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## From the Editor –

## Maiden Voyage and A Few Thoughts

As most of you must know by now, I am taking over as editor of *The 68 Transmission*, our class newsletter. I look forward to this opportunity to get to know more of you. As a former Dartmouth pre-med, my circles were somewhat limited and it's been wonderful to attend reunions and meet so many interesting classmates that I never knew. Helping me out is my talented wife, Roberta Hillenberg-Gang, graphic designer and computer wiz, without whom I could not take on this project.

About two weeks ago, Roberta and I attended our son Jon's graduation from Colorado College, a liberal arts school in Colorado Springs that attracts students who have a lot in common with Dartmouth students in their love of the outdoors and focus on liberal arts. The commencement speaker was the well-known anthropologist and National Geographic explorer Wade Davis. I was struck by his words of wisdom to anxious parents wondering what their graduates were going to do next. He asked us to let our students grow and face life on their terms. In his view, there is no wasted experience in life and every event builds and shapes a life in a unique way. As Jon and his fellow seniors broke up their houses and went off in different directions, I was reminded of that bittersweet day in June of 1968, when we all said goodbye, some of whom we would never see again. For the graduates of today, there's a big difference. How lucky Jon and his friends are with computers, e-mail, and Facebook, as they can stay in touch in a way that we never could. Hopefully, my efforts as editor of the newsletter will bring us a little closer together.

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**Class of '68 Mini-Reunions –****from John Everett**

Fall 2010—

The Class of 1968 will hold its fall 2010 Mini-Reunion on the weekend of the Yale home football game in Hanover, Friday, October 8, 2010, through Sunday, October 10. This weekend, rather than Homecoming weekend, was chosen for the Mini-Reunion because it is a three-day holiday weekend (Columbus Day), because it will be at or near the peak of the foliage season, because we're hoping that the football game and all the other athletic contests during the weekend will be real contests, because the weather is likely to be more temperate than at the end of October, and because the demand for rooms in the Hanover area will only have to be fought over with the visiting leaf peepers and not all the Alumni/are returning for Homecoming.

Saturday morning, October 9, will see a Class meeting, at which a decision may be made about the Class's collective 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party celebration and location, and it will be followed by a tailgate in the forenoon on the AD fraternity lawn, courtesy of John Engelman. The tailgate ends because the Dartmouth-Yale football game begins immediately across East Wheelock Street, then later in the afternoon the men's and women's soccer matches follow over at the Burnham Soccer pitch.

Saturday evening we would like to plan a Class dinner at, our first choice, the Quechee Club over in Quechee, Vermont. The Quechee Club has a well deserved local reputation for preparing very good food and serving it in a very attractive setting. In order to plan such a dinner, in order to reserve an appropriate space at the Quechee Club for the number of attendees, I need to have expressions of interest from classmates who think they might be attending the Fall Mini-Reunion and the Saturday evening dinner. These expressions of interest are not commitments and you will not be held to any initial expression of interest, but please help me out with making a plan for the size and location of our Class dinner. Call or write early and often: John Everett @ 802-649-7053 or [jceverettjr@aol.com](mailto:jceverettjr@aol.com). Our record these past few years about reaching a large enough critical mass in order to make a reservation for a Saturday evening dinner has not been great, so I ask for your early expressions of interest in order that we can have a good class get together at dinner on Saturday evening. If there are enough Classmates in town and interested, we can schedule cocktails on Friday evening and/or a Sunday brunch at a local establishment.

HomeComing/Harvard Weekend—Dartmouth Night

Later in the fall, Homecoming weekend and Dartmouth Night will take place on Friday, October 29, and Saturday, October 30, 2010. The object of our football and other athletic matches that weekend will be Harvard. The Class will participate fully in the activities of Homecoming Weekend, starting with the Dartmouth Night parade on Friday night. As you may recall we assemble in the dark across from Memorial Field, process down Lebanon Street in glorious assemblage, lead by our own John Engelman in his "GEAR '68" Chrysler convertible, top down, up Main Street, around the Green, finally assembling in front of Dartmouth Hall for all those engaging and thrilling speeches, riveting even. Dartmouth Night is then capped off by the ONLY BONFIRE of the fall. Post-bonfire, we've usually co-assembled with the Class of '69 for cocktails at a location to be chosen, and we will do that again.

