



# The Transmission

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*Campus photography by Joseph Mehling  
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## Editor's Note

There is much exciting news to celebrate from the College this fall. We have just beaten Penn, Yale, and Holy Cross in football! It's nice to pick up the Boston Globe and read something positive about the College for a change. Having just attended Class Officers Weekend in early September, there is much support for and excitement about Moving Dartmouth Forward and the Presidential Steering Committee will continue to gather input through the fall. As your Newsletter Editor and classmate, I am encouraged to see this real effort go forward to combat the three extreme behaviors of sexual assault, high-risk drinking, and exclusivity. President Hanlon and Dartmouth are national leaders in working to solve these serious problems that affect most colleges and universities. Unfortunately, Dartmouth has been singled out in the past for these issues and the bad publicity has discouraged students from applying and some from attending once accepted.

Class Officers Weekend provided a great opportunity to learn more about College activities and initiatives. Representing your class at various functions were: Roberta and myself (Co-Vice Presidents of the Newsletter Editors Association), Robert Ross, John Engelman, and David Walden. Among the activities we attended were: a Conversation with Leadership on Moving Dartmouth Forward, a dinner and awards gala with President Hanlon, a meeting of the Newsletter Editors Association, an entertaining lecture on 21st Century Leadership by Professor Pino Audia of the Tuck School, and a Vox Eight Class Partnering Orientation for all classes on the eights, 1948 to 2008. This latter initiative hopes to have classes across the decades work together to share best practices and insights on keeping classmates engaged and involved with the College.

Though I missed our Hanover mini-reunion over the first weekend in October, I did make the '68 birthday theater party in New York. Ed Heald deserves much praise for organizing a fun and memorable event. It was a perfect weekend. We were together for two fine dinners and a Broadway show, but still had plenty of time to wonder around the city. The trip to MOMA was a step back in time as I relived my Art 56 modern art class and felt like I was walking through rooms of old friends. In addition to the opportunity see classmates we know, the best thing about attending these mini-reunions is the chance to meet "new" members of our class and their wives.

I hope you enjoy this fall edition of the Transmission. Highlights include entertaining accounts of our Class Connections program with the Class of '18, an encyclopedic history of skiing and Dartmouth (Timelines III) from Bill Rich, and an inspiring account of the Dominican Republic Dream Project founded by classmate Michel Zaleski.

Dave Gang

## Message from our Class President

9/17/14

The Class has seldom been more active with a myriad of fun and rewarding activities. Under the leadership of John Engelman, our Class Connections program got off to a flying start in the past month. A number of us welcomed the incoming '18s by cooking dinner for freshman trip groups over several days at the Second College Grant. We handed out Class of '18 pins and shared in the pre-matriculation lobster dinner at the Class of 1953 Commons (nee Thayer Hall). President Hanlon and his First Lady, Gail Gentes, were a ubiquitous presence at this affair spending generous time with both the Freshmen and us old folks. As I wrote this, we were about to execute Ed Heald's inspiration: a '68s turn 68 mini-reunion on Broadway (Kinky Boots). Our Fall Hanover mini-reunion and Class Executive Committee meeting took place on October 4. Hope you had the opportunity to see the Ivy football opener vs. Penn and the near peak foliage (Dartmouth won: 31-13).

The most visible process on campus this fall will be the finalizing of the work of the committee on Moving Dartmouth Forward. Last Spring, President Hanlon and the Board initiated this group to address the issues of alcohol abuse, sexual assault, and civility on campus. These topics are interrelated. Although they are not exclusive to Dartmouth, there is no question that Dartmouth's reputation has been adversely affected by publicity related to these matters. Wisely, President Hanlon attributes these problems to extreme behavior of a minority and has said, "Enough is enough." He and the Board are committed to take corrective action. The committee is ably chaired by English Professor Barbara Will. She has conducted an exhaustive effort to hear observations and recommendations from all corners of the Dartmouth community. As part of this effort, at the committee's request, a group of a dozen or so of our classmates held a conference call to formulate our ideas. Our Dartmouth Alumni Council representative, Dick Olson summarized our thought in a memo sent to the committee. The committee's work is scheduled to be submitted to the Board in January. It is hard to predict what the recommendations and related actions will be. However, the process has been extremely well run. All of us may not agree with all the conclusions. But it is clear that action is required to move Dartmouth forward in the environment we now confront. The College deserves our support even more for taking on, rather than ignoring these issues.

Most of us recently have celebrated or soon will celebrate our 50th high school reunions. Our central mission as a Class is our 50th reunion in 2018. If any of your high school reunions involved any particularly innovative or otherwise outstanding measures which we might adapt, please send a short note to your favorite Class Executive Committee member before they slip from your fading memory.

Enjoy the rest of our prize-winning newsletter,

Peter Fahey



### News from the College

There is good news to report from the undergraduate Admissions Office this fall. If you recall the spring newsletter, we noted that applications to Dartmouth had fallen last year by 14%. When the admission scramble finally ended in May, Dartmouth proudly reported that 1,210 students elected to join the class of 2018, more students choosing to attend than during any year in College history. It was not, however, a good year to be waitlisted. Among these academically accomplished students, 94% are in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Of note, this class includes the largest percentages of Latino and first-generation college students ever.

More good news: It was a great year for philanthropy at Dartmouth, which raised a record amount of gifts/commitments totaling more than \$287 million. Included in this amount is the largest cash gift ever received by Dartmouth, \$100 million, to support academic excellence. Another record was set by the Dartmouth College Fund, which in celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, brought in \$48.3 million in cash gifts. Among the annual fund donors were 113 alumnae philanthropists who each committed minimum amounts of \$100,000 toward scholarships for women. Thanks to a healthy 19.2% return on endowment last year, as of June 30, 2014, College endowment was valued at \$4.5 billion, reflecting a gain of \$735 million over the previous year. As endowment income makes up more than 20% of Dartmouth's annual operating budget, last year's success was much welcomed.



## Class Connections Program: '68 Meets '18



*Jack Noon instructs '18s in the ways of the woods.*

### Connections at the Second College Grant – August 2014

**An Account by John Pfeiffer, 9/15/14**

In late August, six '68s spent a week at the Second College Grant three hours northeast of Hanover to make connections with incoming members of the Class of 2018 who were participating in their Freshman Trip. **Bill Clark, John “Bear” Everett, Peter Fahey, Chris Mayer, Jack Noon, and John Pfeiffer** made the trek to the Grant, 50 miles north of Mount Washington and just west of the Rangeley Lakes region of Maine.

The Grant possesses few of the amenities we had grown used to since our own Freshman Trip, such as hot running water, indoor showers, electric lights, TV, cellphones, and the Internet. The nearest decent grocery store is about an hour away. What the Grant does have is abundant natural beauty—mountains, forests, streams, clear skies, and clean, comfortable log cabins with firmly matted bunks, overhead propane lamps, stoves,

grills, and refrigerators. Aside from the occasional logging truck and small groups of “trippees,” we were virtually the only inhabitants.

Our responsibilities were not strenuous. About four o’clock each afternoon, we pitched in to prepare supper for 12-15 freshmen and their upperclass leaders. The menus were typical cookout fare, most of which Bear and John Engelman had procured for us in Hanover—crackers and cheese and chips and salsa, corn on the cob, tossed salad, watermelon, grilled chicken, burgers, spaghetti and meat balls, and bottled iced tea. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. (A real treat at the end of the week was a breakfast of pan-fried brook trout that Jack caught the night before.)

When the students arrived from their campgrounds some distance away, typically after a day of canoeing, we introduced ourselves and sat down together to eat and talk about Dartmouth. Aside from the fact that half our guests were young women, the students did not seem much if any different from us 50 years earlier. We would spend about two-and-a-half to three hours together before the students took their leave and we cleaned up. Afterwards, we usually had a beer and sat around for another hour or so talking about Dartmouth past and present; although one of our more lively discussions focused on guessing the first ten inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, on which Chris is an acknowledged expert. Another delightful experience was listening to Jack Noon talk about his life in northern New Hampshire writing fiction and nonfiction works about hunting and fishing, the out-of-doors, and the early settlement of the state.

In our plentiful free time, we also roamed around the Grant, by car or bike or on foot. The Grant is big, but not too big, and crisscrossed by well-mapped logging roads that lead to a number of beautiful



*The '68 crew and '18s gather for supper*

sites. We also had time to catch up on the lives and adventures of our own classmates. It was fun to resume conversations with men we had last seen many years before as if it had been yesterday, and to learn what the young men we knew then

had done with their lives. Overall, it was a wonderful experience, one that I for one would definitely volunteer for again.

For more pictures that give a flavor of our week’s activities and environment see Dartmouth Class of '68 Facebook page.



