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## Editor's Note

Winter has finally arrived in New England with a vengeance, but it's not quite up to '68 standards. I remember one winter ('65 or '66) where we suffered through 25 days of below zero highs. Walking up Main Street was such an ordeal with cold and wind that I could pass no more than 3 storefronts without ducking into the next to catch my breath. Windows in our classrooms were so iced over that we couldn't see outside and those radiators clanged and banged incessantly. I'll never know how we survived those ski lessons wearing blue jeans, cable bindings, and lace boots.

Interviewing season is in full swing and I'm again awed at the talented students applying this year. I've interviewed three with three more to go and was delighted to have one applicant accepted early decision. For those of you not aware of the recent applications deluge, admissions for the Class of 2015 have topped 21,700, an increase of 15.7% over the 18,778 who applied last year. Of the 1,759 early decision applicants this year (also up by 12%), 444 have been admitted. Hopefully, this number includes backs, ends, and tackles. For those of us frustrated by the challenge of getting our interviewees admitted, there's one piece of good news from Admissions: namely that the rate of admission for the students receiving an interview rating of "outstanding" is 31.2%, which is higher than that for valedictorians (28.2%) and math and reading SAT scores over 750 (respectively 19% and 28.6%). In other words, a positive alumni interview experience with the top rating is the best statistical predictor of getting accepted. The Dartmouth Office of Admissions insists that interviews do make a difference, particularly now that the College no longer offers on-campus interviews.

It was nice hearing from those classmates who sent in updates, but it would be great to hear from more of you. The NL provides a nice opportunity to update us about your lives, careers, travels, and families, and there is adequate space both for text and pictures, which is not usually possible in the Alumni Magazine with its space constraints. Please send in Green Cards to me by snail mail or e-mail, or to the website. Remember to attach photos and written contributions as jpegs and word documents and send to: [gangx5@aol.com](mailto:gangx5@aol.com)

Best and Happy New Year

Dave

## Message from our Class President

Here in the Northeast it is the dead of winter, and I keep thinking about places we could go to thaw. We are not winter sports enthusiasts. So, the prospect of a snowy, cold winter doesn't make us ecstatic as it does most of our friends. Weather and road conditions permitting, I ride my road bike all winter, to the pitying stares of passers-by.

Janet likes the beach. I don't like sand, I can't sit long in the sun and I don't play golf (or at least not so you would recognize it as such). Two days at the beach and I'm ready to crawl up walls. I like mountain vistas, lush vegetation and bicycling on back country roads. Janet will accommodate the latter only if there is good shopping nearby. Janet likes cruises. I like exploring new places by land. You get the picture. All of which makes the prospect of going to our class 65th birthday party next September at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia extremely appealing. Janet looks forward to going as much as I do. It's a great spot, with lots to do and we'll be in the company of wonderful companions. Ed Heald, who did such a superb job planning our 60th birthday party in Napa and plans our annual golf trips, is in charge of our 65th birthday party. You can count on having a very good time if you attend.

We have gone into higher gear on the Freshman Trip endowment (the College calls it something else, but that's what it really is) which we hope to have sufficiently funded by our 50th reunion. The College has permitted us to allow the income and appreciation in the fund to remain untouched until the endowment is fully funded. That means that contributions made now will have a much larger impact on the size of the final endowment than contributions made later. Bill Rich, who is in charge of fund raising for the endowment, and Bear Everett, our mini-reunion co-chairman, have begun a series of small mini-reunions around the country (the first was held at Adele and Dan Hedges' home in Houston, a LEED platinum home that is the first of its kind in Texas) to show the Freshman Trip video that we produced and to explain how the endowment is designed to work. You should have received a mailing from Bill in December asking for a contribution to the endowment fund. You can also make contributions when you pay your class dues. If you haven't taken the opportunity to contribute to the endowment, please give it some serious thought.

Finally for now, the skiers among you might want to consider joining organizer Gerry Bell and the growing group of 68s who regularly attend our class ski trip. For details, contact Gerry at [skiboy1968@roadrunner.com](mailto:skiboy1968@roadrunner.com).

A happy, healthy new year to you and your families.

Ron

## 65th Birthday Celebration: Mark Your Calendars Now

When we turned 50, we celebrated at Dowd's Country Inn in Lyme NH over a football fall weekend. When we turned 60, we celebrated in wine country in Napa CA. In 2011, as we collectively turn 65, we will be joining together at Colonial Williamsburg, VA—very appropriate for us gracefully aging baby boomers! The dates are Thursday, September 15 through Sunday, September 18, 2011. We will be planning a variety of events, from dinners to tours to activities like golf, and hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful celebration and milestone.

