The beautiful Upper Valley summer is gone, as is the fall leaf season, and it is now autumn, although one would not know it from the weather: temperature in the teens in Hanover as this is being written, but without the crippling snow to the west of New Hampshire and Vermont. And while it may be cold outside, the educational heat of the College continues unabated.

This year, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the BASIC computer language and the related timesharing hardware, one of the great academic innovations of the last century. And currently, the first DartmouthX open online course, “Introductions to Environmental Science,” has been introduced – a massive open online course (MOOC) on the website of edX, the nonprofit online learning consortium. The more things change, the more they stay the same as Dartmouth continues in the forefront of undergraduate educational progress.

And to emphasize that point, the Dartmouth-Princeton game is now final, with a 41-10 resounding victory for the Big Green, which lost only to Harvard and New Hampshire this year, for an 8-2 final record overall, 6-1 in the Ivy League. Not the great undefeated fall 1965 team of our era, but still impressive to see that the College continues to be well-rounded.

It has also been a busy period for your Class, with mini-Reunions in Rhode Island, Washington, New York and Hanover, a terrific Homecoming turnout, a great Class Connections breakfast with the ’17s and much planning for the 50th Reunion and our Class projects. We also have mastered the new Dartmouth E-mail system, as those of you in the regions where we have held mini-reunions may have noticed. Maybe it is the crispness of the autumn that brings so much energy to men of a certain age.

CLASS GATHERINGS

Class Officers Weekend, September 12th-13th

The ’67 50th Reunion Planning Committee used the College’s annual Class Officers Weekend to get together in Hanover, primarily to discuss reunion planning and other short- to medium-term issues. Making the trip to the Hanover Plain were Bill Bogardus, Bob Burka, John Isaacs, Paul Killebrew, Rob Kugler, Sam Ostrow and Bill Sjogren. We also had input for the meeting from our Reunion Chair, Bruce Pacht and from our Treasurer Rick Geissinger. Below is a picture of several present at the Friday evening dinner.

Rich Paolino Golf Tournament/Dinner – September 27th

It was a wonderful day for golf, remembrances, friendship and conviviality at the Rich Paolino Dartmouth ’67 Open at the Rhode Island Country Club. There was intense competition on the golf course among three four-somes comprised of nine ’67s, Chris Paolino ’00, Beth Paolino and Sharleen Bowen. The point score was forgotten shortly after the subsequent cocktail party at the
home of Sharleen and Larry Bowen overlooking the final holes of the course and Narragansett Bay.

As the sun set, the group, now nearly 30 strong, migrated to RICC for more socializing and a private buffet. Also attending were first time player Ed Mellick, Tom Grove, the travel distance winner (from Salt Lake City), Kate Paolino ’02, Joyce and Paul Killebrew, Judy and Sam Ostrow, Bill Bogardus, Dave Larson, Joe Alviani, Marilyn and Rob Edwards, Pokey and John Kornet, Joan and Doug Smith, Jon Feltner, Carol and Tom Pyles, Pris and Ed Kern and longtime Boston ’67 Winter Dinner host Ted Neil. There were inevitable conflicts with other events, so some regular attendees were absent this year. They, and those who have yet to attend, really missed a great time.

The date for the 2015 reprise is to be determined, but the group will again shoot for mid-late September. Below are pictures taken at the post-golf/pre-dinner reception at the Bowens’ home.
Class Connections Breakfast – October 17th

We held our second Class Connections breakfast with a group of 16 ’17s on October 17th, the morning before the Homecoming Parade and Bonfire. The ’17s were all pumped up about how much better their bonfire was than the one the ’18s were building that morning and were particularly interested in Rob Kugler’s report that our class was the first ever to be limited to one bonfire (because of the massive drought our first year). Attending from our Class were Ford Von Reyn, Jim Coackley, Pokey and John Kornet, Bill Judd, Jock Gill, Sam Ostrow, Rob Kugler, Paul Killebrew and Ed Kern. Below are some pictures from that morning.

