It is now late January, and the Green is covered with snow, white trumping green – but all beautiful. The College is getting ready for Carnival, and all the beauty that goes with it.

And Dartmouth’s balanced cycle continues in other ways, too, including the naming of two graduating seniors as Rhodes Scholars (the 74th and 75th in the College’s history) and the completion of the football career of Dominick Pierre ’14, with the most rushing touchdowns (29) at Dartmouth since the creation of the Ivy League football program in 1956. In the words of Jack Boger ’13, in his poem “This Dartmouth,” about his time in Hanover as an undergraduate: “The beauty of this time in our lives is that it is so fleeting and precious.” Perhaps that is a good part of the reason that the College has one of the highest return rates in the country, as 97.8% of its first year students come back for their sophomore year under the D-Plan.

CLASS GATHERINGS

The annual Rich Paolino Dartmouth ’67 Golf Outing was held at the Rhode Island Country Club on September 28th. Lily and Tom Grove once again won the distance traveled award by flying in from their home in Utah. Almost as many ’67 husbands and wives came just for the reception at hosts Sharleen and Larry Bowen’s beautiful home and dinner as played the outstanding Rhode Island Country Club course.

The winning foursome included honored guest Beth Paolino (the fix, it’s claimed, was not in). Among the other attendees – Mary Ellen and Jack Curley, Pokey and John Kornet, Pris and Ed Kern, Maureen and Steve Cheheyly, Bill Bogardus, Judy and Sam Ostrow, John Manaras, Mobby and Dave Larson, Joe Alviani, Carol and Tom Pyles, Marilyn and Rob Edwards, Ron Koback and Jon Feltner. Beth and Rich Paolino’s “kids” – Kate ’02 and Chris ’00 – also graced the gathering, and in each of them we could still hear Rich’s laugh.
On November 2nd, the tenth more or less annual Washington Area Class Dinner was held at the offices of Foley & Lardner LLP. Present were Wayne Beyer, Betsy and Bob Davidson, Young and Chuck Hobbie, Beverly and Wayne Johnson, Joanie and David Millane, Tony Newkirk, Judy, Rachel and Sam Ostrow (and Rachel’s friend Adrian Stover), John Isaacs and Bob Burka. Sam gets credit for the largest family gathering in this event’s history!

Dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour overlooking the Potomac River. After a dinner and related socializing, there was an opportunity for all attending classmates to describe their current activities and milestone events since the last dinner. A summary of those events is contained in the NEWS OF ’67s section. Missing from the pictures below is our photographer John Isaacs.
There was also an informal class gathering at the November 23rd Dartmouth-Princeton football game in Hanover to watch the Big Green’s 28-24 victory over the Tigers, always a welcome event, even in the snow and cold. Present to watch the College finish the season with a 6-3 record, including three consecutive wins at the end, were Rob Kugler, Joyce and Paul Killebrew, Bill Bogardus, Wayne Beyer, Jim Coakley and Sam Ostrow. The photo of our players enjoying their victory, taken by Rob Kugler, is testament to the weather. For many of us, it may be our first sight of Dartmouth football under the lights in Hanover.

Dartmouth defeating Princeton -- under the lights!

There also was the Thirty-First Annual Boston Dinner, held on February 1st at the Winchester Country Club in Winchester, MA, courtesy of club member and host Ted Neill. This oldest of our class’ mini-reunions occurred too close to press time, but a write-up and pictures will appear in our next newsletter, coming soon.

And in the save-the-date category is the 2014 Car-niVAIL celebration in – no surprise – Vail, Colorado, to be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 28th through March 2nd. While a number of College and Tuck classes participate in the largest gathering of Dartmouth alumni outside Hanover, there are special events for the ’67s attending, both on and off the slopes. John Lobitz advises that “[a] ny classmates who are interested should contact me at johnlobitz@gmail.com, and I can make sure that they get the appropriate information for registration.” Go – and you shall have fun as well as class companionship!

**CLASS PROJECTS**

If you did not figure it out by now, Dartmouth has a new President, Phil Hanlon ’77, who is a mathematician by trade, and who is applying strict measurement to the College’s budget as well as planned capital expenditures. This means two important considerations for us. First, our contributions to current class projects – DPCS, Athletic Recruiting Trips and Class Connections – are more important than ever. Second, planning for major 50th Reunion Gift Projects is being delayed, awaiting decisions on College priorities and a “rumored” record setting capital campaign.

**DPCS**

The DPCS program for undergraduates to do public service with an alumni mentor during an off term, sponsored by the Tuck- er Foundation, has had long-term support from our class as well as individual class members.