For more details, take a look at the class website [www.dartmouth68.org](http://www.dartmouth68.org). If you are interested in assisting with the planning and execution of this event, or have suggestions/input you would like to offer, email Ed Heald at [esheald@aol.com](mailto:esheald@aol.com) with your thoughts and comments. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Annual Ski Trip: Coming Up Soon

### From Gerry Bell

Attendance is growing and plans are afoot to follow the week at Big Mountain with a road trip to some British Columbia powder meccas. As always, I am sitting here by the phone and computer waiting to hear from interested people! Ski trip to Big Mountain in Whitefish, MT is March 5–March 12. Road trip to British Columbia powder meccas is March 12–March 19. [skiboy68@roadrunner.com](mailto:skiboy68@roadrunner.com)

## Dartmouth Golf Trip—A Great Success

### From Ed Heald

The second edition of the class of '68 Bandon Dunes golf trip was held from October 31-November 5, 2010 at the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort on the coast of Oregon.

Most of us arrived on Sunday, October 31 (Halloween day). My son Tim and I shared a flight from Boston to San Francisco with Mike Lenehan and a friend of his whom he brought along to play with us, as well as Joe Grasso and his wife Maureen. For the flight from San Francisco to North Bend OR, we six were joined by Rick Dolsky out of Philadelphia and Warren Connelly from Washington DC.

After check-in in mid-afternoon, we met up with other classmates and headed to the practice range for a bit of fresh air and exercise, after having sat in airplanes most of the day. The weather was a bit damp, cloudy and breezy, so we did not stay out for too long. John Blair, Dana Waterman and friends of theirs drove in from Eugene OR that afternoon, and Jim Noyes appeared with friends from the Spokane WA area. Bill Adler had driven up from San Francisco. Gerry Rinehart and his wife Peggy had come on Saturday from Minnesota and played a round on Sunday, so were already singing their praises of the Bandon program. Dick Olson came in from Michigan. Lastly, Bill Kolasky from the Washington, DC area also had arrived a few days early, to spend time with his daughter and take a lesson or two before she left and we arrived. Thus, we were 22 all totaled.

Our golf tee times the whole week were starting at 8:30 a.m. Since we are on the West coast, and this was before the time change, we were getting up and having breakfast at 7 am in the dark, as sunrise

does not happen until about 7:45 am or so. Thus, our daily routine was an early breakfast, head to the practice range for a half-hour or so warm up (in the dawning light of the day), then off to the course of the day for that day's round.

The Bandon Dunes golf resort has a world-class selection of courses, all on the top-25 listing of courses you can play, so each day was a treat from the golf perspective. In addition, not unlike New England, the weather was different each day as well.

Monday we started the golf week on the Bandon Dunes course, which was the first one built and put the resort on the golf map. Weather today was a real challenge, as the wind was a steady 25 mph with gusts to 50! Needless to say the impact on the flight of the ball was very interesting at almost every hole. Skies were overcast, and a brief shower came through about mid-round, but did not stay long and did not dampen the golf spirits. Our caddies could not recall a wind as steady and at that level for a long time. Dinner that night was in the upstairs of McKee's Pub, an Irish style pub. We had several tables and were able to watch the final game of the world series while we ate.

Tuesday was the day for Pacific Dunes, the highest rated course on the property with several spectacular holes along the cliffs overlooking the ocean. Away from the immediate coastline, the weather was clear, sunny and nicely warm. Several of us wore shorts for the round today. However, right adjacent to the ocean cliffs, the fog was so dense that we could hardly see 100 yards, and needed to take the caddy's advice of where to aim our shots. Following this morning's rounds, a number of us played the par-3 "Shorty's" 9-hole course adjacent to the practice area. It made for a fun way for a bit more golf without

having to walk a second 18, although some in our group did opt for a second 18 on most days. Dinner again was above McKee's Pub.

Wednesday was the day for the Bandon Trails course. This is quite different from the other three courses in that it winds through trees and is away from the ocean. It has an entirely different feel to it, and many of us found it to be the most challenging of all four courses. Weather was overcast, breezy and quite cool-no shorts today. There seemed to be more ups and downs on this course as well. Dinner tonight was in the Main Lodge, in the Garden Room, surrounded by all-glass walls allowing us to have a full view of the outside and the 18th green of the Bandon Dunes course. We made several awards to various players all in good fun tonight.

Thursday golf was not unlike having desert-saving the best for last. We played Old MacDonald, the newest course that was designed in honor of C. B. MacDonald, the first important American golf course architect. The majority of the course sits in a valley-like flat plain, and is wonderfully open for both sight lines and errant shots. The day was intermittent clouds and sun. Great fun, good challenge and an excellent finish to the golf week. A few of us left after this round to begin the trek home. Since we did not have any formal dinner gathering planned, most of us headed into the town of Bandon to a wonderful, small (28 seats) Italian restaurant and wine bar for what became an outstanding meal and selection of Oregon wines. No one left there disappointed that night.

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Comments from other classmates on this very successful trip:

**Joe Grasso**—Still suffering from Bandon Dunes withdrawal. Suffice to say the venue was spectacular, as was the variety offered by four very different courses. Equally impressive was how comfortable everything was—not just the resort, but the company. Getting together with classmates I knew, others I didn't know, and friends of classmates who all proved to be wonderful company was an unexpected bonus.