Homecoming – October 17th-18th

The annual bonfire and related parade took place on Friday evening October 17th – obviously in Hanover (where else?) – followed by football on Saturday afternoon against Holy Cross. A beautiful fire, wonderful parade, and of course, a great victory 24-21 in our 78th football contest against the Crusaders, to even the score between these two teams at 37 wins each, with four ties. Among the many ’67s in town for the Homecoming events were Joyce and Paul Killebrew, Sandy and Rob Kugler, Susan and Jim Coakley, Bill Judd, Pris and Ed Kern, Sharleen and Larry Bowen, Tom Watson, Donna and Mark Sisitsky, Carol and Tom Pyles, Sam Ostrow, Kathy and Pete Nistad (plus daughter and grandkids), John Manaras, Ed Mallett, Pokey and John Kornet, and Wayne Beyer. Bob Thurer was in town being honored with the Medical School’s first Alumni Award (see story at p. 6, below) with the dinner attended by Ford Von Reyn.

Below are pictures of ’67s assembling for the parade and of the march itself.
Columbia Game – October 25th

An impromptu group of ’67s assembled to watch the Big Green steam roller Columbia in Manhattan, 27-7. Present – and enjoying the victory – were Jill and Howard Sharfstein, Livia and Tom Thompson, Sam Ostrow, David Sicher and Jack Harris. It was reported that “we all had fun on a beautiful day!”

Howard Sharfstein holds the ’67 Banner High at the Columbia Game

Washington, DC Dinner – November 1st

The eleventh Washington area dinner was held in a new venue this year as an experiment, Buca di Beppe Restaurant, with wonderful Italian food, in downtown Washington. Attending were Beverly and Wayne Johnson, Joyce and Ben Schlesinger, Steve Blodgett, Young and Chuck Hobbie, Tony Newkirk, Teddy and Bill Reynolds, Amy and John Isaacs and Maria and Bob Burka.

As is the tradition at this dinner, each class member spoke briefly about recent events in his life and plans for the near future. Summaries of what was said are contained in the News from Classmates section, at pages 9 to 10, below. Also part of the tradition was a short talk from Sam Ostrow about the state of the Class and its 50th Reunion planning process, although this year by telephone since Sam was unable to attend.

left to right: Teddy and Bill Reynolds and Bob Burka.

left to right: Young and Chuck Hobbie and Joyce and Ben Schlesinger.

left to right: Maria Burka, Steve Blodgett and Wayne Johnson.
Coming Gatherings

Boston Dinner – January 31st

The longest running Class mini-reunion, about to be in its 32nd incarnation, will be held on January 31, 2015. John Manaras reports that dinner will begin at 6:30 pm at the Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill (Brookline), MA. The price has been held to $65 per person, with a pre-dinner cash bar. Wine with dinner will be included. John notes that all this is through the good efforts of Bill White and Curt Anderson, both of whom are Longwood members. We have guaranteed the Club that we will have a minimum of 40 guests, which the Boston dinner has attracted in some years, so we truly encourage ’67s who not come recently, or who are eager to enjoy a uniquely warm evening, to set aside the date and do your best to attend.

John further notes our thanks to Ted Neill for almost 20 good years at the Winchester CC. Rising costs forced the event organizers to look elsewhere. The Longwood Cricket Club location, while a bit further for North Shore people, should be more convenient for most others, easy to find right on a main road and closer to the heart of the city.

All inquiries should be to either Steve Chehey or John Manaras at chehey@gmail.com and john.manaras@verizon.net. An E-mail announcement with RSVP will go to all ’67s in the Northeast, Tri-State and Mid-Atlantic regions (we even have new regional lists).

CarniVAIL – February 27th to March 1st

The official schedule is out now, and as the snow begins to fly in the mountains, members of the huge Dartmouth ski network are busy sorting out details for the 16th Dartmouth Winter CarniVAIL – 2015.

Every year the group celebrates Dartmouth groups who have played a role in the history of modern skiing. This year, the participants will celebrate the great skiers of the 1970s as well as past Olympians/National Champions and two of Dartmouth’s very special championship ski teams, the 1976 Men’s NCAA Champions and the 1977 Women’s AIAW Champions.