Recently, DPCS expanded its program to include graduating seniors. It helps match talented Dartmouth graduating seniors with organizations that are addressing significant social issues. The concept of the program is simple: there are many outstanding undergraduates who are interested in public interest work, but do not know how to locate appropriate opportunities. Similarly, there are many organizations that could utilize the energies and talents of these young people, but would like help in recruiting and selecting them efficiently. The DPCS Post-Graduate Fellowship Program matches the fellow’s skills and interests with the organization’s needs and provides a prescreening process. The organization then interviews, hires, and agrees to pay a minimum salary of $30,000 a year, plus health insurance.

Bob Davidson has mentored several groups of DPCS graduate fellows. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob, at rhdavidsonjr@gmail.com or (703) 532-1916, especially if you are in the Washington, DC area. In the New York area, the program coordinator is Karl Holtzschue ’59 at kkholt@gmail.com. DPCS is interested in expanding the graduate fellows program to Boston and other metropolitan areas. If interested in helping with this effort, please contact Bob.
On January 24, 2014, Paul Killebrew and I met with four ’17s, all of whom had applied, along with 30 others, to serve as liaisons to our Class. The students are a diverse group, but each of them expressed an interest in establishing a relationship with alums – to learn about Dartmouth traditions and to connect, even now, to the larger Dartmouth family.

We were joined by Jennifer Casey ’66a, who serves as facilitator of the Connections program for the Office of Alumni Affairs. Jennifer described the basics of the program, emphasizing that flexibility is key to its success. That is, beyond a few “staple” events, anything else that comprises the program is what our Class and theirs decide to do. The following are the “staples”:

Already Happened

- Trips. This adventure to the Second Grant at the end of last summer spurred such strong positive connections that not only is one of the incoming ’17s whom some of us met there now serving as a liaison, Austin Welch from California, but Austin noted that all of the ’17s on his Trip applied for the position. That’s validation that the efforts our Class expended on Trips set the stage for a very positive relationship with the ’17s over the next four years.

- Matriculation. Photos of this event last September, in which John Manaras, Bill Sjogren, Jim Coakley and Paul Killebrew made cameo appearances, have appeared in the Newsletter. They presented pins to the ’17s following their meetings with President Hanlon.

To Happen

- Etiquette Dinner. This event, which occurs during Sophomore Summer but on a date not yet selected, entails a formal dinner at the Hanover Inn, sponsored in part by our Class. It is designed to prepare students to enter the job market, as many ’17s will seek internships during their Junior year. By the time this event arrives, it will, based upon history, be oversubscribed. A representative from the “Emily Post Institute” facilitates the event, with members of the Class of ’67 playing the role of “outsiders” at the dinner table.
Senior Week. This begins with our Class sponsoring a barbeque for ’17s and their graduation invitees. Various interactions occur during this week, at one of which our Class will present a check for $2017 to the ’17s – to invest for the next 50 years, before turning the then cumulative amount over to the Class of 2067, thereby testing (and hopefully proving) the power of compound interest. The week will culminate with our marching, as the 50th Reunion Class, with the ’17s in their graduation ceremony. Preceding that march, members of our Class will receive from the ’17s, the same type of pins that the ’17s received at matriculation from us.

In talking about possible additions to the “staples,” Paul and I emphasized that we are not here to impose anything upon the ’17s but, instead, to work with them to find events which both classes will find to be worthwhile and enjoyable. That requires creative thought from all involved. Following are events that we discussed as possible additions to the “staples:”

- Bus Trip to Boston. This would consist of a reception or informal meal at a downtown location, probably on a Saturday mid-day in late spring. For it to work well, we would need to have a decent turn-out of ’67s, at least 8 to 10 of us, including wives, to match with the expected 40 to 60 ’17s. There is precedent for this kind of trip, as trips to Boston, NYC and Montreal are mounted with some frequency by the College’s “Programming Board,” which will make planning the details a great deal easier. John French ’17, the Class Council liaison, is already exploring this and will report back by February 1. Our Class might consider coordinating our traditional Boston Class Dinner with this event over the next three years.

- Breakfast Reception. First Year Parents’ Weekend occurs during Spring Term. Depending upon the timing of events already scheduled for that weekend (which Jennifer is exploring), we might put on a rather simple catered breakfast in advance of the President’s address to the Class of ’17.

- Ongoing Breakfast Meetings. These are informal events which other classes have used successfully, held once a month at EBA’s. An announced topic is circulated by email to all ’17s inviting them to participate. The first X number who sign up are treated by our Class to breakfast and discussion about whatever the topic might be – sometimes serious, sometimes less so.

- Student Panels. This is where we “cash in” on the program, by having ’17s describe their Dartmouth experiences to us during mini-reunions over the next three years. These mini-reunions may occur in Hanover or wherever a critical mass from both classes can be found. In the past, these events have occurred in NYC and San Francisco, the sites of many Junior year internships.