*The Grant Crew, Left to right: John Pfeiffer, Jack Noon, Peter Fahey, Chris Mayer, Bill Clark, and John (Bear) Everett (pooch is Rufus)*

## Class Connections Continues Back in Hanover at Lobster Fest: '68 – '18

An Account by John Engelman, 9/26/14

On Wednesday, September 10th, early in the Orientation Week for the Class of 2018, members of our class were invited to join the '18s for a lobster dinner at '53 Commons. We used this event to introduce ourselves to the first year students, and to distribute a Class Connections pin to each member of that class. Assisting in this effort were **John Engelman, Peter Fahey, Bill Rich, John Everett, David Peck, Chris Mayer, David Walden, Gerry Bell, Dan Bort** (all the way from San Francisco, he was in the northeast on a business trip to Boston), and Gerry Hills (in from the Virgin Islands, and headed to a 50th high school reunion).

The pin was designed by the College and each was placed in a small velour pouch along with a note from our class welcoming the '18s to the Dartmouth family. We stationed ourselves just inside the entrance to the dining hall, and distributed the pins as the students filed by. Most stopped to thank us, and some took time to engage in brief conversations. Perhaps of greater interest to the first year students was the presence of Phil Hanlon and his wife, Gail Gentes, who spent nearly 2 hours shaking hands with the students and putting their own personal touch on this event.

Throughout the nearly two hours we were there, we took shifts going into the dining rooms and joining the '18s for the lobster dinner. The students were incredibly excited about being at Dartmouth, and very personable and engaging. We all were impressed by their

friendliness and their obvious enthusiasm for the four years that lie ahead. Many talked about their Freshman Trips and how that experience helped make them feel immediately connected to the College and classmates, as well as providing them with a new set of "best friends." One humorous aspect of the entire experience was watching many of these '18s struggle with eating a lobster for the first time in their lives.

Along with some of our classmates spending nearly two weeks at the 2nd College Grant feeding Freshman Trip participants, this dinner provided us with a terrific start to the Class Connections Program. There will be numerous other opportunities for our class to engage with the Class of 2018 during the next four years, culminating in their commencement and our 50th Reunion in June of 2018. We hope many more '68s will take advantage of these opportunities in the future.



*Dave Peck (proudly wearing his class numeral sweater—it still fits), distributing pins to '18s as they file by.*



*Gerry Bell and Gerry Hills talking to an unidentified '18.*

## Michel Zaleski Realizes His Dream



By Dave Gang, 10/16/14

Making a difference in this world is something that I am sure every one of us is thinking about while we continue to gray. If you read through past editions of class newsletters and the alumni magazine, you will find that we have accomplished much. Fellow classmate teachers and professors have inspired generations of students, our physicians, lawyers, politicians, business executives, writers, artists, and musicians have made significant contributions to their professions, and our collective community involvement has been exemplary. Few, however, have been able to create such an extraordinary legacy as classmate Michel Zaleski through his Dream Project in the Dominican Republic.

Today, Dream is an exceptional educational organization that builds and runs schools along the north coast of the Dominican Republic. Through its 14 programs in 15 different communities,

more than 5000 children receive a much better education than would be possible in local public schools alone. The programs cover: preschools, after-school intensive remedial classes, at-risk youth programs, summer schools and camps, libraries (including mobile libraries), computer labs, music programs, and vocational training. Dream focuses on early childhood education, high quality primary education, holistic youth development, and arts, culture and community enrichment. It is run by a paid local staff of more than 50 Dominicans, 4 expatriates, and over 200 volunteers. The volunteers who come from around the world and the local expatriate community work with the Dream staff on service trips, summer programs and yearlong teaching positions. Collectively, the staff and volunteers generate close to 800,000 hour of high quality teaching, with no more than 20 students to

a class. In addition, Dream is an important trainer and employer of local adults and pumps more than \$1 million yearly into the local economy impacting the lives of 7000 community members. Dream also works closely with the Peace Corps (currently two volunteers) and the National Educational System (which is limited and underfunded).

The idea for Dream began in 1992 when Michel and his family first vacationed in Cabarete on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. This town of about 3,000 is noted for its tourism, exceptional beaches, and world-class windsurfing and kiting. As a passionate windsurfer, Michel decided to purchase some land and built a house there in 1995. While he enjoyed the sport and loved the natural beauty of the area, he was troubled by the presence of many extremely poor people living nearby. He observed that many families slept three to a bed, had no indoor plumbing, and lived in shacks surrounded by swamps. The educational system was rudimentary and it became clear to Michel that the local children would be destined to remain in poverty without outside intervention, which first began with Dartmouth student volunteers.

In 1995, through Dartmouth's Tucker Foundation, Michel initiated a program to bring a group of Dartmouth students down to the Dominican Republic to teach for a semester in two Cabarete public schools. At first, the volunteers operated out of the public schools, but these schools were so chaotic that it became clear that Dream would need to build its own facilities. Since Dominican schools ran only half a day, there was ample opportunity to provide high quality supplemental education and smaller classes. With the help of Michel, his family, and other local and foreign supporters, Dream began by building classrooms, libraries, computer labs and modern bathrooms in the local schools, but soon moved on to build entire new schools, greatly expanding its reach and impact. Tourists brought down books and school supplies and contributed computers and funds to operate the small initiatives. Word of the program spread and increasing numbers of student volunteers began arriving for a year at a time. Although the Dream Project did not become a formally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit until 2002, the groundwork was laid by Michel and the Dartmouth students back in 1995. The Dartmouth connection continues today with Austin Texas native Madeline Baird '12, who is spending a year fellowship at Dream to provide monitoring and evaluation support for its *Deportes para la Vida* program. Madeline may be seen standing behind Michel in the adjacent staff photo.

Today, Michel spends less time on the Project than he did in the past, but still contributes at least 10 hours a week as President and Chairman of the Board. The Zaleski Family Foundation also continues to be one of the largest donors. Although many terrific

student volunteers came down from Dartmouth over the years, volunteers now come from a diverse group of high schools and colleges. Michel is pleased with the quality and breadth of the Dream programs and the extremely efficient and cost-effective small group teaching. Positive feedback from local families, many with illiterate parents whose children are now accomplished students, has been most gratifying. He is also proud of the fact that 50 indigenous Dominicans are on the payroll, many as certified teachers. Despite all this success, Michel feels strongly about the need to control growth in order to maintain quality. He is working hard to build the endowment to assure the future success and sustainability of Dream.

Michel remains quite active in his "retirement." In addition to his work on the Dream Project, he is an Overseer of the Thayer School, Chairman of the Board of the Soros Economic Development Fund, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and an investor in companies and real estate worldwide. Both his daughters Katherine '03 and Olivia '06 attended Dartmouth. It was great to catch up with him and his wife Caroline (Rob) Zaleski on Thursday night during our recent NYC mini-reunion.

Postscript: Coincidentally, Michel is in the Dominican Republic as I finish up the article. "Very moving to be here and see the community impact we are having. Visited 5 of our sites today and will be visiting another 3 tomorrow. Just got another USAID grant and a grant to purchase and give for free 27,000 Scholastic Books in Spanish to children (10 book each) so that they can start their own home libraries. Thee children have NO books at home!"

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*Michel and Dream Staff receive award from local rum company, Brugal, October, 2014*

## Class of '68 Turns 68: NYC Birthday Celebration, September 18-21



Front row, left to right: Larry Smith, Steve Small, Dave Gang, John Engleman, Cliff Groen  
Back row, left to right: Ed Heald, Jim Snyder, Steve Schwager, Ron Weiss, David Walden, David Cooperberg, Cedric Kam (front), Mark Waterhouse

### Report by Ed Heald, 10/1/14

Collectively we classmates pass another milestone of sorts this year, as the Class of '68, for the most part, turns age 68 this year. To celebrate this milestone, we gathered in New York City for a theater and dining weekend over the September 18-21 weekend. What a time we had!

We started the weekend Thursday evening meeting informally at the Bar at the Yale Club, which is situated right in the middle of the city across the street from Grand Central Station. We had nothing planned, so we had a social time together then headed off in different directions for dinners with each other, with other family members, or friends. Getting together at the Yale Club were: **Warren Connelly and Carolyn Rand, David and Michele Cooperberg, Peter Fahey, Dave and Roberta Gang, Ed Heald, Steve Schwager, Larry and Sandy Smith, Mark Waterhouse and**

**Leslie Cosgrove, Ron and Janet Weiss and John Engelman. Michel Zaleski** also stopped by for a brief visit.

Friday during the day was left open intentionally, to enable us all to pursue those particular interests we each have. Some walked the Highline, an elevated

walkway on the lower west side of the city, while others visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum or other museums—all easily facilitated by great weather.

Friday evening was the highlight of the weekend, with an excellent pre-theater dinner at Le Rivage, a French restaurant on West 46th Street in the theater district. What was most enjoyable here was the ability to order from a pre-theater menu, enabling each of us to have our preference of meal, accompanied by a nice selection of wines and other beverages. In addition to those from Thursday evening, also joining us were **Cliff and Marti Groen, Cedric and Betsy Kam, Steve Small and Judith Herman, Jim and Sarah Snyder, David Walden and Peter Fahey's wife Helen.**

Just around the block from the restaurant was the Al Hirschfeld Theater featuring the musical "Kinky Boots". What a production—from the high energy of the lead actor (the Tony award winner for 2013) to the dynamic music and lyrics to the superb choreography—all I can say is, what a show! It is a show with a message presented with verve and cheek!



