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# The Transmission

*The Dartmouth Class Of 1968 Newsletter*

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## From the Editor—

As autumn begins, I can't ever forget that wondrous football season back in the 60's when we went undefeated and won the Lambert Trophy down at Princeton. Let's hope for better days ahead for Dartmouth sports (and football) with our new athletic director, Harry Sheehy. Roberta and I were on vacation this summer in the Berkshires when we read about his appointment in the Berkshire Eagle. The article praised his achievements for Williams athletics which have included 17 DIII national team championships in his 10 years as athletic director. Go Green! Hope you can make it up to a game in Hanover this fall and attend a '68 min-reunion.

The fall also brings us the new interview season and a renewal of the frustration we feel after meeting so many stellar candidates who won't be admitted. It's especially tough when 50% of the admits last year were either valedictorians or salutatorians and the overall admission rate was 11.5%, the lowest in Dartmouth history. What's not apparent in that raw percentage is the fact that 461 of 1600 applicants were accepted through early decision with a better than 1 in 4 chance of success. Do the math and you will realize that it's quite a challenge to be admitted from the 16000+ applicants for regular decision. I would urge you, as I have been doing, to advise students and parents who have a strong interest in Dartmouth to follow the E.D. route. For the last four seasons, I have been lucky enough to have had a least one interviewee admitted per year, and that keeps me coming back. It's also exciting to meet the wonderful and accomplished kids who apply to Dartmouth today. (F.Y.I. I am sure that all of us stellar 68's would still be chosen today!)

Though the ranking process is flawed and we all pretend not to notice, Dartmouth moved up in the U.S. News and World Report rankings this past month to #9 among national universities. I think this is pretty remarkable considering that Dartmouth is more of a liberal arts college and much smaller than

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most of its peers. We were also selected as the #1 school for strong commitment to undergraduate teaching, an honor which is truly deserved, in our time as well as today. We're also first in the Ivies in number of students who choose to study abroad with over 60% participation. We should all be proud.

Thanks to all of you who sent in news and updates. Please remember when you send e-mail to format your entries and photos as word attachments and jpegs. Filling out a green card and sending it to me by snail mail is also fine.

Dave

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### **Class of '68 Mini-Reunions –**

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Our annual fall mini-reunion will take place the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The class dinner will take place on Friday evening, October 8<sup>th</sup>, instead of Saturday. This change has been made in order to accommodate several class officers who have commitments on Saturday evening, and also to accommodate those who will be returning for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Dartmouth Rugby Club. The cost of the dinner will be approximately \$50/person and will take place at the Quechee Club. Please let John Everett ([jceverettjr@aol.com](mailto:jceverettjr@aol.com), 802-649-7053), know as soon as possible whether you plan to attend. The remainder of the Fall Mini-Reunion schedule as set out in the Spring 2010 Newsletter remains in effect, with the exception of the men's soccer match, which will begin under the lights on Saturday evening around dinner time.

On the morning of Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a class meeting at 10:00 am in Zimmerman Lounge at Blunt Hall. Following the class meeting, there will be a tailgate lunch on the south lawn of Alpha Delta Fraternity (directly across from Memorial Stadium). The football game begins at 1:30 pm vs. Yale. Please order your tickets in the class section in the West stands.

### **Fall 2010 Faculty Chalk Talks**

#### **Saturday mornings 10-11 am in Alumni Hall on football weekends**

SEPTEMBER 25 vs. Sacred Heart

*A TEAR AT THE EDGE OF CREATION: A RADICAL NEW VISION FOR LIFE IN AN IMPERFECT UNIVERSE*

Marcelo Gleiser

Professor of Physics and Astronomy and the Appleton Professor of Natural Philosophy

OCTOBER 9 vs. Yale

*REFLECTIONS ON THE LIBERAL ARTS*

Jim Yong Kim

President, Dartmouth College

OCTOBER 16 vs. Holy Cross

*SEARCHING FOR BIJAH AND LUCY: A PERSONAL ODYSSEY TO FIND THE BLACK SETTLERS OF VERMONT*

Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina

Professor of English, Chair of the Department of English, and the Kathe Tappe Vernon Professor in Biography

OCTOBER 30 vs. Harvard--Homecoming

*THE LEE HARVEY OSWALD BACKYARD PHOTOS: REAL OR FAKE?*

Hany Farid

Professor of Computer Science and the William H. Neukom 1964 Distinguished Professor of Computational Science

