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## Editor's Note

What was intended to be a mid-winter newsletter has morphed into a winter/spring blend as I have received such an outpouring of contributions from the Class that I couldn't stop adding more articles and updates. Roberta and I recently took a course in the use of iModules, the College's latest email program, and sent out a request for material from you in late February. What followed has been a wealth of news, messages, and photos, which I think will be of great interest to our class. The informal and personalized appeal from iModules demands a reply and many of you responded "Sorry Dave, no news this time around but thanks for asking." At any rate, I am delighted to have such wonderful material to share with you this time.

As many of us approach retirement and move on to second and third careers and new adventures, we are being recognized and rewarded for our accomplishments. The depth and breath of our achievements across multiple disciplines involving the arts, sciences, politics, community service, and athletics is impressive. We have gifted teachers, math scholars, concert violinists, Sundance winning filmmakers, authors of both fiction and non-fiction, and dedicated community and human rights volunteers. As your Newsletter Editor, I feel very lucky to be the recipient of so many interesting stories. I wish I had had the opportunity to know more of you in college and afterward through reunions. We are a talented and fascinating group still moving in many directions, reinventing ourselves, and continuing to contribute to our world. We have to recognize Dartmouth's wisdom in selecting us to matriculate together some 50 years ago to become the great Class of 1968. We have served ourselves and the College well, and we haven't finished yet. Although David Ziegler was concerned that receiving a lifetime achievement award implied something about the impending end of his life (see News of Our Classmates), this is surely not the case.

Dave Gang

## Message from our Class President

3/17/14

The Class has been and will continue to be active in fulfilling its mission to serve ourselves, the College, and its students.

We now offer opportunities for classmates to have rewarding interactions virtually around the calendar: football game mini-reunions, Bandon Dunes fall golf trip, Deer Valley ski trip (next year: Sun Valley), St. John spring sailing trip, and September Broadway theater trip. Many thanks to entrepreneurs Ed Heald, Larry Griffith, Gerry Hills, and others for taking the initiative to make these events happen. We also have had a few more modest efforts including Gerry Bell's first Eastern ski trip at Sunday River, and group viewing of Bob Reich's award winning documentary movie, *Inequality for All* (highly recommended whether in a group or otherwise and available on DVD). We hope that all interested classmates will come forward and participate in these fun activities, and that more entrepreneurs will step forward to sponsor additional activities that they would enjoy sharing with classmates.

Our present service to the College and its students consists principally in our efforts to raise money for the Dartmouth College Fund, and for our 50th reunion Freshman Trip Endowment Fund. I hope that all classmates appreciate the time and energy that Joe Nathan Wright, Peter Wonson, Bob Ross, and Bill Rich put into these endeavors. You can make their job easier by promptly returning their communications and making your commitments to leave Dartmouth in the best state of financial health that we can. Beginning later this year, we will have an additional opportunity to serve Dartmouth students through the Class Connections program involving our four year affiliation with the incoming class of 2018 under the leadership of John Engelman.

In the immediate future, the Class is formulating an additional program to serve Dartmouth students. One of President Phil Hanlon's central initiatives is to emphasize experiential learning. To this end, he has established the Office of Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer under the leadership of Professor Tillman Gerngross of the Thayer School and Trip Davis '90 (both serial entrepreneurs). We are working with Davis to identify promising student projects that require modest funding and perhaps some adult advice to get off the ground. Since the College has relieved the Class of the burden of paying for the Alumni Magazine, the Class has the resources to pursue this opportunity. We hope that both the student groups and interested classmates can enjoy rewarding experiences that the Class makes possible.

We hope to review the first proposals for the aforementioned projects at our next Executive Committee meeting May 31 in Hanover. As always, all classmates are welcome at such meetings.

Enjoy the spring. Remember to supply Editor, Dave Gang with the names of those classmates you would most like to see again over the coming years for our *Most Wanted Lists* (which appear later in the newsletter).

Peter Fahey



## News from the College

Applications to Dartmouth for the entering Class of 2018 fell by 14% this to 19,235 from 2013. While the news media focused on the impact of bad press over issues of sexual harassment and fraternity hazing, the College has not yet determined the causes of this fluctuation in applicants and is carefully conducting a study. Possible explanations include demographic shifts (fewer students going to college nationwide), more interest in pre-professional programs over liberal arts, affordability, and the dropping of credits given for Advanced Placement exams. Despite this drop the overall acceptance rate was still only 11%. The good news is that the applicants are the most socioeconomically diverse in several years, have the highest mean tests scores ever with 80% in the top 10% of their high school classes, and form the most diverse applicant pool in College history.

Charlotte Johnson, Dean of the College, has announced the creation of a new center for prevention of sexual assault and violence at Dartmouth. It will be known as the Center for Community Action and Prevention and will serve as the hub for the new Dartmouth Bystander Initiative and other violence prevention programs. In recognition of his leadership in this area, President Hanlon was invited with nine other college/university presidents to attend a White House Conference in February with VP Joe Biden and HHS secretary Kathleen Sebelius as part of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. Afterward Hanlon was quoted: "I am proud that Dartmouth's efforts to address sexual assault were recognized by the White House as exceptional... I look forward to continuing the dialogue with the White House and the other college and university presidents, who are every bit as committed as I am to taking on this national problem that affects all of our campuses, and in fact our entire society."



## Class of '68 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift: Freshman Trip Endowment



**From Bill Rich** - 2/7/14

As we move ever closer to our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, I want to encourage every member of the Class to support our Gift at Reunion for the Freshman Trip Endowment. This is important for future classes of Dartmouth students. Think of this as our own Class of '68 Trip. Don't be left behind! Make plans now to do something each year leading up to our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The more you can do and the sooner you can do it, the more investment returns we may be able to earn on your gifts. So, make your plans, and do what you can now. Remember, this is still an invitation and not yet a summons!

In this Newsletter, you will see another Timeline connected in some way to Dartmouth and the Freshman Trips. I have been looking for—and I will continue to look for—topics that highlight what is unique about Dartmouth and have something to

do with the outdoors and Trips. Please forgive me if I seem to wander a little far afield in future mailings. I am just trying to celebrate a special place and some very special people.

Whatever you can do in supporting our 50<sup>th</sup> Gift will make a real difference. Donations to the Freshman Trip Endowment may be made as an additional gift on your Annual Class Dues payment. You may also give to the Class of '68 Freshman Trip Endowment by phone at 603-646-3621 or by sending a check to the Class of '68 Freshman Trip Endowment and mail it to Dartmouth College, c/o Gift Recording Office, 6066 Development Office, Hanover, NH 03755-4400.

Thank you again for your support!

## History of the Freshman Trip: Timeline II from Bill Rich

When I submitted my Freshman Trip Timeline for our recent Class Newsletter to highlight our 50th Reunion Gift (to endow the Freshman Trips), I didn't include any photos. Dave and Roberta Gang were kind enough to select one photo of the Lodge at Mount Moosilauke and another showing a sign pointing to the Ledyard Canoe Club. I had told Dave that I was planning to have additional Timelines in the future, but I hadn't told him what they would be about. He must have read my mind. When we think of the Freshman Trips, we naturally think of hiking. But, there is a whole lot more to Dartmouth and Trips than just hiking. Where? Well, that just leads to Timeline II.



### John Ledyard

We all know that there is a Ledyard Canoe Club at Dartmouth, that there was a John Ledyard, and that he took a canoe trip down the Connecticut River. In fact, in addition to the canoe club, there is a bridge, the first steamboat on the Connecticut River, a Lane, a Street, a Road, a well (so, I understand—I do not know where), and a Ledyard Bank. Is that it? For those of us who don't know any more than that, this Timeline is for you!

Even though he only lived to the age of thirty-seven, it is almost certain that John Ledyard traveled farther on land and sea around the globe than any other human being in the eighteenth century. For decades after his death, he was as famous as the founding fathers of our nation. In fact, he knew many of them and collaborated with them in some of his adventures. Ledyard traveled with few possessions and little money. He depended on the hospitality of people he had never met and traveled across

Russia with little other than a letter of "good intentions." But, we are also told that he engaged in fistfights in London, started a shoving match in Tonga, and challenged a Siberian provincial governor to a duel. He often stared in the face of danger and was a member of a very small party to witness Captain Cook's murder by cannibals in Hawaii. Thomas Jefferson described Ledyard as a person of "ingenuity and information, but a little too much imagination." That description sounds like a lot of Dartmouth men to me!

