

1968: Happy Holidays, all! A grand mini-reunion over Columbus Day weekend started with an Executive Committee meeting with 17 classmates...largest committee meeting in memory. Besides the usual suspects, **Joe Nathan Wright** and **Dave Walden** were welcome newcomers. Both expressed renewed enthusiasm for class activities after our successful reunion last June. We all repaired to AD for tail gating, with most heading from there to the game. Four of us, **Clark Wadlow**, **Joe Grasso**, **Parker Beveridge**, and **David Peck** skipped the game for a round of golf at the Country Club...I might note the football team mentally skipped the game, too...they lost to Yale. The golf game featured one memorable moment: Clark hooked his first shot way left on one hole, where it hit a tree and bounced to the middle of the (correct) fairway. He declared mulligan time, and hit his second shot in an identical manner...hard left, tree bounce, back into the fairway. The shots were side by side. He couldn't have done that if he'd tried 1,000 shots. Later that evening, classmates, spouses and guests gathered at the Dowd Country Inn for a class dinner...overall headcount was 27, including new Dean of the College Tom Crady and his wife Lisa. A fine mini-reunion. And more are coming: the Executive Committee is planning more, both for good opportunities to do things together, and to provide long term focus on our class project and ramp up to our 50th Reunion gift. Coming soon, of course, is the annual ski trip to Steamboat Springs February 28 through March 7, 2009, which looks to have 25 to 30 already expressing interest. And there is early planning for a golf event in September 2009, as well as a College Grant trip with **Jack Noon** sometime that same month. And the next Executive Committee meeting (all are always welcome) is planned in Hanover over the weekend of January 24, 2009. To be combined with skiing and a hockey game or two. Other news: heard at the Executive Committee meeting: **Bob Block** was in a bike race and took a wicked tumble: he woke up in the ICU with broken ribs, torn ACL and a broken thumb. And is already all better and back on his bike. Ouch. **Rod Hawkins** and wife Sandy met up with **Joe Carbonari** and his lady friend Pam Kennedy (mayor of Kalispell, Montana) at Big Mountain, Montana, and spent time together in Glacier National Park. Rod and Joe hadn't seen each other since June 1968. Sad news as well: classmate **Wayne Wadhams** died in late summer (watch for the obituary in this or a future magazine), and **Pete Stevens'** wife Gayle died in a tragic automobile accident, in late August. Keep the news coming, via electrons or snails...love to hear from you, love to share the news. And again, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year. david.peck@childrens.harvard.edu.