NOVEMBER 13 vs. Brown

*DARTMOUTH'S INDIAN HISTORY*

Colin Calloway

Professor of Native American Studies and the John Kimball Jr. 1943 Professor of History

## **Class 2010 Financial Report**

The Class of 1968's dollar goal for the Dartmouth College Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 was \$425,00.00 and our goal for participation was 58% of our 617) classmates. Because of the incredible efforts made by our fellow volunteers, as well as the extraordinary generosity of our classmates, and the great support of Janet Rosa and Debbie Stearns at the Dartmouth College Fund offices in Hanover, our class raised a total of \$437,886 this year and had a participation rate of 58.2%! The dollar amount exceeded our goal by almost \$13,000; and our class's participation rate equaled our goal and was one of the highest participation rates of any Dartmouth class that graduated between 1965 and 2009. These are terrific results. Thank you very much for making 2010 such a successful year. We are looking forward to the same dedication and generosity to keep things moving ahead for the Class of 1968's DCF efforts for Fiscal 2011.

Joe Nathan Wright, '68 Head Agent

David Walden '68 Participation Committee Co-Chair

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

### **Bob Thomas, [rsthomas@ptd.net](mailto:rsthomas@ptd.net), has retired:**

My employer, Bucknell University, offered an early retirement incentive package that I could not refuse. Barb is retired and we're looking forward to lots of travel, adventure, and excitement. The effective date of my retirement is 6/30/10. My daughter Ellen is living and working in Montana. What a beautiful visit that will make. My son Curt will be a senior at the University of Richmond. He's an International Relations Studies major with minors in Spanish and Environmental Studies. That is a great campus and city to visit! I look forward to reconnecting with Dartmouth friends during my retirement travel.

### **Gary Hobin, [grhobin@aol.com](mailto:grhobin@aol.com), writes from Kansas:**

Summer's about gone. All the 99+ temperatures and heat index don't quite agree. With the coming of August, however, our academic year resumes with full vigor. A new class of Army officers, sister service officers, international military students, and assorted interagency folks are now in "week 2" of their OGSC experience. One highlight of the month: fellow '68 Jim Donnelly and his wife Carol were in the area and spent some time (too short) with us last weekend. Looking forward: I'm preparing for preliminaries in my history PhD program at Kansas State.

**Hans Mehren, [hpm@mehren.no](mailto:hpm@mehren.no), sends this update from Norway:**

In Norway we enjoy life and the North Sea oil. Business is good and last ski season was fantastic. This year Oslo will arrange the Nordic Skiing World Championship in Oslo next to my home. When and where is the 2011 ski and golf weekend (week)? Could be fun join in. Will have dinner with Jens Raamas and Hans Petter Fuglesamy tonight.

(Editor's Note: Sorry about the name spelling Hans, I can't decipher your handwriting.)

**Chuck Adams, [ccadams@akingump.com](mailto:ccadams@akingump.com), sends news to us from across the Pond:**

I have been living and practicing International Law in Geneva Switzerland for the past 24 years!! My wife Vera (Serbian, LL.M. William and Mary) and I have an adorable 8 year old daughter, Maya, and I have a 27 year old son, Matthew, from a previous marriage. I am currently Global Head of International Arbitration and Managing Partner of the Geneva Office for Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld, LLP. I stay in very close touch with U.S. politics as a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Democratic Committee involved with fundraising in the community of Americans Overseas.

**Russ Chapman, [chapman@lsu.edu](mailto:chapman@lsu.edu), writes to us from Louisiana:**

On Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, I retired from LSU where I had been a faculty member and administrator (dept. chair, associate dean, dean, executive director, and associate vice chancellor for research and economic development) for 32 years. On Monday, 8/1/05, I began a 5 year stint as executive director of the Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Having gone a bit past my 5 year agreement, I am retiring from UCSD (retirement #2) and returning to LSU where I will be professor emeritus in the Dept. of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences. Although I had planned to be really retired, I have a job offer from an algae biofuels startup company in Louisiana and the offer is too good to decline. So, I shall continue working (at least half-time retainer), but I don't think I will succeed in getting to retirement #3. It will be nice to return to our Louisiana home (maintained in absentia with occasional holiday visits over the last 5 years). Our younger son and daughter-in-law live up the street (literally) and it will be wonderful to be close to them again. Right now it is August and we will move in September, but I have been reappointed to the Board of the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra and to the Board of the Friends of LSU Opera – positions I hated to give up when we moved to La Jolla, and that I am delighted to have waiting for me in Baton Rouge.