**Gerry Rinehart**—As a first timer, I didn't quite know what to expect, but the week was outstanding! I haven't stayed in touch with many Dartmouth folks, but it was easy to re-connect. Great people, incredible golf courses, and beautiful surroundings.

**Rick Dolsky**—The concentration of pure golf at Bandon Dunes is incomparable; every hole was unique, challenging, and fun. I can't think of another site that provides more golf and is as easy to navigate. I have had little contact with Dartmouth since graduation; I see my Dartmouth classmates at my Med school reunions, not Dartmouth functions. The camaraderie and dinner conversations enhanced the overall experience. I enjoyed the opportunity to play with most of the group.

**Dana Waterman**—The trip was certainly one of the most memorable of many golf outings I have taken in recent years. The venues are clearly links courses (with the only exception being Bandon Trails) comparable to those I have played in Scotland and Ireland. The vistas (when the fog was not lurking) are spectacular, and the facilities and service first rate. What made the trip truly special was the opportunity to reconnect with classmates who share a love of the game and the camaraderie that is such an important part. I would encourage anyone who enjoys the game to put this on your bucket list for next year

That's all from this trip. We have plans in place for a return here again next year, so if you are interested share your level of interest with me. We will have a formal call for interest in the spring of 2011. Also, do not hesitate to let me know any questions you may have about our trip. My email is [esheald@aol.com](mailto:esheald@aol.com) or [Edward.heald@wfadvisors.com](mailto:Edward.heald@wfadvisors.com). You can also reach John Blair at [j.blair@juiceplus.com](mailto:j.blair@juiceplus.com), and Jim Noyes at [jepnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:jepnoyes@gmail.com). (See Dartmouth '68 Website for additional details and comments)

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Bob recalls an exchange at a meeting a few days after Barack Obama had been elected president. Former fed chairman Paul Volcker told the President-elect that the problem was that Americans have been living beyond their means. Laura Tyson, a top Clinton adviser, retorted: "The real problem is that their means haven't been growing." In *Aftershock*, Bob clearly takes Tyson's side. He looks longingly back to what he calls the great prosperity: three decades from 1947 to 1975 where everyone's income rose—not just the top 1 percent or top 10 percent.

Today, he points out the share of income claimed by the top 1% looks ominously like it did in 1928—just before the Depression. As incomes treaded water or even shrank, American workers tried to maintain their living standards with two income families and higher levels of debt. But those stop gaps have played themselves out. Bob also rejects the ideas that government can fill the gap indefinitely with deficit spending or by printing money. He also scoffs at the idea that Chinese consumers will step up to fill the gap.

Reich argues for a broader sharing of the gains of economic growth, not so much on moral grounds, but as good for the economy as a whole because it expands purchasing power. To that end he proposes dramatically expanding the Earned Income Tax Credits, tax breaks for the middle class to be paid for with a carbon tax, and higher taxes on the top five percent. And believe me, that doesn't exhaust his ideas.

My synopsis doesn't do justice to his book. If you don't like this point or that, you'll probably find that Bob has already anticipated your objection. Buy the book. It's \$25. And think of it this way: when Bob is approached by fundraisers for Dear Old Dartmouth, a share of your purchase will find its way back to alma mater. ([dickolson@comcaast.net](mailto:dickolson@comcaast.net))

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## Thoughts About Bob Reich's New Book

**from Dick Olson**

I was sitting in the Detroit airport waiting for a flight to take me to the Bay area to spend time with my kids and my first (extra special) granddaughter, when I saw someone who looked remarkably like Bob Reich. No, it was Bob waiting for the same flight. We talked for a bit, and then I asked him what he thought should be done to fix the economy. "Have you read my latest book?" Truth be told I was carrying a copy of Keith Richard's autobiography.

However, caught flatfooted, I told Bob I'd pick it up.

While the economic discussion today centers on the stimulus and the Fed, Bob offers a different thesis in *Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future*, which he laces with Reichian wit, a talent for naming worthy of Dean Dickerson, and a few personal asides—his wealthy grandfather lost everything in the 1929 Crash.



## Fall Mini-Reunion in Hanover A Great Time Even Though We Lost the Game!

### From Bear Everett

The Class chose to move its Fall Mini-Reunion weekend from Homecoming weekend at the end of October to the weekend of October 8-10, which included the Yale football game, to take advantage of better weather, better foliage, a later sunset, and the holiday weekend. We started the weekend with the Class dinner at Elixir restaurant in downtown White River Junction on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. The restaurant gave us our own room. There were 15 Classmates and spouses who came for dinner and drinks earlier: Ron and Janet Weiss, Joe Nathan and Lola Wright, Bill and Faith Rich, Peter and Helen Fahey, Jim and Bev Lawrie, Ed Heald, Sue Heald was under the weather,

