Dartmouth College Oral History Project The War Years at Dartmouth Interview with Stanley Barr '44 By Mary Stelle Donin October 10, 2008

- DONIN: How was it you decided to go to Dartmouth back in 1939, whenever you were making your decision about where to go? Was there a family connection here before you?
- BARR: Well, my interest in Dartmouth was piqued by the fact that my oldest brother, Sid Barr, was accepted to Dartmouth with the class of 1936. And from that point on I was gung-ho for Dartmouth. All green in the family starting with my brother Sid, right down to nephews and nieces and so forth. And basically that was the beginning of it all.
- DONIN: So before you actually matriculated here, you had been visiting Dartmouth because your brother was here.
- BARR: Yes. Absolutely.
- DONIN: Do you remember the first time you came to the campus, what it was like?
- BARR: I came with my parents to visit my brother, and I was basically in awe of the school, especially Dartmouth Row, the beautiful buildings, and Baker Library. That's was impressed me the most. Of course we did not at that time have Hopkins Center. Rauner [Library] was Webster Hall where we used to listen to the violinists and pianists of the day. But basically that was it.
- DONIN: And also did you Did you matriculate in Webster Hall? That's where the ceremony was with President Hopkins when you matriculated and got your, you know, card signed by him, wasn't it?
- BARR: We did have some sort of matriculation in Webster at the time.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

## BARR: And to be very honest, I forget exactly how that transpired.

- DONIN: So when you came up here, did you have any friends from school coming here at the same time?
- BARR: Did I have any what?
- DONIN: Friends from school?
- BARR: None. No.
- DONIN: So you came on your own, but-
- BARR: I came on my own. Well, no, I came with my family, but not with any friends. And not knowing any friends up there.
- DONIN: But you'd had enough stories from your brother that it probably wasn't too strange a place for you then.
- BARR: No. It was like—not old home—but it was recognizable.
- DONIN: Yes, yes. So did you know what you wanted to major in when you got here?
- BARR: Absolutely not. No idea.
- DONIN: Yes? Was there a professor who inspired you to choose a major or how did you do it?
- BARR: Well, I had several interesting professors. Probably one of the most interesting was Leon Burr Richardson, whom we referred to as L.B. And in other cases different names unrepeatable here. [Laughter] But he was a gruff old professor, a historian of the college. Very, very warm under it all, underneath that gruff exterior, very warmhearted individual. And once you got to know him, just a sweetheart of a man.
- DONIN: Mmm.
- BARR: Now I guess of all the professors I had, he probably was the most outstanding of them all.
- DONIN: Uh huh. And what were your impressions of President Hopkins? Did you ever actually interact with him at all?

BARR:	I think the only interaction with President Hopkins was when he called me into when we were all invited as freshmen to go into the office and have him sign a certificate or something or other. He looked at me, and said, "What is this 12-year-old doing here at Dartmouth?" [Laughter] Shook my hand and walked out. And that was the only time he and I ever spoke.
DONIN:	[Laughs] You did look pretty young. Here's your
BARR:	I was young.
DONIN:	Here's your picture from the Freshman Book.
BARR:	I always kid most of my classmates today that I was 12 years old when I entered Dartmouth. I said you guys were, you know, much older than I was.
DONIN:	But some of the students enrolling in those days, they were 16; they were only 16. Were you 16?
BARR:	I was 16, but I had just turned 17 before I came up to Dartmouth.
DONIN:	Yes. That's so young.
BARR:	But also, what I'd never realized at the time, we had students in the freshman class who were 20 and 21 years old.
DONIN:	Really!
BARR:	Not coming out of the service. Just having been to prep school for four years after high school.
DONIN:	Oh, I see. Yes. They did a couple of extra years.
BARR:	I was never aware of anything like that ever happening, that you could be 21 years old and entering college.
DONIN:	Starting college, yes. So there was a big age spread among the class.
BARR:	Yes, to a degree there was. It was the athletes for the most part that were the older ones in the class.
DONIN:	Oh, I see. That's how they populated those teams.