Saturday morning will begin again with a tailgate on the AD fraternity lawn, not as elegant, but just as much fun as the tailgate for the Class Mini-Reunion on Yale weekend. The football game versus

Harvard will begin in the early afternoon across East Wheelock Street at Memorial Field, and later in the afternoon the men's and women's soccer matches will take place down at Chase Field at the Whitey Burnham Soccer Stadium. Saturday evening we will have informal dinners together with classmates and friends at local bistros.

### Weekend at the Second College Grant

For the hearty and hardy souls in the Class, we will plan a second early fall trip to the Second College Grant, near Wentworth's Location, way the heck up in northeastern NH. We have booked the Management Center Cabin at the Grant, renowned for its indoor plumbing, for Thursday, September 23 through Monday, September 27, 2010. Thursday night is the night of the Full Harvest Moon so it should be especially beautiful up there. This is the weekend of the football game against one of our new opponents, Sacre Coeur. So come early on Thursday evening for the Full Moon, hike, bike and fish a little, and then journey down to Hanover on Saturday morning, about a 2 ½ hour drive, for a football victory. Or take in that football victory and then come on up to the North Country for a victory celebration. There is plenty of great outdoor activity at the Grant: fishing in the Dead Diamond River right outside the Cabin, mountain bicycling on the Grant's woods roads, beginning right outside the Cabin which can then lead you to the mountain biking trails, road biking in the glorious lakes country beginning at the entrance to the Grant, cycle over to Rangeley, Maine, the way Bill Clark did last fall, wonderful canoeing or kayaking on the loon laden lakes just beyond the Grant's front gate, and finally a good hiking trail starts just across the road from the Cabin. This fall we'll be at the Grant a week later than last year, so we're hoping for better foliage this year. Meals are good wholesome camp food, cooked by the guests. Accommodations for eleven are in bunkrooms, bring a sleeping bag. It really is a great time, please think about coming. We don't need to perfect our reservation until mid-summer, i.e., that is when we need to come up with some money, but let me know if you have any interest in coming up to the Grant during any part of this long weekend, @ 802-649-7053 or [jceverettjr@aol.com](mailto:jceverettjr@aol.com).

### Golf and Ski Trips

The next annual Class of '68 Golf and Ski Trips are being organized by their own impresarios, Ed Heald and Gerry Bell, and they will be communicating with their likely suspects directly.

Beginning later in the fall, the Class of 1968 hopes to begin a series of informal dinners with classmates at various locations around the country to focus on our Class 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift, an Endowment Fund for the First Year Student Orientation Trips (yes, that means Freshman Trips). The Class is creating/having created a DVD, produced by two recent graduates, one being Dad Thad's granddaughter, highlighting the benefits and camaraderie of First Year Trips and the DOC experience during one's four years at the College. The DVD will incorporate photos and videos from this fall's First Year Trips so it will not be ready until late September. We will then want to make this video available for each of these dinners as a means of spurring interest in and donations for the Class 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift. Numerous locations for these dinners have been mentioned, names of local hosts have been floated, and Dan Hedges in Houston seems to be the odds on leader to be first. Did you know this, Dan? Thank you, Dan. Are there any other volunteers?

**Thoughts on the Class of '68 65th Birthday Gathering Planning –****from Ed Heald**

For our collective 50th and 60th birthdays, we have gathered to join in the celebration, to commiserate but also to give thanks for achieving these milestones. I am writing this to present early thoughts for your review and feedback. Our collective 65th happens next year (Holy Cow!), so we must begin the planning now to bring it off.

Let me share with you my thinking for now:

- Our two past gatherings have taken place in the fall, so I would lean toward repeating this again, most likely in early-to-mid September. Labor Day 2011 is Monday September 5, so we are most likely looking at the weekend of Thursday September 15 through Sunday September 18. Our experience so far is that this schedule (Thursday through Sunday) seems to offer the highest probability of participation, especially by those attendees who must travel a distance to attend. Ideally, wherever we go should offer a range of activities, including athletic (golf, tennis, cycling, hiking and the like), artistic (galleries), historic (museums, antiques), shopping and personal (spa). In addition, the availability of dining and lodging options is a must, to accommodate varied budgets as well as group gatherings. While no one location may satisfy every criterion above, we would still like to have a variety available to allow individual choices to customize each participant's experience.
- Reasonable travel access is also important. While the annual golf trip that seems now well established requires up to a 4 PI hour drive from a major airport, I do not think this would be acceptable for our birthday gathering. Thus, staying within a 1 to 2 hour drive seems within bounds for consideration.
- Our last gathering raised the topic of holding one of these celebrations outside the country, such as Rome, Italy. This would take an enormous amount of planning, as it is unlikely we would have a classmate on the ground there to make arrangements, and while I am not prepared enough at this time to consider such an undertaking, (unless there is a critical mass of classmates who favor this location and are willing to put in the time and the effort over the next 18 months to pull this off), this is one concept I think is worth keeping in mind for our 70th, so long as other classmates step up and join in the planning. Therefore, staying in the US may be the best approach. With all of this said, I have these thoughts as to where to go (I know secretly that many of you would love to tell me where to go any, so here will be your chance!):
- Napa-Return to Napa again. We had a great time, and the availability of activities, lodging and dining options are endless. I have already looked into having a wine-tasting class at the Culinary Institute of America and other events. I have several reasons for including Napa in the consideration and listing it first:
- Since our normal every-five-years reunions at the College always happen in Hanover (east coast), why not consider always having our every-five-year birthday gathering on the west coast;
- There is truly something for everyone;

- It allows for easy planning for planners and attendees.
- Santa Fe New Mexico-Dining, artistic, historic, lodging and activity variety all easily accessible;
- Vail Colorado-Fall in the Rockies, the aspen trees golden in the mountains. Loads of dining, lodging, artistic and activity offerings, in a 2 hour drive from Denver or a PI hour drive from Eagle County Airport;
- Nashville TN-Something completely different-Grand Old Opry, barbeque;
- Williamsburg VA-History abounds, along with arts, activities, lodging, reasonably accessible.
- A classmate also suggested Montreal, and while that is obviously outside the U.S., it is still relatively easy to get to, and would provide a unique cultural experience (a little bit of European flare but still in North America). So, here is where you come in. Will you please share with me your reactions to those above, as well as any additional ideas you have that you feel would be worth considering? I feel as though I am having the equivalent of writer's block not necessarily coming up with great alternatives. I do personally lean toward the Napa version, but I do not want to overlook a suitable substitute.

Please take your time and let me know as soon as possible, so that I can put together a plan to present to the class as a whole during the summer/early fall. I also eagerly solicit your assisting with the planning and execution of this event, if you are so inclined.

Ed

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### **A Message from Our New '68 Alumni Councilor –**

**Gerry Bell**

This newsletter should just about coincide with my taking office as the Class of 1968 Alumni Councilor. (Until now, it's been one councilor for every two classes. Bob Block was our superb representative for '67-'68 from 2004 - 2007; the most recent term has been more than ably filled by John Manaras '67 ( a wannabe '68 from repeated class ski trips, but a valued rep nonetheless). Now it's my turn, and I sincerely hope to be a worthy successor to these two fellows.

Here, in so many words, is my inaugural address: I intend to loyally represent my classmates in these august proceedings, so please let me hear from you. I will not be reticent (who among you has ever known me to be reticent?) nor will I lose much sleep over what others on the Council think of me or what I say (who among you has ever ... well, you get the idea). That doesn't mean that I'm going to mail it in on the basis of polls (wow, I wouldn't make it in Congress, would I?) — what it means is that I will represent your viewpoint, whatever it is on whatever issue. I will say, "Some of my classmates believe ..." or "I know many of my classmates believe ..." or "It is my sense that most of my classmates believe ..." according to what I hear from you. Where a true reflection of my views, I will add, "... and I agree." When I don't hear from anyone, I will say, "I believe ..." Fair enough? And I will try to give you all the same complete, comprehensive, and even-handed accounts of what transpires in Council proceedings as have representatives Block and Manaras.

I hope this somewhat quaint, old-fashioned notion of representative democracy works for you. In any case, I'm one of your conduits to the College; please take advantage of it, don't ever think you're imposing, and write early and often! And thank you for the honor of representing you.

Oh, and one more bit of news. I am once more a grandfather, this time to Eric Matthew Feitz, odds-on favorite for the Men's Downhill in the 2034 Olympic Winter Games!

Gerry

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### **The Musical Exploits of Wonson and Calvert –**

**Peter Wonson**

It began back in September of 1966. It was freshman week for 1970, Steve was back at the College early for cross country practice, and answered a sign in the Hop to join a band that ended up being him and three 1970s. The band was called The Night Watchmen and stayed together until the early fall of 1968, when Steve went to Naval OCS. I joined a band called the Ham Sandwich (a combo of Dartmouth and Hanover High students) in January of 1968, and Ham Sandwich broke up in June of 1968 upon our graduation.