John Engelman, John Everett, and David Walden, in from Atlanta, but scouting the Upper Valley for retirement. Dinner was delicious, we were able to order from the regular restaurant menu and wine list. A good and enjoyable time was had by all. After a Class Executive Committee meeting on Saturday morning, we repaired to the front lawn of Alpha Delta, thanks to John Engelman, for a pre-game tailgate, thanks to Ed Heald and John Engelman, to which the same cast of characters from dinner reappeared, plus a few additions, such as Dave Peck. We headed off to the Yale game across the street, and once again having let our opponents jump ahead on their first possession, the Big Green rallied back to tie the game in

the fourth quarter. After a turnover, the Yale placekicker, who had had a really bad day up to that point, kicked the winning field goal as time ran out. Football was followed later in the afternoon and evening by the Women's and then Men's soccer matches against Yale at Burnham Field and by the 50th Anniversary dinner of the Dartmouth Rugby Football Club. Sunday included a brunch get together of some Classmates, some of whom then went up to Haverhill, NH, to hear Classmate Greg Marshall preach at his church further up there in Grafton County, NH. A late Sunday dinner then included David Walden, Joe Nathan and Lola Wright, and John Everett at Molly's in Hanover.

## Fall Mini-reunion in Houston at the Hedges

### From Bear Everett

Going into the Houston Fall mini-reunion at the home of Dan and Adele Hedges, Bill Rich, as the Chair of the 50th Reunion Gift Committee, oversaw and reviewed the production of the DOC Trips video/CD promo for giving to the 50th Reunion Gift, the endowment for the Student Orientation Fund (i.e., the DOC First Year Trips, plus continuing outdoor opportunities during all four undergraduate years), which was being produced by Molly Bode, '09, and David Schmidt. ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW8mXS6DdXA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW8mXS6DdXA)). Bill made some editorial suggestions, most importantly putting some Dartmouth music in as a background theme, and so an instrumental Dartmouth Undying soundtrack was added. Moreover, Molly arranged a mid-week interview at the Tom Dent Cabin, down by the boathouse on the



*From left to right: Gail, Bear, Joe, Lola, Adele, Joe Nathan, Dan, Jim, Dana, Randy, and Margaret.*

river, with Gerry Bell who came over from Bethel, Maine, so that a Class of '68 voice and reminiscence about our Freshman Trips could be added to the CD/video. Gerry gave Molly a very compelling and vivid reminiscence of our Freshman

Trips and how important a bonding Dartmouth experience it was for him and his fellow tripmates, from their first day together to the present. Gerry even generally discussed the exploits of the Moosilauke Eight, but he most assuredly refused to name names. Then just three days later, there was Gerry, as compelling as he's ever been, right in the middle of the DOC Trips CD/video making the case why our 50th Reunion Gift to create an endowment for DOC First Year Trips is so important.

On Friday, October 15, Joe Nathan and Lola Wright joined John Everett at their hotel in Houston and went out for dinner to discuss the event at Dan and Adele Hedges the next evening. Saturday afternoon, Joe Nathan, Lola, and Bear went to the Houston Museum of Art to enjoy their show of German Impressionists as

well as the rest of the permanent collection at HMA. Then on Saturday evening, October 16, the Class of '68 accepted the kind invitation of Dan and Adele Hedges to hold a mini-reunion in their architectural award winning, "green" design (LEDE standards) home in Houston. Joe Nathan and Lola Wright and Bear were first to arrive, but were then joined by Jim and Dana Johnson, Margaret and Randy McElrath—who had only just moved to Houston, Joe '70 and Gail Adams, the architects of the house, and Gregg Cerveney of the Development Office. First, the Class must thank Dan and Adele for their kindness and generosity in opening their truly extraordinary home to the Class for this mini-reunion. If you're interested in architectural design, their home is truly one to see and visit if you can. Dan and Adele started a tour of their home, focusing on their living quarters on the second floor, putting them above the hurricane flood threat which occasionally comes in off the Gulf of Mexico. Their tour was interrupted by the arrival of more of the guests, so we all got around to renewing old acquaintances and socializing. Bill Rich, as Chair of the 50th Reunion Gift Committee, joined us by phone on a speaker phone hook-up to introduce the grand premier of the DOC Trips CD/video, which Molly Bode, '09, and Dave Schmidt have produced. Their effort is an inspirational and motivational CD/video to encourage the Class to give to the 50th Reunion Gift to endow First Year Trips. Meanwhile, Bear was over at the laptop acting as the AV consultant and expert, so everyone really was quite fortunate

to see this wonderful CD/Video. It really is terrific, especially with Gerry Bell's appearance and the musical soundtrack now part of it. The YouTube link should also be available on the Class website if the link above does not do the job.