- BARR: They might have had.... I'm sure some of them couldn't get in at the beginning. And as they kept maturing and becoming better and better at their sport, the chances of getting into Dartmouth were better and better.
- DONIN: Yes. So did you sort of embrace the outdoors the way, you know, our vision of the Dartmouth Man was?
- BARR: No, no. Not at all. And I am very sorry. I rue the day now that I did not embrace the outdoors because my life changed immeasurably when I did find the outdoors.
- DONIN: Was that while you were here or afterwards?
- BARR: It was many years later.
- DONIN: Oh, I see. So what did you do here for... I mean were you a fraternity brother? Did you join a fraternity?
- BARR: No, I was asked to join one fraternity. And I will get into that later as to why I did not join because that's a chapter of its own. No, I never joined a fraternity while I was here.
- DONIN: What was your social group that you were with when you were here then?
- BARR: Very very limited. And once again I will get into that later on.
- DONIN: Okay. You're going to save that for later. Okay. And did you participate in any kind of intramural sports activities, athletics?
- BARR: No. No, I was just not good enough, even for intramural sports.
- DONIN: Did you have a part-time job while you were here? A lot of students I know worked part time.
- BARR: Did I have what?
- DONIN: A part-time job?
- BARR: No.
- DONIN: Uh-huh.

- BARR: No, my parents were comfortably off and able to pay the total, which was very, very small at the time.
- DONIN: Sure was. It was a bargain.
- BARR: I think it was \$450 for tuition for a full year.
- DONIN: And were you an obedient freshman and wore your beanie and carried the furniture for the upperclassmen?
- BARR: Well, I was a scared little bunny then at the time. I wore my beanie until we were allowed not to wear it.
- DONIN: Right. And there were some other rules for freshmen, too. I was just reading the rules. You had to sit all together when you'd go to the football games?
- BARR: Yes, we sat as a group.
- DONIN: It said, "Beanies must be worn at all times." These were the rules that were written up in *The Dartmouth*. "Beanies must be worn at all times when you're outdoors."
- BARR: Mm-hmm.
- DONIN: "Freshmen may not wear any prep school insignia of any kind. Freshmen are confined to the back seats in the Nugget."
- BARR: See, that I was not aware of.
- DONIN: Really! "Freshmen must sit in an exclusive cheering section at football games." That makes sense to me, though, because that means you would meet one another and sort of bond.
- BARR: Yes. To a degree.
- DONIN: "And freshmen are expected to attend all rallies." I guess that means the pep rallies before the games?
- BARR: Mm-hmm.
- DONIN: Anyway, those were the rules. So you obeyed all the rules that you knew about?

- BARR: Oh, I was a good little boy.
- DONIN: I see. Okay. Did you find generally the teaching here was good?
- BARR: I thought it was excellent, but I had no comparison. I came from not a second-rate high school, nor a third-rate high school, but a fourth-rate high school. Haverhill High School.
- DONIN: Haverhill, Mass.
- BARR: Haverhill, Mass., which is my hometown. And it was a mill town. And the schools were just very ordinary.
- DONIN: Did you struggle to keep up here with the work?
- BARR: At Dartmouth?
- DONIN: Yes.
- BARR: I hope to tell you I did.
- DONIN: Yes. A lot of people said they didn't have much social time because they spent a lot of time in Baker Library trying to keep up with their work.
- BARR: Well, I think I was probably at the bottom of the pile of those that tried to keep up.
- DONIN: Uh huh. Now let's go to December 7, 1941. Do you remember where you were? Were you on campus that day?
- BARR: I was walking across campus when I think Baker Library bells were ringing and ringing. And it was a Sunday. And we heard the news. But for some reason, it didn't quite sink in in its entirety that all of a sudden our complete naval forces were wiped out in Pearl Harbor. It took a while for that to sink in. And of course a good number of the fellows after right that left college and volunteered their services.
- DONIN: Yes. I think, I don't know, a third of the class or something left. I think.

- BARR: Yes, I don't know if it was a third, but a good number of guys. And if they didn't leave at that moment or a week or two later, they probably left at the end of that semester. Then maybe a third of the class left.
  DONIN: Yes. But after that, they started having classes— They accelerated
- BARR: Well, we went through the summer.

the classes, didn't thev?

- DONIN: Yes, yes.
- BARR: And that is why the fellows that were left in the school graduated in '43 rather than '44. And we never had a graduation.
- DONIN: I know. How did you get your diploma? Did they mail them?
- BARR: It was mailed to us.
- DONIN: Yes. So did you stay through to the end of December of '43?
- BARR: Well, what happened... This is something I might get into later also. For one strange reason I was asked to join the faculty of the chemistry department.
- DONIN: Now there's a story!
- BARR: As an assistant in the laboratory, which is really a nothing-like job. And it was a question—I wanted.... Most guys were going in the Navy or Air Corps, and I wanted to go in the Navy. And they asked if I would consider doing for a semester or so and then go in the Navy afterwards. So I did that. So I didn't leave immediately.
- DONIN: You stayed around for a year?
- BARR: I was here for two semesters.
- DONIN: OK, so through '44.
- BARR: And then went in the Navy.
- DONIN: Were you a chemistry major?
- BARR: Yes.

