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Newsletter Editor Struck by the Big 'D'

I am glad to report that John Engelman is stepping in to take over, on a temporary basis, the editing of **The 68 Transmission** in the aftermath of my having suffered a not so minor depression. I don't want to go into all the details but suffice it to say that I was overwhelmed by the smallest of things and almost everything seemed too big to tackle including this newsletter.

My doctor thinks that my depression is related to a sleep disorder, which led to exhaustion and a subsequent collapse of defenses and coping mechanisms. Since I have started treatment for the sleep disorder I have begun to improve. Hope has started to replace despair.

When all of this went down I was ashamed of myself and started to isolate myself off from the world. But then I decided to begin to reach out to others and ask for help. I called Ron Weiss and asked to be relieved of what I had only started after our reunion last June. Ron is a compassionate listener and completely understood. I reached out to other pastors, to the men in my spirituality group, classmates, and also people whom I knew had been through similar experiences. My physician was a great help and spent more than an hour just listening without judgment. I believe that getting out from underneath the burden of certain responsibilities and being able to talk with others about what was happening to me has helped tremendously.

I just want to share this with you to let you know that I am not ashamed and I am available to listen to anyone and help as I am able. Keep in touch! gregmars@yahoo.com or 603-298-8057.

Thanks, Ron and John! All of you be well!

-Greg Marshall

Class of 1968's 50th Reunion Gift

We continue to move ahead with our efforts to raise an endowment for the Freshmen Trips. We thought it would be a good idea to review how and why we arrived at this project:

This Endowment has been established by the Class of 1968 to ensure that every student entering Dartmouth is able to begin his or her years at the College with the Trip experience right at the outset. We believe that this experience is special, unique, and valuable – and we want to preserve it for all future Dartmouth students.

Six years ago, our Class Executive Committee began to consider our 50th Reunion Gift in 2018. The early attention focused on “Excellence Fellowships,” until David Peck noted that such fellowships would only benefit three or four students each year, and that it would do so at the end of their Dartmouth experience. “Why not do something for all Dartmouth students,” David asked, “and do so at the beginning of their Dartmouth experience?” And thus was born our idea to endow the Freshman Trip!

The Freshman Trip is the first experience at Dartmouth for a typical student. For each student who is able to participate, it reflects the initial inclusion in the Dartmouth family and it begins to establish the ties that bind us to each other and to the institution. As the esteemed Gerry Bell has written about his trip, his group “learned our first bits of Dartmouth myth and folklore,” found themselves “admitted to a brotherhood with a mystique like no other,” and had been placed “under the beginnings of a spell that someone once wrote a song about.”

As members of the Class of 1968, we have the opportunity to make this sort of experience continue for future generations of Dartmouth students. But, the Class needs your help! We need you to give early – and we need you to give often. If each member of the Class gave the equivalent of a dinner for two each year to this endowment, we would reach our goal. Think of adding \$50 or \$100 or \$200 to the Endowment each year to your Class Dues payment. You could also add something for the Endowment when you make a gift to the Dartmouth College Fund. And, please encourage classmates to support this noble goal. We hope it can make a real difference for many years to come.

Class President **Ron Weiss** writes:

“The drop in the value of the College’s endowment presents us with a unique opportunity to build up *The Class of 1968 Student Orientation Fund*, our 50th reunion project. Recall that we initially targeted endowing a fund of \$5.7 million. The College invests our contributions to the fund with its endowment funds, and reinvests the income and gains from our fund. That way, the fund grows faster than the College’s endowment, which is subject to annual spending to support College operations. With markets at historically low levels, gifts into the fund now should provide excellent returns in the nine years between now and our 50th reunion, significantly lowering the fundraising effort we would have to make if we wait until just before our 50th.

Bill Rich is heading up our 50th reunion project fund raising effort. He is working with our mini-reunion chairmen, **Bear Everett** and **Mike Lenehan**, to organize regional mini-reunions. We are hoping to use these mini-reunions to bring classmates up to speed on what is happening at the College and the status of our various efforts on behalf of the College, including the 50th reunion project. If you are interested in helping to Bear or Mike in organizing an event in your region of the country, please contact them.

Dan Nelson '75 was recently appointed Director of Outdoor Programs at the College. I have known Dan for many years, and Dan’s appointment bodes well for the future of the DOC, the Freshman Trips, and all aspects of outdoor programming. He is an inspired choice. When I mentioned to Dan our plans for this endowment, his reaction was, to say the least, enthusiastic. Bill Rich and I will be meeting with Dan later in May to discuss how his office might work with the Class of '68 to enhance our fundraising and to help us meet our goal. More about that as things develop.

