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Class of 1968! Greetings from West Lebanon (just south of Hanover)!

John Engelmann, Newsletter Editor for so many years and winner of a Dartmouth Alumni Award, has retired from the Newsletter and left it with a rookie from down the road! Engelman is a walking encyclopedia of class lore and knows more about what is happening at Dartmouth than just about anyone. I bet John wrote the copy for his newsletters by plugging his brain into a computer at night and dreaming about Dartmouth. I don't know what he is going to do in his "retirement," but whatever time he does not spend writing this newsletter I bet he'll give to "Dart Coll!" Thanks, John, for a job extremely well done! Hope you will continue to share your insights and your care and concern for Dartmouth and our class in this newsletter.

I don't expect to be able to emulate John but here goes! I welcome your comments, criticisms, suggestions and most of all your contributions! The first article in this edition of the *Transmission* was contributed by none other than Mr. Gear'68 himself!

Greg Marshall, Editor

Next Things First! Fall Mini Reunion! Saturday, Oct. 11th by John Engelmann

Tailgate on the south lawn at Alpha Delta beginning around 11 am.

Football game vs. Yale at 12:30pm. (People should order their own tickets in the class section)

Cocktails and Dinner at Dowd's Country Inn in Lyme beginning around 7pm.

Cost for the tailgate and dinner will be about \$50/person.

Class meeting will be held this weekend at a time and location to be determined

Anyone planning on attending should contact John Everett (jceverettjr@aol.com) or John Engelmann (john.s.engelman@dartmouth.edu) by email so we can get an accurate count. This is not homecoming weekend, but we decided to do it on this weekend because we felt the Yale football game would be of greater interest than the Holy Cross game.

Foliage should be near peak color, and a good time will be had by all!

**Class of '68 Gathers 40 years after Graduation! Bear Everett Chairs Great Reunion of Class!
40th Reunion by the Numbers: Unofficial Treasurer's Report**
Gerry Bell, 40th Reunion Treasurer

1. We threw ourselves a hell of a party! We had 220+ people this time vs. 80 at the 35th and 130 at the 30th. And we spent almost four times as much as last time. It wasn't all attributable to larger numbers or heightened hedonistic pleasures -- a lot of the increase was due to a large increase in Dartmouth's per capita assessment for tents, Safety and Security, electrical connections, event venues, etc. Reunion week is apparently getting very expensive for the College to put on. What the hell, we got a big tent, an air-conditioned dorm, and an air-conditioned dorm lounge to retreat to when it got unbearably hot. I just hope it wasn't too expensive, although I did enjoy the power Bear Everett gave me to play "Lets Make a Deal."
2. Hell of a party or not, we've grown up -- and settled down. We drank only \$566 worth of beer and \$2500 worth of wine. Pretty good beer, pretty good wine, too. We have apparently discovered the virtues of moderation.
3. We're generous. A number of guys had money coming back because they'd paid the full freight and had to cut it short or arrive late, or because their spouse couldn't make it at the last minute. A large percentage of them told me not to refund their money, but to contribute it to the DCF or the Trip Endowment instead. Nice gesture!
4. We are incredibly lucky, or healthy, or blessed, or some combination thereof. Peter Fahey was looking at our listing of deceased classmates at our Memorial Service, and whispered to me, "You're an actuary -- is this more or fewer than you'd expect?" I said, "Fewer. Far fewer." Then I got curious. Turns out our mortality from ages 18-62 is one-fourth the expected deaths from the U.S. Males mortality table, and about half the expected deaths from the super-select tables of high socioeconomic status. Our hearts ache for our lost classmates, but we're still awfully lucky. I wish all the survivors would show up at some reunion so we could send a group picture to the Society of Actuaries Committee on Mortality and blow them away.
5. We have the best music, and the best band. Whoever the hell is in second place is so far back you can't even see them.
6. We're fit. We're not only alive we're in pretty good shape. I went over to the College fitness center one morning (to do my sedate treadmill walking) and saw Bart Palmer go through the entire Nautilus weight machines in record time, while Jim Topinka was making an elliptical machine go faster than I ever thought possible. Then I looked around at lunch and found myself agreeing with my wife (one of the world's pre-eminent authorities in evaluating male looks): we really are a bunch of good-looking guys!
7. We're eloquent, and inspirational. One look at the Reunion Book will tell you that. But as I listened to my classmates (chosen at random) read the thoughts on "To Life" at our Memorial Service (and remember, they were all reading someone else's words), I thought, "My God, what presence these guys have! They're spellbinding!" Compare that to the stiffs you see on C-Span when the House and Senate are broadcast, and you can't help but think that the world would be a lot better place if the Dartmouth Class of 1968 had all the leadership positions ...
8. We belong to each other. I remember the sentence from our Green Book: "He may not always be a Dartmouth student, but he'll always be a Dartmouth man." I came back to the reunion on Thursday morning, after skipping out on Wednesday, and I was struck not only by the number of guys who came to that last breakfast, but who hung around talking long after the breakfast dishes were put away. We had a real hard time letting go. And it was for a good reason.