After the compelling video show, we sat down together for a delicious dinner. After dinner, Joe and Gail Adams spoke more about their design of Dan and Adele's home and how and why they included certain design features into the home and why they made certain materials choices to include in the design and building. Joe picked up the architectural tour on the second floor. Then he led everyone interested down to the ground floor to explain how and why all the mechanicals were located there, why there were no necessary living quarters on the ground floor, and to explain about all the photovoltaic cells on the roof which produced enough power for the house and allowed Dan and Adele to occasionally sell some excess power back to the electrical grid and how a cistern system was used to capture rain runoff to give the Hedges drinking water independent of the public utilities if it is necessary due to storm damage. With the completion of the tour by Joe Adams, we all thanked Dan and Adele for their kindness and left for the evening. We all had a wonderful time, and I think the evening and mini-reunion were a great success. Dan and Adele were wonderful and gracious hosts and are thanked for that kindness to each of us and to the Class.



## News from the College

### Dartmouth Alums in Congress

Four new Dartmouth alumni legislators were sworn in at the U.S. Capitol on January 5, 2011, joining Senator Kirsten Gillibrand '88, D-NY and Representative Michael Capuano '73, D-MA. The four include: Senators John Hoeven '79, R-ND and Rob Portman '78, R-OH; and Representatives Charles Bass '74, R-NH and John Carney '78, D-DE. Check out their bios in *Dartmouth Now* on line. According to Professor Andrew Samwick, director of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, "Dartmouth continues to encourage and develop our students' aspirations to engage in public policy and use their talents to solve the problems confronting our society, from their local communities to the international stage."



## Report from the Alumni Council Meeting in December, 2010

### From Gerry Bell

The 201st meeting of the Dartmouth Alumni Council (yes, we number them, just like the United States Congress!) was held in December in Hanover. The detailed meeting notes appear on the class website and class listserv, but I thought it might be helpful to prepare a less imposing executive summary of the most significant impressions I drew from the meeting as your representative. Without further ado...

The most important piece of business was the AC Nominating Committee's recommendation, and the full AC's endorsement, of two outstanding alumni for two open seats on the Board of Trustees, the election for which will be held this spring. As you probably already know, they are Gail Koziara Boudreaux '82 and Bill Burgess '81. Each spoke to the full AC, then met with us individually and in smaller groups at lunch and a reception. Gail and Bill are both compelling candidates for the Board; each would bring very special and needed talents and expertise to that body. I heartily recommend that you support their candidacies when you vote in this spring's election. Notice that I said "when you vote." Our class had one of the highest levels of voting participation in last year's election, and we'd like to repeat that—it is important to demonstrate widespread alumni interest and involvement in these elections to the Board and to the administration. You can read in more detail about Gail and Bill, and their careers both at and after Dartmouth, at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/News.aspx?id=401>

The featured speaker at Thursday night's dinner was Harry Sheehy, the new Director of Athletics. You've probably already heard of him too, and of his incredibly impressive record of titles and championships at Williams College. Harry isn't just a good speaker, he is captivating, charismatic, and inspiring. He reminds me a bit of the late Jim Valvano, in looks, demeanor, sense of humor, and energy. He characterized athletics as "the last absolute meritocracy", and he means to have Dartmouth excel in that meritocracy, and to do so with the broadest possible participation by Dartmouth students. Those of you who know me well know that I'm not easily impressed, but I was blown away by this guy. We are really lucky to have him.

"Keeping Students Safe" was the subject of a presentation and panel discussion led by Sylvia Spears, Dean of the College, with a panel composed of students, faculty, and administration and town officials. Primary focus was on addressing alcohol abuse and binge drinking while avoiding shortsighted and draconian rules that produce unintended consequences. Really well thought out—you can read more about this in the minutes of the Council session at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/council/sessions/MinutesofPastSessions/201stminutes>

Carrie Pelzell, Vice President of Development, made a presentation and led a Council-wide discussion on "Advancement Strategy", which sounds like fundraising but actually had a much more broad and meaningful scope. It's Carrie's thesis, and I agree, that if

Dartmouth wants to be an important priority *in* alumni's lives, then Dartmouth has to bring something important *to* their lives. So, much of the discussion focused on what sort of meaningful outreach programs Dartmouth could develop that could make a difference in the lives of alumni of all ages, and involve meaningful number of alums in the effort as well. Your shy and reticent Council representative got on his feet and made a suggestion that got a very warm reception (he says modestly), both from Carrie and the Council at large. Space doesn't permit my climbing on my soapbox here, so more on that in another newsletter if the idea starts to gain traction.

Finally, President Kim, scintillating as usual, addressed the Council banquet on Friday evening, on the subject of Dartmouth as a "model of innovation." Two of his major topics were Dartmouth's new initiative in creating the discipline of Health Care Delivery Science, and, as an example of same, addressing the problem of binge drinking, not only at Dartmouth but across the country. You can read more about Jim Kim's speech at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/News.aspx?id=401>

That's it for this piece, guys. Thanks for reading. As a reminder, my committee assignments are Academic Affairs and Honorary Degrees, the activities of which I've already outlined, still on the class website I believe. Let me know of any ideas or questions you may have in those areas, or on any subject re Dartmouth, and I'll see that you get an answer, either from me, the Alumni Relations Committee of the AC, or the relevant Dartmouth person.