Left to right: David Walden, Steve Schwager, Roberta Hillenberg-Gang, Dave Gang, Carolyn Rand, Warren Connelly, Cliff and Marti Groen



*Dave Gang and Michel Zaleski*

Saturday again dawned another beautiful day, lending itself to a myriad of activities and choices. Many of us elected to attend matinee showings of whatever appealed to us, while others enjoyed the opportunity to stroll around the city absorbing all that it offers. That evening was our birthday banquet held at Patsy's, an Italian restaurant on West 56th Street, a favorite of many celebrities including Frank Sinatra. We were able to have a space to ourselves upstairs and, again, had a superb menu from which we could select our dinner. We started after the pre-theater crowd, and had a wonderful, leisurely-paced dinner, again with excellent wines and luscious deserts.

Sunday was a going home day, again in great weather.

Any time a group of us get together, it is a special time, and this time was no exception, as we had great conversations among friends in great places accompanied with excellent dining and camaraderie. Everyone commented on how memorable this time was, and marveled on just how much fun we had all around.

At our banquet, I mentioned that the next collective class birthday party, when we turn 70 in 2016, will be held in Napa in September, returning to a favorite location and one of our early successful birthday celebrations. Begin to think and plan now, so that you can join us for that gala!



*Left to right: Steve Small, Judith Herman, Jim Snyder, David Walden, Sarah Snyder, Sandy and Larry Smith*

## Class of '68 50th Reunion Gift Freshman Trip Endowment

**By Bill Rich** – 9/4/14

With the Freshman Class of 2018 now on campus, we have officially started our own Freshman Trip toward our 50th Reunion when this new Dartmouth class will graduate. If you haven't yet given to our 50th Gift Endowment, it is time to start now. You should either plan some serious levels of giving if you are so inclined and can afford to do so. Or, you should give more frequently in more modest amounts. But, however you make your gifts, I hope you will join the Class of '68 as we make our Trip to our 50th Reunion.

In this Newsletter, you will find the third Timeline that links Dartmouth and the Freshman Trips. These Timelines have now covered hiking, the legacy of John Ledyard, and skiing. I know the connection may be direct or it may be tenuous at times, but that's not the point. The point

of these Timelines is to highlight what is unique, what is special, and what is especially good about Dartmouth. And, it all starts with the Freshman Trips.

Whatever you can do in supporting our 50th 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 III from Bill Rich



*Alpine skier Andrew Weibrecht '09 competes in the men's super combined event in Sochi.  
(photo by Nathan Bilow, USA TODAY SPORTS)*

It has probably been said many times that Dartmouth is about skiing and that skiing is about Dartmouth. The history of skiing and Dartmouth have almost been one and the same—from the earliest days and right up to the present. Dartmouth has created, contributed to, and often excelled at recreational, competitive, and military skiing—and many, if not all, of its attendant elements such as ski areas, lifts, and equipment. The documentary film “Passion for Snow” lists some of the ski areas founded or managed by Dartmouth grads, including Sun Valley, Aspen, Vail, Keystone, Telluride, Copper Mountain, Sunday River, Wildcat, Shawnee Peak, Sugarloaf, Killington, Waterville Valley, Alta, and Ayleska. This Timeline is just an introduction to skiing, touching a few of its high points and its numerous connections to Dartmouth. You will read about a special few of the Dartmouth

skiing people, places, and events. For example, in 1914, the year that our 1968 graduation 50th Reunion class was arriving for its Freshman Fall term, a boy was born in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Do you know who that was? Years later, this young man enrolled at Dartmouth, and it might only be a slight exaggeration to say that he created the sport of skiing in the United States. He will be mentioned almost in passing in this Timeline. A subsequent Timeline will examine certain characteristics—and some of the characters—of the world of skiing. I welcome suggestions in advance of who and what to mention, as there are so many candidates and some of you may believe that particular ones deserve attention.

## Skiing

Freshman Trips do not offer the skiing alternative, but it is clear that if Dartmouth started in January, Freshman trippers would be streaming into the Ravine Lodge on skis (I know it is closed then, but I suspect you get my point). Skiing has all of the elements that you would find on the traditional Freshman Trips: climbing, traversing, descending, competing, planning, leading, working as a team, and facing untold challenges and even danger. As an aside, I have attended many Olympic Winter Games and at every single one I have run into at least one Dartmouth competitor. And, that is along with many alumni and friends, Dartmouth wannabees, and employees of ski boot companies in Lebanon, New Hampshire. So, every Olympic trip is also a Dartmouth trip!

Skiing has a long history—and even a long pre-history. For example, hardwood skis from 6300 BC have been found in Russia. Rock paintings from 3000 BC in Scandinavia depict the use of skis. A carved rock from 2500 BC shows a skier on the island of Rodoy, Norway, north of the Arctic Circle. Norse mythology around 1300 BC names Ullr and Skade the god and goddess of skiing. The first known written documents to refer to skiing are dated 200 BC from the West Han period in China. In the past thousand years or so, the developments in skiing have come at a quickened pace. Some of the earliest dates shown below have a direct and important connection to the modern day.

**1206** – Thorstein Skevla and Skjervald Skrukka, known as the Birkebeiners (birch legs), rescued the 2-year old prince Haakon Haakonson, heir to the throne of Norway, by carrying him on skis over the Dovre Mountains from Lillehammer to Osterdalen. Since 1932, the Birkebeinerrennet Race has covered the same route (in reverse) from Rena to Lillehammer. And since 1973, an American Birkebeiner race has been held, running from Cable to Hayward, Wisconsin.

**1520** – The young Swedish nobleman Gustav Ericsson Vasa began his escape from Christian II, king of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. Captured and then released by men who feared the king's plans to raise taxes, Vasa became king of Sweden in 1523, establishing the country's independence. Since 1922, in his honor, the Vasaloppet (the Vasa race) has been held between the towns of Salen and Mora. There is now a championship for these International Ski Classics—marathon cross country ski races—held in Norway, Sweden, Czech Republic, Italy, and Germany.

**1689** – The Austrian Valasavor published *Die Ehre des Herzogtumes Krain*, in which he described skiers near the Adriatic Sea negotiating sharp turns on steep slopes (sounding a lot like downhill skiing).

**1716** – The Great Northern War (Russia, Sweden, and Norway) was fought primarily on skis.

**1800** – Early in the century, Norwegians began skiing for purely recreational purposes.

**1841** – The first recreational skiing was documented in the US at Beloit, Wisconsin.

**1866** – Norwegian Sondre Norheim invented the "Christiania skidded stop turn" now known as the telemark turn.

**1868** – The first national ski competition was held in Christiania (now Oslo), Norway.

**1905** – The National Ski Association of America was founded.

**1909** – Fred Harris '11 founded the Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC).

**1910** – The first college ski club in the country was established at Dartmouth.

**1911** – The first international downhill race, The Kandahar, was held in Switzerland.

**1913** – Many people had already skied on parts of Mount Washington, but Fred Harris and two other members of the DOC completed the first ascent up the mountain on the Mount Washington carriage road.

**1914** – While Mount Washington was first skied in 1899 by a Dr. Wiskott of Breslau, Germany, John Apperson of Schenectady, NY was the first known person to ski in Tuckerman's Ravine. The Dartmouth Class of 1918, later to have its 50th Reunion at the 1968 Commencement, arrived on campus in the Fall to begin its Freshman year. Dick Durrance was born in Tarpon Springs, Florida. His impact on Dartmouth and skiing in general is immeasurable. Dartmouth students and alumni began skiing down the Carriage Road on Moosilauke. Dartmouth professor of Physics Charles A. Proctor '00 was a pioneer in this tradition. His son, Charles N. (Charley) Proctor '28, competed in ski jumping and Nordic events at the 1928 St. Moritz Olympics and became only the second American-born skier to compete in a Winter Olympics.

**1922** – DOC founder Fred Harris repeated his suggestion of hiring a "ski expert" to give lessons and over a year later Dartmouth hired its first ski instructor who was available to the ski team and Hanover residents. Dartmouth opened the 50-meter Vale of Tempe ski jump. Sadly, the era of collegiate ski jumping has now ended, and the jump was taken down and replaced by a plaque in 1993.

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**1923** – The first slalom race with gates was held at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival. The first Queen of Snows was chosen at Carnival.

**1924** – Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) was founded and the first Winter Olympics were held at Chamonix, with only Nordic events. Rhodes Scholar John Carleton '22 represented Dartmouth at those inaugural Winter Games and participated in ski jumping and cross country events. Dartmouth has been represented at every Winter Olympics since then.

**1927** – The first downhill race in the United States was held on Mount Moosilauke, sponsored by the Dartmouth Outing Club.