Editor's Note: Appreciate you support for the BRSO. Ron Weiss and I are both on the board of the Springfield Symphony. Also, you're too young to retire!

**John Miksic, sends this update from Southeast Asia:**

I have been living in Southeast Asia most of the time since 1968 and maintain few contacts with our classmates. I did interview applicants to Dartmouth for years, but have given that up recently due to time constraints. I have lots of grad students and archeological projects to supervise. I have made the switch to Southeast Asia from the Arctic, my Dartmouth specialty, and have found it to be fascinating. I am on the board of the Center for Khmer Studies, which is a U.S. based organization with a NYC

office, but our annual meetings are held near Angkor Wat, so I don't get back there. I will be chairing a symposium on ancient Javanese gold objects at Yale next May, which will be my first return to the East coast for work in a very long time. I have 2 kids, in Pittsburgh and San Diego.

**Peter Fahey, [pfahey68@aol.com](mailto:pfahey68@aol.com), sends this news from Hanover and beyond:**

I am enjoying an eventful summer, much of it orbiting Hanover. We launched a whirlwind rebuilding project on our Rope Ferry Road house (mainly a new kitchen wing). The project has been organized to commence the day after reunions, to be completed by Labor Day. (One of the attractions of reunions this year was the reappearance of the superb '60s/'70s rock bands, the Night Watchmen and Tracks featuring Pete Wonson and Steve Calvert not nearly acting their ages). The construction deadline is largely designed to accommodate part of my next project. I am organizing a "Program for the Phi Palace" that attempts to capitalize on last January's fire in the Phi Delt house with a September ceremonial reopening event that hopefully will draw hundreds of fraternity brothers from all eras back to campus. We hope to host classmates and near-classmates to a satellite event at our house assuming the rebuilding project is finished. As I write this, we are welcoming our 10th grandchild into the world, the fourth of our issue to breathe their first at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Off the Hanover beat, we enjoyed a sweltering July weekend in Watch Hill, RI at the wedding of Peter & Tricia Baylor's son, Philip joined by classmates Mike & Betty Lenehan and John & Nancy Mercer.



**Ric Gruder, [gruder@gruderlaw.com](mailto:gruder@gruderlaw.com), sends an update from New York:**

Joanne and I are still married coming up on 41 years, and have 3 kids and 5 grandkids. The grandkids (who cares about the kids anyway) are relatively close. I am still practicing law, and will probably do it until I die. Health has been great, except recently. I had renal cancer and they removed the kidney in April of this year. Recovery has been harder than I would have imagined but I am now almost back to normal, whatever that is. Jo and I see Fred Price '67 a few times a year (yes they are still married). I do some work for David Cooperberg so I speak to him regularly and see him every so often. I used Roger Witten's (also Bill Kolasky's) law firm for some work so I have seen Roger now and again as well.

Editor's Note: I speak for the class in wishing you good health and continued recovery from your cancer. Yes, Ric, my wife is helping me out in the NL project, but "she is not doing it all and putting my name on it!"

**Warren Cooke, [kineoone@gmail.com](mailto:kineoone@gmail.com), sends up update from Maine and news of retirement:**

In July, Dennis Drapkin, New Wolff, and I had a sort of mini-reunion at my place on Moosehead Lake, Maine, which included spouses Adrienne, Nancy, and Cathy, respectively. It would be truly hard to imagine more delightful people to spend time with. Tales of kids (8 in total) of course occupied a prime place. Of note, it happens that Dennis's youngest daughter Becky is currently a Dartmouth student and my oldest, Emily, was a "Zero", i.e. Class of 2000. It is always a thrill to get together with classmates like Dennis and Ned and we are hoping for lot more get-togethers.

I retired last July from the practice of law after 38 years as an international banking lawyer at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, & McCloy, for which I was based in Manhattan, and for a period of 9 years in Hong Kong. Today, I am vice chairman of The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ; vice chairman of The American Bird Conservancy; and a trustee of Parlance Chamber Concerts, a small but extraordinary music organization that brings some of the world's finest classical and jazz musicians to Ridgewood. I play the piano avidly. I am a passionate birder and am out with binoculars and camera at every opportunity. In addition, Cathy and I are travelling a lot to indulge my photographic habit, most recently to Nome, AK, the Savegre River Valley of Costa Rica, Tucson and Patagonia, AZ, and Italy (Venice and Trieste).