## News from our classmates

### Richard Noyes writes about retirement and next steps

Well, 2010 turned out to be the much anticipated, yet not entirely welcomed, “transition year” of retirement for me. In early January, I was notified that my position as CFO of QinetiQ’s Technology Solutions Group was being moved to Reston, VA. Being a hard core New England Yankee, and after considering the relocation offer for about 5 milliseconds, I decided to “retire” ending a 38-year career in financial management.

The wonderful New England summer of 2010 offered us the opportunity to take some time off, catch up with house projects, take long weekends in Kennebunk Beach, and lazy afternoons by the pool in Hopkinton contemplating and reflecting on the future. I have decided to pursue a number of personal and professional ventures in “retirement” including setting up a part-time CFO consulting business for selected clients, joining an “angel” investing syndicate to fund technology start-ups in the Boston area, teaching Corporate Finance to undergraduates at Bentley University in Waltham, MA as an adjunct professor starting in January, and finally pursuing my lifelong interests in US history, economics, meteorology and oceanography with self study/online courses.

Nancy’s three wonderful children and their friends and family kept us busy with their periodic visits during the year, mainly to Kennebunk. We just returned ourselves from a wonderful 10-day visit this month with Amelie, Martin, Alice and Joseph to Madrid with a fascinating “road trip” to Andalucía in SE Spain visiting Granada, the Sierra Nevada mountains and Alhambra, a 12th-15th century Moorish castle. We stayed in an 18th century mission/manor complete with power failures and no hot water in the middle of an immense olive grove! ([rbartnoyes@comcast.net](mailto:rbartnoyes@comcast.net))

### Ned Cummings reconnects with an update from Virginia Beach

I’ve been reluctant to write for a variety of reasons, but Dick Olsen’s 40th Annual softened my heart. I told him I’d be at the 50th reunion, God willing, so for now here’s my updated news:

I’m still the Liberal Arts Program Director at Bryant & Stratton College in Virginia Beach, teaching composition, speech, literature and Western Civ. Lots of fun, especially when the students do their work.

I don’t plan to retire for a few years, even though the academic bulls...t gets more and more intrusive. (What happened to “Hire good instructors and let them loose”?) Will probably continue teaching as an adjunct afterwards since I never golfed or had any other avocation. I do support my wife in her Methodist missionary activities in South Sudan— supporting an orphanage and borehole



(well) digging near Yei. Pray their referendum on independence goes peacefully. The country was devastated in the last civil war.

Following our adult children is fun, as I presume it is for you. We have no grandchildren yet (had kids late) but daughter Rebecca, UVA ’04, edits the Aloha





Guides magazines and does freelancing for others in Honolulu. She lives in Kailua (Rob Peacock's hometown that is now is Obamaville). She went out there to teach windsurfing after running the water park at the Pacific Islands Club on Guam. (Shows what a father-daughter trip to the Pacific can do to a young girl's mind.) She ran the Honolulu Marathon two years ago and Frederick will go out again to run it with her December '04.

Son Frederick, Ole Miss '07, was with the Navy SEALs in Coronado CA for a few



years and now has a special duty assignment in Washington, DC with the Navy Ceremonial Honor Guard. He plans to return to Navy SpecOps in 2012. What a tremendous group of guys we have been privileged to meet over these past years: intelligent, fit, and brave. The country should be proud of them.

Glad the football team had a winning season (finally) and hope my classmates are happy and well. ([EFCNed@aol.com](mailto:EFCNed@aol.com))

**Bart Palmer writes to us from the UK**

Accompanied by my wife Carla, I spent a busy week at the end of October in the UK with a series of lectures at Durham, York, Cambridge, and Exeter, totaling a seemingly impossible thousand miles of motorway driving. With our son Camden (16), we will return for a week in January to Exeter, where I hold a position of honorary professor at the Centre for Medieval Studies and will begin directing a group of musicologists, literary scholars, and art historians who are preparing a complete edition of the poetry and music of the 14th century master Guillaume de Machaut. The project has been generously funded by the Leverhulme trust and features innovative forms of digitization (for which I claim no credit) that will make the edition and accompanying English translation especially useful to medievalists.

*(Editor's note: Bart is Interim Chair, Calhoun Lemon Professor of Literature, and Director of Film Studies, in the Department of English at Clemson University, [ppalmer@clemson.edu](mailto:ppalmer@clemson.edu)).*

**David Soren is a popular professor at the University of Arizona**

The only news I can report from here is that I am currently teaching 2600 students a year at the University of Arizona where I have just joined the Anthropology Department while maintaining my appointment in Classics and my adjunct appointment in Art History. My classes have been moved into the university theater to accommodate the overspill and it is quite a challenge to teach classes as large as 1200 at one time but I'm enjoying it. ([soren@email.arizona.edu](mailto:soren@email.arizona.edu))

