

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 24

Dear Dean Rieser,

Thank you very much
for your letter of June 17,
telling me of my promotion.
I'm very glad that I made
this grade before my retirement.
It was close.

It was you who gave me
my first boost, long ago,
when I felt trapped, as a mere
technician, with publishable
material being wasted because
I could not get enough free
time to work on it. You heard
out my tale of woe one evening
at Silsby, and promised me a
leave-without-pay, if I could
get a research grant. I got it,

and everything has gone pretty well ever since.

I had another lucky break when we turned into a Biology Department, and I was allowed to try my hand at teaching.

It's not what I'd call a brilliant career, but it's been fun most of the time, and I'm still going strong - I hope.

Thanks again

Hannah