**1751** – John Ledyard was born in Groton, Connecticut to John and Abigail (Hempstead) Ledyard.

**1769** – On December 13, a Charter was issued to establish Dartmouth College "for the education and instruction of Youth of the Indian Tribes in this Land." And, also "of English Youth and any others." A typical graduate was likely to become a missionary.

**1771** – The first graduate degrees of the College were issued. John Ledyard's grandfather died and the bulk of the family inheritance was left to a younger brother. Ledyard's father, a sea captain, had died of malaria in the Caribbean some years before.

**1772** – In April, having worked briefly in a law office in Hartford, John Ledyard entered Dartmouth College to train to be a missionary to Native Americans. Ledyard arrived in a two-wheel sulky with a trunk full of velvet and calico cloth from which he made theatrical costumes for exhibitions that he organized and led. This activity almost certainly made Ledyard Dartmouth's first playwright. He also petitioned to have ballroom dancing and fencing added to the curriculum, but in this effort he was not successful. In the summer, Eleazar Wheelock, a good friend of his grandfather, sent Ledyard northward near Canada to live among the Iroquois of the Six Nations hoping to encourage their youth to enroll at Dartmouth. During those four months of the first leave term by anyone at Dartmouth, he studied the natives'

way of life with great intensity, writing copious notes. As such, he was Dartmouth's first anthropologist.

**1773** – In February, Ledyard led a group of student adventurers on a hike out to Velvet Rocks where they spent a long frosty night wrapped in bearskins. Ledyard was truly Dartmouth's first outdoorsman and this was undoubtedly the first Freshman Hiking Trip for the College. In the spring, he chopped down a huge white pine near the banks of the Connecticut River and hacked out a fifty-foot long, three-foot wide dugout canoe—having learned this skill while living with the Iroquois. One of his Dartmouth Indian classmates carved him a paddle and with it, in April, he shoved off down the river to paddle (and float—and avoid peril at Bellow's Falls) to his grandfather's farm in Hartford. This, of course, was Dartmouth's first Freshman Canoe Trip. Shortly after he left, he wrote a letter to Wheelock in which he said, "Farewell, dear Dartmouth, may you flourish like the greenbay tree." His wish has certainly come true. Yet, he never returned to the college. In all, he had spent less than one year at Dartmouth. In the fall, Ledyard became a common seaman on the ship of Captain Richard Deshon, sailing between the Barbary Coast, Gibraltar, and the West Indies. In Gibraltar, Ledyard became the first Dartmouth man to enlist in and quickly desert from the British Navy.

**1776** – In London, John Ledyard joined Captain Cook's third voyage to the Pacific and sailed with it from 1776 to 1780. In this two-ship expedition, Ledyard was able to visit many places, including the Canary Islands, Cape Verde Island, the Cape of Good Hope, the Prince Edward Islands, the Kerguelen Islands, New Zealand, Tasmania, Tonga, Tahiti and the South Pacific Islands, the part of the North American continent which was later to become California and Oregon (making him perhaps the first US citizen to touch its western coast), Nootka Sound, the Bering Sea, the Aleutian Islands, the Kamchatka Peninsula, the eastern coast of Siberia, China, Macau, Jakarta, and Java. He also became the first US citizen to participate in the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands. All this time, Ledyard was absorbing as much as he could of the native languages and cultures.

**1778** – In October, Ledyard met fur traders at Unalaska Island in the first contact between Russians and Americans in the Pacific

**1779** – In February, Ledyard was a witness as Captain Cook was killed by Hawaiians. While there, he had made a failed attempt to climb from Kealakekua Bay to Mokuaweoweo, the summit of Mauna Loa. His extensive notes about the islands would be the basis for a publication some years later.

**1780** – Back in London, having again enlisted as a member of the British Navy, Ledyard was sent to fight in the American Revolutionary War. Instead, Ledyard promptly deserted, making him the first Dartmouth man assigned to fight for Britain in the Revolutionary War, and probably the first to desert from that war. Back in Hartford, Ledyard began to write his *Journal of Captain Cook's Last Voyage*, with extensive highlights from Hawaii. Published in 1783, it was the first work to be protected by copyright in the United States (in Connecticut first by special act of the legislature, as its publication preceded federal copyright by seven years). This work was also the first travelogue describing Hawaii ever to be published in America.

**1784** – Ledyard sought financing from Philadelphia financier Robert Morris and "Father of the US Navy" John Paul Jones for the formation of fur-trading companies. In his travels, he had noticed that sea otter furs from the American northwest commanded high prices in Macau and he proposed trading furs for Chinese silk and porcelain to be sold in the United States. As such, he laid the pattern for the subsequent China trade. Later, Ledyard left the United States to find financial backers in Europe. While in Paris, he came up with another idea and conceived a remarkably bold scheme of exploration with the encouragement of Thomas Jefferson, then the American Ambassador, and with the financial backing of the Marquis de Lafayette, botanist Joseph Banks, and John Adams' son-in-law, William Smith. The plan was to cross overland through Russia, cross the Bering Strait, proceed south through Alaska, and then cross the American West to Virginia. No small undertaking! Jefferson negotiated with the Russian government to obtain authorization for Ledyard's trip (which he was unable to do). Ledyard undertook the trip without the authority that Jefferson sought. Twenty years later, the American portion of this trip would be completed in part in the other direction by the expedition of Lewis and Clark.

**1786** – Ledyard left London in December and walked from Stockholm, Sweden, around the Gulf of Bothnia, and arrived in St. Petersburg in March 1787 (This difficult portion of his trip was recreated by two Dartmouth '03's twelve years ago). In June, he left to cross Russia by foot, by canoe, and by hitching rides. He traveled through Moscow, Ekaterinburg, Omsk, Tomsk, Irkutsk, and Kirensk, arriving in Yakutsk in February 1788. Follow a map to see just how far he had traveled! At this point, he turned back to join a larger expedition, was arrested by orders of the Empress Catherine the Great (over her fear and jealousy regarding the fur trade), and was deported to Poland. During his travels, he was struck by the similarities between the Tartars of Siberia and the

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Native American Indians and was undoubtedly one of the first to suspect the human migratory paths that we now believe occurred thousands of years ago.

**1788** – Returning to London, Ledyard learned that the African Association was recruiting explorers for Africa and proposed first an expedition of the Nile to its source, and then another from the Red Sea to the Atlantic. In Alexandria waiting for the expedition to start, he accidentally poisoned himself with sulfuric acid and died in Cairo in January, 1789. Ledyard was buried in the sand dunes lining the Nile in a modestly marked grave, the location of which is unknown today.

In his long tribute to this man, Jay Evans '49, former Olympic canoe/kayak coach, wrote that John Ledyard was inspired to write a seven stanza poem about his travels and was probably Dartmouth's first poet. His poem "In Praise of Women" closes with:

Her courteous looks, her words caressing,  
Shed comfort on the fainting soul,  
Woman's the traveler's general blessing,  
From sultry India to the Pole

Evans notes that there is an old saying that "a candle that burns twice as bright burns only half as long." He ends his tribute by quoting from the bronze plaque that is attached to the large granite stone by the canoe club that bears Ledyard's name:

### **John Ledyard**

In 1773 a freshman at Dartmouth College  
on this spot felled a giant pine  
from which he made a canoe  
and in it descended the river to Hartford, Connecticut.  
He was a traveler among the Indians  
an associate of John Paul Jones  
an officer under Captain Cook  
traversing all oceans and penetrating remote lands.  
He foresaw and foretold the riches  
of the Pacific Coast and the advantages  
of commerce with the far east.  
When about to cross Africa he died in Egypt  
at the age of 37.

He too heard the voice crying in the wilderness  
HIS WAS THE DARTMOUTH SPIRIT

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## Update on the Class Connections Program

**From John Engelman** - 2/19/14

The Class Connections program which pairs the '68s with the incoming class of 2018 will kick off with a group of classmates traveling to the 2<sup>nd</sup> College Grant to spend time with participants on the Freshman Trips. Freshman Trips will run from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>. Not all Freshman Trips will be spending time at the Grant, but a number of hiking, canoeing, and kayaking trips will. Once the Trip Directors have established the dates when they will be at the Grant, we can begin organizing our participation there. **Jack Noon, Bill Clark, David Walden** and **John Everett** have agreed to head up our program at the Grant. (Bill Clark's wife, Linn, will probably join us, and participation by wives will be encouraged, as their presence at the Grant is

likely to make the experience more enjoyable for the women in the Class of 2018).