David Peck writes of his memories of his freshman trip:

Memories of my Freshman Trip run warm, cold and slightly revolting. The warm one is a glorious day on Moosilauke, - clear, warm, with spectacular, take-your-breath away views. The cold memory is of taking a dip in the brook below the Ravine Lodge, the coldest water I think I have ever risked swimming in. With lots of fellow freshman around, I couldn't lose face by refusing to swim, but I think I was screaming (quietly) in pain throughout the abbreviated dip. And of course, the old black and white movie of A Rescue in the Adirondacks (?) was the revolting memory. I think they rescued some bone fragments and tattered clothing.

But these three specific memories really make one very good memory, of the first Dartmouth experience and first Dartmouth friends.

Editors Note: Please share with me your memories – good, bad or indifferent – from your freshman trip. We would like these to be an ongoing part of The 68 Transmission, as we continue to build the endowment.

Steamboat 2009: The Best-Laid Plans...

Legendary Scribe, **Gerry Bell**, continues to chronicle the '68 Annual Ski Trip/Mini-Reunion, as no other one can:

I'm weary of writing ski trip reports, and you're probably weary of reading them. My plan this year was to pull a Tom Sawyer and get someone -- everyone -- else to write it for me: I set up a computer in the dining room of our reunion HQ and invited everyone to weigh in with comments, impressions, observations, testimonials -- whatever. Alas, the best-laid plans often go awry ... Of 29 attendees on the trip -- a new record, absolutely destroying the old record of 22 set at Jackson Hole -- a grand total of four guys contributed! Ah, the legacy of Dartmouth undone assignments! I guess I can eliminate "inspirational professor" from my list of potential future careers.

So here I am again, informed by friend **Engelman** that "you gotta write a ski trip report for the newsletter!" Bear with me; I'll try to keep it relatively short (for me) and persuasive for next year's trip.

Our June '08 reunion recruiting efforts paid off with five newbies: **Hap and Susan Ridgway**, recently retired and back at the ranch in Cody, Wyoming; Steamboat residents **Bill and Barbara Philip**; **Peter Emmel** (thanks for all the pix, Peter!); **Rick Pabst** (one of the contributors to the dining room computer -- thanks, Rick!); and **Dave Dibelius** (another contributor -- thanks, I think, Dave; he said he told me that I "have a very soft edge set" and that he could tell I was a ski instructor because I "took it as a compliment." But he also said the toughest part of the trip was watching the chairman wander around the house in his checked flannel Maine Guide pajama shorts!)

Returning to the fold after temporary absences from the trip: **Rusty Martin**, **Tom Stonecipher**, **Sandy Dunlap**, **Dennis and Pat Donahue**, and **David and Sarah Stromeyer**. Great reinstatements -- and no more cutting class, guys! We expect you all on next year's trip!

And finally the usual suspects -- the ski trip veterans and regulars: **Clark Wadlow**, **Paul Fitzgerald**, **Jim and Bev Lawrie**; **John and Chris Blair**; **Jim Noyes and Laurie Solomon**, **Peter Fahey**, and the guy in the flannel shorts. A special Sarah Palin shout-out to **Larry Griffith**, who wrote on the dining room computer a wonderful trip testimonial about how welcome he and wife **Julia Griffith** were made to feel on their first trip, and how the trip has since become a highlight of their year. Thanks, Larry! And finally, last but not least, '68 wannabe **John Manaras '67** and his brother and sister-in-law **Steve and Lindsay Manaras**. These regulars are the rock upon which (with apologies to Annie Savoy in "Bull Durham") this Church of Skiing is built!

Random snippets of memory from another super trip: a fabulous trophy house (currently listed in a down market for \$4.2 million, but a lot more reasonable to rent!) ... cutthroat "99" games featuring ten or more cutthroats ... Blair's charades-like game, at which Susan Ridgway was the acknowledged master ... Laurie Solomon's Cruella de Ville plan for retaliation against the neighbor who complained of "too many cars" in our driveway ... New England-like "hard powder" every morning until it softened up to sweet spring skiing under sunny skies every day ... gourmet dinner at mid-mountain restaurant HAZIE's, followed by the gondola trip down into the valley after

dark -- not unlike slowly descending to earth in a silent spaceship ... and finally, the traditional annual bestowing of the Order of the Horse's Ass awards.