**1930** – The first Collegiate downhill race in the United States was held on Mount Moosilauke, sponsored by the Dartmouth Outing Club. Several instructors and coaches having been hired by Fred Harris, Dartmouth now hired Otto Schniebbbs, who came to be known as the "Knute Rockne" of skiing. He was considered by the International Ski History Association to be the most successful college ski coach in history.

**1931** – The first FIS World Alpine Championships were held at Murren, Switzerland. Walter Prager became the first World Champion in downhill skiing and later went on to coach the Dartmouth ski team and help establish the famous Army 10th Mountain Division. He also played a key role in the selection of Holt's Ledge for the location of the Dartmouth Skiway. On April 11, the headwall at Tuckerman's Ravine was run for the first time by John Carleton '22 and Charles Proctor '28.

**1933** – The first US National Downhill Championship was held on March 12 on the Carriage Trail on Moosilauke. Only 69 of the 80 skiers finished, with Henry Woods '36 winning the 2.8 mile course in just over 8 minutes. The first American Inferno was held on April 16 on the 4.2 mile Mount Washington trail from summit to base through Tuckerman's Ravine. The winning time was 14 minutes and 41 seconds.

**1934** – The second American Inferno on Mount Washington was won by Dick Durrance '39 in a time of 12 minutes and 35 seconds. The first rope tow in the US was installed on Gilbert's Hill in Woodstock, Vermont.

**1935** – The first J-Bar in the country was installed on Oak Hill in Hanover.

**1936** – At the Winter Olympics in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a then record five Dartmouth representatives competed in the Winter Games. The group consisted of hockey player Frank Spain '34 and four skiers: Warren Chivers '38 (Nordic), Dick Durrance '39 (Nordic), Edgar "Ted" Hunter Jr. '38 (Alpine), and Link Washburn '35 (Alpine).

**1939** – The third (and final at its original length) American Inferno was held. Austria's Anton (Toni) Matt missed a planned turn as he came over the lip and ended up "straight-lining" the steepest part of the headwall. At times, his speed exceeded 85 mile an hour. His winning time was 6 minutes and 29 seconds. He had essentially cut the previous winning time in half. He attributed his victory to being "nineteen, stupid, and having strong legs." (And, amazingly, he did NOT go to Dartmouth.)

**1940** – Nine Dartmouth skiers were selected and dominated the US Olympic team. They probably constituted the strongest team in the World, but never got the chance to ski, as the Olympics were canceled due to World War II.

**1943** – The Army 10th Mountain Division was created to conduct winter warfare. Over 120 Dartmouth students, alumni, faculty, and coaches participated. The 10th Mountain Division is most famous for its fighting in Northern Italy, starting with the night assault up Riva Ridge.

**1950** – The first US FIS World Championships were held in Aspen and Lake Placid.

**1952** – Although there have been numerous Harvard-Dartmouth ski races, giant slaloms, and Olympic tryouts over the years in Tuckerman's Ravine, the final American Inferno (shortened due to a cloud-shrouded summit) was held. Brooks Dodge '51 skied in this race and would go on to pioneer the "free skiing" activity. He had grown up in the Pinkham Notch area and Tuckerman's had been his winter playground.

**1955** – Ralph Miller '55 became the first man to record a speed over 100 mph in Portillo, Chile.

**1956** – Chiharu 'Chick' Igaya '57 won a silver medal at Cortina d' Ampezzo. This is the only skiing medal ever for Japan and was—surprisingly for all of the great skiers who went before - the first Olympic medal for a Dartmouth skier. On December 15, the Dartmouth Skiway opened. Two months later, as a ten-year old boy who thought he was a pretty good skier, I took my first run down the Gauntlet, caught an edge on the final descent, and did the ever so graceful butt-first, hands-scraping the hill, snowplow down to the bottom.

**1965** – The Dartmouth Skiway opened Winslow mountain trails to enlarge significantly its size.

**1968** – The Class of 1968 graduated and would later establish, along with many other Dartmouth classes, the proud tradition of having an annual ski trip.

**1972** – The last Queen of Snows was chosen. It should be noted that Suzanne Horney, in 1960, was considered to be one of the most photogenic and popular Carnival queens ever selected.

**1973** – Between 1954 and 1973, the NCAA gave the Skimeister award to the best combined Alpine and Nordic skier in its finals competition. Over these twenty years, Dartmouth skiers won the Skimeister six times, more than any other school. This award doesn't exist today, as there is no college ski jumping anymore, and virtually no skiers step outside their specialty of either Alpine or Nordic events. Over the years, Dartmouth skiers have won and continue to win untold numbers of NCAA individual event ski championships.

**1976** – Dartmouth won the NCAA ski championship. Of course, Dartmouth would have won most of the skiing championships prior to the formal recognition by the NCAA of skiing competition beginning in 1954.

**1984** – Howard Chivers '39 died at the age of 67 from melanoma skin cancer. In 1939, he was considered to be the best cross-country skier that America had ever produced. He was also the founding manager of the Dartmouth Skiway.

**1988** – Beginning with the Calgary Olympics, Dartmouth skiers started to become consistent medal winners, with the count over the years now approaching twenty.

**1998** – Ned Gillette '67 was shot and killed and his wife Susie Patterson was wounded in the high mountains of the Kashmir region of Pakistan.

**2001** – The original Brundage Lodge was replaced by the McLane Family Lodge at the Dartmouth Skiway.

**2005** – Peter Fahey '68 and his daughter Katie '06 completed an odyssey of skiing at each of the 72 major ski areas in North America, often with other Dartmouth alumni. Katie observed that this trip helped her truly understand and appreciate what Dartmouth is all about. She could see “the qualities that are represented in the special breed of individuals that Dartmouth attracts, encourages, develops, and graduates.”

**2007** – Dartmouth won the NCAA ski championship.

**2010** – Stephen Waterhouse '65 published a "Passion for Skiing" and later produced a documentary film entitled "Passion for Snow."



## You're Invited to Big East Ski Trip 2.0: 1/22 – 1/25, 2015

By **Gerry Bell**, 9/18/14

Greetings, gentlemen. I just received the inaugural issue of SKI Magazine for the 2014-2015 season, which naturally turned my thoughts to skiing (as if I ever stop!) Our annual March ski trip (to Sun Valley, ID) is in Larry Griffith's capable hands (contact him at larrygriffith@msn.com for info or to join up); here I'm revving up for our Big East ski trip, Version 2.0.

The purpose of this one is bring together ski vets and newbies alike for a few days—without a sizable week-long commitment—at a premier Eastern ski area. If you're new to this, it's a chance to get your feet wet (or your boots in snow) for '68 ski trips; if you're a trip veteran ... well, another chance to ski and kick back with your classmates.

Even with last season's successful Version 1.0 (see our Winter/Spring Newsletter) I think I could have done a better job coordinating. Goof #1: I scheduled our get-together for Super Bowl weekend. Dumb. Some people actually have plans other than skiing on Super Bowl weekend!

Goof #2: I succumbed to hometown pride and held our shindig at Sunday River Ski Resort—great ski mountain, but hell and gone to get to for virtually everyone.

So this year—how about Tuesday, January 20 to Friday, January 23, 2015 a midweek mini! (Immediately following MLK weekend.) Hey, we're all retired, right? Or, if still working, so senior that we can do what we please! And midweek, at Eastern ski areas—no crowds, no lift lines, the snow doesn't get skied off—I think this will work!

And how about Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, VT? Here are three reasons to say yes. (1) My high school class held its 50-year reunion there over a weekend in July, and the Okemo folks were absolutely wonderful to us—great accommodation deals, fantastic lunch and dinner venues couldn't have been nicer. (2) The skiing is tops—Okemo takes second to no one in snowmaking, grooming, and lift and trail design. First-rate skiing! (3) Southern VT is far less drive time from CT, NYC, NJ, PA, upstate NY, and northern New England than is Sunday River, so I'm hoping to cast a much wider net for this outing.

We already have a cadre of classmates signed up—some ski trip vets, some newcomers – and we've reserved a house on the mountain, close to the main base, that will serve as a great reunion central. Plenty of houses and condos nearby that will enable us all—however many “all” turns out to be -- to be close together. What I need to know now is your interest. So—talk to me! I am sure we can fill the rest of the house we've already reserved, and fill another one if need be—but we should move quickly, before everyone else starts to think about the upcoming ski season. Let's make this happen!

Gerry

## Key West: In the Footsteps of Harry and Hemingway

### 4/30 – 5/4 2015

By **Gerry Bell**, 9/7/14

Last time in these pages, I suggested a policy of One Big Thing for a one-off mini-reunion each year running up to our 50th. 2014: '68 turns 68 in NYC. 2016: Maybe a Wine Country Safari in California to celebrate our collective 70th birthday. I had a couple of ideas for 2015, but nothing firm at the time.

I'm glad to announce that now there is something firm: Key West, FL – a long weekend, Thursday-Monday, April 30-May 4, 2015. The idea for this came from Peter Wonson and several other classmates, for whom Key West had always been a Bucket List item. (Full disclosure: for me too!) Key West at that time of year has been enthusiastically endorsed by a couple of my ski school buddies, who hasten there at the close of each ski season and tell me it's a can't-miss vacation.