If you are interested in joining us at the Grant, please block off those dates on your calendar, and let me know of your desire to participate. Email me at [john.engelman@dartmouth.edu](mailto:john.engelman@dartmouth.edu).

The other Class Connections activity that we know will take place this fall will be during matriculation. The date of matriculation is tentatively set for September 14<sup>th</sup>, but that is not yet confirmed, so it may change. After the first year students meet President Hanlon and complete matriculation, they will exit Parkhurst and come to a tent set up on the lawn of Blunt where '68s (and hopefully some wives) will meet them, present them with

a Class Connections pin, welcome them to the Dartmouth family, and briefly talk with them about the exciting four years that lie ahead. If you would like to join us for this welcoming event, please let me know at the above email address.

As the dates and times for these activities solidify, I will let the class know through the Class Newsletter and email blasts.

## Report from the 207<sup>th</sup> Dartmouth Alumni Council Meeting: October 24-26, 2013

**From Dick Olson** – 11/19/13

Dear mates of the class of '68,

My first Alumni Council meeting in October as class representative gave me a chance to look under the hood of Dartmouth College. First thing I learned is that the Class of 1968 has been well served by my predecessor Gerry Bell whose reports to the class were cited as a model. Dartmouth's new president Philip Hanlon '77—those of us at the reunion in June got to size him up at a conclave in Spalding—knows Dartmouth culture. But as provost of the University of Michigan—chief academic officer and overseer of the budget—he knows the issues. “Higher education is on an unsustainable trajectory,” Hanlon told us. He plans to ask each department to make room for new initiatives by cutting 1½ percent in prior spending. Hanlon wants Dartmouth to hire new faculty in clusters around major problems facing society citing health care delivery science as a model. Others: sustainability, poverty, and energy policy. “We need to stress experiential learning,” he told us as a path to wisdom. In contrast to gathering information, which with the resources on the Internet is a free good, and in contrast with knowledge, which, Hanlon said, is close to being a free good.

Other key points:

**Sexual assault and violence:** Dartmouth has turned to Jen Sayre '93 who believes that the only effective way to deal with sexual violence is through training bystanders to intervene before a situation gets out of hand.

**Dartmouth investments:** Dartmouth's investment team oversees \$4.6 billion including the endowment and defined benefit pension plans. It's done pretty well—9.2% over the ten years by reducing its share of global public equities and increasing venture capital.

**Endowment stats:** Dartmouth's endowment per student is \$564,000, fourth in the Ivy League behind Princeton 1.2 million, Yale 1.6 million, Harvard 1.5 million.

**Costs per undergraduate:** It's \$128,000 a year. Tuition, room and board are now \$57,996. Another \$70,004 is funded by other sources including endowment distribution.

Steve Mandel '78, head of the trustees, said it's important for the board and senior leadership to be aligned: “We are very aligned here” as he emphasized the need for cluster hiring of faculty

rather than department by department decisions. Also a quote from Mandel: “We are not going to be Dartmouth University.”

**Balloting in uncontested elections:** Early in 2014, we're going to be voting on an amendment to the constitution of the Association of Alumni that would eliminate the requirement for balloting in uncontested trustee elections. This wouldn't affect our right to nominate candidates by petition.

If you haven't been to Hanover recently, you should make the trip. I stopped in the Jaffe Friede gallery and saw an amazing exhibit by Daniel Heyman '85, who is currently the artist-in-residence. His drawing “Artist Eats Pho” recounts the spiritual epiphany of a 10-year-Vietnamese boy thinking he is going to die as he faces 10-story waves on a creaky, overcrowded boat as he flees Vietnam after the war. But suddenly he has an insight that he is one with the ocean that seems so threatening: “in that moment there was this deep knowing that we all are going to live.” When it's good, you don't return to Dartmouth just to remember but also to reawaken.

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*{Editors Note: Dick sends us an update to his Alumni Council Meeting Report, 2/8/14}*

Keep those emails coming in!

I appreciate the opportunity to represent the class on the Alumni Council. Several classmates emailed me in response to my first report: Allan Ackerman, Sherwood Guernsey, Bob Block, Peter Wonson, Peter Fahey, George Moore, Dan Butterworth and Gerry Bell.

Allan wrote: “Have done some work with UVM and Hobart/William Smith on strategy and cost reduction, and it ain't easy and it's gonna get worse. That said, please keep these up—I thought it was a great combination of intriguing, useful, and motivating stuff.”

Gerry wrote: “Hope you enjoyed your meeting—I kinda wish Hanlon and I had overlapped a little. Really admire the guy.”

The next alumni council meeting is in May. I welcome any input or advice from classmates. Email me at [dickolson@comcast.net](mailto:dickolson@comcast.net).

If any of you have a chance to hear President Hanlon, take it.

Dick Olson

## Mini-Reunions – Since Last Fall

### Big East Ski Trip at Sunday River – Version 1.0



Gerry Bell, Bear Everett, Bob Block

#### From Gerry Bell – 2/17/14

Super Bowl weekend saw the inaugural edition of the '68 Big East ski trip at Sunday River, Maine. (Next year I'll be a little smarter and schedule it for the weekend between the conference championships and the Super Bowl.) But ... never mind ... the first one is the most difficult, and we got 'er done!

Attending were yours truly and wife Jackie, Bear Everett, Bob Block, and Bob's daughter's family (Jessa and Justin Barnard, both '02, and their young son Skylar.) The alpine slopes were firm and fast, the cross-country trails scenic and wind-sheltered, the weather pretty decent, and the wines supplied by Bob and Bear truly outstanding!

The meals were great too—Thursday night, Jackie's famous turkey tetrazzini; Friday night, fine dining at Bethel's best restaurant, 22 Broad Street; and Saturday night, catered gourmet Mexican at our rental ski house, with its fantastic views of the Sunday River slopes. Wonderful opportunity to review each day, reminisce about winters in Hanover, and solve all the problems facing Dartmouth and the rest of the world!

But the highlight of the weekend was watching the first ski experience for Bob Block's grandson Skylar Barnard, Dartmouth '33. Skylar is all of 2 years 10 months old, just below the age minimum for Sunday River's kids' ski school. But Mom and Dad and Gramps

took him out anyway, and the results were spectacular. No little kid's hunched-over snowplow for Skylar! He lined 'em parallel, held his Mom's hand for one run down the beginner slope, figured out how to turn, and then went on his own. (Slope got a little crowded as Gramps swelled up with pride!)

When Skylar medals in the downhill at the 2034 Winter Olympics, we'll be able to say we were present at the creation. Alas, you won't—but there are sure to be other unforgettable experiences, so don't miss Version 2.0 of this trip next year!

*{Editor's Note: Gerry, we love Sunday River. We spent many February school vacations there with our kids, who are now topnotch skiers and riders. Hope to join you next year, Dave.}*

### While I'm At It ...

(Gerry's Additional Thoughts On Mini-Reunions)

#### By Gerry Bell, Mini-Reunion Chair – 2/17/14

Putting the first Big East ski trip in the books made me ask myself, "What's next?" I've read all the responses and ideas from classmates following my midsummer newsletter piece on mini-reunions (and, I hope, have answered them all—thanks to all who wrote!) But still, I could use more help.

Let's look at the next 4-1/2 years of mini-reunions this way. We have several well-established and well-attended annual mini-reunions run by guys who know the ropes (Homecoming Weekend, Western ski trip, Bandon Dunes golf trip, the instant classic Virgin Islands Flotilla, and the neonate Big East ski trip.) All well and good—no problems there. All we need is more participation!

We have some suggestions for occasional entrepreneurial regional minis, like Palm Springs or Florida spring golf trips and the recent call for "watch parties" for Bob Reich's film "Inequality for All." To these add Bear Everett's ideas for an overnight round-trip hike of the Mahoosuc Mile (the most challenging and arduous stretch of the Appalachian Trail) and a kayak trip down the Magalloway River, bordering the Second College Grant in northern New Hampshire. And Bruce Senn wants to revisit his Freshman Trip hike along the ridgelines of Franconia Notch. Bear and Bruce have positive reactions from one guy—me—but we're looking for more. And I'm looking, and asking, for reactions to all these ideas, and for more suggestions still—particularly for regional minis beyond the Northeast.