John Lobitz, who coordinates for the ’67 attendees, reports that there will be an informal get together for dinner for ’67s “and anyone else that wants to join us” on Thursday evening, February 26th. On Friday, the ’67s usually get together as a group of friends and ski together, and at 4:30 pm is an all classes cocktail party. At 6:30 pm on Friday will be the Class of ’67 dinner for classmates and guests. Skiing continues on Saturday, and in the evening is an all classes reception, dinner and presentation about the great skiers of the 1970s. First tracks skiing on Sunday, begins at 7:30 am, with lifts being open to the public after 8:30 am. Brunch at 9:30 am at the Game Creek Club on the mountain.

John will be sending E-mails to everyone who has previously attended or has expressed an interest, and a Class E-mail will go to the Mountain States and Northeast ’67s. He notes that “[l]ast year, we had seven classmates, and three or four others have expressed interest for this year. So we are slowly growing this. Anyone interested should E-mail me [John] at johnlobitz@gmail.com, and I will put them on the list and send them specifics for this year.” Formal sign-ups began on December 1st at http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp.
Class Connections Etiquette Dinner – July 17th

As part of the “Connections Program,” which links our class to the Class of 2017, we have agreed to consider hosting a dinner at the Hanover Inn on Friday evening, July 17, 2015, during the ’17s’ Sophomore Summer. The dinner speaker will be a member of Emily Post’s family, who will engage in some measure of etiquette instruction but mostly entertaining banter during a dinner likely to be attended by about 100 ’17s and as many ’67s as we can muster. There may not be any such thing as a “free lunch,” but this will be a free diner (paid for, in part, by our Class’ treasury), so we would hope to gather at least 30 classmates and significant others to attend to provide both conversation and contacts with the ’17s. If you are even considering the idea, please tell either Paul Killebrew (paulkillebrew@me.com) or Rob Kugler (rkugler@archerlaw.com), who serve as our Class’ “Connections Program” coordinators.

Class’ 70th Birthday Party – July 17th-19th

To help you “even consider the idea,” we have begun the planning for a Class of 1967 “It must be somebody else’s 70th Birthday” mini-reunion on the weekend of July 17th-19th, 2015. All we can tell you now is that it will be in the Greater Hanover area (think much greater), may have a field trip, may involve more interactions with the ’17s, may demonstrate that ’67s are far more active than certain College administrators think we should be. This definitely will be a not to be missed mid-summer event. Put it on your calendars now. Details to come after the New Year.

NEWS OF ’67S

Hal Maskiell wrote that “Gail and I are truly living our dream! We moved to Ponce Inlet, Florida, in March, took a five-week trip to Italy in April and May, and have been ‘settling in’ since. I’m working as a flight instructor at Epic Flight Academy in New Smyrna Beach teaching international students who will go back and be airline pilots. Great fun!”

Gail and Hal’s new address is 4624 Harbour Village Blvd, # 4406, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127. His mobile telephone number is (440) 829-0482, and he can be reached electronically at halmaskiell@gmail.com.

We heard some really good news about Bob Thurer, with an announcement by the med school (technically, the Geisel School of Medicine) that he was one of five honored as “its most accomplished alumni” in the first year of Alumni Awards at the school. Bob’s outstanding service award was “in recognition of his leadership roles as a representative to the Dartmouth College Alumni Council, and as a member of the medical school’s Board of Overseers. A cardiothoracic surgeon, clinical educator, and recognized expert in several fields of surgery,” in the words of the announcement, “Dr. Thurer has also served in leadership roles for his class and in advisory roles for the medical school.” The full announcement can be accessed at http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/news/2014/geisel-school-of-medicine-to-honor-alumni-for-outstanding-service-career-achievements/.

Bob subsequently wrote that “[o]n a personal note, I am retiring for the third time at the end of October. This time it is after 5+ years as Medical Director at Haemonetics in Braintree, MA. I retired from my surgical practice about ten years ago and spent four years after that working on the Harvard project in Dubai. I’m not sure what the future holds but I hope it includes some productive activity.” Bob can be reached at rthurer@gmail.com.

Also in this department was the news that Wayne Beyer has actually retired, after more false starts than we are easily able to count. He writes that “[g]olf and renovations on the house [in North Conway, NH] have kept me very busy since I moved home at the beginning of June.” He noted that he had a ticket for the Penn game and attended the Homecoming events on October 17th-18th. His new contact information, via snail mail, is P.O. Box 404, North Conway, NH 03860, and he can also be reached at (603) 356-5106 and waynebeyer@roadrunner.com.

