welcomed everybody back.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: And that probably set the tone for the way the campus treated the veterans.

CAREY: Right. Well, these guys have got their wives with them.

DONIN: Uh huh.

CAREY: And we all, you know, it's an incredible thing. Mummy didn't want— my mother didn't want me to get married. That took a lot of convincing.

DONIN: Was it because of the timing or—

CAREY: Because of her concern that I would graduate myself, that I would not. So that was the deal.

DONIN: That you would graduate?

CAREY: I promised her that I would. So this is why we were separated for my senior year.

DONIN: I see.

CAREY: And, you know, he'd get leave. But he didn't get it at Christmas. He got it at—He had to have a choice. So we decided we should be together for the graduation even though we were apart.

DONIN: Uh huh. This is for your graduation?

CAREY: Yes, my graduation.

DONIN: Uh huh.

CAREY: So I actually graduated before he did.

DONIN: Uh huh. That's great.

CAREY: Even though I was a year behind him.

DONIN: So Wheelock was a teachers' college at that time, wasn't it? Was it a teachers' college?

CAREY: Wheelock was just a teachers' college at that time. And I have become a teacher.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

CAREY: And I ended up having my own school for 20 years in Sudbury.

DONIN: Oh, my goodness! Did you?

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: Sudbury, Mass.?

CAREY: Sudbury, Mass. I had a partner. It was called the Community Preschool.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: And it was very successful. We had it in the Episcopal Church in Sudbury, 40 students and six teachers.

DONIN: Terrific!

CAREY: So I did that for 20 years.

- DONIN: Yes, yes. Wheelock's gone on to bigger things now, hasn't it?
- CAREY: Yes.
- DONIN: Yes.
- CAREY: Social work and a hospital program, hospital administration.
- DONIN: That's right. Yes, yes.
- CAREY: And you know now all colleges are liberal arts for the first few years anyway.
- DONIN: Right. Exactly. So your period of time there at Dartmouth, do you have any memories of teachers that impacted your husband very much? Teachers or deans or particular teachers? Of course he was down at Tuck at this point; he was going to Tuck all the time, wasn't he? Because it was his senior year.
- CAREY: Well, he was in both the regular school, you know; he was in the classes in the big regular—
- DONIN: Regular undergrad, right. Regular undergraduate classes.
- CAREY: In Dartmouth Hall.
- DONIN: College Hall, yes.
- CAREY: As well as going down to Tuck. And I hadn't known anything about Tuck until after the war.
- DONIN: Uh huh.
- CAREY: I don't think Tuck was there when my father was there. Was it in '14?
- DONIN: Oh, yes. I think it was. It's a pretty old school, pretty old business school.
- CAREY: Of course Dad was an executive, too.
- DONIN: He might have attended Tuck.
- CAREY: He must have.

DONIN: Mm-hmm. So did you ever interact with President Dickey yourself? Did you ever meet him?

CAREY: He knew us all.

DONIN: Did he?

CAREY: Oh, sure. He was a very friendly guy; you'd see him on campus all the time.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: I think he knew all of us that lived in Middle, Middle Fayerweather.

DONIN: Oh, really! That's great.

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: So he seemed like an approachable kind of guy.

CAREY: Yes. That's what I liked about Dartmouth so much. I mean why I love it so much is because of the closeness we had then. But I must say Dickerson, who was the dean of students in '74, who knew Daddy— And Daddy died at Mary Hitchcock. I think he probably had a lot to do with the first handicapped kid, student at Dartmouth, before they had arrangements for handicapped children.

DONIN: Right. That was before the whole movement to make everything accessible, wasn't it?

CAREY: Right.

DONIN: He was the class of '74, you said?

CAREY: Yes.

DONIN: Yes.

CAREY: So he was there in 1970.

DONIN: Boy, that must have been a challenge for him.

- CAREY: It was a tremendous challenge for Steve. He was in 4 Lord Hall, which is next to the cemetery, down three steps to get in. He had to have somebody push him all the time.
- DONIN: Oh, yes.
- CAREY: And you must know McLaughry—John McLaughry, who is still there. He has a real estate—
- DONIN: Oh, McLaughry, yes.
- CAREY: McLaughry.
- DONIN: Oh, yes.
- CAREY: What's the matter with me? McLaughry.
- DONIN: Yes. Was he a classmate?
- CAREY: Yes. He's a classmate. He was a classmate of Harry's at Moses Brown in Providence. And of course Tuss McLaughry was the famous football star whom Daddy knew well. He was a football-not star—he was the star in Daddy's time, and then became—
- DONIN: The coach.
- CAREY: The coach for all those years. And I think he had a brother—you must ask John—who was the coach at Brown at the same time.
- DONIN: I don't know. I'll have to find out.
- CAREY: So the McLaughrys I grew up with as kids. I'm talking about when I was a little kid. That's why I'm so—I know the name, but was a little kid at seven or eight years old, you know. Daddy died when I was 14. I had just turned 14. And Bill was four, Bill Slater, Jr., who was the class of '55.
- DONIN: This is your brother?
- CAREY: My brother William Bainton Slater, Jr., is the class of 1955.
- DONIN: Amazing. What a family connection.
- CAREY: So that's what I mean. I go back.