In the midsummer newsletter, I also mentioned some Big Ideas for minis as momentum-builders in the run-up to our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. After your responses, my thinking has now focused on the notion of one Big Thing (not a new recurring annual trip) each year. This year's is easy: our '68 Turns 68 birthday party and theater weekend in New York, ably chaired by Ed Heald (contact Ed at [esheald@aol.com](mailto:esheald@aol.com) if you've been on another planet and need details.)

Two other big ideas that seemed to gain traction were a California Wine Safari (good possibility for our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party in 2016) and a Grand Canyon river rafting trip (a real big idea, tentatively scheduled as a possibility for 2017.) Still need something for 2015. Peter Wonson wants to go Key West (I like that—I've never been!) Other possibilities that generated some positive response were a tour of the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota, a tour of John Ford's West (Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks, Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, etc.), or a shorter rafting trip down the New and Gauley Rivers of West Virginia (to get our feet wet for 2017, so to speak).

But guys, I need more reaction, good or bad, and more ideas. I should note that, while I obviously seem to gravitate to adventure/outdoors/athletic possibilities, those aren't a requirement for a mini. Many of you may prefer more intellectually stimulating themes, and that's fine—the "68 turns 68" theater weekend and the Wine Safari are two of those, and more ideas along those lines are most welcome. Unfortunately, I'm not creative enough to come up with lots of those on my own—I need your help. Ground Rule No. 1: "There are no bad ideas!"

So ... let's hear from you! Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Anyone?

Gerry

## Congratulations to Father and Son, Jim Henle '68 and Fred Henle '97

### 2014 David P. Robbins Prize Recipients, Mathematical Association of America

This prize was established in memory of David P. Robbins by members of his family. Robbins, who died in 2003, received his Ph.D. in 1970 from MIT. He was a long-time member of the Institute for Defense Analysis Center for Communication Research and a prolific mathematician whose work (much of it classified) was in discrete mathematics. The Prize is for a paper that reports on novel research in algebra, combinatorics or discrete mathematics, has a significant experimental component, and is on a topic which is broadly accessible. The paper shall provide a simple statement of the problem and clear exposition of the work. This Prize is awarded every three years.

#### Citation: Frederick V. Henle and James M. Henle

"Squaring the plane," *American Mathematical Monthly*, 115 (2008), no. 1, 3–12.

The problem is simple. You are supplied with infinitely many square tiles, but they all have different sizes, in fact there is exactly one  $n$ -by- $n$  square for each positive integer  $n$ . Your task is to use these squares to tile the plane, no overlaps or gaps allowed, and you must use all of the squares. A traditional tiling uses many congruent copies of the same tile or a few tiles. Now, no two tiles are alike.

Inspired by a paper of William Tutte in 1950 showing that a square can be tiled by finitely many different smaller squares, Solomon Golomb (recent winner of the U.S. National Medal of Science) posed the question in 1975 on whether the plane can be tiled with the integer squares. Shortly after, it was picked up by Martin Gardner in his *Scientific American* column, and several partial results appeared in the intervening years.

With only meager progress, some began to think such a tiling was not possible. But it is.

This delightful article gives a complete description of a tiling of the plane using one square of each integral side. The argument itself does not bring in any "big guns" to settle the problem; rather it uses "big ingenuity," which is always preferable. As such, the paper is completely accessible to undergraduates. The article closes with a number of intriguing open problems; we hope that this award will help call attention to them.

#### Biographical Notes

**Frederick V. Henle** received his baccalaureate from Harvard University in 1992 and his master's degree from Dartmouth College in 1997. He has taught mathematics and computer science at Mercersburg Academy, played in the first violin section of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, and is now a lead developer at Athena Health, Inc. Work on this paper and subsequent papers with his father, Jim, has been both personally and professionally fulfilling, and an experience that he hopes one day to share with his children.

**James M. Henle** earned his baccalaureate degree from Dartmouth College in 1968 and his Ph.D. from MIT in 1976. Early in his career he taught at the University of the Philippines and at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, but for most of his professional life he has been a member of the faculty at Smith College.

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Jim credits his mathematical awakening and development to his high school teacher Richard Jameson, to Dartmouth logician Donald Kreider, to his thesis advisor Gene Kleinberg, to his Smith colleagues Marjorie Senechal and Joe O'Rourke, to the columns of Martin Gardner, and most important, to his brother Michael Henle. Jim counts over two dozen collaborators on his research papers. The most frequent have been his academic siblings, Carlos Di Prisco, Arthur Apter, and Bill Zwicker; the most significant is his son, Fred.

***Joint Response from Frederick and James Henle***

It is a delight and a great honor to receive the 2014 David P. Robbins Prize. We feel fortunate to have stumbled upon such a problem and then to have stumbled on a solution. We only wish that others might take this work further and answer questions that have so far eluded us, most especially the question of squaring the half-plane.

*(received 1/24/14)*

## Falmouth Educator, George Spivey '68, Honored for Human Rights Work



*Photo by Steve Heaslip, Cape Cod Times*

**By Sean F. Driscoll**, [sdriscoll@capecodonline.com](mailto:sdriscoll@capecodonline.com)

January 20, 2014

When George Spivey was around 14 and growing up in southern New Jersey, the superintendent of his Sunday school, Arthur Jones, made a shocking prediction about the young man's future.

"He said, you're going to be a minister some day," recalls Spivey, now 67. "I said I didn't think that's going to happen because, at the time, I was more interested in girls and sports. The ministry, from what I could see ministers did—I wasn't into that."

In the most traditional sense of the word, Spivey didn't enter the ministry. He pursued a career in education, retiring as the principal at East Falmouth Elementary School last year. He also served as Falmouth's third affirmative action equity officer.

But in a broader definition, his whole life has been devoted to ministering. His message is one of education, of the importance of community and of racial and social justice.

"Arthur Jones saw something in me," said Spivey. "I've been trying to follow that lead."

Today Spivey will be honored by the Falmouth Clergy Association with its first award for human rights work and community leadership. The presentation will be at the group's seventh annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast — an event that, not coincidentally, Spivey initiated and plans each year.

“Because he has done so much for Cape Cod, not just Falmouth, for such a long period of time, we thought his retirement was a good time to acknowledge him,” said the Rev. Robert Murphy of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth. “He’s not received a lot of public recognition in the past. Because of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, we felt this was the appropriate time.”

Spivey was born in the Bronx but raised in Mizpah, N.J., then a rural community of 1,500 people about 26 miles from Atlantic City. It wasn’t a town that garnered a lot of respect—the state tried to plunk both a dump and a federal youth prison there over the years, both times unsuccessfully.

But it was a town full of hard workers, a community where children minded their elders and always went to school and where the neighbors would take boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables to families unannounced.

“Growing up the hard way was probably the best way, because we had a lot of respect for one another,” Spivey said. “Education was the most important, to parents and to the kids.”

His quest for education took him to Hanover, N.H., where he spent four years at Dartmouth College at the height of the civil rights movement. He studied government and soaked in the lessons of King and Malcolm X, both of whom were assassinated during his studies. Spivey briefly studied law at Rutgers University before switching gears to study education, receiving his master’s degree in education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

His first connection to the Cape came in 1968, when he married Ruth Perry, an East Falmouth resident. He would later take a job at Barnstable High School in its alternative learning program. He left to get his master’s degree, but came back and stayed when he got a job in Falmouth Public Schools, ending up as principal of East Falmouth Elementary.

His passion has taken him far beyond the walls of the school, including working with the Falmouth Police Department to provide sensitivity training in light of allegations of racial profiling. But it’s been working with children that has brought him the most joy.

Scores of his students, both through East Falmouth Elementary and the mentoring program, have gone on to college because of his guidance and assistance.

That’s what Mizpah did for him—a neighbor drove him to Dartmouth when Spivey started his studies. It’s what communities do. And it’s what Spivey does, every day.