Olson's 40th Reunion Book Wildly Applauded!

Dick Olson received a standing ovation at the 40th Reunion Banquet for his creative and masterful editing of the 40th Reunion Book. Every member of the Class of 1968 received a copy paid for from the class treasury. We would like to know how the book has been received and welcome your reactions to it. Please send them to me on the enclosed Green Card or by emailing gregmars@yahoo.com. If I get enough of them we'll put them in the next **Transmission**. Let's the echoes of that ovation ring for Dick and our appreciation continue to reverberate!

Now that Dick has finished this monumental work, what has he been thinking about?

I'm including some of Dick's reflections sent in a recent email!

"Doing the reunion book has impacted me in many ways--meeting some great people whom I missed somehow in the 60s, having a chance to honor the artists and musicians and poets in the class reconnecting with Peter Bien, etc.

But the work hit me hard another way. Learning of Dan Morgenroth's death reminded me of the guitar I bought 44 years ago after hearing his magic. I learned a few chords but let it sit around. But I see we don't have forever. So I am picking it up again.

Part way through I also realized (with a nudge from Steve Calvert) that I needed to give my left brain a rest--enough lists, organizing, willing, proofing, and worrying. Time to revive my inert poetry appreciator. So I have gotten off most of the boards I've been on, and I am reading some great poetry I didn't know existed--some from a great collection called *The Rag and Bond Shop of the Heart*, edited by Robert Bly, James Hillman and Michael Meade. I liked it so much I gave a copy to my sons.

Here's a poem by Rumi (and translated by Bly). I like the last line:

Names

You should try to hear the name the Holy One has for things.
There is something in the phrase: "The Holy One taught him names."
We name everything according to the number of legs it has;
The holy one names it according to what is inside.
Moses waved his stick; he thought it was a "rod."
But inside its name was "dragonish snake."
We thought the name of Umar meant: "agitator against priests"
But in eternity his name is "the one who believes."
No one knows our name until our last breath goes out.

Rumi

Dick is planning to go on retreat with Robert Bly at the end of September.

Thanks again, Dick, for being more than our reunion book editor. To the people who got to know you as you went about your work, you became a good friend.

Reunion Celebration of Life**Class of '68 Celebrates 40th Birthday!****Life Begins!**

The Church of Christ at Dartmouth College ("The White Church"), founded by Eleazar Wheelock, was the scene for a resounding memorial celebration during the 40th reunion. While Eleazar rolled over, we rocked and rolled with a great band calling themselves SWB (S---- White Band): Gene Mackles (keyboard), Frank Couper (bass), Kirby Nickels (drums), Steve Calvert (lead guitar) and Peter Wonson (lead vocalist). Dave Fuchs joined the group on bass under the tent later that night when SWB thundered and lighteninged!

SWB kicked off with a Calvert arrangement of "Welcome Back!" from that seventies show "Welcome Back, Kotter!" then "Turn! Turn!" turned to the Byrds, the Beatles and Pete Seeger and took us back to "Imagine" those "Times They Are A'Changin!"

Three unpublished poems by John Wickliffe were read by Bart Palmer, Jamie Newcomb and Greg Marshall who coordinated the celebration.

Reunion Chair John Everett sat next to the family of "Jeeps" Lendler who drove from Connecticut to be there. Gary Blackman's family was there!

Fifty candles, one for each of our lost classmates, were lit as Dave Peck led our '68 chorale in singing "Dartmouth Undying."

Lots of good stuff happened during the celebration! Joy! Peace! Healing! Reconciliation! Reunion! It was great just to be there together!

The benediction:

I want you to celebrate another day of livin'
I want you to celebrate another day of life!

Don't be bothered with sorrow
And don't be bothered with hate, no! no!
Live your time just feeling fine and livin' every day!

....yeah, yeah!



Celebration of Life!

June 10, 2008

photo by Grace Dickerson

Memorial

We Are All Each of Us and Together

John Crepps Wickliffe III 1946-1980
Class of 1968

We are all each of us and together,
In pairs, groups and some alone,
Figurines of crystal on a skylight.

We move, and are moved, in elaborate configurations,
Tracing delicate patterns on the glass.

We have a world below us, obscured only by the lines we draw,
And a world above us, a blue bowl by day
And by night, set in diamonds.

This last, too, we should like to mark.

The shadows we cast, on each other and on the floor,
Are strange, edges on edges and outlines within outlines.

In a way I am, like you, a window,
And through me many things are seen.