Tom Woodruff also brought us up to date. “Widowed four years ago. No known, significant health problems. Twelve hours a week helping homeless people. (visit www.sfcdenver.org). Moving soon to my excellent inner-city retirement condominium. Still making commercial real estate deals, mostly to pay for my grandchildren’s college. No more real estate development ventures. Hope for many more years of skiing. Don’t fly fish enough. Playing five-string banjo in a band. Two sons: David has mastered property management and now is learning construction supervision. Rob is kicking ass in the Christianity industry – a progressive Presbyterian minister in New Mexico, who has a prospering church. He’s married to a treasure, Karla, a beautiful Mayan woman from Guatemala, who finished law school there
and then became an RN here. They have two confident, happy little kids: Carlos (6) and Valentina (2), who own their grandpa’s heart. Much to celebrate.”

Tom’s snail mail address is 813 Meadow Run, Golden, CO 80403. His telephone is (303) 888-9246, and his E-mail address is twoodruff@comcast.net.

We also got a report from John Lobitz. He wrote that “[m]y family and I took a trip to the Adirondacks again this year. Didn’t drive, so no road trip this year. I made it over to Burlington one day and played golf and had dinner with Buzz Land and Russ Hoverman. The three of us traveled in Europe the summer of 1966 along with David ‘Okie’ O’Connor. It was great re-living old memories. I hadn’t seen Russ since our 25th. Who knew we would all end up being doctors? Buzz is a pediatrician in Burlington, VT and is a past Chairman of the American Board of Pediatrics. Russ is an oncologist and Vice President of Quality Control Programs at Texas Oncology in Austin, TX in Austin, and I am a retired gastroenterologist from Portland, OR, although I now live in Denver, CO.

Also playing golf with classmates was Larry Bowen, who wrote “upon our return from visiting and touring the natural beauty of Utah. . . . Sharleen and I concluded our trip to Utah with a few days visit with Lily and Tom Grove in and around Salt Lake City. The day before we left Tom, Sharleen and I were hosted by Jack Ferraro for a delightful round of golf at Glenwild in Park City. Lily and Mariann joined us for dinner.” Below, after golf, left to right, are Jack Ferraro, Tom Grove, Sharleen and Larry Bowen. Larry can be reached at LBowen@lifespan.org.

According to Jim Rooks, the safari crew has returned home safely from Tanzania. In addition to Jim and his wife Corry were Betsy and Bob Davidson and Judy and Knox Johnstone, all participants in the Dartmouth Alumni Travel Program’s “Tanzania Migration Safari” at the end of October and beginning of November. As Jim put it, “we hold Dartmouth Alumni Travel in high esteem. . . .
“We flew to Arusha and met the other members of our group: Linda and John Hadley ’61, Sally and Ambassador Ted Briggs ’56, two Tuck grads and their wives, and a couple who were friends of one of the Tuck couples. (Bob and Betsy’s arrival was delayed a day because he was representing the class at an Alumni Council meeting in Hanover, and they were literally delivered to us by truck in the middle of the bush!). Also on the trip to provide the academic component was Dartmouth Government Professor Emeritus Nelson Kasfir. Nelson is an expert on African politics, and he gave great lectures on African history, politics, ethnicity, and wildlife conservation efforts, and was a superb travelling companion overall.” Jim also noted that “I actually took one of Nelson’s courses in 1971, and he’s the only professor who ever asked me what I thought my grade should be. I told him ‘B.’ I got an ‘A.’ Go figure!”

“We had spectacular accommodations at five different lodges, including two ‘tented safari camps’ that were more luxurious than many U.S. hotels. We moved from lodge to lodge, touring two national parks (Tarangire and Serengeti) and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. In the latter, we traveled through the Ngorongoro Crater, the world’s largest intact volcanic caldera and one of the premier wildlife-viewing areas in Africa. We also visited a Maasai village, where we haggled with the residents over the appropriate prices for local crafts, ate lunch at a banana plantation, stopped at Olduvai Gorge, rode in a hot-air balloon, and visited a fishing village and its independent primary school on the shore of Lake Victoria. The trip wrapped with an outdoor ‘bush dinner,’ preceded by a rousing performance of the politically incorrect ‘Eleazar Wheelock’ song.