“George is a perfect gentleman,” said John Reed, former president of the Cape Cod NAACP chapter and president of the Zion Union Heritage Museum in Hyannis.

“He’s one of these guys who goes out of his way to help people. Kids mainly, but in his time on Cape Cod, he’s done a lot of things. ... He sees that people who need extra help and extra time to develop need an environment to do that. He provides the kind of leadership that allows people to bring out the best in themselves.”

### About George Spivey

- Age: 67
- Education: bachelor’s degree, Dartmouth College; master’s degree, Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Family: wife, Ruth (Perry); daughter, Monique
- Professional background: retired in June as East Falmouth Elementary School principal; 13 years as Falmouth’s affirmative action equity officer.
- Other community work: created a youth mentoring program with the local NAACP and Concerned Black Men; organized Falmouth for membership in No Place for Hate, a national antidiscrimination association; launched annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast; worked with Falmouth Police Department and an independent consultant to respond to allegations of racial profiling.

*(Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from the Cape Cod Times, Cape Cod Media Group, a division of Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.)*

## Biography of Talented Violinist and Classmate: Sin-Tung Chiu

*(Editors Note: Sin-Tung Chiu has had a stellar career as a classical violinist, one that I think will be of great interest and inspiration to our classmates. See additional in News of Our Classmates section. Dave)*



*Photo with Violin Ensemble Class at Community Music Center Richmond District Branch (CMC RDB) at the Spring Gala for Community Music Center (CMC) at SF Jazz Center in San Francisco in 5/2013 when Sun-Tung was honored for his 25th anniversary of violin teaching at CMC RDB and also when the entire Chiu family was honored for their contributions to the performing arts in general in San Francisco.*

### **SIN-TUNG CHIU**

Sin-Tung Chiu won prizes in violin and chamber music in Hong Kong at the age of 12 as a student of Chung-On Chan. He later studied with Denes Zsigmondy and Anneliese Nissen in Ammerland, Germany. Sin-Tung Chiu is an alumnus of Dartmouth College, The Juilliard School, Teachers College of Columbia University, Meadowmount Summer School of Music and the Aspen Music Festival. At The Juilliard School, he studied violin with Dorothy DeLay and privately with Ivan Galamian, as well as chamber music with Felix Galimir and members of the Juilliard String Quartet (Robert Mann and Claus Adam).

Subsequently, he performed in master classes under the tutelage of Nathan Milstein at The Juilliard School and Ruggiero Ricci in Victoria, Canada.

As a Founding violinist of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra in New York City, Sin-Tung Chiu performed in its concerts at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and participated in its tours to Europe, India, Israel, North and South America, and Puerto Rico, which included two U.S. State Department sponsorships.

He was Artist-in-Residence at Bay View Summer Conservatory and Music Festival (Michigan); Assistant Professor of Violin at

the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Visiting Associate Professor of Violin at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Co-Concertmaster of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Concertmaster of its Chamber Orchestra, Music Consultant of the documentary film of the 1977 Van Cliburn Quadrennial International Piano Competition; and Associate Concertmaster of the Round Top Festival Orchestra (Texas). At that time, Sin-Tung Chiu frequently appeared in sonata recitals and faculty chamber music concerts, in addition to live broadcasts on regional public radio and television.

Sin-Tung Chiu became an American citizen in New York in 1984 and established his home in San Francisco in 1988.

In San Francisco, Sin-Tung Chiu teaches privately and is on the violin faculty of Community Music Center (CMC) since 1988, serving on the CMC Faculty Council (2007 to 2010) and again as of 2012; Chinese American International School since 1997; Music City Academy since 2008; in Hillsborough, California, on the violin faculty of The Nueva School as a Menuhin violin instructor since 1991, serving also as Director of the Nueva String Ensemble since 2005; in San Mateo, California, as the first violin instructor at The Carey School since 2012.

From 2005 to 2008, Sin-Tung Chiu was a member of the Board of Directors of the Del Sol Performing Arts Organization that oversees the career of the San-Francisco-based Del Sol String Quartet, known for its focus on contemporary chamber music working with living composers worldwide.

In September 2011, Sin-Tung Chiu played a debut recital with pianist Yeeha Chiu and violinist Charmian Gadd at the Inaugural Spring Festival at The Concourse Concert Hall in Chatswood, Australia.

Sin-Tung Chiu performs in solo and sonata recitals with pianist Dmitriy Cogan. He also performs in chamber music concerts and enjoys teaching students of all ages, introducing them to the world of classical music and the performing arts.



*Sin-Tung in the Green Room backstage at The Concourse in Chatswood, Australia*

## Jim Morrison Takes Late Wife's Seat on Cohasset Historical Commission



*Jim Morrison sits at his desk in his study that he built in his carriage barn.*

(received 3/10/14)

As the newest member of Cohasset's Historical Commission, Jim Morrison is carrying on a family tradition of loving—and living—history. His wife Marilyn was actively involved in the Commission and was dedicated to preserving town history. After she passed away on December 20, Morrison applied to take over her seat on the board. The Board of Selectmen approved his appointment last week.

**“The Morrisons” by Erin Dale, 2/7/14, [edale@wickedlocal.com](mailto:edale@wickedlocal.com)**

If anyone should ever doubt that the Morrisons were a couple of history buffs, one only need look at their house. The home that Jim Morrison shared with his late wife, Marilyn (née Pratt), is testament to their mutual admiration of historic structures – and the town of Cohasset. “It’s an old family house,” said Morrison of the home, built in the 1840s. Having traced its origins through the Registry of Deeds in Dedham, Morrison said he learned the house was inherited by a man named Isaac Pratt, who later sold the home to Herb “Babe” Marsh. Marsh and his family lived in the home for a few decades before selling it to Marilyn’s brother, Elliott Pratt.

In 1982, Marilyn and Jim purchased the house for a song: \$17,000. But the place was in major need of a facelift. “It was a tinder box; we mostly gutted the place,” said Morrison, adding that however, “we kept the original style, molding and doors. It was a great project.” Morrison said that it was easy to fall in love with the fixer-upper; in

marrying Marilyn, the house was part of a package deal. “She showed me the place and said, ‘Here’s the deal – love me, love my house,’” Morrison recalled.

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Now, the professor is planting those roots a little deeper by joining a town committee (although he previously served as secretary of the town’s Cable Advisory Board). Marilyn was involved with the town’s Historical Society and Historical Commission for about a decade before taking a break from her activities. She most recently joined the Commission three years ago. Morrison said that one of Marilyn’s chief tasks was in wording plaques around town, and using her sharp editorial skills honed from her work in the publishing world to edit documents and signage.

## Most Wanted List:

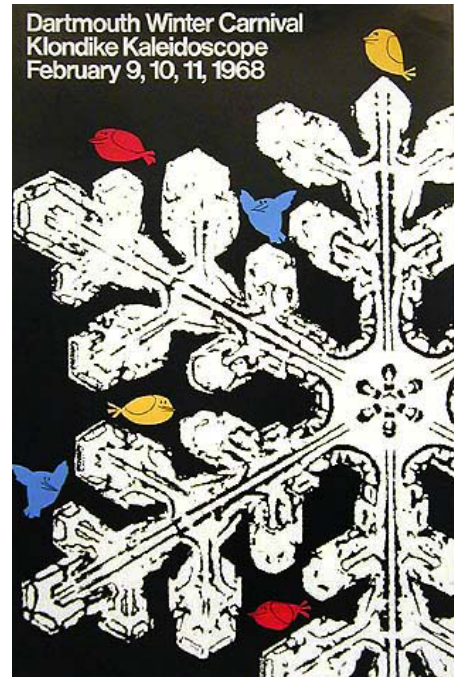
### Whom Among Our Classmates Would You Most Like to See and/or Reconnect With At or Before Our 50th Reunion?

**From Gerry Bell:** Dave Bergengren, Joe Carbonari, Chuck Cramb, Dennis Drapkin, Dave Effron, Dirk Ehlert, John Fieselman, Sam Hawken, Frank Ittleman, Mike Jacobs, Jimmy Johnson, Charlie Karchmer, Brad Lindeblad, Rusty Martin, John McNamara, John Meehan, Bill Mutterperl, Jon Newcomb, Fred Palmer, Bronson Platner, John Preotle, Gordie Rule, Tom Russian, Peter Shaeffer, George Spivey, Dave Stromeyer, Jim Tonkovich, Pat Valentine, Wick Walker, Ken Warner, Dana Waterman, Pete Weston, Weems Westfeldt, Jerry Wunsch, Bill Zarchy.