Once perhaps, you may have seen me.

We Remember and Give Thanks for You!

Eric J. Morgenthal	1964	Derek R. Wolshonak	1991
David A. Clark	1967	David L. Salsbury	1991
James H. Barr	1967	Norman N. Jones, III	1994
David A. Seidman	1969	Robert A. Snowden, Jr.	1994
Peter N. Kittle	1969	Douglas A. Farmer	1995
Philip C. Lucas	1970	Donald S. Hayden	1995
J. Robert Peacock	1970	Gary T. Blackman	1995
Tony Goit	1971	Richard H. Weeks	1995
Alexander E. McCarthy	1972	Charles H. Cochran	1997
Eric H. Larsen	1972	Lester J. Heath, III	1997
Allan W. Wall, Jr.	1972	Allan R. Meyers	2000
Patrick O. Kearney	1973	Samuel G. Saunders, Jr.	2000
David M. Sobel	1974	Philip W. Basquin	2001
Greg G. Henderson	1976	Robert B. Mogy	2001
James L. Price	1976	Jeffrey E. LeVeen	2001
Walter J. Baynes	1978	James J. Lipsky	2002
John S. "Jay" Holcomb	1979	George C. Cooley	2003
Stephen L. Debnam	1979	David R. Sigelman	2004
John C. Wickliffe	1980	Lewin G. Joel, III	2004
Eugene R. Lendler	1983	Guy Christopher Z. Mhone	2005
John F. Twist, III	1986	Dan E. Morgenroth	2006
David M. Detweiler	1988	Scott S. Wadler	2007
James J. Lewis	1988	Michael J. Machan	2007
Barnard Simmons	1989	Jeff R. Freirich	2007
Ocie J Sydnor	1990	Steven J. Goldthwait	2008

Feb 28-March 7, 2009 Ski Trip! Steamboat Springs! Contact skiboy1968@roadrunner.com

Lodging -- Typically the ski trip veterans (about 10 classmates) rent a house or two as reunion central -- bedrooms enough for all of us, plus lots of living space for apres-ski, dining in, etc. This year we've contracted for an enormous house (9500 sq.ft.) composed of two connected duplexes -- so two media rooms, two pool tables, two living rooms, two dining rooms; a great reunion HQ. This place is located at the base of the Thunderhead Lift, to the skier's left of the base area. I'm pretty sure we've got this whole house filled at this writing.

As for all of you -- well, I can help with advice, references (I've been to Steamboat at least a dozen times); and coordination if any of you want to double up, triple up, or quad up. Naturally, you can surf the Steamboat lodging websites to your heart's content as well. But I think it may help to have some idea of how many are coming, who they are, how simpatico they might be -- and then we can explore possibilities for teaming up on housing if you wish. So, if you'd get back to me (and others on this list you may want to contact) we can take it from there.

Bear in mind, though, that desirable shared housing and large condos are in demand in the high season week that we'll be there -- this is not something one can generally let go till December or January.

Meals -- Our veterans' group has gone from dining out most nights to dining in more, because of the nice setting we've generally rented and because it can be a hassle getting reservations for 18-20 people or more. Typically Jim and Bev Lawrie knock over a Costco on arrival day, so we eat in on the Saturday arrival night ("ArrivalFest") in order to avoid trying to find a place to eat that first Saturday night. Then they clean out a local supermarket and prepare a big spread for Wednesday night ("LawrieFest"), which we also eat in. (Jim and Bev how much help they are going to need if our group grows appreciably.)

Generally our reunion banquet -- fine dining, super gourmet meal, wine flowing like a river, legendary ski trip awards -- takes place on Thursday rather than Friday night (inevitably someone has to leave on Friday). We've always done this dining out at one of the two or three best restaurants in the area, and it's getting to be more of a hassle with large numbers, and more often than not we can't get a private room ... nevertheless, I will make inquiries of the good restaurants I'm familiar with, but I am also quite interested this time in a service our landlords provide. Apparently their properties are so upscale they offer a chef/catering service, where the tenants choose the menu and a top-notch chef comes in and prepares all the meals. Quite pricey if you do it for all meals for your whole stay, but a reasonable possibility, I think, for the reunion banquet -- and they will do such a one-shot deal. They also have prepared meals (called "take and bake" that we can pick up and warm up); so that's also a possibility.

This is not to say we won't go out to eat -- both the Mountain Village and downtown Steamboat have fine restaurants, and there are at least a couple of places I want to revisit. I will probably make a couple of reservations for six or eight at a couple of these, knowing we can fill them. But the prospects of dining out multiple times as an entire group ("if it's Tuesday, this must be La Cantina") probably isn't in the cards. Not to worry, though - we can play the free nights by ear, and it'll work out.