In October of 1968 the remnants of Night Watchmen and Ham Sandwich formed Tracks, a band that played together for six years. During those years the band reached a high level of skill and success, and at one time or another every member of Ham Sandwich and Night Watchmen was a part of Tracks, some very briefly.

In 2008 at our 40th Reunion, Steve put together a little rock band to play at the memorial service at the White Church and then at the class tent. The "SWB" (Shitty White Band) consisted of Steve, me, Kirby Nickels, Gene Mackles, Dave Fuchs, Frank Couper, Dave Peck and Greg Marshall.

Partly as a result of the fun SWB had, both Night Watchmen and Tracks are reuniting this June for two gigs in the Hanover area. Nine Tracks alums are playing for the Class of 1970's 40th Reunion (the connection being the three band guys who were in that class) on Wednesday, June 16, in Collis. Then on Thursday, June 17, we will be playing a "public" gig at a location in either Hanover or White River.

Also, in part because of all the rock and roll fun Steve and I have had in the past two years, I am writing a book about rock bands in NH and VT from the mid-60s to the mid-70s. In an area with a radius of roughly 40 miles out from Hanover, during this decade a truly extraordinary number of fine bands were formed, including Aerosmith, and this is their story. I am shooting for publication in May of 2011.

Finally, in the run up to our June reunion gigs, 4 former Tracks alums, including Steve and me, participated in a musical reunion of dozens of rockers from the 60s and 70s at Stonewall Farm,

in Keene, NH, on Saturday, April 10. I have attached two photos from the evening. It was an extraordinary musical event, featuring Livingston Taylor (JT's brother) in an hour long solo set, and great music from half a dozen bands from "back in the day." Tracks played about a half hour set, six songs. Since our guitarist and drummer couldn't make it from Texas and Florida, respectively, we had ringers on drums and guitar. The guitarist was Roger Bartlett, the original guitar player for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band.

In the first photo, L-R Roger Bartlett, Skip Truman (of Hanover High School, Ham Sandwich and Tracks) on bass, and me. The second photo L-R is Steve Calvert on piano, Roger Bartlett, Skip Truman, me, and drummer Dana Flewelling. The other Tracks keyboard player, Ken Aldrich, is out of the photo to the right.

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**News from and about '68s:**

**Rich Miller**, [RichardK\\_Miller@URMC](mailto:RichardK_Miller@URMC), writes:

All of the Millers are doing fine. Our youngest – Jillian, our choreographer and actress, has announced that she will be tying the knot with her bow – Ben. This will be now six of six with our other five all active with their professions and child rearing. Judy is immersed in all aspects of the grandchildren's lives with nine of our eleven grandchildren living in Pittsford. As many have noted for themselves, I can not believe I am in my 36th year at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Well another milestone, my eleventh book is now available in Chinese – “Drugs During Pregnancy and Lactation – Treatment Options and Risk Assessment.” Interestingly, I can only read the English title. Hope to catch the '68 golf adventure in 2011. Just need to get those schedules aligned. Best wishes to all from Judy and Rich in Pittsford.

**Peter Thompson**, [pjt3@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:pjt3@cisunix.unh.edu) , sends this update:

Here's my latest news: I'm excited to be starting work this summer on an effort to remap the bedrock geology of the Boston Harbor Islands, jointly financed by the US Geological Survey and National Park Service. The data will be integrated with that from borings, tunnel records (part of Boston's sewer system!) and the mainland, to come up with a 3-D map of the subsurface. Quite a challenge for a Vermont landlubber!

The only classmate I see now and then is Pete Armstrong, who lives next town over from me here in Seacoast New Hampshire. Actually I see his wife Sarah more often, because she plays flute with a local contra-dance band.

How about you? I seem to remember you were in the group who went to Montpellier in 1966. Have you made use of your knowledge of French over the years? Cheers.

[Editors Note: Oui Pierre, je continue à parler français. Merci pour le souvenir.]

**Bart Palmer**, [ppalmer@clemson.edu](mailto:ppalmer@clemson.edu), writes to us from Clemson:

As one of the few remaining graybeards in an ever-shrinking department (a sign of the times), Bart Palmer has agreed to serve another term as chair of English at Clemson University, where he also holds the Calhoun Lemon Professorship and directs the Film Studies program. Bart just recently got together with former TEP brother Jack Hopke '68 during the Tennessee Williams Scholars Conference in New Orleans, where Jack is a mainstay of local NPR programming. Bart's latest books, both out this August, are LARGER THAN LIFE: FILM STARS OF THE 1950S and THE PHILOSOPHY OF STEVEN SODERBERGH. The recent Criterion DVD release of THE FUGITIVE KIND, based on a Tennessee Williams play, includes a featurette interview with Bart, discussing his work on Hollywood's connection with the playwright.