**From John Engelman:** Don Linky, David Skinner, Brad Lindeblad, Jimmy Johnson, Jim Ingersoll

**From Peter Fahey:** Joe Colgan, Geoff Church, John Collins, Hank Cowles, Jeff Garten, Ted Gundy, Ken Kotowski, Steve Luxford, Ed Marlette, Fred Martin, Tony Marzoni, John McNamara, John Meehan, Ted Nixon, Walter Richter, Gordon Rule, Taylor Wagenseil, Russ Wienecke

**From Peter Wonson:** Tony Abruzzo, Gary Bayrd, Dave Englebretson, John Meehan, Bob Tharinger, John Ziegenhagen





### News from our Classmates:

#### Gerry Hills Sends Photo from Fall Mini-Reunion in Virgin Islands

(received 11/23/13)

I got together with Terry Lichty on St. John last night at his new residence overlooking Fish Bay. We had wine with our wives, and then went to a “The Hurricane Season Is Over” party, where a whole lot of people had a whole lot more wine. We then toasted the anti-hurricane gods with hurricanes.

Terry and I are the only members of ‘68 in the Virgin Islands. Two other Dartmouth grads are on this tiny little island of 5,000 people, both of them younger and not nearly as interesting as we are.

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Photo of Terry Lichty and Gerry Hills on St. John

#### Micro Mini-Reunion of the Great Fall Sophomore Trip of 1965

(received 11/24/13)



Photo of Myra, Dave, Peter, Dave, and Roberta



Peter Weston organized a mini-reunion before Thanksgiving of former South Mass buddies and Katahdin conquerors Dave Gang and Dave Ziegler with spouses Roberta and Myra at Max’s Tavern in Springfield. Myra and Dave were up from Hinton, WV where Myra is still the Director of the Summers County Public Library and just concluded a year as President of the WV Library Association. Dave practices law and admits he has cut back a bit but is still pretty busy. He has been actively involved with the Hinton Area Foundation (HAF), which he helped found in 1992. HAF is part of Philanthropy WV, where at the annual meeting last October, Dave received its first ever lifetime achievement award. Dave says he was surprised and honored, but initially fearful that such an award

meant he would die soon. The Ziegler’s recently returned from Bhutan on a Dartmouth tour. They loved a country where measuring gross national happiness is more important than GNP.

Peter lives in Westfield, MA, and is still working hard as Senior VP and Senior Philanthropic Relationship Manager at US Trust, Bank of America, in Glastonbury, CT.

It was a great evening with lots of wonderful memories and stories. Dave and Myra are wonderful raconteurs and their stories of life in rural WV are not to be missed. Hope we can organize a raft trip down their way as they live near the New River Gorge.

#### Ford Cashion Sends a Brief Green Card Update

(received 12/3/13)

I haven’t written in a long time. I’m still married to Sandy Grove for 39 years, living in Spokane, WA, and working as an ER doc. Our 2 boys, daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren are all healthy. I would be out skiing today but it’s too cold and windy.

Sincerely,

Ford Cashion (all my contact information is still the same)

#### Andy Winter has Retired

(received 2/16/14)

After a successful 30 year career in the Foreign Service, capped by being named by Bill Clinton as Ambassador to Gambia, my wife and I have retired to Quito, Ecuador. My wife, Maria Isabel, and I met in Quito 43 years ago when I was with the Embassy on my first assignment. We met again 10 years ago, married 8 years ago, and decided to retire to Quito last year to



be closer to her children and grandchildren. After 3 months here, we know we have made the right decision.

All the best,  
Andy  
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### **An Update from Roger Witten**

(received 2/16/14)

I do have some news. I have retired as a partner from Wilmer Hale, the firm I joined in 1975. I will work part-time as a Senior Counsel through 2014. I'll be teaching Law and Politics at UVM this summer. Jill and I will split our time between Manhattan and Stowe, where we've had a place since 1985 and where I serve on a non-profit board. Jill continues to be a very active chamber music pianist in NY and VT. Our daughter Wendy ('96) and her husband ('97) and two children are in Larchmont (outside NY); and our daughter Kate, her husband, and two children are in Atlanta. We're sad to have missed the 45th Reunion.

Best,  
Roger  
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### **Jim Henle Has Some News**

(received 2/16/14)

Here's some news: My son Fred (Dartmouth M.S. Computer Science '97) and I won the Robbins prize from the Mathematical Association of America for our paper "Squaring the Plane". Details on request. And I am now writing a column for The Mathematical Intelligencer, a quarterly journal, on mathematics and gastronomy. It's called "Cucina Matematica". And last month, my wife Portia and I travelled to the mountains of the Philippines for a reunion of the

faculty on which we both taught 45 years ago. Other than that, things have been pretty quiet. (See feature article on this award, earlier in Newsletter.)

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### **Ski Update from Jim Noyes**

(received 2/16/14)

In January, Hap Ridgeway, John Blair and Jim Noyes joined friends and family for a week of CMH Heli-Skiing in the Cariboos of northern BC. Four feet of new powder began a slow start, but followed by lots of steeps & deeps. All returned in one piece.

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### **Cliff Groen Reports on His Stroke and Inspiring Recovery**

(received 2/16/14)

In July 2009, I retired from The World Bank Group in Washington D.C. at the mandatory age of sixty-two years. I worked there for seventeen years. After that, my wife, Marti, and I moved back to New York in October 2010.

On April 9, 2012, I had a sudden stroke in New York at age 64 years, caused by my previously undetected atrial fibrillation. Several blood clots went into my brain. I felt no pain. Marti called an ambulance very quickly. Until then, I was in excellent health.

I was in two hospitals for one month. Peter Fahey visited me in the hospital, which meant a lot to me.

Due to my stroke, I have conductive aphasia, which does not affect my intelligence but does affect my speaking. After my stroke, I could not talk at all. After seven months of speech lessons, I could

talk again. Now, I go to two aphasia groups each week and have a speech lesson each week.

As of last August, I could drive again. To do so safely, I completed the driving rehabilitation program at New York Medical Center. That program included a test to determine my driving ability. I did not take any driving lessons. Last September and November, I drove our car from our apartment in NYC to our condo (we bought eighteen years ago) in Quechee. On those trips, Marti and I saw John Engelman, John Everett and David Walden.

After fifty years of running or more, I was and am physically sound. That helped me to recover quickly from my stroke. I go to our gym several times each week and I now jog five miles very slowly. I have signed up for four races of four miles in Central Park beginning in April.

Marti's very strong support has helped me greatly. She has been very strong throughout this ordeal.

Now, our lives have returned to normal again. We go to dinners with friends. Two weeks ago, we had lunch with Roger Witten and his wife Jill. Two weeks ago, we also had a reunion dinner for Singapore American School alumni in New York. I graduated from that school in July 1964 during a break in the curfew amidst the conflict between the Chinese and Malays.

I hope that my experience with my stroke will be of some interest to our classmates.

Kindest regards, Cliff  
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(Editor's note: This is wonderful news, best wishes for a continued recovery.)

**Peter Diamond is Still Practicing Orthopedics**

(received 2/16/14)

I am still practicing orthopedic surgery in Honolulu, albeit scaled back to a three day work week in semi-retirement. I am married, have one 14 year old son (what can I say...I was a late bloomer, stayed 15 years old emotionally till I turned 50)...I have been in Hawaii 35 years now, love these islands and daily thank the fates that brought me here...I spend 5 days a week either in, on or under the ocean with my various sports activities...I have gone through a number of obsessive hobbies over the years, the current one is wildlife photography, particularly marine mammals...the last 5 years or so I have spent part of the summer in the arctic and have

come to love that part of the world as well...have been doing a lot of scuba and underwater photography this past year in preparation for a trip to Tonga this coming September to film humpback whales underwater...I have attached a couple of photos...one is me in a bowhead whale boneyard on Barter Island in the Beaufort Sea, and the other shot is a family portrait taken in the South Shetland Islands, me, my wife Leila, our son Eli and his faithful Elephant seal pup.

Wah hoo wah...are you still allowed to say that?...better yet...aloha nui loa.