Skiing -- If you've faithfully read all the ski trip reports in the class newsletter, you may have formed the impression that this trip is all super skiers, and it would be hard to keep up, you'd be out of place, etc. Don't believe it. (Some of you clearly don't need to worry at all; you were on the ski team at Dartmouth, and your reunion book entries confess your continued expertise.) The rest of you, rest easy! We're improving in technique, but decreasing in speed; raging in testosterone, but more circumspect (or at least more of us are more circumspect). Put simply, we ain't that great -- we're old! Whatever your ability, you'll fit right in, and there will be somebody to ski with.

As to lift ticket deals -- I'm fairly confident that if we get a large group of skiers, I can parlay that number and our Dartmouth fame into a good group rate on tickets (maybe even skiing around with Billy Kidd for a day). Another reason to commit and get a good count early.

A Letter from Past-President Clark Wadlow

It has been a great honor to serve as Class President these past five years. It has been humbling to follow Steve Calvert and the others who have done so much for the Class and for the College during prior terms.

Most notable among the things that have been accomplished over these years has been the creation of the 50th Reunion Gift Fund. After some negotiations, the College agreed to accept and administer the Fund. Through our Class dues check-off and with the very generous contributions of John Blair, Ed Heald, Peter Fahey, John Engelmann and many others, we now have almost \$500,000 in the Fund. And, we have great expectations that ten years from now the Class will have achieved its goal and will give the College a gift that will ensure that the Freshman Trips continue to provide an introduction to all students to Dartmouth and that no student will ever feel a need to decline to go on a trip for financial reasons. The trips will be free to all incoming class members.

Thanks to Jim Lawrie, Bill Stahl, John Engelman and others, we have closed the gap and caught up with all the younger classes and some of our older predecessors in our methods of communicating with Class members. We now have a fully operational Class website, with current news and information about recent and upcoming meetings and events. We also have a Class listserv that will enable us to communicate with the Class more effectively and more efficiently.

We also have continued our series of great mini-reunions, every fall in Hanover and every March on the annual Class Ski Trip. I would encourage Class members to make the effort to join the Class for those events in the future. The camaraderie and the friendship more than justify the effort.

Special thanks are due to Bear Everett who put together such a successful reunion this month, and to Dick Olson who put in so much work on our 40th Reunion Book, which will be sent to every Class member. That book is something we will all cherish -- and which our children and grandchildren will continue to cherish years from now. There are too many others who have done so much for the Class over the years for me to mention all of them. Four who are retiring from their most recent positions merit special recognition. John Engelman has served the Class as Newsletter Editor for ten years. Ron Weiss has been our Class Treasurer for 25 years, amazingly enough. Gerry Bell, as Class Vice President, has chaired the ski trips and fostered the 50th Reunion Gift Fund. And, Bill Rich has been a record-setting Head Agent. They all deserve our special thanks.

Finally, best wishes to Ron Weiss, our new Class President, and to the other elected and appointed officers and leaders. Let's continue the traditions and accomplishments of the great Class of 1968!

Clark

Letter from President Ron Weiss

Clark Wadlow has done a magnificent job as our president. He has made being a part of the class executive committee fun and he has worked quietly and effectively with a lot of people, always reaching out to classmates who want to help out and to those who just want to reconnect with other classmates and the College. He will be a tough act to follow. Clark, thanks again for doing such a great job with grace under sometimes trying circumstances. (continued)

Fortunately, we continue to have the benefit of Clark and the other folks who have served us so well over the years as class officers or members of our executive committee. No one has yet asked to leave the committee. Of course, the only sure way off of the committee is death; but all the same, no one has asked. The executive committee is open to any classmate willing to help out. Just let me know of your interest by email. All of us would very much appreciate any help you might be willing to give.

For those of us who couldn't attend the 40th reunion and have gotten the 40th Reunion Book by mail, I'm sure you'll agree that it is pretty amazing. Dick Olson said he would volunteer for one project only, and he certainly picked a good one and did it right. The reunion itself was well organized by Bear Everett and Gerry Bell, with the able help of Greg Marshall, John Engleman and Ed Heald. It was fun, with the right balance of activity and down time, and with a moving memorial service for deceased classmates.

Whether or not you were able to join us for the 40th, please consider coming to some of our mini-reunions. Mike Lenehan and Bear Everett, our Mini-Reunion Co-Chairs, and Ed Heald, Gerry Bell (Ski Trip mini-reunion organizer) and John Engleman (our man in Hanover) are already working on some fun events. Our first Hanover mini-reunion will be on October 10 and 11th for the Yale game. Watch your email (if we don't have your email address, please send it to Jim Lawrie at lawrie.68@alum.dartmouth.org), this newsletter and our class website (www.dartmouth68.com) for information on that mini-reunion and others coming up. I hope to see you there!

Ron

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