**Bob Bednarz reports on an unusual Thanksgiving in South Africa**

My wife Sarah (Mt. Holyoke '73) and I spent Thanksgiving in a guest house with a view of the Drakensbergs in South Africa. I was there working with geography faculty colleagues at Northwest University. My Thanksgiving dinner consisted of biltong, cheese, dried boerewors, tomatoes, and a very nice South African red wine. One of the best Thanksgivings I've had. Cheers! ([r-bednarz@tamu.edu](mailto:r-bednarz@tamu.edu))

## Dartmouth Golf Trip

**Bandon Dunes Golf Course Monday morning, November 1**  
 From left to right: Caddie, John Manning (friend of Jim Noyes), Jim Noyes '68, John Blair '68, Jim Campbell (friend of John Blair), Caddie



Cedric Kam plays his 100-year old Wurlitzer E-flat tuba.

### Cedric Kam with the exploits of a tuba player and more

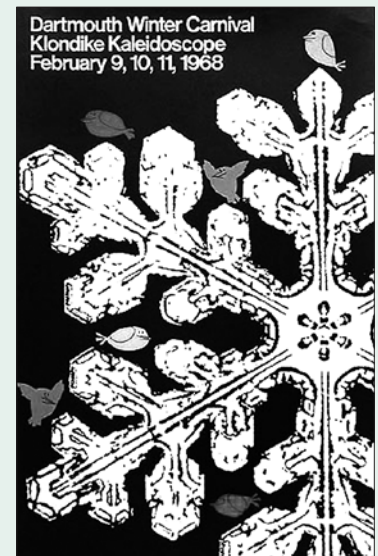
Betsy and I enjoyed a busier than usual Thanksgiving weekend with our 14-month old granddaughter and a 70th birthday dinner Saturday evening for a retired friend from the Hanover area at Boston's only Scottish pub, The Haven. (I highly recommend the pub.) Ted and Nancy were down for Thanksgiving with their son in Jamaica Plain. But first on Saturday afternoon, everyone enjoyed the Boston Tuba Christmas Concert at Quincy Market. This is my one opportunity each year to play my restored, antique (over 100-year old) Wurlitzer E-flat tuba. Wurlitzer was the largest brass musical instrument company in the U.S. in the post-Civil War to 1900 period. (Attached is a photo from the 2009

concert. BTW, there are Tuba Christmas concerts all around the country—see [www.tubachristmas.com](http://www.tubachristmas.com)—5 in Massachusetts alone. Imagine 100 tubas playing Christmas carols - the ground shakes!) Then on Sunday I played bass trombone at the Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra's Holiday Pops Concert. Waltham's Fall Concert was 11/7, and I played tenor trombone at the Metropolitan Wind Symphony Fall Concert on 11/14. Betsy's Dedham Choral Society concert is Sunday 12/6, then I'm playing with a brass group for the Christmas Eve service at church. Betsy's in the choir, of course. Lots of music this time of year. Keeps us out of trouble. Happy Holidays! ([becekam@comcast.net](mailto:becekam@comcast.net))

## News from the College

### Winter Carnival 100th Anniversary

This February 10th–13th, will mark the 100th anniversary celebration of Winter Carnival. The event began as a Winter Field Day in 1910, started by Fred Harris '11 of the DOC, and morphed into Carnival the next year when social events were added. The history is long and colorful (see *Dartmouth Now* for details and full article). This year's events will include D1 NCAA alpine and cross-country ski races, hockey, and basketball, student races in costume on the Green and golf course, an Occom Pond Party for families, and a giant snow sculpture on the Green. Student organizers of this "Carnival of the Century" plan to reinstate famous events of the past including: a Carnival Ball (held 1913-1932); snowshoe races on the Green (a throwback to 1911); and a snow sculpture contest (held from 1927 to the 1980's). This centennial celebration has also been recognized with the publication of the 2010 book, *Winter Carnival: A Century of Dartmouth Posters*. The book features the entire poster collection created from 1935 to 2010. Many of these posters are currently on exhibit in Baker Library.



**Hugh Boss sends us good news**

Friends: We are happy to report that Mackenzie has been accepted Early Decision for the Dartmouth College class of 2015. She has worked extremely hard, and we are very proud of her. Thanks to all of you for your encouragement and support during this process. Wah-Hoo-Wah, Mackenzie!

Hugh and Kelly ([HMB@amcapgrp.com](mailto:HMB@amcapgrp.com))

**Tribute to Sam Swisher on his retirement—11/18/10**

(provided by Cedric Kam)

Sam's retirement dinner was Thursday November 18th and his last official day on the job As Framingham's (MA) community development coordinator was the Friday after Thanksgiving. During his 25 years on the job, Sam is credited with helping over 1300 low- and moderate-income homeowners improve their properties, getting over 70 first-time buyers into homes, fixing sidewalks and other infrastructure, working to prevent homelessness and keep high school students from dropping out, helping immigrants learn English, and eliminating blight—all using federal grant money. In an interview for the *MetroWest Daily News*, Sam stated: "Personally, I've enjoyed the job. It sort of fit my politics. I think of myself as kind of a 1960's guy who likes to help people." He will be sorely missed by his colleagues and town officials, but he expects to remain involved with housing and community improvements as a volunteer. Sam also plans to spend time with family—his wife of 34 years, Polly Snyder, and their three grown sons. See *MetroWest Daily News* (11/28/10) for more details.