- DONIN: And you were working in the lab?
- BARR: Well, I worked just basically assisting the professor: setting up the lab and doing a little of the scut work and correcting papers and things like that. Nothing of great importance.
- DONIN: Did you enjoy it, though?
- BARR: Yes, I did, up to a point. But you're still itching, you feel funny being here when everybody's over there.
- DONIN: Right. I mean weren't you lonely? All your classmates were gone, weren't they?
- BARR: Well, my roommate was also a '44--his name was Spence Baird at the time. And we knew a few— At that time we knew a few of the guys from the class that for one reason or another weren't in the service. And we were sort of friendly. But we also had some wild parties for which we were called before Dean Neidlinger.
- DONIN: Oh....
- BARR: And said a lot of this stuff, fancy and crazy stuff you guys are doing has got to stop.
- DONIN: Were you living in a dorm at this point?
- BARR: No, we lived off campus.
- DONIN: How did he get wind of your parties if they were off campus?
- BARR: Well, they were a little raucous at times.
- DONIN: Oh, my goodness! Where were you living? On Wheelock or—
- BARR: We lived over the police station at 19-1/2 South Main Street.
- DONIN: That's not a very smart place to have a party. [Laughs] So the word got back to Neidlinger.
- BARR: Word got back, and they put a stop to it.
- DONIN: So that was the end of your party career.

BARR:	Yes.
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DONIN: Yes. [Laughs] It seems that nobody really wanted to get in trouble with Dean Neidlinger. He sounded like he was—

- BARR: He was a tough guy.
- DONIN: Yes, pretty stern.
- BARR: He would scare the bravest of the brave up here.
- DONIN: Right. So you then went and signed up after your chemistry year.
- BARR: Right.
- DONIN: But you'd already graduated. So you were finished with Dartmouth.
- BARR: Yes, yes.
- DONIN: Uh-huh. How did it feel to have the class sort of splintered, I guess is the word?
- BARR: Fractionated.
- DONIN: With the different departure times of... Some of them left right away, some of them left at the end of the semester.
- BARR: That was one of the problems the class had. You know, they were spread all over the universe—or all over the world, I should say. And a lot of the fellows that went off early you never did get to meet.

DONIN: Yes.

- BARR: They might have gone a year, year and a half, or two years to Dartmouth, gone into the service, and then finished off at the University of California or Omaha, Nebraska or somewhere.
- DONIN: Uh huh. And some of them did eventually come back here to finish.
- BARR: Oh, yes. A good percentage of them did come back here and get their degrees.

- DONIN: But they were really with a different class at that point.
- BARR: Mm-hmm. There was a hodge-podge there.
- DONIN: Did they stay with the class of '44? Some of them I think might have been....
- BARR: They were still considered the class of '44, having graduated in '47 or '46.
- DONIN: Yes, there was a lot of that.
- BARR: Or '48 even.
- DONIN: Right, right. Well, did you become friendly with people in the class of '45 that extra year you were here?
- BARR: I knew one or two fellows in the class of '45 but it was very limited, my exposure to them. I knew more of the fellows in the class of '46 and '47 because that's when I was on the so-called faculty.
- DONIN: Oh, I see.
- BARR: And a lot of those fellows were students. And of course they were always cozying up to me because now I was, you know, on the faculty, so-called. I hate to refer to the term that I was on the faculty because I really wasn't in my own mind. I was more of an assistant, assistant janitor or something.
- DONIN: You were almost like a teaching assistant.
- BARR: Yes.
- DONIN: I think they call them now. TA. So did this splintering, this fracturing of the class, did that have a long-term impact on the unity of the class?
- BARR: Well, if you don't mind, I'll get into that situation later on as well.
- DONIN: OK. All right. Well, I think I'm running out of questions to ask you because I think you've got a...
- BARR: Well, I'm giving you short answers I guess. That's the problem.