Next year's trip is set for North Lake Tahoe, California, the week of February 27 -- March 6, 2010. The gateway airport is Reno, NV. Everyone on this year's trip swears they're coming; the rest of you start checking your airline miles now.

Here's my promised brief attempt at persuasion. In addition to the unparalleled company it will draw, our trip destination is home to three major ski resorts (Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, and Northstar); three relatively undiscovered jewels (Homewood, Diamond Peak, and Mt. Rose); and one ski legend (Sugar Bowl, founded in 1939 by Walt Disney and some of his moneyed friends). Seven ski areas, seven days ... hmm ...

North Tahoe is also the vacation home location of trip denizens Jim and Bev Lawrie. They have already done yeoman work in identifying and walking through a number of terrific rental properties right in their neighborhood, and have settled on three breathtaking properties -- close to each other, close to the lake, close to the ski areas, but really reasonable in rent because they're not slopeside or shorefront. And they have additional properties identified to accommodate hoped-for new blood. Chance of a lifetime, guys -- inquire within, at <skiboy1968@roadrunner.com>

Fall 2009 Mini-Reunions

*Join Classmates and Friends to help celebrate the Centennial of the Dartmouth Outing Club and to enjoy Northern New Hampshire's early fall foliage at the Second College Grant on the banks of the Dead Diamond River for the weekend of September 18-20, 2009. Enjoy the weekend from Friday mid-day through Sunday afternoon, or stretch it out with your hosts **Jack Noon** and **John Everett** from Thursday afternoon, the 17th, through Tuesday morning, the 22nd. Jack has wintered over in the Grant and is a renowned expert on and writer about the history of the Second College Grant. Moreover, Jack has an intimate knowledge of and long experience with the best canoe/kayak floats, fishing holes, and hiking trails in the Grant. Bear is along to follow Jack's directions and to help carry heavy objects. Jack heartily encourages all canoers/kayakers to bring their boats to the Grant for wonderful floats on the Dead Diamond River; everyone else can bring their fishing rods, hiking boots and cameras. The Grant is in Northern New Hampshire at some elevation so the early fall foliage should have begun its annual display. To allay the fears of any of the Dowd's attendees, we have plenty of room inside two of the centrally located OPO cabins in the Grant, the Management Center and Sam's Cabin, which feature heat, lights, stoves, running water, and modern facilities. Let Bear know at <jceverettjr@aol.com> _if you,are interested in coming for the September mini-reunion at the Second College Grant as soon as you can, interest does not need to become commitment until early

August. Details about cost, cuisine and recommended clothing and other gear will appear on the Class of '68 website as they are planned; visit us at the website.

*Homecoming with the big Friday evening Alumni parade to the Dartmouth Night celebration on the front of Dartmouth Hall, followed by the bonfire on the Green immediately afterwards, is on 23 October 2009. The Homecoming Game is against Columbia on Saturday, the 24th, a real potential for victory.

The game will be preceded by a class meeting and the traditional mini-reunion tailgate picnic on the front lawn of Alpha Delta, with thanks again to the brothers of AD, just across East Wheelock Street from Memorial Gym. Following other post-football game activities, which often include the women's and men's soccer matches, there will be a Class of '68 dinner at the Murphy Farm venue of the Quechee Club, in Quechee, VT, beginning at approximately 7:00PM. Murphy Farm is an old Vermont farmhouse, converted to a modern banquet facility by the Quechee Club, on the banks of the lake in the middle of Quechee. It has all the necessary space and facilities for dinner and drinks for as many of us as come, and for all you Dowd's devotees, it is heated too. The Quechee Club has audio/visual capabilities which would allow us, during drinks or dinner, to play the fabled Peter Fahey tape/CD of the best music of our time and which would permit us to do a digital video display of all the

photos from our reunion, ski trips or the or the 40th Reunion Book. Please make suggestions and/or offer music or video files which we can play during dinner.

Details re: costs and menu choices will follow in a subsequent newsletter or on the Class of '68 website as they become available; visit us there.