Lots to do in Key West—sailing, beaching, shopping, golf on a Rees Jones-designed 18 hole course, dining out, and pub-crawling on world-famous Duval Avenue. Two such diverse personalities as Harry Truman and Ernest Hemingway loved the place, and I'm sure we will too. (Special prize to the classmate who wears the loudest, most awful blow-lunch Harry Truman sport shirt!)

We already have seven classmates committed to this, and are looking for more—a lot more! A special note: we have 34 classmates now living in Florida, and most of our minis—skiing, golf, NYC, Homecoming, even the Virgin Islands Flotilla – have been a pretty far piece from Florida. And it's showed in the mini-reunion attendance we've had out of the state. So one dividend of Key West is – we're coming to you! If you live in Florida, or the south-eastern US, we're hoping you'll join us. And even if you can't make the full five days/four nights, at least two or three should be possible—so plan on dropping in on us.

Tentative plans call for renting a group house (or two), depending on demand. There are some wonderful genteel houses available in Key West, with beautiful gardens, private swimming pools, off-street parking, all convenient to beaches, golf, dining, and night life. There's also a waterfront resort called The Galleon, hard by the sailing marina, for those who might want to join us only for a night or two.

You can fly to Key West International Airport, but I want to do the once-in-a-lifetime drive down the Florida Keys—check out Key Largo and the ghosts of Bogie and Bacall, see if Ted Williams is haunting the fishing waters of Islamorada, the whole bit. Either way, plan on arriving Thursday, April 30 for a great weekend to put an end to winter and get spring and summer started!

Special note: This weekend does *not* conflict—in fact, segues right into—our annual sailing trip in the British Virgin Islands (Flotilla III – The Green Armada, May 6-17). Be really ambitious: do both, and make it the vacation of a lifetime!

Co-chair Peter Wonson (pwonson@cox.net) and I (skiboy1968@roadrunner.com) are waiting to hear from you. Plan to let us know ASAP—once we have a better idea on numbers, we can firm up accommodations and line up activities such as golf, sailing, and dining options. And, as always, we welcome everyone's ideas for other activities. But time is of the essence: if you're interested, please respond quickly.

Let's get this party started! Hoping to hear from you soon...Gerr



## News from our Classmates:

### Merrick Bobb sends news from the West Coast (received 4/12/14)

Here is a brief update: I continue to work full-time and currently my work takes me frequently to Seattle, where I was appointed by US District Judge James Robart to monitor the implementation of a consent decree involving the Seattle Police Department upon allegations of a pattern or practice of excessive force and biased policing. The matter is legally, politically, and substantively complex and very interesting. I continue to live in and love Los Angeles, and the big news in LA is that my son, Matthew (Dartmouth 03), and his wife, Poonam (Brown 03), recently gave birth to our first grandchild, a wonderful girl named Samara. (Matthew and Poonam are already fighting about where she goes to college.) I remain in good health despite being in a wheelchair for a number of years due to Guillain-Barré. I hope all is well with you. Best regards,

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*(Editor's Note: Received this too late for last edition)*

### Cliff Groen fills us in on his early years in Singapore (received 5/27/14)



*Cliff about to run his 9th race of the year.*

Singapore is a nation in Southeast Asia. It lies on a main island off the southern tip of Malaysia on The Equator. It was founded as a British trading colony in 1819. The English name of Singapore is derived from the Malay word "Singapura".

On August 31, 1963, Singapore declared its independence from the United Kingdom and merged with Malaya to form the new nation of Malaysia. Unusual race riots arose in June 1964 between Chinese and Malays for a short time. In 1965, Singapore separated from Malaysia and became independent.

Singapore has a population of 5,567,301. The ethnic groups are Chinese (74%), Malay (13%), Indian (9%) and others. The main languages are Mandarin (official) 36%, English (official) 30% and others.

I lived there from 1961 to 1964. I went to the Singapore American School (SAS). I graduated from SAS in July 1964. Before that, I lived in Manila, Okinawa and Tokyo.

The American business community established SAS in 1955 for Americans. English people living in Singapore then sent their children back to England at about age of ten for their education. SAS also accepted other nationalities.

SAS was very small when I went there. My graduating class had sixteen students. SAS was housed in an old mansion. The garage was used for biology and chemistry classes. Later, we moved into a new school building.

Many of my classmates were American. Some of my classmates were Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Filipino, Thai, German and Israeli. Some of my classmates lived in hostels run by American missionaries (e.g., Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist) for American students whose parents lived in Indonesia. My teachers were American, Indian, Chinese, English and Spanish.

I learned a lot about Chinese, Malay, Indonesian and Indian cultures. I enjoyed Chinese, Indonesian and Indian food. I was on the first SAS sports team that went to Bangkok by train to play against another school. I worked on a Dutch freighter on a voyage between Singapore and Burma in 1963 for one month.

I remain in close touch with my classmates in the United States, Singapore and Indonesia.

### Mark Nelson writes about his new book

(received Green Card 6/5/14)

I have a new book coming out in June 2014 entitled *The Wastewater Gardner: Preserving the Planet One Flush at a Time* (Synergetic Press). It's about my 20+ years working with constructed wetlands around the world since my time as a Biosphere 2 crew member,

1991-1993; and chairman and CEO of the Institute of Ecotechnics (ecotechnics.edu). Check out my book at: [www.wastewatergardens.com](http://www.wastewatergardens.com)

I manage an organic orchard and vegetable farm at Synergia Ranch near Santa Fe and I publish papers on ecological engineering, closed ecological systems, and ecological wastewater treatment. Currently, I am associate editor of Life Sciences in Space Research (Elsevier) and organize sessions at the international space conference COSPAR. After Biosphere 2 I got an MS degree from the School of Renewable Natural Resources at the University of Arizona (1995) and a PhD in systems ecology and constructed wetlands at the University of Florida (1998).

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### **Rick Pabst sails in the Pacific Northwest**

(Green Card received 8/5/14)

Our 30' sloop "Liberty" remained in Ketchikan over last winter. In early July we redid her bottom paint and reversed the winterization. A 10 day visit of the Misty Fiords National Monument was a great experience with 4000' peaks near vertical from the 1000' deep waters. 60 degree water is a bit brisk. Float plane activity from cruise ships berthed in Ketchikan interfered with skinny dipping.

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### **Bob Tarr identifies the "unknown classmate" in John Russell's photo of Mike Sprando**

(Green Card received 6/14)

The "unidentified classmate" between Mike Sprando and John Russell is me (p.23 photo in last Transmission). The Cadillac convertible is my uncle John's, borrowed by my mother to drive up to see me. I was the first of the "wigwamers" from the West coast to drop out of Dartmouth, followed by Doug Young, Ron Rich, and finally, Mike Sprando. I was readmitted to Dartmouth 1974, dropped out in 1975, readmitted in 1982, and finally graduated.

Wah Hoo Wah!

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*(Editor's Note: Congratulations Bob on finally graduating and thanks for straightening out the mystery of the "unidentified classmate." You may be entitled to the award for the longest '68 matriculation to graduation span, 18 years.)*

### **Joe Leeper sends us an update**

(received 8/10/14)

Just returned from my high school's 50th reunion (Hood River, Oregon) and will be returning to Hanover for mini-reunion with old roommate Mike Moeller. It will be his first return to Dartmouth. Trying to talk cheapskate Tony Abruzzo into joining us, but will be hard sell. Mike (Dr. Moeller) retired from his position at Univ. of Northern Alabama after five decades of service to the Industrial Hygiene/Chemistry Department. He has been honored by the establishment of a Dr. Michael B. Moeller student scholarship at

UNA (Roar Lions). Let's hope Dartmouth beats Penn in football this fall, or as in the olden days, Dartmouth "takes Penn in hand."

*(Editor's Note: And they did, 31-13)*

### **Sun-Ting Chiu and the Guernsey's have a California mini-reunion**

(received 8/10/14)



Sherwood and Carol Guernsey and I shared a lengthy breakfast at "Schooners" at Monterey Plaza Hotel at 8:30AM on Saturday 7/12/2014 and we caught up with one another our latest news! It was a fine moment shared by all with warm friendship and conversations celebrated. It was great to share quality time together after many years have passed in the meanwhile.

### **Peter and Phyllis Hoffman write from the Berkshires**

(received 8/10/14)

We're still living out of some boxes, Phyllis's studio is far from done, the "office" is makeshift to say the least (yes, boxes galore), much painting and other work to do, I guess you could say we're somewhat settled in the Berkshires and love being here. We enjoyed our nano-reunion (with David and Roberta Gang) in July at one of our favorite restaurants (Alta) and hope for more.



*Graffiti on a wall on Allen St., Hanover, NH, August, 2014.*

**Jeff Hinman captures some Hanover graffiti**

(received 8/10/14)

In September, I am going to a 50th reunion at Holderness School. I expect a few other '68s will be there too.