- Networking Panels. In return, we would sponsor one or more meetings of the ’17s with recent graduates who have used networking successfully to land jobs. In Paul’s and my view, the reality is that as much as any ’67s might like to participate directly in this exercise, the rules of the game have changed so significantly over the intervening years that it would be better for us to serve as facilitators rather than as participants.

I am sure that DPCS and perhaps other constituencies in which ’67s are strongly engaged might look to the Connections program as a vehicle to attract participation from the ’17s. Depending upon what happens with our proposed Class Projects, there may be room there for relating to the ’17s in pursuing them. We are looking for ideas of all kinds, from ’67s and ’17s to make the Connections program work to the advantage of all.

FIFTIETH REUNION BOOK AND DVD

The teams managing development and production of our 50th Reunion Book and DVD Projects have moved ahead with better defining the scope of each component and organizing their outreach to ’67s for input. John Isaacs, Bob Davidson, Jim Rooks and Dave Mangelsdorff are beginning to develop a book on our reflections on the momentous times and long-term changes through which ’67s have lived, focusing on our responses to Viet Nam and the Human Rights movements. The book will be a combination of long-style essays (such as those that are appearing in our newsletter) and interviews with a number of classmates, amplified with comments from the rest of the Class and the results of a class-wide survey that will be undertaken. If you would like to join the working group, please contact John at jdi@clw.org.

Dave Mangelsdorff and Ken Ellis are leading the charge in producing a DVD version of a classic “yearbook” but the electronic format allows classmates to submit pictures, text materials, videos, even oral histories to describe their lives, views, accomplishments and thoughts as we reach this milestone reunion. Ken’s ca-
rree includes writing, directing, and producing award-winning documentaries and other forms of media since 1975. Ken wrote, “Based in the SF Bay Area, I’ve had the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects and formats, from a bilingual children’s show for PBS (Villa Alegre), to a feature-length docudrama (The People vs. Dan White) to investigative docs (9/11: Press for Truth), a series for PBS, A&E, CNBC, MSNBC and HGTV. I also had the privilege of heading up the video department at GLEF (George Lucas Educational Foundation) from 2001 to 2010.” Dave is taking charge of contacting all ’67s to get their participation and input, and Ken is providing technical and creative direction. If you would like to help Dave’s outreach on this project, contact him at arthur.d.mangelsdorff.civ@mail.mil. And, when you hear from each team, please respond quickly as putting together these two projects is going to require an incredible effort as well as requiring a very long lead time to make sure that they are ready for our 50th.

**NEWS OF ’67s**

Steve Ayres writes that “Betty and I were delighted to attend the wedding of classmate Peter Modley’s daughter Meg to Andy Gilbertson in Vergennes, VT on October 13th. Peter and I met on the Freshman Hike 50 years ago and then roomed together at Dartmouth for three years. Peter’s wife Phyllis was Betty’s Education School classmate at Syracuse, and met Peter when I gave all three of them a ride one rainy night during graduate school. Peter and Phyllis have both retired from U.S. government service and recently moved to Hinesburg, VT. Peter was proud to wear his clan MacKinnon tartan kilt at the wedding and to have the pipers pipe everyone to the reception.

“At the table with us at the wedding reception were Dave Lawrence ’67, and his wife Susan Ferrara, from Clarksburg, MD. Dave and Susan are also recently retired from U.S. and local government service. I met Betty when she dated Dave at Dartmouth in 1965. After they parted, the best present anybody ever gave me was Dave’s giving me Betty’s phone number at Smith. After 46 years of marriage, I still give thanks that she did not hang up on me when I called.” Steve now lives at 105 Tower Avenue, Stamford, CT 06907-1928; his home telephone is (203) 327-3795, and E-mail is mead-bishop@sbcglobal.net. His business phone is (203) 325-4427 and fax is (203) 323-3834.

We also heard from Jack Shea, who noted that “Life has been good. Married woman smarter than me (Diane Gilcher, UNH ’71), one kid (Timothy, Colgate ’04), who just married a Vassar grad; had a major stroke in 2011; three weeks in ICU, two years in nursing home (getting out soon); was lawyer in solo practice representing insurance companies; due to the stroke, my law practice was sold to a firm which is now hiring me to continue what I was doing. The secret to doing well in business: Hire smart women, pay them well, and stay the hell out of their ways.” Jack can be found at 50 Hollis Street, Manchester, NH 03101; home telephone is (603) 668-4936.

Peter Trop wrote in to suggest that “anyone interested in visiting our farm would be most welcome – friendly horse, donkey, alpaca, llamas, etc. (riding is very enjoyable).” He also noted that “for anyone contemplating hip replacement surgery, find a doctor that does the anterior approach – much less pain, muscle damage, e.g., Dr. Paul King at the AAMC.” Peter is at the Hourglass Farm, 850 Hourglass Lane, Lothian, MD 20711. His telephone number is (240) 472-3213.