*This year, 2009, is the Centennial Celebration of the DOC's founding by Fred Harris, and with our 50th Reunion Class Gift to Endow the First Year Trips in-mind; we want to try to coordinate Class mini-reunion activities with DOC Centennial Celebration activities. Join the DOC Fall Weekend at the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge on October 3-4, for the 50-mile hike from Hanover (not a requirement), other weekend DOC trips, dinner and dancing, but not ballroom dancing, I think. Better yet, join the DOC as it attempts to become the first Outing Club or College to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail in sections on a single day, Saturday, October 10th, from north Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. Find some Dartmouth classmates, other Dartmouth alums, or even non-Dartmouth people to join with you to hike some part of the entire 2170 miles of the AT for Dartmouth and the DOC. Head to north Georgia or a remote section on the NC/TN border or in southwestern VA or in northern Maine, or go to one of the more easily accessible sections of the Trail from Charlottesville, Virginia north. You can actually catch the train from either Baltimore or New York to a nearby section of the Trail. Then join together in the fellowship that is Dartmouth and celebrate your accomplishment, your friendships, and the DOC and Dartmouth. More details about Class of '68 specific activities on our website, much more info on the DOC website about the Centennial Celebration.

News From Classmates

*From Roanoke, VA, **Peter Wonson** writes, "Had an extended lunch and accompanying fine conversation with **David Walden** on Saturday, February 21. David had driven up from Atlanta to visit family. In the 'it's a small world' category, David, a native Roanoker, graduated from Patrick Henry High School in the Class of 1964. This native Minnesotan was an assistant principal and then the principal at Patrick Henry from 1993-2004."

Also from Peter Wonson, some news about our classmate, **Steve Calvert**:

"The rock group The Golden Bitters, Steve Calvert's current musical project, released its self-titled CD earlier this year. The CD contains covers of songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s, including classics like When Will I Be Loved (Everly Brothers/Linda Ronstadt) The Letter (Joe Cocker version), Honky Tonk Woman (Rolling Stones), It's Too Late (Carol King), Love Potion Number Nine (The Clovers) and To Love Somebody (Bee Gees). The six person group features two female lead singers, bass (and male lead vocal), drums, lead guitar and Steve on various keyboards, rhythm guitar and backing vocals.

The Golden Bitters deliver excellent vocal harmonies, strong musicianship and a great studio sound. Way to go, Steve...you're never too old to rock and roll!"

*Adele and **Dan Hedges** have built a rather unique home in Houston that has received a great deal of interest. To say that it is a "green home" does not do it justice. Here is a link to an article in the Houston Chronicle: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/life/main/6377254.html#>

Dan tells me that a film crew from ----- shot footage at the home for the better part of a day. He is uncertain when it will be on The Discovery Channel, so keep an eye out for it.

***Cliff Groen**, who may be one of the younger members of our class writes:

I will retire from International Finance Corporation, part of The World Bank Group, on July 31 at the mandatory retirement age of 62. After 16 and 1/2 years in Washington, D.C., Marti and I plan to move back to New York. We will split our time between Manhattan and our home in Quechee, VT. We're putting our Arlington, VA home on the market around mid-Sept. and will let our agent show it without us there. We'll stay in our Quechee home until we buy in NYC. My guess is that means we'll be in Quechee until around Feb. or March 2010.

I am looking forward to retirement.

Since we lived in Seoul from 1980 to 1984 when we worked with a Korean law firm, we're especially impressed with Dr. Jim Yong Kim's appointment as Dartmouth's next President and expect great things from him.

*Speaking of retirement, **John Remsen** writes: "After 40 years around banking, I took early retirement to move into the clean energy business. I'm working with a first class firm, and loving every minute of this new growth business in solar/wind energy."

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*Frequent contributor to the newsletter **Gary Hobin** writes that he and Lidell began moving into their new home just after Thanksgiving. "We're now 'in', but will be arranging and rearranging for...well, a long time, I suppose." "My PhD program (Kansas State, history) continues – was elected to Psi Kappa Psi, an academic honorary society in December. I'm still an assistant prof at Army CGSC, and teach a graduate course in U.S. Foreign Policy for Webster University. Keeps me busy; keeps students guessing as to what the new administration will do in foreign policy."

Gary Hobin, 16209 Sloan Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048, <grhobin@aol.com>

***Chris Mayer** reports that our classmate, **Jeff Spencer**, passed away in February. Chris had kept in close contact with Jeff over the years, and attended his memorial service. His obituary will appear in an upcoming Alumni Magazine, and a memorial book will be purchased in his memory and added to the collection at Baker-Berry.

That's all for now. Please send me information, news, photos, opinions that you would like to share with your classmates. I will pass them on to the "new" newsletter editor when he is named. I know we all wish Greg Marshall the best and hope he continues to show improvement as he battles against depression.

Cheers.

John



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