**Doug Young**, djyoung@montana.edu, sends us this news of his retirement:

Doug Young is retiring after 33 years as Professor of Economics at Montana State University. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Carnegie Mellon, the University of Botswana, Al Akhawayn University in Morocco, the American University in Cairo, the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, and the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai. Doug met his wife Laura at Carnegie Mellon, and their children have accompanied them on all their foreign postings, which were, “Great family adventures: Educational, challenging and fun.” Doug and Laura are looking forward to more time to enjoy life: They are planning a trip to Jordan in June. (That’s in Garfield County, MT, which has a population of 1,173, down 106 from 2000.)

A contribution from the Rabbi, **Arnie Resnicoff**, Resinicoff@aol.com

On May 6, at noon, I’ll give a presentation at the Library of Congress: “Faith and Foxholes: Religion in the Military.” I was invited based on the fact that I’m a retired Navy Chaplain, and a former Special Assistant for Values and Vision to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. It will be webcast live, and be available afterwards on the Wikipedia article about me. (And, if anyone in the class is a Reagan fan, that article also has a link to Reagan’s 1984 reading of the report I was asked to write after the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing.)

**Michel Zaleski**, michelzalewski@gmail.com, gives us a family update:

Zaleski news: Katharine D’03 is now the Executive Producer of the Washington Post and Head of Digital News Products, helping the Post make the transition to the digital world. Olivia D’06 has recently been the on-air host of CNN’s The Business of Green, reported for the United Nations at the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and is currently helping NBC with their green strategies. Last year she was voted one of 2009’s Most Influential People in Business Ethics by an august panel from universities and think tanks.

I continue to head The DREAM Project ( [www.dominicandream.org](http://www.dominicandream.org) ) a non-profit that runs education programs for more than 2,000 indigent children in the Dominican Republic, serve as a Overseer of the Thayer School and am involved in investments that benefit the poor in troubled countries through my board membership of the Soros Economic Development Fund, a 501(c)3. In that capacity I recently was in the West Bank working on a venture capital fund to invest in Palestinian IT businesses. We are also very active throughout Africa, Haiti, India, Mexico and Eastern Europe.

Spouse Caroline is an energetic preservation advocate and is currently writing a book on the subject to be published by Norton.

**Gary Hobin**, grhobin@aol.com, sends us news from Kansas:

My wife Liddell and I attended the baptism of grandson Conner last Sunday (11 April)—that makes four in the next generation for us—the first for Liddell, added to my three grandchildren.

I am now nearing the completion of course work at Kansas State University on the way towards my long-delayed Ph.D. in history. Once that's done, I will begin the dissertation process. Luckily I'm in no hurry to complete it.

I remain on the faculty at the Army Command and General Staff College, teaching a variety of subjects. The topic of my seminar—in the elective schedule, after completion of core curriculum—focuses on Iraq as a case study in understanding Middle Eastern and Arab culture. I have only two iterations of the Iraq seminar this year—seems to be more interest in Afghanistan (no surprise there).

I have been lecturing to adult education groups in the Kansas City area on “The Persian Gulf,” as part of the Foreign Affairs Association “Great Decisions” series for this year.

**Ken Cooper**, drkencoop@comcast.net, has just retired:

I'm in my first year of retirement after eight years as an elementary teacher and 26 years as a principal (22 of those as principal of the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School in Ipswich, MA. where we live). My wife Ruth and I will be celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. My golf swing hasn't yet appeared this spring but it's still early!

Hi to all. Wah Hoo Wah

**Eric Jones**, eajsandiego@gmail.com, on the challenges of aging and health:

Hello one and all. Like many among us, I am sure old age has helped to slow me down. Kidney failure puts me in Dialysis 3 X week, 4 hours each visit, NOT FUN but grateful for it. Also grateful for our glorious weather here in Southern California.

“Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...it's about learning how to dance in the rain.”





And finally from Okinawa, Japan, Bill and Tamae Beers, March, 2010 – bbeers75@kcc.zaq.ne.jp





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