Ed Arnold commented about the Class Connections project in September: “The 1967/2017 DOC event at the 27k-acre Second College Grant was great! Those of you who are not familiar with the Second Grant and how beautiful it is, should check it out. Special thanks to Crew A Chief, Bill Judd, for meticulously organizing the equipment and food needed to make the first few days successful. And thanks to Cathy and Bob Hession for those jugs of maple syrup.” Ed is located at 225 Linden Drive, Boulder, CO 80304, with home telephone of (303) 442-2133 and E-mail era@pobox.com.

We heard from Curt Anderson, who wrote that “I hope . . . all our classmates are enjoying the good life in our 60s. As a life-long entrepreneur, I bought a medical billing company six years ago as my retirement program! My team and I are expanding the company in this very tumultuous time in healthcare. Looking forward to our usual Boston mini-reunion.” Curt is at 312 Washington Street, Building No. 3, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. His home phone is (508) 740-4798 and business phone is (978) 953-9200; E-mail is curt.anderson@medical-billings.com.

Bob Sanner wrote in about Fred Cowan that “Fred and wife Linda live in Louisville. John Manaras and I [Bob
Sanner] were invited, with our spouses, to visit them for three days at the 2013 Kentucky Derby. The six of us went to a variety of nice functions, including of course the Derby itself. I had a winning ticket at 6:1 on the Derby winner, but was a loser overall. We had a fantastic time, and the costs in Louisville during Derby Week are commensurate with the fun we had.

“Fred and Linda have three adult daughters, one of whom is a Dartmouth grad. Fred, John and I became acquainted in the Fall of 1963 as we all rowed on the freshman heavyweight crew. Then all of us quit for different reasons before the official spring season a few months later. “Anyway, I just received an email from Linda that Fred, who is an elected state court judge, has just decided he is not going to run for reelection in November 2014. So, he will retire next December, and they will start traveling when possible.” Fred’s contact information is 1747 Sulgrave Road, Louisville, KY 40205, with E-mail of fjcowan@insightbb.com. Bob recently changed his E-mail to bbsanner@gmail.com.

Bob Sanner also sent news about late classmate Harris Wagenseil, “Some years ago, I was struck by the name of another commercial RE broker, here in San Francisco, who was trying to sell a certain property. The name on the property flyer was Harrison Wagenseil. Couldn’t be a coincidence, right? It wasn’t. I searched him out and did find out that he is the son of Harris. No, he didn’t go to Dartmouth. He is about 30, and a grad student at American University, getting an MBA and M.S. in economics.” Harris’ son can be reached at graduate school in Washington at hwagenseil@gmail.com.

In connection with his long road trip, described in the October 2013 newsletter, John Lobitz noted that “we used to measure the road trips by how many beers it took to get there. Now, sadly, they are measured by miles and time.” He also noted about his performance of colonoscopies, one of his medical specialties, that he occasionally gave patients an affidavit to hang on their walls: “This is to certify that on _____ (date) _____, _____(name)_____ was not FULL OF S____.” Of course, getting one of these was contingent on following the prep properly.” John can be reached at johnlobitz@gmail.com.

We learned that Paul Rothschild has been named a New England “SuperLawyer” by Boston Magazine. Paul is chair of the litigation department of his law firm Bacon Wilson, P.C. in Springfield, MA. His practice is concentrated in general litigation, as well as personal injury, product liability, medical malpractice and employer/employee disputes. He is a past president of the Hampden County Bar Association, and a member of its board of directors. He earned his J.D. from Boston University School of Law. Paul noted in his 2011 write-up in the College’s alumni directory that “I am still enjoying practicing law while I am watching friends around me move into retirement. Marsha and I have two children who live in the New York area, both of whom are lawyers. More importantly, we have three grandchildren, who we get to be with regularly. Also, we love to spend as much time as possible at our home in Martha’s Vineyard. If anyone down there in the summer wants to look us up, we can be found in Edgartown. Paul lives in Longmeadow, MA, and can be reached at (413) 781-0560 or at prothschild@baconwilson.com.

Tom Peebles wrote that he is putting his book review website, http://tomsbooks.wordpress.com, on hold while he makes a professional and geographical move. Christine and he are going to Benin in French-speaking Africa, working on a new rule of law/legal reform assistance program for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he is a career attorney. Tom for the time being can be reached at thomas.peebles@usdoj.gov.

Our classmate Jack Kornfield, an author and Buddhist monk, was recently interviewed on the Oprah Winfrey Network to discuss his journey into Buddhism, a path he pursued after his time at Dartmouth. Jack appears in a video that can be accessed at http://huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/18/jack-kornfield-monk.

