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This is my last column as I have resigned as class secretary. Deb and I want to focus our energy (outside of grandkids) on the 2020 election in Michigan. We're working on preventing voter suppression and encouraging people to take advantage of major changes in Michigan election laws.

Not surprising that many mates from our great class remain active in trying to heal the world.

Hank Paulson, in a recent op-ed in *The Financial Times*, warned: "We are fast approaching the tipping point of irreversible loss to naturally functioning ecosystems that will cause catastrophic and frustratingly avoidable economic losses on an enormous global scale." Hank recently coauthored with Timothy Geithner '83 *Firefighting: The Financial Crisis and its Lessons*.

Mark Nelson was one of eight people who for almost two years lived in Biosphere 2 in Arizona meant to be the second fully self-sufficient biosphere, after the earth itself. Mark reflects: "We said at Biosphere 2 we might be 50 years ahead: but it's been 25 years and the world is starting to wake up." Mark's books include *Wastewater Gardener: Preserving the Planet One Flush at a Time* and *Pushing Our Limits: Insights from Biosphere 2*. Mark is chairman of the Institute of Ecotechnics and founder of Wastewater Gardens International. (Read more about him in the May-June 2018 *DAM* feature: [https://dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/articles/biosphere-2-what-really-happened.](https://dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/articles/biosphere-2-what-really-happened/))

Bob Reich just wrote a tough-minded piece for *Newsweek* in October: "The most xenophobic and isolationist president in modern history has been selling America to foreign powers for his personal benefit." Bob's blog is at robertreich.org.

I had breakfast with **Steve Atwood** at the Blue Sparrow Cafe in Norwich, Vermont. Dr. Atwood had just returned from a retreat at Mount Moosilauke for Dartmouth's Global Health Fellows program. After years working for CARE and UNICEF in south Asia, including relief work during the tsunamis, he is passionate that healthcare is a right. He still flies to Thailand to teach at Thammasat University. In Vershire, Vermont, where he now lives, he's the town health officer.

Bill Zarchy had his first photography exhibit at Beth El Social hall in Berkeley, California. See his terrific work at billzarchy.com/blog/photoshow/.

Bill Adler and Marcia found themselves in Santiago, Chile, during violent student demonstrations in October that brought tanks into the streets and left several people dead. Confined to their hotel at one point, Bill says they made it out on a flight to Atacama thanks to the heroic efforts of their tour leader, who jumped on the baggage check counter and flung their luggage at the conveyor.

Our next class meeting will be in February or March in Washington, D.C. Check our website at dartmouth68.org. We'll meet again May 22-23 in Hanover, where we'll participate in the dedication of a bust of Frederick Douglass, a class gift that was organized by **Roger Arvid Anderson**.

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