- DONIN: That's all right. Why don't you talk about what you want to talk about.
- BARR: All right. I will begin at the beginning when I mentioned before how my interest in Dartmouth started. My oldest brother went there. Then I will jump a few years to my being a junior or senior at Haverhill High School. I applied to just a couple of colleges. I applied to Williams and Dartmouth. And I was refused at Williams. And I never heard from Dartmouth. But what happened, my oldest brother, again, was a very close friend-he was the class of '36was a very close friend of Eddie Chamberlain who was the dean of admissions-the assistant dean of admissions-at the time. And fortunately Dartmouth did not use the SATs, Scholastic Aptitude, at all. And my brother went to Eddie. He called him and said, "Look, I know he doesn't have the best grades. He's not a football player. But he's a good kid. He'll be all right. Why don't you, you know, stretch the rules a little bit?" And he said, "Well, Sid, he doesn't have much of a record." And anyway, I guess sometime around June of that year, they must have got a few refusals from other guys. So Eddie says, "All right, you know. Bring him up here." And that's how I entered Dartmouth-by the skin of my teeth.

And now I'm a freshman at Dartmouth College. And I have roommate, 104 Russell Sage, and his name is Jerry Brody. Jerry Brody was a very sophisticated New Yorker. I was a very unsophisticated country bumpkin. And Jerry was, you know, onto the ways of the world and whatnot. And I had led a very provincial life basically up until that time. And then all of a sudden, I realized something was happening here at Dartmouth College vis-à-vis me and the rest of the class. All of a sudden the fact that I was Jewish came to the forefront, and they realized I was Jewish because I roomed with a Jewish guy named Brody. And there were only one or two other fellows that I knew in the class, and they were both Jewish.

- DONIN: And they housed you—they roomed you together?
- BARR: What's that?
- DONIN: They put you together in rooms?
- BARR: They roomed all the Jews together at the time. Now, as I say, we lived in 104 Russell Sage. Next door to me were two very nice guys named—both went to Choate Prep School—Sandy McCreary and

Dave Spencer. And I used to be in their room listening to classical music. That was my first exposure to classical music. And we were friendly, but at a distance. It was strictly hands off. Then down the hall there as a fellow named Mal Freiberg and Frank Ames. And I'd see them occasionally and just go in their rooms and say hello and whatnot. But all through my freshman year at Dartmouth, not one gentile or non-Jew, I should say, ever came into our room, not one. And I figured, well, okay. I had never been exposed to that before basically because of the name Barr. My parents had come over from Latvia or Lithuania. The name over there was Barr; it was never changed. And not having the so-called characteristic, physical characteristics of a Jewish person, no one thought I was Jewish. But when I got to Dartmouth, for some reason they knew it. And it was not overt, but it was covert. And I had no non-Jewish friends at all. None.

- DONIN: You had no non-Jewish friends?
- BARR: None. Other than I say, the room I went into. But they would ask each other to go to lunch or breakfast or dinner. But I was never asked to be with any one of them at any time. And I never did because I was alone. And of course I was a young.... There was one other factor. When I entered Dartmouth, as I said before, I was very young. But I wasn't only 16; I was a young 16.
- DONIN: Right, right.
- BARR: A very young 16 in with a group of behemoths, 20-year-old football players who were light years ahead of me.
- DONIN: Must have been scary.
- BARR: In just about every respect. Even in grades, even though these fellows were jocks of a sort, they were still pretty able guys and whatnot. And I felt very uncomfortable in their presence.
- DONIN: Now did your brother experience the same thing?
- BARR: My brother was more outgoing than I was, my oldest brother.
- DONIN: Had he warned you about this?
- BARR: Pardon?

## DONIN: Had he warned you about this, that you were going to be ignored?

- BARR: No, we never even discussed it because maybe it never came up to the same degree with him than it did with me. He was more a man of the world, more of a hotshot than I was. But I went through that freshman year and now when it came to fraternities in sophomore year, there was one Jewish house on campus. And the only bid that I got was from that Jewish house to join. And I looked at the situation, and I said, No, I don't want to... Involved with just Jews as it is, I don't want to compound the felony and join what is considered like a ghetto of sorts. And so I refused to join. So I didn't join any fraternity. That also more or less put me on the outside or the periphery of things, not having a fraternity and fraternity brothers and so forth.
- DONIN: Did all your other Jewish friends join the fraternity?
- BARR: There were a couple of... A lot of my Jewish friends joined the Pi Lambda, the Jewish house. But there were a few, like two or three fellows in the class who were Jewish, who because they were either big football players or athletic or very outgoing and desirable company perhaps, they joined the Beta house or the Alpha Delta house. But not too many. I think there were just two or three that joined the other houses. Or were asked to join. And of course another thing at that time, I would say 75 percent of the houses on campus had national laws: no blacks and no Jews allowed. That of course went out sometime in the '60s or thereabouts.
- DONIN: Well, John Dickey started working on that as soon as he became president.
- BARR: But, you see, all due respect to President Hopkins, he more or less went along with that status quo.
- DONIN: There was a quota system.
- BARR: It was... The administration was not entirely open in their feelings. They were prejudiced.
- DONIN: Indeed.
- BARR: There's stories about some of the old grads coming back and speaking to Dean Strong, Bob Strong, who was the dean of admissions, or Eddie Chamberlain and some of the others: They're