- DONIN: Yes. Your kids are like double legacies because your connection and—
- CAREY: So Maitland and Charles Lamprey and William Bainton Slater and William Bainton Slater, Jr., and D. Terence Lichty '69—married to Susan Carey. And Steven Hill Carey, the guy who was in the wheelchair before he had an electric chair.
- DONIN: Yes. There's a lot of family at Dartmouth. A lot of green blood flowing through those veins.
- CAREY: We're very green. [Laughter]
- DONIN: That's great. Alright. Unless you have other thoughts about the '40s, I guess I'm done. I'm going to turn off the tapes unless you can think of any other thoughts.
- CAREY: Did I say about Eric Barradale?
- DONIN: You gave me his name.
- CAREY: Eric and Joan.
- DONIN: Right.
- CAREY: They're very dear to me. And I go back to reunions now, and I stay with Ellie in Norwich on the hill. And I always look forward to seeing the Barradales who are still together and were in Middle Fayer with me—us.
- DONIN: Do you think the unity of the class was impacted—
- CAREY: The war.
- DONIN: —by the war?
- CAREY: Definitely. Yes.
- DONIN: Did it make you more together or less together, do you think?
- CAREY: Oh, much more together. The survivors were all together.

DONIN: And how do you think the college did managing this funny conglomeration they had? When everybody was coming back from the war, there was obviously overcrowding because there were married vets. There were also the traditional sort of underage—not underage—but high school age kids that were just starting, you know, civilian regular undergraduate experience when you came back to finish up. They had a real diverse group of ages and experiences that they had to shepherd through this college experience. How do you think they did it? What kind of a job do you think they did at it?

CAREY: Outstanding!

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

CAREY: This is what I mean about Dickey. I think he was the leader in that. Ahead of Harvard or any of the other Ivy League schools. I have friends—like Yale, you know, other people who were classmates the same age from our childhood, and we all grew up in a group that all went off to college. And the loyalty is there at Dartmouth. And it is certainly not true of my Yale good friends or Harvard good friends. And I was in college in Boston myself. So I dated these guys from MIT, at Dartmouth and Tufts. I just know we're special.

DONIN: What makes it special? It's got to be more than just Dickey.

CAREY: The loyalty, the friendships. It's the friends. That's what life is all about.

DONIN: Mm-hmm. Right.

CAREY: And we're still friends. And we have a wonderful class newsletter called—Do you know about that?

DONIN: Mm-mmm. Mm-mmm.

CAREY: It's Voices Heard Crying From the Hills. Whatever it is.

DONIN: *Vox Clamatis*. Yes.

CAREY: Yes. *Vox Clamatis*. And that comes out monthly.

DONIN: Really! Wow. Who's the editor of that?

- CAREY: And it's very special. I tell you, we have had an interim editor of two of the widows who are in Hanover. Betty Munson and—
- DONIN: I can look it up in the Archives actually.
- CAREY: Yes.
- DONIN: Okay. Comes out monthly, good for them.
- CAREY: But now they've got a guy. Al signs it. Alan.... I can't think of what his last name is either. I can get the thing and show you. Because I look forward to it, getting it monthly.
- DONIN: Yes. Getting updates and stuff.
- CAREY: Right.
- DONIN: Yes. Okay.
- CAREY: But things change so. Steven, under Kemeny.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.
- CAREY: The first women.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm. Coeducation. Yes.
- CAREY: In fact the Barnes must have told you about their daughter. Their daughter was there when Steve Carey was there.
- DONIN: Oh, no. We didn't actually get into their children. No. We didn't talk too much about their children. I mean he told me he had two children that went to Dartmouth.
- CAREY: That's right.
- DONIN: But he didn't talk a great deal about it.
- CAREY: Well, Swift and Gina, Swift Jr. and Gina were there. And Gina was a classmate of—a year ahead of Steve. So she's a '73 and Steven's a '74. It was hard for Mum to let Steve go. Very mixed feelings. Fantastic to go to Dartmouth when he's a triplegic.
- DONIN: Yes. Very difficult, I'm sure.

CAREY: Yes, he's a very special person.

DONIN: I'm going to turn off the tape and then I want to hear about him.
Okay. Thank you. I'm going to turn the tapes off.

[End of Interview]