“The biggest part of the experience, by far, was seeing unconfined wildlife – some on their permanent home ground, some on their annual migration in search of...
food and water. We saw literally thousands of animals of dozens of species, interpreted by our Tanzanian guides, who appeared to know absolutely everything. They explained why it’s good for baby elephants to eat their mothers’ dung (who gnu?), and they delivered us across the wilderness to our next accommodation in time for cocktails.

“The whole trip was superbly organized and executed by Dartmouth Alumni Travel, the tour company (Or-bridge) and the guide service (Safari Legacy). The Dartmouth connection made it extra fun, and we’d heartily recommend it to anyone.” Jim, Bob and Knox can be reached respectively at rooksy1945@gmail.com, rhdavidsonjr@gmail.com, and kjohnstone@amtonline.org.

We also note that Tom Peebles has continued his prolific book reviews, having now already done eight of them during the current calendar year, which still had weeks to go when we heard from him. His latest is a review of Adam Hochschild’s To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, a history of the First World War. Tom, who is living with his wife Christine in the African country of Benin, where he has been sent by the Justice and State Departments, can be reached informally at tomsbook40@gmail.com or at his office in Benin at tpeebles@usaid.gov. His numerous reviews can be accessed at http://tomsbooks.wordpress.com/.

A number of attendees at the DC dinner on November 1st took that opportunity to give their news then. Teddy and Bill Reynolds reported that they both retired on July 1, 2014. Teddy taught math at a girls school in Baltimore for 38 years, and Bill was a law professor at the University of Maryland Law School for 42 years. Retirement permits Bill to pursue legal writing interests, particularly about how appellate courts operate, legal history and conflicts of law.

Joyce and Ben Schlesinger also attended. Ben continues his energy consulting work, which emphasizes questions raised by natural gas policy issues. Their daughter got an Emmy for comedy writing, and son, a specialist in Chinese history, is getting married.

Young and Chuck Hobbie reported that she had retired as a nurse; their son’s wedding was on Memorial Day in the Wren Chapel of the College of William and Mary, the oldest protestant church in the United States. Chuck has been in touch with a Korean student from Chuck’s days in the late ’60s as a Peace Corps worker in Korea, and Chuck noted that his former student has since been ordained an Episcopal Bishop in New York. Young and Chuck’s son is an attorney in Loudon County, Virginia, and he serves at the Assistant County Attorney. Chuck, who is retired from one of the federal employee labor unions, has resumed his other career, with the Peace Corps, this time in the agency’s Office of General Counsel, as its Head of Litigation.

Tony Newkirk seems now to have largely resolved his father’s estate such that he has time for pushing advanced transportation concepts in Europe and the United States. He sees us as moving to either or both small pod cars or driverless autos. His daughter is in Portland, OR, and getting an M.A. in communications, and the other daughter was married one and one-half years ago and is now teaching in the North Hampton, MA, public schools.

John Isaacs, who was there with his wife Amy, is still working for the Council for a Livable World, but he is now a Senior Fellow, which means he no longer needs to bother with administrative issues. Amy and John celebrated their 40th anniversary in October, and they are going to Antarctica in January, during the southern summer. Amy has been retired for several years and been focused on taking pictures and then mounting them on boxes, posters and coasters. One of their children is getting a PhD on climate change, with particular emphasis on tree lines in the Denali National Park in Alaska, and their son works in New York in market research.

Also reporting were Beverly and Wayne Johnson, and in particular we were told that Beverly retired this past summer. Since Wayne has long since been sitting in his rocking chair, they are now looking forward to traveling, and Wayne wants to continue his bicycle riding. He also had some good news – a recurrence of his kidney cancer from 20 years ago has been arrested and stabilized. Their daughter is in Atlanta with a fellowship at Georgia Tech and is teaching English composition to undergraduates.

Steve Blodgett noted that this was his first alumni event since graduation in 1967. Since then, he has been overseas most of the time, first for three years in Germany while he served in the Army, and then the Foreign Service, where he was staffed in Paris, Lagos, Seoul, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Brussels and London. Steve is now
retired from the State Department and doing odd jobs as a consultant to the State Department, for example, processing requests for otherwise non-public information requested under the Freedom of Information Act. He has two children with his Korean-born wife, a son who is 30 and at the University of Virginia, and a 23-year old daughter who has spent some time at Smith College.