noticing too many Jewish faces and Jewish names on campus. You've got to do something about it.

- DONIN: We have documentation of that here in the Archives. There's correspondence about it.
- BARR: But anyway, I got through it all. And then I joined the Navy. And after going through first, boot camp and then I went to midshipmen's school and then was on a ship. And by the time I hit my ship, an aircraft carrier, the war had just ended. So now the war was over. Maybe stupidly, but I joined the family... Took the path of least resistance and joined the family shoe business. We had three shoe factories at the time that my father had built up. And I lived the life of a... I don't know what to call it. Not the life of a playboy exactly but I did play a lot of golf. I became an excellent golfer. I played a lot of squash; I became a pretty good squash player. And now I've found that I'm making all sorts of friends. My so-called restricted network of just Jewish friends has eased off, broken away a little bit. And now I'm playing squash with basically all non-Jews. I'm plaving golf with a few non-Jews. But I did belong to a Jewish country club because I couldn't get into any other club.
- DONIN: Even in this day and age?
- BARR: Oh yes. This was back in the '50s and '60s. But anyway...
- DONIN: Did it get any better for you here in your later years? I mean, you said freshman year was really hard for you. Did it get any easier for you?
- BARR: It did get better. Because what happened.... I'll tell you a very funny thing that, I, to this day, do not understand completely. When I graduated Dartmouth—or when I was here—I was strictly a non-plus student. The fact that I became an assistant chemistry, don't let that fool you because maybe I was the last of the pack, the last chem major to be asked to be an assistant. I was not a top student. I was certainly not a top athlete here and so forth. But now I leave Dartmouth, and we have reunions every five years. I didn't go to the first two reunions. But I went to every reunion from the 15<sup>th</sup> reunion on to the 25<sup>th</sup>. And right after the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion, probably in between the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> reunion, I got a letter from the president of the class. And the letter was addressed to Stan Barr in Swampscott, Massachusetts. And the letter says, in essence, Dear Stan, As one of the outstanding members of the class, we are a group of ten or

12 people, ten of the leaders, ten or 12 of the leaders of the class, along with you, that would like to meet and discuss the future of our class at this particular hotel in Hartford, Connecticut. And I'm looking at this letter, and I'm thinking, these guys don't even know who I am. Now I'm invited as one of the leaders of the class? Now someone, somewhere, put my name in. I don't know why, and I don't know who did it. I suspect someone but I never approached that person and then that person died. Now I go to this meeting. And everybody that had never known me, didn't know who I was or anything, at the meeting they throw their arms around me, embrace me. Stan! Good to see you again! And so on and so forth. And I'm looking at all these ex-football players and hockey players and big shots in the school and just in general. And I'm thinking, God, you've come a long way, Baby.

We had a very interesting meeting. We kicked around certain things. And we were worried about the fact that the class was fractionated by the war. And it still had not pulled itself together. And we discussed ways and means of perhaps doing it, and I kicked in a few of my ideas. And now, all of a sudden I find that from that point on, I'm an integral part of this class. And I'm one of the big shakers and movers. And out of nowhere, when the smoke cleared, all of a sudden like Lazarus, rose from the ashes. And here I be. But I enjoyed it because I love Dartmouth College.

- DONIN: But why do you love Dartmouth? It wasn't nice to you?
- BARR: I loved it because I loved the ambience here, the location. I love the spirit that these guys had. And I still, in spite of everything... They might not have been nice, but I still felt there was something that was drawing me to this college that had an appeal. And it had an appeal that Harvard, Yale—Princeton may have had a little of it—but Harvard and Yale did not have.