Peter  
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Peter in bowhead whale boneyard on Barter Island in Beaufort Sea



Leila, Peter, and Eli with elephant seal pup in South Shetland Islands

**John Isaacson Sends Greetings to His Classmates**

(received 2/17/14)

Please send “my best” to everyone in the class. My own news is not very exciting. I am doing what I have done for last 30 plus years, roughly the same way and at roughly the same pace but I do find myself drawn to old friends and old places, perhaps because my parents are very slowly fading away and I am reminded regularly, even daily, of mortality.

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**Ken Cooper is Now an Author**

(received 2/17/14)

I am co-author of a book just published by Rowman & Littlefield and AASA, (American Association of School Administrators), entitled *Becoming a Great School: Harnessing the Powers of Quality Management and Collaborative Leadership*. The book, which is intended for superintendents, principals, and as a text in administrator training programs, describes how “typical” schools can become truly “great” ones by using a process that revitalizes both culture and curriculum while creating an intrinsically-motivated, energized and focused workforce. In implementing this process, a school will find itself moving towards maximizing its potential educational effectiveness and benefit to students.

**Review: You can become the leader you imagined yourself to be while creating the school you always wanted to work in.**

In education we are working on behalf of a truly noble cause: the lives of our students. We need a system for working together that is worthy of the work—one

that harnesses the idealistic visions and inherent energies that brought us to education in the first place.

*Becoming A Great School* prepares you to create that system. The authors challenge top-down leadership as a vestige of the past, which fails to fully engage today's teaching professionals. They explain why the following structures are essential to school revitalization: an intrinsically-motivated, energized workforce functioning smoothly together as a team; a clear focus which inspires cohesion and a sense of purpose; and a process which gradually renews the school's educational systems piece-by-piece. The outcome is a stronger, revitalized, more effective, extraordinary school—and it is all accomplished from within.

Ken, Nels and Joe reveal the quality management principles and collaborative leadership skills that led to amazing results for them, while detailing the practices necessary for educators to achieve the same outcomes in their school.

More information is available on our website:

<http://www.becomingagreatschool.com>.

All the best,

Ken  
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### **Noel Augustyn Announces His Retirement**

(received 2/17/14)

After more than 22 years work as Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, I joined the ranks of the retired in January. As one friend put it, I now have a seven-day weekend; the problem is that my weekends were always busy. The other side of that coin is the observation of any number of other recent retirees: How did I ever have time to go to work? I'm told by

yet another that this phenomenon lasts about six months, and then I may start getting bored. We'll see.

All the best.

Noel  
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### **George Spivey is Enjoying His Retirement**

(received 2/18/14)

I am now retired and lovin' it, after thirty years with the Falmouth Public Schools and the Town of Falmouth, MA. I continue as a volunteer mentor in the Falmouth Schools and a youth mentor, also in the Falmouth Schools, through the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of Concerned Black Men, a national mentoring organization founded in 1975 by five Philadelphia policemen at the request of mothers seeking guidance for their sons. George Garrow, Dartmouth 1972, is the Executive Director of CBM National. I don't have much to say about myself, so you can, if you desire, check articles in the Falmouth Enterprise (George Spivey and MLK Holiday, January 17 and 21) and the Cape Cod Times, January 20.

Well, I'd better get ready to shovel some more snow, but I'm not complaining...the New Hampshire experience prepared me well for the glories of winter.

Just another beautiful day!

Looking forward to another September weekend on Block Island with The Brothers of Chi Phi. (See also feature article on GS earlier in Newsletter.)

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### **Daniel Bort Recommends a Film about Classmate Hank Paulson and Rows a Boat**

(received 2/22/14)



Last night my wife and I went into San Francisco and saw the new Bloomberg film "Hank—Five Years from the Brink." It's 90 minutes long but seemed shorter. It is, essentially, an interview with our classmate, former Secretary of the Treasury Hank Paulson—and, to a lesser but still significant extent, with his wife Wendy—discussing Hank's role in dealing with the financial crisis of 2007-2009. It's not just talking heads; there are many visuals and news-clips from the time. Everyone will have their own view of those events, but this is Hank's view from his unique perspective and it is both fascinating and informative. I highly recommend the film.

If you can ignore the other stuff in the e-mail (I wasn't able to delete it), this is a photo of our quad (I'm on the right in the bow seat) that won both the lightweight and heavyweight events in the 65-69 age group at the US Rowing Masters National Championships last August in Sarasota, Florida.

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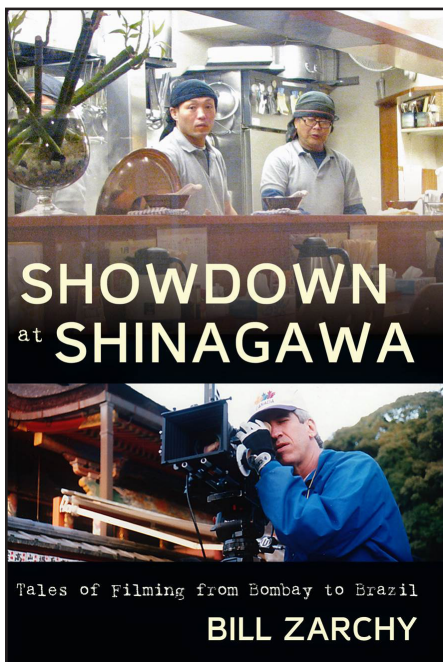
### Bill Zarchy Just Published a Book

(received 2/24/14)



I've been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 40 years now, after moving here to attend film school at Stanford in the early 70s. I work as a cinematographer and also write and teach.

Recently I published a book about my work and travels, called *Showdown at Shinagawa: Tales of Filming from Bombay to Brazil*. It's gotten some very nice reviews, and is available now on Amazon.



It features 18 true tales (from Japan, India, China, Uganda, the Philippines, New Zealand, France, Singapore, England, Taiwan, Mexico and Brazil) and

21 pages of color photos. More information at [showdownatshinagawa.com](http://showdownatshinagawa.com). I also teach Advanced Cinematography and Lighting at San Francisco State University.

My wife Susan retired recently from teaching second grade, and we're trying to travel more together—Holland last fall and Italy next spring. We are very proud of our two grown sons, Razi (a speech and language pathologist) and Danny (a second-year law student). I've been to a number of reunions but missed our 45th because of a family wedding. Looking forward to the 50th!

I'm attaching two pictures. One is the front cover of my book, which includes a shot of me in Japan a while back. The other is a more recent shot of me shooting in Bruges, Belgium, where I was working on a film on heart disease for a medical company.

Best wishes to all my classmates,

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### Bob Reich Wins an Award at Sundance 2013

(received 2/25/14)

Little to report except I've remarried, and made a film called "Inequality for All" that won the special jury award at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival and is now available on Netflix. The former achievement is more notable than the latter.

Hope and trust all is well with you!

Bob

*(Editor's Note: The film is a documentary that follows former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich as he looks to raise awareness of the country's widening economic gap. I watched the film on Netflix recently and found it moving and inspiring. It's also the autobiographical account of the making*

*of a great teacher and statesman—our own Robert Reich—who receives a standing ovation from his appreciative students in the packed auditorium at Berkeley at the end of the course. Whatever your politics and wherever you see the solution, you are left with an awareness of the huge problem of inequality confronting our nation today. Bob is as clever, persuasive, and endearing as always. This is a must see film.)*

### Steve Elliott Retires and Will be Making Maple Syrup

(received 2/26/14)



I am retiring March 1 after 30 years with New York Life. Barbara and I expect to spend most of our time in Vermont with our daughters and three beautiful granddaughters (ages 2, 5, and 8) with visits to our property at the New Jersey shore and Florida for a respite from the cold. Other plans include more time for tennis, reading and our son-in-law's new maple syrup operation.

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**Dan Tom Gives Us an Update and a Few Photos of Classmates**

(received 2/26/14)

Over Winter Carnival weekend, February 7-9, I attended the CAGOW (Club and Affiliated Group Officers Weekend) in Hanover. I first flew to Boston and spent the night with classmate Cedric Kam before taking the Dartmouth Coach to Hanover Friday morning, Feb. 7. It was my first winter in snow in some 40 years and Cedric loaned me his North Face parka, gloves, and knit cap. After CAGOW I again took the Dartmouth Coach back to Boston and stayed with the Kams Sunday night. My roommate Rick Kimball drove up from Worcester and the three of us had a mini-reunion over dinner. It was the first time I had seen Rick since graduation as he missed both the 40th and 45th reunions. Attached are photos of

the three of us in front of the fireplace in Cedric's living room and of me sitting on the Throne snow sculpture in the middle of the Green for Winter Carnival wearing all the borrowed winter gear. Also at CAGOW was classmate Dave Bustard.