And Bob Burka noted that he has been busier in retirement than he ever expected, as his wife Maria continues her full-time position as a program director at the National Science Foundation, where she focuses on academic chemical engineering issues. Maria recently got a lifetime professional achievement award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, of which she is a past president. Bob is currently prosecuting his second administrative appeal in a pro bono whistleblowing case (he prevailed on the first appeal) and is involved in various other (unfortunately) non-fee situations.

Unrelated to the Washington dinner, Bill Bogardus wrote in to say that he has moved, and his current address is P.O. Box 263 in South Chatham, MA 02659-0263. His home telephone is (508) 432-1492 and his mobile number is (617) 921-6709. Bill can also be reached electronically at wrbogardus@aol.com.

And, also having moved is Rick Geissinger. He has left Evansville, Indiana, and is now a resident in Florida, specifically at 2900 SE Dune Drive, Apartment 135, Stuart, FL 34996. Rick also has a home in New Jersey, at 10 Broadmoor Drive, Rumson, NJ 07760. His new home phone in New Jersey is (732) 345-7010, but his E-mail address remains the same, at r45geissin@gmail.com.

Speaking of moving, some of you may recall meeting Rob Kugler’s daughter, Kelley ’13, at previous Class reunions, including as leader of the a capella group which entertained us at John Wasson’s barn at our 45th. Kelley will be moving from San Francisco to London at the end of December to work for Idea Couture, “a strategic innovation and experience design firm.” Rob has also moved and is now living with his wife, Sandy, in Old City Philadelphia but can still be reached at rkugler@archerlaw.com or (856) 354-3021. Sandy, Kelley and Rob joined Jack Harris at the very successful Dartmouth-Princeton football game in November.

**REFLECTIONS ON INDOCHINA**

We have had a number of columns about our varied experiences related to the war in Vietnam, a subject that will be one of the principal foci of our 50th Reunion in 2017. Please note that this column is intended for reminiscences and thoughts about these important events that first affected us when we were young adults. It is not intended to be politicized and virtually all views will be printed as submitted.

This column is unusual in that it does not contain memories and impressions as such but rather reports on some relatively current events closely related to that conflict, especially the combat losses of our two classmates, Bill Smoyer and Duncan Sleigh. The genesis of this column is a trip that former College President Jim Wright made last summer to Vietnam, in connection with a book that he is writing about that war. Jim Wright’s book focuses on a period from May to early June 1969 and tries to put a human face on the war, collecting stories about some of the young men (and a young female nurse) who died during that time period. And although they did not serve during the period of the war that Jim is researching, he did visit the locations where Bill Smoyer, Duncan Sleigh, Michael Spark ’46 and possibly Phillip Barger ’65 died while serving in Vietnam.

Jim subsequently wrote that “[w]hile preparing for the trip I tried to look up the places where some Dartmouth men were killed while serving there. I was able to find some of them and fortunately a couple were within the scope of my itinerary.

“I visited the rice paddy where Billy Smoyer was killed in June 1968 and the field where Duncan Sleigh was killed in November 1968. Actually, they were not that far apart and were within a hotly-contested area that the Marines called ‘Dodge City.’ While there, I buried a hockey puck in the field where Billy died and a NH/Dartmouth piece where Duncan died. On each of them, I attached a U.S. Marine Corps ‘Semper Fidelis’ sticker. And in each of these locations I spread some dirt from the Dartmouth Green.”

Jim’s gestures were shared with David and Nancy Smoyer, and Nancy, who is a member of our class, subsequently reported that “Jim sent me some rice from the rice paddy where Billy died and where he put the
puck. Very thoughtful.” Below are pictures related to Jim Wright’s leaving mementos where Bill died.

Adding dirt from Green on hockey puck.

Puck for Billy Smoyer.

Jim Wright holds up the small token he left in the ground in Vietnam where Marine 2nd Lt. Duncan Sleigh died. A story about President Wright’s visit to Indochina, when he placed the token in Duncan’s memory, appeared in the Marblehead (MA) Reporter, the local newspaper where Duncan grew up. The full story can be accessed at http://bit.ly/1Ezmd9s.