And in the retirement department is Judge Jim Peck, who announced in late December that he would be leaving the federal bankruptcy bench on January 31st. His service has included the herculean task of presiding over the unprecedented Lehman Brothers bankruptcy. In March 2012, the investment bank officially emerged from bankruptcy by paying off the $65 billion it owed creditors. Jim also recently served as mediator in the enormously complicated Residential Capital LLC case, helping guide the debtor, its parent company Ally Financial Inc. and creditors to a global settlement that resulted in Ally contributing $2.1 billion to the estate. Before taking the bench, Jim was a partner of our classmate Howard Sharfstein at Schulte Roth &Zabel LLP. He has a number of irons in the fire but final retire-
ment plans have not yet jelled. Jim can be reached – at least for now – at judge_peck@nysb.uscourts.gov.

And still working is Dave Mangelsdorff, who writes that he is “still teaching and interviewing alumni for the 60 year history of Army-Baylor MHA for the Baylor Oral History Institute. The program is in the study year for an accreditation visit in fall, 2014 (I stayed to contribute). An article I authored about the curriculum, competency model, and program outcomes was accepted for publication and a proposal for a book about the 60 year history of the program has been approved by the Borden Institute. It will be a busy few months finishing these projects.” He added that “[m]y former students in harm’s way continue to make me proud; almost all have returned and are doing ok. Baylor University sports teams had an exceptional degree of success; sic ’em Bears!” Dave, who lives at 3410 Turtle Village Drive, San Antonio, TX 78230, can be reached at either A.Mangelsdorff@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL or at dmangels@idworld.net.

Nancy Smoyer, sister of Bill Smoyer and an Adopted ’67, wrote that “I went to Billy’s 50th reunion at Andover in June, and it was wonderful. The best part was that so many men came up to me to introduce themselves and express their appreciation for my being there and to say nice things about how special Billy was. Those comments leave me with mixed feelings – glad he meant so much to so many people but sad that I missed out on knowing him in that way. I had always hoped that we would get to know each other again (after Andover and Dartmouth) when we grew up. It was a great weekend, and I look forward to repeating similar ones in Hanover.” Nancy can be reached at nrsmoyer@alaska.edu.

At the Washington mini-reunion dinner on November 2nd, a number of classmates described recent events in their lives. Tony Newkirk was the master of ceremonies at his high school reunion and noted that mass transit should take a turn toward smaller cars with guidance systems in the next ten years. Wayne Johnson, who graduated from the same high school, said that Tony did a really good job as M/C. Bob Davidson is retired from federal service and has done a lot of traveling, including setting a record as the most traveled with the Dartmouth Travel Program. He recently went on a College sponsored trip to Bhutan, which has the highest gross national happiness rating, and Dave Millane is retired as CFO of the National Archives. Together with his wife and company CEO Joanie, he now has Millane Partners, which helps non-profits do construction projects all over the country. Like others in retirement, Dave (Millane) has traveled, most recently to Israel for several weeks, and he also saw Lebanon and the Syrian border as well as Greek islands and northern Italy, which he characterized as “really beautiful.”

John Isaacs’ wife, Amy, has been happily retired for two years, and he, too, went to a recent 50th high school reunion. John has recently gone to Argentina. Sam Ostrow noted that he is “enjoying owning his own time” in retirement. He spends considerable time at his home in Maine, reading, writing, golfing, and photographing. He and Judy still have a home in Pound Ridge, NY, and Sam has a studio in Stamford, CT. Wayne Beyer, after several false starts, finally expects to be able to break free of his very busy trial schedule with the District of Columbia’s Office of Attorney General, and retire later in 2014. Bob Burka has kept busy in retirement in various ways, including among other things, recently winning a pro bono whistleblower case for a federal employee.

Chuck Hobbie reported that in August he participated in a hike commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Appalachian Trial, with Ernie Babcock ’70 and Fred Turner ’58. And in September, with his wife, Young, he spent a week hiking and sightseeing in Glacier National Park. Chuck, who after retirement as an assistant general counsel for a federal employee union, is now working in the general counsel’s office of the Peace Corps, almost a return to his roots, given his service as a volunteer in Korea in the late sixties.

Below is a picture of Chuck, Ernie Babcock and Fred Turner, from left to right, on the Appalachian Trail, from Mt. Washington to Mt. Madison.

**REFLECTIONS ON INDOCHINA**

We have had a number of columns about our experiences 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.

In the last issue, excerpts were presented from the description of John Isaacs’ visit to Vietnam more than three decades after he resigned from the US Foreign Service in connection with his ill-fated service in that country in 1971. His theme was that “we are winning the peace” in Indochina. In this issue, we provide Nancy Smoyer’s “Return to Vietnam” in April 1993. Her brother, Bill, was a member of our class and was lost in combat in Indochina. Nancy, too, is our classmate, adopted at our 40th Reunion. Nancy, who graduated from the University of Colorado, with a junior year in Bordeaux, was one of a number of Red Cross Recreation Workers, known as “Donut Dollies.” She served from April 1967 to April 1968, and is about two years older than we. She left the combat theatre shortly before Bill arrived.