**Roger Witten is happily "retired" in Vermont** (received 8/13/14)

As I think I previously reported, I retired as a WilmerHale partner and am continuing to work part-time as a Senior Counsel. I'm also an Adjunct Prof at UVM and taught an undergrad course called Law and Politics during the summer term. We happened to be in Hanover on Commencement day and enjoyed the academic procession and speech. Jill is busy playing and performing chamber music. We've had a fine summer in Stowe and have enjoyed prolonged opportunities to be with our children and grandchildren.

**Tony Choueke sends his best to our class** (received 8/11/14)



*Tony is pictured her with his grandson, Tony.*

I hope that you are doing well. Never thought that we would all get this much older. It beats the alternative I suppose. You know, I shall always be grateful to

the college for admitting me and taking a chance on me. I have had a pretty good career and still trying to do some new things, both in business and personally. I suppose it's a compulsion that most of us had. I wish you and our classmates well. We were a good group of young men and I suppose that we all did pretty well. It still seems a bit frustrating that we can't do more to help. We were going to change the world. Maybe we can't but hopefully we should keep trying anyway...

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**Congratulation to Charles Adams**

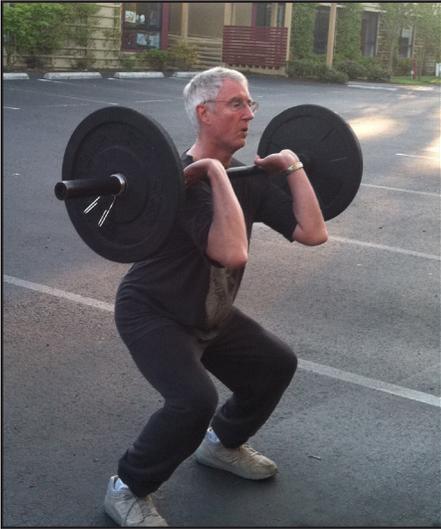
(received 8/15/14)



On July 17 the White House announced my nomination by the President to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Finland. I had a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 29, and am now (along with plenty of other ambassadorial nominees) awaiting Senate confirmation. Once I am in Helsinki, any and all '68s will of course be more than welcome to visit!

### John Hamer sends a bio sketch announcing his retirement

(received 8/19/14)



John Hamer just retired as President and Executive Director of the Washington News Council, an independent forum for media ethics that he co-founded in Seattle in 1998. "We had a great 15-year run," Hamer said at his "retirement" party (read his final remarks at [www.wanewscouncil.org](http://www.wanewscouncil.org)). The WNC was the only news council left in the United States, although dozens of press councils exist all over the world. They act as "outside ombudsmen" to judge citizen complaints against media organizations. Hamer started the WNC after a long career in journalism, including many years as an editorial writer and columnist at *The Seattle Times*, and several years as a writer and editor at Congressional Quarterly/Editorial Research Reports in Washington, D.C. "Bill Gates Sr. changed my life," Hamer said. The father of Microsoft's founder joined the original WNC board and gave the organization more than \$500,000 in grants from the Gates Foundation. "Bill Sr. was my biggest supporter and almost never missed a meeting," Hamer said. "He strongly believed that the news media needs to be held publicly accountable for accuracy,

fairness and balance. That's what we did." Hamer will continue to head the TAO of Journalism Center ([www.taoofjournalism.org](http://www.taoofjournalism.org)), encouraging anyone practicing any form of journalism to be Transparent about who they are, Accountable if they make mistakes and Open to other points of view. "That's a very low bar," Hamer said. "Anyone—bloggers, citizen journalists, student journalists, and social-media users—can take the TAO Pledge and post the TAO Seal online or in print. It's a good way to earn trust and gain credibility." The TAO pledge is totally voluntary and is slowly spreading worldwide. Hamer lives on Mercer Island near Seattle with his wife, Mariana Parks, who is a political/communications consultant. They enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, and spending time with family, including their first grandchild. He was doing Crossfit for the past three years (see photo), but "I was the oldest guy in my class by about 30 years," he said. "Plus I recently threw out my back and am on a temporary exercise sabbatical. More time for reading, eating, drinking and napping!"

### News from Bear Everett

(received 8/18/14)

I've been meaning to respond to your email request for news. I was just inspired by the picture Cliff Groen sent of

us on Main Street in Hanover earlier in the summer.

I've got no news right now. Christ, I live in Norwich, even in the middle of summer they roll up the sidewalks at 4:30 in the afternoon. But, as you probably recall, a week from today I go up to the Grant with a crew, three crews of '68's to start the '68's involvement with the Class Connections Program. We'll be there for almost two weeks until 7 September. Our task is to feed a hot dinner to one group of First Year Tripees (yes, that's officially what the DOC calls them), about 9-12 depending, each night, but also to bond with them all the while.

I'm sure that will generate lots of information and maybe some pictures. With no power in the Grant, pictures may become scarce once the charge on anyone's smart phone is depleted. But we'll try to get you as much as we can. I'll charge Jack Noon and Bill Clark, both of whom will be at the Grant for the entire two weeks with me, to encourage our other volunteers who will be with us for either four or three nights to send you written impressions of their time in the Grant with the '18s and their pictures.

Ta, Bear



*Photo of Bear Everett and Cliff Groen taken in Hanover. Bear on the left and Cliff on the right.*

**Parker Beverage sends happy news of his daughter's wedding this summer** (received 8/11/14)



Joe Grasso and Parker Beveridge at daughter Emily's rehearsal dinner.

Having served a brief term as class secretary many years ago, I know full well how difficult it can be to gather news from classmates.

My younger daughter, Emily, Dartmouth '04 was married on July 12 in Washington, DC. The Honorable Judge Joe Grasso '68 officiated!

Joe and I were roommates for four years in Hitchcock. Emily was fortunate not only to be able to clerk for Joe, following her graduation from law school, but also, to have Joe preside at her wedding.

As for news about me, I'm in my fourth year of a post-retirement, more or less part-time job in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. Following a career on the college admissions side of the desk, I now serve as Assistant Superintendent and College Counselor at the Kaohsiung American School, a pre-K through 12th grade school in southwestern Taiwan.

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**Bob Reich sends a mini-update** (received 8/11/14)

Five-year-old granddaughter Ella continues to be the spark in the family. For every hour I spend with her I need a half-hour nap.

**Ben Johnson sends happy news of his first marriage** (received 8/10/14)

"I finally got married this May 3 (my first and hers) to Katherine Mary Polaski "Johnson" now." She is a ballet studio owner and professional ballerina who shares his love of ballroom dance. She is 29 (!), which he reports will keep him "young-er." They now have a puppy-"Lulu." Would love to visit Dartmouth sometime this fall.

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*(Editor's Note: When warmly congratulated, Ben replied - Sure and thanks. I was lucky to find the girl of my dreams. Owner of a ballet studio: Ballet Prestige. Just in time.... Life is good.)*

**Paul Stageberg receives a rose from the Des Moines Register**

(received 8/11/14 from former roommate David Chapin)

A **rose** to **Paul Stageberg** for taking a well-earned retirement from an important but under-appreciated job in state government. Stageberg's career achievements were celebrated last week when he wrapped up a 42-year career devoted to criminal justice research in and out of state government. Politicians have a lot of notions about how to reform criminals, but Stageberg's pioneering and award-winning work in statistical analysis of corrections trends in Iowa documented the consequences of those notions, both positive and negative. This may strike non-policy wonks as dull stuff, but Stageberg's measures of results based on hard numbers rather than hunches have been a critical factor in Iowa's (mostly) progressive approach to corrections. The bean-counters in state government may see an opportunity for savings in

Stageberg's retirement, but if the state does not replace him, well, that simply would not add up.

**Clark Wadlow runs a half marathon and catches up**

(received 8/12/14)



Clark nearing the finish line at the CHaD Half Marathon last October. He ran with his daughter Anne, Class of '01, and his niece Marlene Burr.

I retired at the end of 2009 after almost 40 years of practicing law in Washington, DC, and Vicki and I sold our horse farm in Virginia and moved in 2013 to Hampstead, North Carolina, just up the coast from Wilmington. We are living at Harbour Village Marina while we build a new home on the Intracoastal Waterway, with fabulous views of Topsail Island in the distance. We have settled in to a new life in Wilmington. One of the first people we met here was Frank Gibson, Dartmouth class of 1967, who practices law here and has become a great friend.

Our retirement has been spent traveling, and spending time with our

seven grandchildren, who are spread from Virginia to Rhode Island to Portland, Oregon. The last of our four children, Jeff, Class of 1998, will be married in October in Toronto. Many classmates may remember him as the head student worker at our 30th reunion in 1998.

### **Gerry Hills reports from the Virgin Islands about old letter sweaters**

(received 8/28/14)



*Alvin Heuman and Zainab Molani, two members of the Class of '18, wearing Gerry's sweaters*

A report from the Virgin Islands. As part of Class Connections (1968 – 2018), I have decided to get some 1968 colors around the campus. I found my old 1968 numeral sweater, plus a D sweater in the closet, figured out I had no use for them, and decided to donate them to members of the class of 2018. (Yes, they still fit!)