Rice Paddy where Billy Smoyer died.
Warren Cook subsequently wrote that Bill Jevne “was a teammate and a Marine mate. Bill fought in Bill Smoyer’s area of operation and arrived there soon after Bill was killed.” Bill Jevne helped Jim Wright locate the coordinates and place where Bill was killed. Warren added that “Jevne and I were in DC this summer at the Wall with some other Marine mates, and we had a good visit with Bill, a wonderful and hard thing to do. Jim’s act makes it all the harder but even better. I have attached a picture of Bill and me in front of Bill’s name, which is at our chest level.”

And as I was preparing to go to press, I got a note from Jim Rooks, who wanted to make sure that we were aware of The Dartmouth Vietnam Project, which brings together members of the Dartmouth community to conduct, record, and preserve oral histories about the Vietnam War era, 1950-75. Through it, Dartmouth alumni and community members volunteer to share their stories of the Vietnam War era at Dartmouth and beyond. It can be accessed at http://www.dartmouth.edu/-dvp/index.html. Our 50th Reunion Book will include essays and interviews from many of our classmates who were part of this oral history project.

ALUMNI COUNCIL CORNER

Our Class’ Alumni Council representative, David Mil- lane, reports below about the most recent meeting of the Council, held in late October. As you may recall, the Dartmouth Alumni Council is a body designed to be a conduit between the College’s Board of Trustees and the vast body of alumni. Alumni councilors attempt to express concerns that alumni have, and in return, the Trustees and Administration attempt to disseminate news from Hanover with an emphasis on difficult, current issues.

Below is David’s summary of what took place at the October meeting.

When we return as Alumni Councilors to Dartmouth each fall and spring, our primary responsibilities include serving as the eyes and ears of our classmates and other constituents. During those two days on campus, we are fortunate to have access to senior administrators, faculty, and most importantly, students, all in an effort to take the pulse of the Dartmouth community and to ask questions – sometimes pointed ones.

It was in that spirit that the Dartmouth Alumni Council convened its 209th Meeting in late October.

The headline for the session was the activity surrounding President Phil Hanlon ’77’s initiative known as “Moving Dartmouth Forward.” This initiative began with a plea by President Hanlon in April 2014, in which he asked “everyone at Dartmouth to work together to end high-risk and harmful behavior on campus that is hurting students, dividing the community, distracting the College from its core mission, and compromising its vision for the future.” Specifically, a Presidential steering committee was charged with recommending actions “to end high-risk and harmful behavior in the following three critical areas: sexual assault, high-risk drinking, and lack of inclusivity.” Initially, the Report recommendations were due to be reviewed at the Trustees’ November meeting.

According to the College, additional time was needed to allow the Committee to draft a comprehensive report which cites authorities for the various actions recommended to the Trustees and which will withstand rigorous review. The report is now scheduled to be released in conjunction with the Trustees’ January meeting, including actions approved by the Trustees to address the various issues.

If you want to know more about this important initiative, visit the Moving Dartmouth Forward site forward.
Some key Alumni Council sessions highlights:

Our distinguished Class President, Sam Ostrow was an award recipient at the closing session of the Council

- The “D” Plan is being reviewed in the context of the difficulty of community building with the Summer Term and the many study abroad options.

- Living Learning Communities at Dartmouth where students have opportunities to live in residence halls with students of like interests, such as a language or a co-curricular activity

- Construction on Memorial Field’s West Stands has begun. Construction to be completed in time for the 2015 season

- The top facilities priority is a new indoor facility to alleviate pressure on Leverone

- Dartmouth ranked # 1 in the country for the third consecutive year, in both academic progress and graduation rate for student athletes. This is a first for all NCAA schools.

For a full, perhaps overly full, summary of the October meeting, go to and click on: the Dartmouth website or the Alumni Council website.

If you have questions, ideas or concerns that you would like me to raise at any time or which you would like me to pass on to College officers, please let me know at davidmillane@gmail.com or by phone at 410.727.2866 or 410.978.7036 (cell). The issues may be positive or negative and will be directed as well to the appropriate College personnel.