Nancy could not find anything satisfying after Vietnam and drifted for many years until, at age 50, she went back to school to get a master’s degree in psychology. She spent the next eleven years as a Vet Center counselor and retired four years ago.

In Vietnam, Nancy was stationed at An Khe, Danang and Cu Chi. She and her “Donut Dolly” colleagues were tasked with playing games and otherwise helping combat soldiers reduce stress. And the war was never far away. They played games and entertained troops in mess halls, on flight lines, in recreation centers, on LZs, firebases, along the road – wherever there were GIs.

This essay was written several months after her 1993 return to Indochina, with a subsequent postscript:

In April 1993, I went back to Vietnam for a month with the Veterans Vietnam Restoration Project. Our group was small, three combat veterans and myself, a Red Cross Donut Dolly. We spent two weeks renovating a clinic at Cu Chi and two weeks traveling north to Hanoi. We worked and traveled with former Viet Cong and NVA soldiers, which added an unexpected but very welcome and therapeutic element to the experience, especially since I was stationed at Cu Chi during Tet. It was an unsettling experience to be introduced to a fellow worker who was the head of the local veterans’ group, learn that he had been at Cu Chi during the entire war, and realize that this man was lobbing mortars and rockets at me during Tet. However, during the two weeks we worked together on the clinic, we formed a special relationship in spite of our language difficulties. He gave me his gold star pin, and I gave him a pin from the tenth anniversary of the Wall in Washington; we joked and teased and spoke of friendship and peace. His face became the face which humanized the enemy for me.

But, I’m getting ahead of myself. The most important thing that happened was a process I found myself going through during my first week there, which caught me completely by surprise. My primary reason for going back was to get over the feelings of anger and animosity I’ve carried for the Vietnamese for 25 years. Although I was well aware intellectually that my feelings were for the most part irrational, I also knew that I wouldn’t get over them until I went back. From my experience on other trips to Third World countries, I was pretty sure that those feelings would disappear almost
immediately, which is, in fact, what happened. However, there were other aspects I hadn’t foreseen.

Even as we were driving from Tan Son Nhut to Cu Chi, I found myself thinking “What are all these Vietnamese doing here; where did they come from?” And “Where are the GIs?” It was so strange and upsetting to see NO American presence, nothing to indicate that we had ever been there. It made the whole thing – the war, the losses, the pain – seem even more of a waste. During the first few days I found myself getting more and more depressed as the guys in the group were getting more and more excited about how wonderful everything was. I wasn’t interacting with the Vietnamese people on the worksite or getting involved the way I normally do when I travel, and I couldn’t figure out why I was acting so differently.

Then, at the end of the third day, I had a revelation. I realized that I was mourning the loss of “my” Vietnam. As I thought about it, I was able to identify the stages of the grief. My denial has been in thinking about Vietnam as being unchanged since I left, complete with GIs and fire bases and choppers everywhere. Instead, I was hit in the face with a completely different country, a new reality, which I didn’t want and couldn’t accept. My bargaining has been that if I keep connected with vets and activities related to Vietnam, then the experience stays alive and not over. The anger I’ve felt is toward the Vietnamese people, the Vietnamese government, AND the American people and the American government. Those feelings of anger have spilled over in many parts of my life. And then there was the depression which I’ve dealt with in various forms for years, and which was hitting me full force again right then and there.

As I understood this, I knew that I had already dealt with the anger toward the Vietnamese people – that left immediately. And after working with the Vietnamese veterans and going into their homes and meeting their families, it was impossible to continue carrying my negative feelings. As I read “The Tunnels of Cu Chi” and crawled through the tunnels, saw pictures in every home we visited of family members who died in the wars, visited massive graveyards and memorials to the war dead, heard about the 300,000 Vietnamese who are still missing, I gained a compassion and understanding which I hadn’t allowed myself to feel before. I accomplished what I came back to Vietnam to do.

But even though I now understood much of what I was feeling and had even gotten over my negative feelings toward the people, I was still not at the point of acceptance. As I told the guys, I wasn’t ready to give Vietnam back to the Vietnamese. But then after a week or so of being unable to talk about my changed feelings toward the Vietnamese people without choking up, I realized that it was over. I was done with Vietnam. Not done with the vets or with the aftereffects of the war, but done with the country and with the people. It’s their country, they fought for it (on both sides), they earned it; and, although I now care for them whereas I didn’t before, that part is finished. I still have all the other aspects of Vietnam (the war, not the country) to deal with, but at least one is taken care of.