To digress a moment, I belonged to the University Club in Boston where I played squash. And one of the guys I played squash with went to Harvard. And we were in the shower together and all of a sudden I see another friend of mine there who went to Harvard and I'm talking to both of these guys and neither one of them is talking to each other. And I said to both of them, I said, "Don't you two Airedales know each other?" "Well, no." And I said, "Well you both went to Harvard." "Oh?" And I introduced them to each other. "What class were you?" They find they were in the same class. They're in the same dorm and lived on the same floor. But the amazing thing to me is that after they got through saying, "Oh really?" they walked away without saying another word to each other. And I'm saying, "thank God I went to Dartmouth." Because two Dartmouth men get together...

When I was in the Navy aboard ship one day, I was junior officer of the deck in the Philippine Islands, and I see this fellow officer come aboard wanting to pick up 500 cases of whiskey for the officers' clubs in the Philippine Islands. And he had a ring on. I said, "Is that a Dartmouth ring?" And he said, "Yes." I said, "What class were you?" And he was in my class.

- DONIN: Oh!
- BARR: We became so close, and he slept over in my bunkroom with me that night. [Laughter] And that's how Dartmouth men are when they get together.
- DONIN: Yes.
- BARR: Vis-à-vis Harvard and Yale and a lot of other schools. Anyway, after a while, when it came to reunion where we picked new class officers, I was also the head of the nominating committee, and how are we going to do this and that? And I said, "Well, you guys can do what you want. I want to be treasurer." I said, "I want to whip up a little zip of moxie into these guys, make sure they pay their bills. I'll get them." And I did become treasurer, and I was the treasurer for I don't know, 15 or 20 years.
- DONIN: Oh, my goodness!
- BARR: And I became Treasurer of the Year. I was awarded the Class Treasurer of the Year one year because I really had a helluva good percentage of givers. I would call guys up on the phone all over the country. I'd say, "Come on now." And, you know, most people in the class, if they don't know someone are afraid to initiate a call to someone to ask for money. But I had figured out something to break the ice and talk to them about. I'd say, "Incidentally, get your dues in. Everybody's paid their dues, just about, except you. So don't be an outcast." And I did a good job as treasurer. And not only did I perk up the dues collection, but I decided how we were going to run this class. And for a while there I made all the decisions in the class. That we're going to do it this way and that way.

Now, John Berry and I became very close friends. And I said to John when he put forth the money for the Baker-Berry Library, I said, "John, the 1902 Room has always impressed me." I used to spend my time studying in the 1902 Room. I said, "When your building, your addition goes up to Baker Library," I said, "I want a 1944 Room up there." He said, "Well, gee, that's a great idea, Stan." And Jim Wright got a hold of the idea, and went along with it. So we got the penthouse because I said we've got to have something there. But I decided amongst the class that we're going to do a lot of other things. We're going to do it my way. And one thing I couldn't do: I could never run the class by committee. To me, committees are the worst way to run it. I make the decision and that's it. And I started to make decisions with an iron hand. But they were beneficial to the class. Pat myself on the back a bit.

- DONIN: Let me just go back, though, to when you were an undergraduate. Were the other Jewish kids that were in the class with you, did they experience any overt anti-Semitism? You said you didn't experience any....
- BARR: No, it wasn't overt. They might have... There were a few altercations. I remember one. One of the Jewish guys was standing in line for the Commons; we all ate at the Commons. And one of the football players was trying to jump in front of him. They started to tussle there a little bit. And he made some nasty remark. I mean something stupid, but made it. I don't know just to what degree the others felt it. I only know that no one ever came into my room. And I wasn't that close to my roommate either.
- DONIN: Well he came from a totally different experience than you did.
- BARR: Yes. Well when you... He became one of the biggest restaurateurs in New York City. Opened up the Four Seasons, Mama Leone's and Fonda del Sol. He became a very... He has since died. But they had a full-page obit on him in the *New York Times* when he died because he did change the face of eating in New York.
- DONIN: But you guys didn't have much in common when you were both freshmen at Dartmouth.
- BARR: He was big in the newspaper, the Dartmouth newspaper, and I had nothing to do with it, so... We were like ships in the night, you know. Our paths crossed.

## DONIN: Uh huh.

BARR: Then when we all went off campus the next, year, I roomed with... There were eight of us, all Jewish guys the next year. He and I still roomed in the same room together which didn't really mean much. We had just as much to say the second year as the first, which was nothing. [Laughter]

## [End of Interview]