OBITUARIES

We list in each issue of this newsletter Class members who have recently passed away or for whom we have just received notice. Full obituaries are prepared by our Secretary, Dave Mangelsdorff, whose write-ups are available on our website and in the online edition of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. See www.dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/obituaries and www.dartmouthclassof1967.org.

Since our last newsletter, we have lost two classmates, John Peter VanHazinga and William Marshall Moore. Obituaries are now being prepared for each.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Head Agent John Kornet has asked that the class be reminded that the 2014-15 Dartmouth College Fund drive is now in full swing. And while the books on it do not close until the end of next June, those wanting to get the benefit of a tax deduction in this calendar year are reminded that now is the time to do so. If you are looking to retire during 2015, with consequently falling taxable income, then it is perhaps more tax efficient to make the contribution before December 31st. Feel free to be in touch with John at jkornet@me.com if you have any questions or wish any guidance.

And complementing the important function of the Dartmouth College Fund is the Bartlett Tower Society. As Howard Sharfstein, our Gift Planning Chair, wrote, “it is rare when we can join a club and set the dues ourselves. To become a member of the BTS, all you have to do is include Dartmouth in any part of your estate plan, in any amount. Any of providing a bequest to Dartmouth in your will, naming Dartmouth as a beneficiary (typically after the passing of your spouse) of a portion of your qualified retirement plans such as an IRA or Section 401(k), including Dartmouth as a beneficiary of a charitable trust or life insurance policy, etc., again in the amount and to the extent that you determine, will all make you a member of the Society. Your name will be listed as a member, and you will be invited to Society gatherings, in Hanover and elsewhere. But, far more importantly, you will be supporting Dartmouth and its future.” In short, joining the Bartlett Tower Society is as easy as 1-2-3!

You can get tax and related estate planning advice in connection with joining the BTS from Howard, who can be reached at his office at (212) 756-2315 or at howard.sharfstein@srz.com. He can walk you through the surprising tax benefits of helping the College, a win-win for both you and the College. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the College’s Gift Planning Office at (800) 451-4067 or gift.planning@dartmouth.edu. The office’s fax number is (603) 646-0466 and its snail mail address is 6066 Development Office, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755.

Also, in this department, our Treasurer Rick Geissinger notes that a dues mailing went out at the beginning of November. This is an opportunity to support the class as well as the several special purposes for which
we raise money, including Dartmouth Partners in Community Service, Dartmouth Athletic Recruiting Trips, the Class of ’67 Memorial Grove Perpetual Maintenance Fund and the Class Connections Project, as well as our general purpose Memorial Fund. These can be supported through the check-off section of the card included with the Dues mailing. Although not obvious from the above listing, the printing and distributing of this newsletter is just one of the costs included in the basic $50 per year Dues. If you have read this far, then you should understand the importance of paying these modest basic dues to keep class activities running, particularly as we approach our 50th Reunion.

Dues can be sent directly to Rick Geissinger at 2900 SE Dune Drive, Apartment 135, Stuart, FL 34996; his telephone number, should you have any questions, is (732) 345-7010, and his E-mail address is r45geissin@gmail.com.

The College has now put its Alumni Directory on line so that you can, among other things, update your own Dartmouth alumni profile, find and network with alumni around the world, and access the Dartmouth Career Network, among other things. You can access this new electronic tool at http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/von/directory.

The College has also announced that it has hired a new Vice President for Development, Andrew Davidson, effective December 1st. He fills a position that has been vacant, and he joins the senior leadership team in Advancement, including Sylvia R. Racca ’83, A&S ’13 (Exec. Dir. of the DCF), Ann Root Keith (COO), Martha Beattie ’76 (Alumni Relations), and Michael Kiefer (Presidential Initiatives and Principal Giving).

Lastly, I know that all newsletters must end with some variation of this refrain of No News means No Newsletter! So, you now know that you have come to the end of this one, with the admonishment to please keep your news coming -- or else I have nothing to print. And note that there are more pictures in this newsletter than any other that I have edited, so you can see the value added of photos. Do include as many pictures as possible.

You can use either the Take-A-Minute green card enclosed with this newsletter or else send me an E-mail at rburka@foley.com. Happy to receive snail mail, too, at my office, Foley & Lardner LLP, 3000 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20007-5111.

And please accept my end of year holiday wishes.

Bob Burka
Washington, DC
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