So I contacted the Dartmouth squash coach, Hansi Wiens, and asked him to donate them to incoming squash players, class of 2018. He thinks this is a great idea, and will be selecting two 2018's to wear these 50-year-old sweaters.

I sent details of this to the 1968 Class Officers, with a suggestion that this could be the start of a tradition. Received some

favorable responses, but haven't yet heard of an effort to do this. If others could do the same, we could have a bunch of 1968 sweaters being worn around campus. If not, there will be at least my two. A good conversation starter, if nothing else. I also think that if our class did this, other classes would follow.

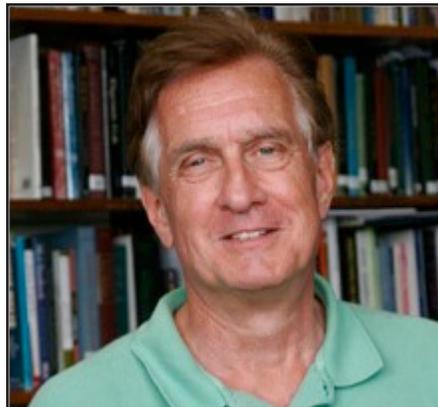
I imagine any of the coaches would be pleased to do the same with your old 1968 sweater as the squash coach did for mine, and I imagine a 2018 would be pleased to wear it.

P.S. I just got a photo from the squash coach. He has given my two sweaters to 2018's. They will be emailing me, and I hope to follow their progress. Those things were almost 50 years old. They look pretty good on the kids. The photo made my day!

### **Bart Palmer named journal editor:**

News release from Clemson

(received 8/14/14)



Clemson University professor R. Barton Palmer has been named editor of South Atlantic Review (SAR), the official journal of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association. Palmer's appointment is effective Aug 1. Published quarterly and distributed to the organization's membership of more than 1,000 academics in the Southeast, the review publishes

research devoted to language, literature, rhetoric and composition, and other topics of scholarly interest in the humanities. The journal has been in continuous publication since 1935.

In her letter to Palmer, South Atlantic Modern Language Association president Lynn Ramey of Vanderbilt wrote, "We are excited about the new energy and vision that you would like to bring to SAR. The support that Clemson will provide was a key factor in our decision, and we are grateful for your institution's strong support."

Palmer has been the Calhoun Lemon Professor of Literature in the English department since joining Clemson in 1995. He also spent two terms chairing the department.

Palmer maintains a high research profile both as a medievalist, specializing in late medieval English-French literary relations, and also as a film scholar, with a particular interest in classic Hollywood and international cinema. He is the author, editor or general editor of close to 50 books on various literary and film subjects. He also is the founding and general editor of book series at four university presses.

A prize-winning editor and translator of 14th-century French poetry, Palmer has published volumes on, among other subjects, the Coen Brothers, film noir, Joseph L. Mankiewicz, Steven Soderbergh, John Frankenheimer, Tennessee Williams, Harper Lee and Alfred Hitchcock.

**Warren and Cathy Cooke have been road tripping again**

(received 8/31/14)

Cathy and I have been traveling a lot this year, including recent trips to Nicaragua, the forests of Maine, the Honduran jungle, Belize, the Florida Keys, Andros Island (Bahamas), France, and Gambell, Alaska, which is located on Saint Lawrence Island in the northern Bering Sea. Most of this travel has been for the purpose of photographing birds (as Chairman of the Board of The American Bird Conservancy, an organization which works to protect the most endangered birds in North, Central and South America, I have a built-in excuse for this activity). You really can see Russia from Saint Lawrence Island btw. We also took a trip in August to the Pantanal region of Brazil, where I photographed Jaguars on the hunt and many spectacular birds.

I continue as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and as a member of the Board of The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey. I am also on the Board of Parlance Chamber Concerts, Inc., a wonderful music education 501(c)(3) in Ridgewood.



*An August stay in the Loire Valley with Dennis and Adrienne Drapkin '68 (left), Warren and Cathy (rear), and Warren's brother and wife (center).*



*Warren and Cathy birding in Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida in June.*



*Cathy and Warren on the beach of St. Lawrence Island, June 5, standing with enormous bones of the Bowhead Whale, which is hunted along with walrus and seal by the local Yupik people.*



*Warren and Cathy with '68 classmate Ned Wolff and his wife Nancy Weissman, at mini-reunion in May at the Cooke's in Cape May, NJ*

**Minnesota '68 Mini-Reunion,  
from Peter Wonson** (received 9/22/14)



*In attendance, and L-R in the photo: Bill Geery, Rob Lynn, Jerry Rinehart,  
Nick Smaby, Jim Payne.*

In late September I travelled to Minneapolis, MN, for my 50th high school reunion. While in Minneapolis classmate Jim Payne graciously hosted a 1968 "Minnie Mini." We had lunch and some great conversation on his back deck on a gorgeous, sunny afternoon.

Peter Wonson,  
Roanoke, VA

**Bob Ross to be ordained as Minister this October**

(received 9/18/14)

Meantime I wanted to send you a little as follows on Grace-Street Ministry, with which I have worked as a street pastor since last December. I know that a number of my classmates are working on the problem of homelessness one way or another. My UCC ordination date is October 26. Better late than never?

Grace-Street Ministry

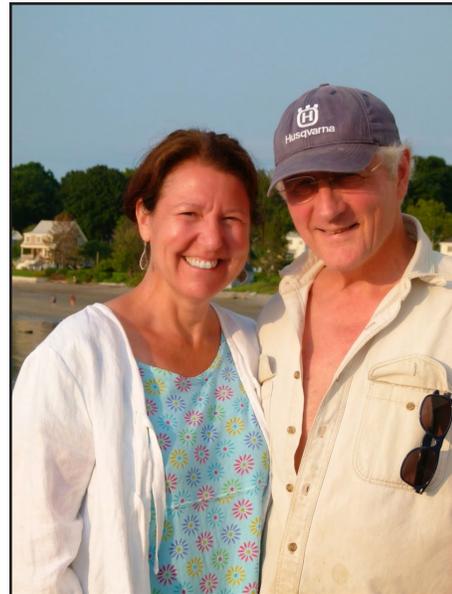
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*Photo of Patti and Bob Ross*



**Polly Snyder (wife of Sam Swisher):**

(Submitted by Eric Hatch, 8/22/14).

Polly Snyder, Sam's wife of 35+ years, succumbed around the first of August to lung cancer. She had fought the disease with courage and determination right until the end.

Polly influenced many and helped many more. She was active musically, singing in the local community chorus and directing a combined-church handbell choir for many years. Professionally, Polly was a therapist. In that role she guided many into more functional, happier lives. Her memorial service was standing-room-only, with approximately 300 people in attendance. I've never attended a memorial service so raucous with laughter and vibrant with life, while at the same time awash with tears. Polly left an indelible mark on her family, her church, and her community. Her loss is sorely felt.

If there was a community affair that needed organizing, Polly was the Queen of Organizers. No detail was too small for her to attend to it, and no challenge was too large for her to tackle it head-on.

She was a voracious reader, a determined mother of three headstrong boys (now charming, intelligent, educated, and equally headstrong young men). Polly kept the whole household functioning in a chaotic world of schools, sports, travel, public service, and plain animal spirits. She loved travel, and with Sam had circled the globe.

Dartmouth '68s at the service included: Sam Swisher, Ken Dahl, Dennis Donahue, and Eric Hatch.



*Left to right, Eric Hatch, Dennis Donahue, Sam Swisher, and Ken Dahl,*

### **William Kilborn Kendall**

William Kilborn Kendall died on January 8, 2014. Born in Augusta, Maine, but raised in Lewiston, Maine, Bill was the oldest of eight children. He attended Edward Little High School, where he met his lifetime love and future wife, Nancy Akerley. He was a member of the Key Club, captain of his ski team, and state record holder in the one mile outdoor track event, a record that stood for more than a decade. Bill was president of his high school class of 1964.

At Dartmouth, Bill won the Donald J. Cook award presented to the outstanding freshman skier of the year. He was a four year member of the ski team, the Dartmouth Outing Club, and ROTC, and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was inducted into the Cask and Gauntlet Senior Honor Society. Bill majored in Economics, and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army.

His first posting was in the South Pole as a recreation specialist for the research scientists at the McMurdoe Station in Antarctica. Shortly thereafter, Bill earned a position on the United States Biathlon Team and spent three years in Alaska training and competing nationally and internationally, including the World Games in Sweden in 1970.

Bill and Nancy returned to Maine, where he first joined his father at Veribest Systems in Auburn, Maine, a business forms and check printing business. From there, he ventured out on his own to establish the nation's first electronic Bill-paying service, Payment and Transfer Services, Inc. From this beginning, Bill began a career serving as CEO, CFO and COO in a variety of industries including radio frequency identification (RFID), fleet vehicle tracking systems (GPS), outplacement, direct mail (DM) automated valuation modeling (AVM), artificial intelligence (AI), peer-to-peer gaming systems, internet protocol television (IPTV), manufacturing scale-up and investment banking. His career took him to California, back to Maine, and eventually to Naples, Florida.