**David Peck, [davidbpeck@aol.com](mailto:davidbpeck@aol.com), sent this August update through the listserve:**

What's up in Plymouth for me? Besides heat and humidity, and not enough rain, it has been a good summer. Son Sam '10 graduated this June and is off in Rutland on a GE internship. He goes back to Thayer this fall. We went to Wisconsin for 2 weeks over July 4<sup>th</sup> for the wedding of a niece, and had plenty of travel time before and after to see Milwaukee, Madison, Dallas, and the Mississippi Valley as well as the lake/pond/flowage area in Northern Wisconsin. It was a very nice trip. Retirement is in sight, to be timed around last tuition payment to Dartmouth/Thayer and 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. After that, much travel, some consulting, and continuing assorted town committees (zoning, building, etc.) with lots on our plate.

**Gary Bayrd, [bayrd001@umn.edu](mailto:bayrd001@umn.edu), writes about wilderness trip with classmate Joe Colgan:**

Joe Colgan and wife Debbie Bayrd Colgan just returned from their 25<sup>th</sup> wilderness canoe trip in the Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario , with brother-in-law Gary Bayrd and wife Polly Johnson Bayrd. This September 30<sup>th</sup> will mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Wellesley College dance where the four of them met each other. Joe has been in the hematology division at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, for 38 years now, and Gary is in private practice in dermatology in Edina, MN.



**Eric Hatch, [ekhroadmail@gmail.com](mailto:ekhroadmail@gmail.com) , has been in Alaska all summer taking pictures:**

In June Eric wrote....Hi folks, Alaska trip is looming and preparation is taking up lots of my time...but it's kind of fun as well. So here's a riddle for you: When is a box not a box? [http://bit.ly/expedition\\_box](http://bit.ly/expedition_box)  
What's not in the blog is that should things screw up in Alaska, you can stuff my remains in the box (yes they fit), lock it, and ship it home by UPS – airtight, odor-proof, and really sturdy.

At the end of July, Eric wrote....I'm in Alaska on a 2 month safari –check my blog for stories related to it. The address appears below. I'm writing this from Tok, AK, which I hadn't intended to visit, but lots of things that were planned have fallen through leading to EVEN BETTER things! Expect to be seeing Jack Sedwick in Anchorage sometime after 8/20. You can follow my blog at: <http://hatchphotoartistry.blogspot.com/>

Editor's Note: Check out Eric's photos (they are terrific) on the following links.

Portraits & Commercial: <http://www.ekhphoto.com>

Stock and Scenics: <http://ekhphoto.smugmug.com>

Photo Restoration: <http://hatchphotofix.com>

**Steve Calvert, [scalvert68@cox.net](mailto:scalvert68@cox.net), covers June's '68 rock band reunions:**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, two rock bands from our undergraduate days (and shortly thereafter) played two band reunion gigs in the Upper Valley. The Night Watchman (Steve Calvert and three '70's – Russ Pinkston, Jeff Wilkes, and Peter Logan) and Tracks (Pete Wonson, the three '70's above, Ned Berndt '72, and two Upper Valley stars who had also played in the Ham Sandwich on campus – Ken Aldrich and Skip Truman), played the Class of '70's 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. We then threw our own party in White River Junction for fans of Tracks who came from all over New England (literally from Burlington to the Coast of Maine). Other '68's around for commencement and reunions who dropped by to listen and dance included: Pet Fahey, Kirby Nickels and wife Kathy, and Gerry Bell and wife Jackie. The goal was to play music now that we played then, for the same people: Beatles and Stones, Rascals and Lovin' Spoonful, soul, and acid rock (so to speak). Judging from everyone's ability to either play the music, light up faces, and dance to it, the rumors that most us can't remember the '60s are way overblown. Special thanks to our friends in the Class of '70 who went for the idea while planning their 40<sup>th</sup>. (See 3 photos next two pages).**





The Night Watchmen reshot their '68 marketing photo after 42 years. Left to right, then and now, are: Jeff Wilkes, Steve Calvert, Peter Logan, and Russell Pinkston.



The stage lineup was taken after the W.R.J. gig June 17<sup>th</sup>, with all 8 musical reunioners (from Tracks, The Night Watchman, and The Ham Sandwich). Left to right are: Ken Aldrich, Peter Logan '70, Peter Wonson '68, Ken Berndt '72, Skip Truman, Steve Calvert '68, Russell Pinkston '70, and Jeffrey Wilkes '70.