Now I have two Vietnams – the one in my memory and in my pictures and in my vets, and the Vietnamese Vietnam. It had been “my” country for a while – my GI Vietnam – and yet it was theirs, and should have been, all along. I had been afraid of losing my Vietnam, of having to replace it with the “real” one, but now I realize I can keep them both – different but the same, separate but together, entwined.

So that was my experience. Traveling north after that was almost anticlimactic. It was wonderful finally to see Khe Sanh and other Marine fire bases, to get sand from China Beach, to go to the village near Da Nang where my brother was killed, to search for the Red Cross villa in Da Nang (which I never could find), to look for bullet holes in the Citadel, to visit the fascinating and disturbing war museum in Hanoi where the possession of the POW/MIA's have been stored, and to just take care of unfinished business.

Other observations. The Vietnamese people really are as friendly toward Americans as I had heard. They carry no grudge that I could see. I asked several of the former enemy why that was, and their response was that they had been told by their government, and they firmly believed, that American GIs were not there because they wanted to be but because their government sent them; so that made all the difference in their attitude toward us.

After we had seen the museum and site of the My Lai massacre, our Vietnamese veteran guide told us that he didn’t like going there because it wasn’t representative of the American GIs, that this was an aberra-
tion. (His son was killed at Khe Sanh in 1972 and has never been found. The image of him standing on Khe Sanh with a Marine who had been there during the siege I will never forget). The Vietnamese veterans are very puzzled and curious about Americans’ PTSD. When I asked whether they experienced it, they said no because they knew what they were fighting for; and their country’s response toward them was totally different. However, we did observe some stress-related problems, which is not surprising after 40 years of continuous war.

I recognized nothing. Oh, Marble Mountain looked the same, and I think I recognized a field just before a bridge in Da Nang; but I could have been dropped anywhere for all I knew. The NSA hospital is empty sand dunes, the bomb craters are mostly filled in (especially in the south), the rice paddies are green, cows graze in Khe Sanh (at least inside the perimeter – mines are outside), there are tons of water buffalo, the kids are a joy – and the war is over.

Postscript -- Since the trip [in 1993], something has happened which I hesitate to identify because I can’t believe it’s true or real. I had listened skeptically as I heard others talk about a change in themselves after going back to Vietnam. And yet somehow that change has happened to me – I’m a little more tolerant, a little less impatient, a little more open and less negative. Somehow the cloud has lifted a little bit – I feel lighter.

I’ve heard that when one feeling leaves, space is made for something else to move in. I know that a lot of anger has left, but I can’t identify what it is that has taken its place. I keep being afraid that the old me will return, and it may; but this reprieve has shown me that there is another side, another way to be. That realization is what makes me want to share this experience with others in hopes that they, too, might find, or make, the opportunity to let go of some of the pain.

ALUMNI COUNCIL CORNER

Our Class was represented at the October 24th-26th meeting of the Alumni Council by Dave Millane, who was elected at our 45th Reunion to a three-year term as a Councilor. He succeeded Rob Kugler; this was Dave’s first meeting. The Council’s charge is to communicate to and otherwise interface between the College and its alumni so that we can better know about developments. Although this is a constant process for Alumni Councilors, the Council has two meetings a year, in October and May, when councilors receive most of their information and are best able to pass on concerns and requests for information to the College. Dave is happy to speak to Class members about issues they wish illuminated or pressed with the College. Dave can most easily be contacted at davidmillane@gmail.com.

Dave Millane’s Alumni Council Meeting Report:

The College is in the midst of significant leadership changes. Many of the College’s senior leaders are new to their positions, and most of these leaders spoke to the Council at the October meeting, and each presenter outlined the changes and directions in which the College is heading. Their ideas reflected their enthusiasm and passion for their work ahead. A more complete review of these changes is available in the E-mail of the Alumni Council session sent to each ’67 in mid-December, and I would be happy to send additional copies for those that want to know more than is outlined in this column.

President Phil Hanlon ’77 addressed the Council and the takeaways included his passion for the College, his scholarly and business sense and his direction. He stated that education is his number one priority, and research an important second. He also teaches Math 11, in the tradition of President John Kemeny, who continued undergraduate teaching while serving in the College’s highest office.