Bill's nonprofit and volunteer activities included serving as former Chairman of the Institute for Contemporary Studies and as Founder and former Chairman of the International Center for Economic Growth. He continued competitive skiing until a couple of broken shoulders moved him to the skiing for fun crowd.

Bill and Nancy had three children: Katherine, Nicholas and Maxwell, and two grandsons, who all greatly miss him. In addition, there was an extensive Dartmouth connection for the

extended Kendall family: father Richard Kendall Class of 1945, uncles Richard Moon Class of 1942 (deceased) and William Briggs Class of 1954, and siblings Thomas Kendall Class of 1972 and Mary Kendall Brown Class of 1978, and niece Lara Kendall 1999.

### **George Edward Moore**

George Edward Moore died of pancreatic cancer on March 2, 2014 at his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At his death, George served as Senior Vice President and University Counsel at Temple University, where he also was Secretary to the Board of Trustees. George came to Dartmouth from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania (also the home of Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts the length of winter. Phil did not attend Dartmouth, to my knowledge). George participated in WDCR his freshman year, was active in the Outing Club for all four years, and was a member of Zeta Psi. After several years in Cambridge and Vermont managing a boutique in Harvard Square, making jewelry, starting a crafts cooperative, raising chickens, managing restaurants, and a winter in Houston with the Urban League, it was time to grow up, at least somewhat. A Government major, he went on to Temple Law School, from which he graduated in 1976.

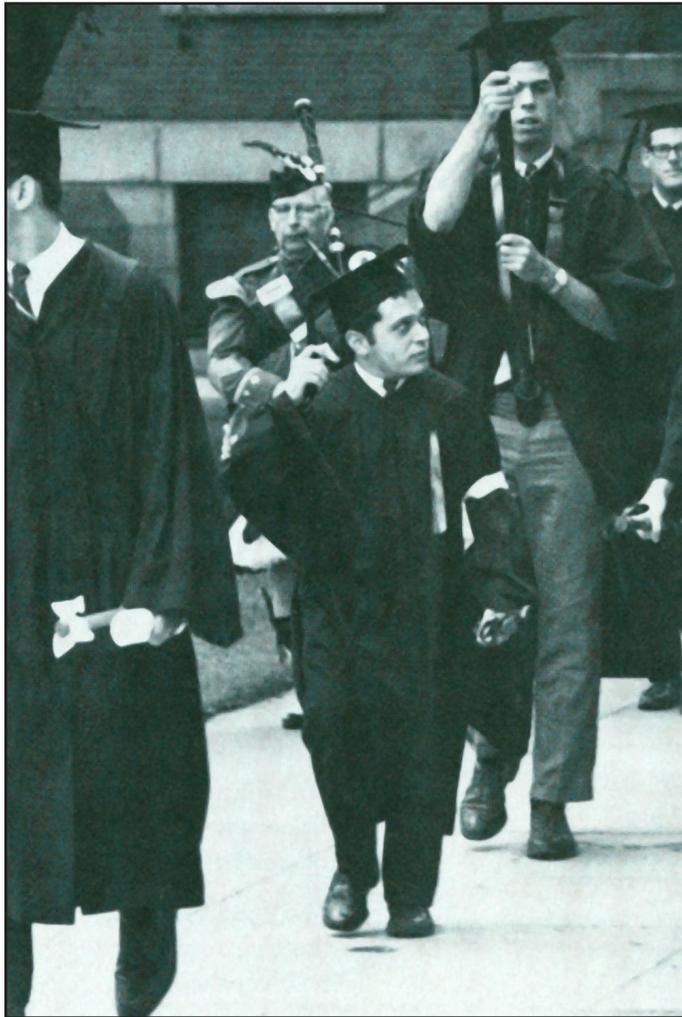
For the next thirteen years, he practiced law with the firm of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews and Ingersoll LLP, where he was made partner in 1984. He was wooed to Temple University in 1989, serving first as an in-house attorney, later Secretary to the Trustees in 1992, and became Senior Vice President in 2007. During his University career, "George provided wise counsel to four presidents and dozens of trustees on the vital issues facing the university", according to President Neil Theobald and Patrick O'Connor, chairman of the board.

In addition to his duties as counsel, George taught in what is now the Beasley School of Law at Temple from 1990 to 2007. He had a passion for Temple athletics, particularly football and basketball. George was known for his famous cheese sausages at his legendary tailgate parties for all home football games, and for his booming voice at home basketball games. He reported he quit playing golf twice but still loved his golf, and discovering new bands.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jennifer Kellett, sons Sam and Nick, and daughters Emily and Jenna, as well as three sisters, a brother and three nieces.

## Juxtaposition, Humor and Irony: An Essay and Comments on *The Transmission*, Winter/Spring 2014 Edition

By John Russell



*Sure The Transmission is a newsletter, but I personally perk up when I read a little story like Cliff's—especially when it's told in the language of the heart.*

The photo shown here appeared in *Newsweek* June 1968 featuring Bob Reich leading standard bearer, Peter Fahey, an unidentified bag piper and classmate (Mike Ryan?) on our graduation march. Now close your eyes and imagine Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance."

Next fast-forward forty-six years to the Winter/Spring 2014 Class of 1968 newsletter, *The Transmission*, where the same two classmates appear on the cover page. Peter Fahey is listed as our class president and though unnamed, Bob Reich appears in "Editor's Note" as a "Sundance winning filmmaker". Editor Dave Gang correctly tells us that this issue contains "so many interesting stories" and indeed both Peter and Bob will return later in the newsletter and figure into a couple of these stories.

Bob Reich was President Clinton's Secretary of Labor (January 20, 1993-January 20, 1997) and another of our classmates, Hank Paulson, was President George Bush's Secretary of Treasury (July 10, 2006-January 20, 2009)...that's impressive and a little weird for any one college class at any one institution of higher learning to be able to claim. And in this issue of *The Transmission*, we're also treated to the fact that both Bob and Hank are subjects of documentaries...Bob in "Inequality for All" and Hank in "Hank -Five Years from the Brink." I haven't had the opportunity to see the latter film, but did rent and enjoy "Inequality for All."

As you might imagine in "Inequality for All", Wall Street receives a lot of attention and the firm, Goldman Sachs, is specifically singled out on more than one occasion...obviously neither are portrayed as "the good guys" or the heroes in this documentary. Hank Paulson was Goldman Sachs' C.E.O. and chairman of the board before being named Secretary of Treasury. Though I have zippo interest in politics or economics, as I read our class newsletter and thought about the ironic juxtaposition of Bob and Hank's documentaries, I couldn't help but smile.

And those stories of two of our classmates both being presidential cabinet members and the subjects of recent documentaries segues right into another of our newsletter's "very interesting stories." Peter Fahey, like Hank Paulson was also a partner at

Goldman Sachs and his list of accomplishments and successes in business; as a father/family man; a philanthropist; supporter of the arts and his alma mater is indeed impressive. And yet a lot of us know Peter primarily as a good and loyal friend...and as George Bailey found out in "It's a Wonderful Life" a man's true wealth is in his relationships/friendships. That truth is illustrated beautifully on p.17 in "Cliff Groen reports on his stroke and inspiring recovery" ...Cliff writes "I was in two hospitals for one month. Peter Fahey visited me in the hospital which meant a lot to me." A simple two sentence paragraph that speaks volumes about both Peter and Cliff.

Sure *The Transmission* is a newsletter, but I personally perk up when I read a little story like Cliff's—especially when it's told in the language of the heart. Check out two such little stories of the heart that appear side by side on page 18. In a refreshingly candid and humorous mini-confession Peter Diamond shares..."What can I say ...I was a late bloomer, stayed 15 years old emotionally till I turned 50." And right next to Peter's is John Isaacson's entry ...and though it certainly communicates a different energy, it contains a similarly honest and transparent "confession." John shares... "My own news is not very exciting...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." Reminds me of the Carthusian monks who during Lent can only speak this one phrase ... "memento mori" ... "Remember you too will die." So much for Ernest Becker's 1974 Pulitzer Prize winning *Denial of Death*. Amazing that John still has living parents that remind him of mortality. For the rest of us senior adult orphans, we need to go only as far as page 23's "Obituaries."

And speaking of how a couple of sentences or even a simple phrase can hint at a "bigger story", check out "Bob Reich Wins an Award at Sundance 2013." Bob's opening sentence..."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...The former achievement is more notable than the latter." Interestingly Bob seems to be telling his classmates how he feels and has prioritized those two juxtaposed "achievements."

"So many interesting stories"...Sin-Tung Chiu, George Spivey et al. Thanks David.



*A fun evening of '68s and '18s together at the College Grant*



*Left to right, Bob Ross, John Engleman and Dave Gang enjoyed a picnic lunch at Class Officers' Weekend*