[http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/top\\_stories/x1621194533/A-look-back-as-Framingham-community-development-coordinator-retires](http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/top_stories/x1621194533/A-look-back-as-Framingham-community-development-coordinator-retires)

**Gary Blaich has passed away in Hawaii, 11/25/1010**

Cedric Kam notified us of Gary's death and provides us with this memorable anecdote.

Though I don't think I have seen Gary in person or spoken with him for over 20 years, he and I shared 8 of our most formative years together. Gary married our Punahou classmate Beryl Baily, whom he dated all through those 8 years. I will always remember Gary and Beryl fondly. Like the time, one spring weekend, he tried to talk me into loaning him my 10-speed Schwinn bicycle so he could ride from Hanover to Poughkeepsie, NY to see Beryl at Vassar. I thought he was crazy...but then, I'm not a romantic. Of course, no one else loaned him a bike, either. I just checked Google Maps: It's at least 200 miles and 20 hours by bicycle! Still, I always regretted not loaning him the bike...I bet he would have made it.

Dear Classmates,

For all of you who wish to send condolences to Beryl and family, their Kauai address is:

Beryl B. Blaich and Family  
P.O. Box 1434  
Kilauea, HI 96754

Your words of love and aloha are the greatest gift you can send. Gary was one of our class' "Rock of Gibaltars"... and sending your love and prayers to Beryl and the girls is the greatest gift of all.

**Obituary:** Gary Loomis Blaich, M.D. of Kilauea, died at home on Nov. 25, 2010. Born April 23, 1946 in Honolulu, he worked as a psychiatrist in the state mental-health system, and in private practice on Kaua'i, for over 30 years. As president of the Kaua'i Public Land Trust, he led the trust in conservation of over 175 acres of coastal lands on the island. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Beryl; daughters Mehana (Kilipaki) Vaughan and Meleana (Will) Estes; grandchildren, Pikomanawakupono and Pi'ina'imalina; mother-in-law Amelia (Jim Beatty) Bailey; brothers- and sisters-in-law Don Anderson and Jim, Fahy, Speedy (Pauline) and John (Karla) Bailey; nieces Britten, Lindsey and Brooke (Johnny) Bailey and Nicole (Bobby) Galchutt; and nephews Camm (Janene) Willener, Kaulana Bailey and Michael Coots.

A memorial celebration was held on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The family welcomes donations to Gary's favorite charities: the Kaua'i Public Land Trust, the Kaua'i Independent Food Bank and the Honolulu Art Academy.

There's a remembrance of Gary with photos of Beryl and their daughters on the Punahou 64 website:

[http://www.punahou64.com/Punahou\\_64/Remembering\\_GARY.html](http://www.punahou64.com/Punahou_64/Remembering_GARY.html)

**Report of another recently deceased classmate, James Blackwell Davis**

We received notice that James Blackwell Davis, Jr. died on November 5, 2010. He came to Dartmouth from Charles Town, WV. He majored in Economics and served in Army ROTC Junior and Senior years. We have no additional information. It would be great to hear from any of his fraternity brothers from Sigma Phi Epsilon / Sigma Theta Epsilon or anyone else in the class who may have something to add about his life in the next edition of the newsletter.



## You're invited to Winter CarniVAIL Weekend 2011

- When:** Friday, February 25 – Sunday, February 27, 2011
- Where:** Vail Resort, Vail, Colorado
- Who:** All Dartmouth, Tuck, Thayer & DMS Alumni, Friends & Families
- What:** A weekend of intellectual discussions wrapped around unbelievable skiing, delicious food & spirits and wonderful Dartmouth Fellowship.

### Make it a Class Mini-Reunion!

CarniVAIL started in 2000 as a Class of 1965 mini-reunion merged in 2004 with a Tuck student and alumni ski networking weekend at Vail, and has now grown into the largest annual alumni gathering outside of Hanover and the only one to invite participation of alumni from every part of the institution. More than 200 participants from classes of almost every decade come each year to laugh, learn and enjoy the beautiful mountains surrounding Vail. There's plenty to do in Vail even if you don't ski. Discounts!

Each year, the Dartmouth Club of the Vail Region secures a block of rooms at reduced prices at various Vail hotels in Vail Village. The information and link for this block of rooms will be active after November 1. In addition, discounts on lift tickets, ski rental packages and a variety of other items are made available to CarniVAIL participants. All this information will be on the website listed below as soon as it's available.

### More Information & How to Register

Please visit the following website which has more information and the registration page: [www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/carnivail](http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/carnivail)

### Come join the fun at CarniVAIL 2011!