An additional attached photo taken at the 45th includes one with Sam Choo, Roger Anderson, Eric Hatch and myself. After the reunion I stayed on the mainland and visited New York City, Sioux Falls, Crazy Horse, Mt. Rushmore, D.C., Gettysburg and Toronto before returning to Honolulu. In December 2013 over Christmas and New Year's, I spent 2 weeks in Cambodia with a mission team from our church.

Aloha,  
 Dan Tom  
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**Tom Couser Continues to Write and Travel Post-Retirement**

(received 2/27/14)

Here's some personal news.

I retired a couple of years ago from teaching English, American Studies, and Disability Studies at Hofstra University on Long Island. Since then I've continued to do some writing and reviewing. I've completed a memoir of my father; I'm now seeking a publisher. In early March, I'll be giving talks on memoir as a genre at Wolfson College, Oxford, the University of Sussex, Liverpool Hope University, and Kingston University, in London. In early April, I'll be doing the same at Kwa-Zulu Natal University in Durban, South Africa, and at Stellenbosch University, near Cape Town. I've also been doing some research on local domestic architecture for New London Landmarks, a non-profit preservation group. In my spare time, I play ice hockey to keep fit.

Cheers,  
 Tom  
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Sam Choo, Roger Anderson, Dan Tom, and Eric Hatch at the 45th



Dan Tom sitting on the Throne at Carnival



Rick Kimball, Dan Tom, and Cedric Kam Sunday night in Boston after Carnival

### Warren Cooke Reports on a Mini-Reunion in Normandy

(received 3/15/14)

Last October Dennis Drapkin '68 and his wife Adrienne joined me and my wife Cathy in renting a chateau in Normandy, near the little town of Saint Maclou, which is in turn near Honfleur. Among the joys of the week was having a gourmet chef come to the chateau and prepare dinner for us in the chateau's kitchen. In this photo we are about to sit down for what was a wonderful dinner. We enjoyed visiting various parts of Normandy, including Honfleur, Étretat, Touques, the Norman invasion beaches, and other Norman sites. We also had a couple of days together in Paris. Cathy and I try to visit France every year. At Dartmouth I studied with the legendary John Rassias and my first job out of college (before I headed for law school) was interpreter, French-English / English-French, for the U.S. State Department.

Warren Cooke '68



*Photo of Warren and Cathy Cooke and Dennis and Adrienne Drapkin in Normandy*

### Sin-Tung Chiu Sends Updates on His Musical Career

(received 3/11/14)



*Sin-Tung with Dan and Susan Fisher-Owens, Dartmouth Class of 1992, and talented daughter, Gracie Fisher-Owens (potential member of Dartmouth Class of 2028!)*

Thanks for keeping in touch with Dartmouth 1968 classmates! It is much appreciated!

Even though we have never met, I enjoy hearing from you. I sincerely hope you do not mind the attached information below, partially to introduce myself by email with my latest biography for my concert performances on violin! (See feature on STC earlier in Newsletter.)

I also attached a photo taken this evening after the concert in the Crocker Mansion Ballroom at The Nueva School at 6565 Skyline Boulevard, Hillsborough, CA 94110-6221. Here I met the Fisher-Owens family a couple of years ago because Dan and Susan Fisher-Owens, both D'92, enrolled their delightful and

talented daughter Gracie Fisher-Owens at this prestigious school for gifted children. Gracie Fisher-Owens has been studying violin with me in my violin class during her current 1st grade year. I have taught violin at The Nueva School since 1991 and also became the Director of the Nueva String Ensemble in 2005.

I made my Debut Recital in 2011 with my pianist-sister Yeeha Chiu and Australian violinist Charmian Gadd at the Inaugural Spring Festival to celebrate the grand opening of the main concert hall at The Concourse with seating capacity for 1,008 in Chatswood, Australia, a northern suburb of Sydney. Over \$122 million (Australian) was spent to build The Concourse, which contains the main concert hall and other performing spaces.

In 2011, I also went to Forestville Elementary School in Forestville, a northern suburb of Sydney, to offer a workshop on violin playing. This school had no string program at that time. After my workshop, the school administration decided to establish a string program. I am amazed that in 2014, the violin class has grown to the large size of 27 students.

Thanks and best regards,

Sin-Tung Chiu

<http://www.nuevaschool.org/>



### Gary Lee Brooks

Gary Lee Brooks died of prostate cancer on October 9, 2013 at his home in Rockville, Maryland. Gary came to Dartmouth from Peoria, Illinois, and played both football and baseball his freshman year. His freshman dorm was Ripley, where he became good friends with Bob Bednarz, Pat Bremkamp, Bob Kegan, Randy McElrath, and Chris Redden, all of whom become fellow brothers at Sigma Nu. As a freshman, Gary looked older than he was, and was appreciated for the ability to procure certain things that the rest of his friends could not. He is also remembered by many as a “genial giant” lineman on the Sigma Nu inter-fraternity football team for three years. Gary also served as House Manager at Sigma Nu.

After graduation, he went to Fordham Law School, graduating in 1972. Gary’s early career included working at the U. S. Court of Claims, the General Services Administration and a Washington, DC law firm. In 1980, he joined the National Archives and Records Administration, rising to the position of General Counsel. While there, he played a leading role in lawsuits that resulted in the acquisition of many of President Richard Nixon’s White House tapes, and other presidential materials for the National Archives. Gary retired in 2009.

A longtime resident of Rockville, Gary played on softball teams for many years, and participated in other sports.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nancy Freeman Brooks, two daughters, Kristin Toohey of Germantown, Maryland, and Courtney Brooks of Weston, Connecticut, his mother Ruth Brooks of Addison, Illinois, two brothers and two grandsons.

### Michael Joseph Sprando:

An additional memory from John Russell:

Reading late Fall 2013 The Transmission obituaries, it was interesting to read what people remember/don’t remember about old Dartmouth classmates. Mike Sprando lived just down the hall from me freshman year (64-65) in Middle Wigwam. (I’ve always held that if you were assigned to live in the Wigwams, it made some kind of statement about you...in some way you had been set apart and in effect lived “off campus” ...as in being sent to Siberia.) When it was well below 0 degrees that first Hanover winter...just making it to Thayer Hall for breakfast/or lunch was some kind of “extreme sport” challenge. Anyway I never pictured we Wigwamers as being the truly “cool guys on campus” ... suave, urbane, self confident, cosmopolitan, and sophisticated. No, those

cool guys lived in the 100 year old hallowed dorms “on campus.” There were, of course, some exceptions...perhaps Mike Sprando approached “cool” as closely as any freshman in Middle Wigwam. Reading the five “memories of Mike from his Dartmouth friends” we are told about Mike’s “Chevrolet Super Sport with 327 V8 and Hurst shifter” and his “one ambition in life was to hold a \$100,000 bill.” But, here’s one for you, how many guys did you know who brought their own custom made, ivory inlaid pool cue with them freshman year? Mike Sprando did. While I was burning holes in my sweater when I passed out with a cigarette in my mouth, Sprando was coolly puffing away on an expensive cigar .

Check out Sprando about to put a box of booze in the trunk of a new Cadillac.

John Russell



Michael Sprando, unidentified classmate, John Russell, and Robert McGee in front of Middle Wigwam Dorm

## Class of '68: More Pictures from Our 45th Reunion



*Peter Dunne with Cato and Bob Schley at the '68 dinner in the Athletic Center.*



*Adele and Dan Hedges at the Top of the Hop reception.*



*Noel Augustyn in front of Baker Library..*



*John Pfeiffer on top of Baker Library tower.*



*From left to right: Mike Lenehan, Peter Dunne, Betty Lenehan, Joe Lowry, Nancy Mercer, John Mercer, John Pfeiffer.*



*Joe Lowry greeting Robert Frost by Bartlett Tower.*