His vision for the College is to continue the focus on the dual mission of providing the best possible education for students and bettering the world through the advancement of knowledge. Dartmouth’s most strategic asset is the preparation of successful leaders, and the College has long been recognized for its excellence in undergraduate teaching. But President Hanlon emphasized that Dartmouth must stay in the forefront of teaching. This period is one of rapid change in the world, where the workplace is more volatile, and workers and leaders must be increasingly nimble to adapt. With increasing diversity both do-
mestically and globally, different backgrounds and perspectives abound and must be meshed. The key value Dartmouth adds is wisdom, the confidence to take risks and learn by doing. President Hanlon stressed the importance of experimental learning, in which Dartmouth is a leader. He envisions that:

- Dartmouth will open an entrepreneurship center for students in January 2014. This center will host visiting alumni entrepreneurs and provide space to gather, staff assistance, startup funds, and Tuck business basics training. The Society of Fellows, a new postdoctoral program, will allow early-career graduate students to interact while being mentored by senior fellows;
- Dartmouth will hire clusters of faculty around issues of impact. An example might be the worldwide issue of clean energy, for which a solution will involve engineering, chemistry and policy; and
- The College will expand the Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science model to ten centers with a similar impact.

He also addressed challenges facing the College. One is affordability. The cost of higher education is rising on an unsustainable track, and Dartmouth must find a way to address this. Another is student life issues, including binge drinking. Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) is helping reduce the number of incidents. In addition, Dartmouth recently hired an expert in the field of sexual assault. Both the Dartmouth Bystander Initiative and Mentors Against Violence provide tools that allow others to intervene. This is a complex problem, and Dr. Hanlon is energized by the idea that Dartmouth can create a model that can make a difference.

The Investment Office’s goal for the endowment for Dartmouth’s investment assets of more than $4.5 billion is 8% to 9% per year, which allows the endowment to maintain purchasing power after providing for the annual distribution to operations and adjusting for inflation. Our endowment has succeeded in meeting that goal, generating an average return of 9.4% for the 15 years ending June 30, 2013, and outperforming the 4.2% average annualized return for the S&P 500 Stock Index during the same period. New CFO Rick Mills reiterated President Hanlon’s request of the community to build budgets from last year’s activities, with modest inflators in a few areas, together with a request to identify 1.5% of expense that could be redeployed to fund new initiatives.

Trustees Steve Mandel ’78 (Chair) and Sherri Oberg ’82, Tu’86, provided an update from the Board of Trustees. Mandel said his goal has been to improve communications between the Board and the alumni. Elements on the Board’s agenda include experimental learning, interdisciplinary training and the hiring of faculty in clusters. Technology is another area of focus to enhance the learning experience of students inside and outside the classroom.

And, with respect to fiscal issues, Mandel believes that the affordability issue for students continues to be a concern, that the historical increases above the rate of inflation of the past 40 years are unsustainable. Cost control is vital, especially considering that the future endowment distribution is expected to tend to 5% of endowment assets per year. And, energy-wise, the campus depends on expensive fuel oil for heat, as cheaper piped natural gas does not extend into the Upper Valley and is not likely to in the near future. The College remains committed to need-blind admissions, and financial aid extends to international students, which adds to the financial pressures. Lastly, campus buildings are being examined to determine the need for capital renewal as well as improved space utilization.

The Center for Professional Development has replaced the Career and Employment Services Office. The College is challenging the Center to improve greatly accessibility, preparedness, outreach, perceptual error, and technology for current students.

Each Councilor is assigned to one committee. Mine is Athletics. I cannot report enough about the amazing things going on under the leadership of Athletic Director Harry Sheehy. The percentage of students competing in intercollegiate athletics is approximately 23%. Dartmouth ranked Number One in the country in varsity athletes’ graduation rates and academic progress, and has done so for the last three years! Credit is given to the Peak Performance Program of health, leadership, and academic counseling, which in my view, portions of which have great potential for non-athletic student cohorts. In many ways, the athletics group is setting standards for the remainder of the College to emulate.
If you have questions or concerns you would like me to raise at any time or would like passed on to the College, 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 to the appropriate College personnel.

OBITUARIES

We have been listing 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 dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/obituaries/ and dartmouth.org/classes/67/. We have had two deaths reported since our last newsletter: Edward D. Henderson and James S. Patrick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIFT PLANNING

As we are getting older, our Gift Planning Chair Howard Sharfstein has, not surprisingly, become more active. He asks, “Did you know that gifts from estate plans represent up to one-third of all gifts received by the College in any given year? Just in the last quarter, the College received over $2 million in gifts through wills, life insurance policies, retirement plans and life income plans. Did you know that there are over 3,400 Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) members who have provided for Dartmouth in their estate plans? By naming Dartmouth as a beneficiary in any of the above mentioned plans, you will be welcomed into the BTS.

“There is no minimum dollar level to join the BTS. Estate gifts do not require great wealth, only the desire to make a lasting impact. For more information on how you can include Dartmouth in your estate plans and become a BTS member, please contact the Gift Planning Office by E-mail at gift.planning@dartmouth.edu or call (800) 451-4067. Or you can reach out to me at howard.shartstein@srz.com.”

CLASS DUES

The 2014 Class Dues campaign got off to an excellent start in response to the Fall mailing. For those who have not yet participated, a second mailing and response card will go out soon. Don’t forget to consider check-off contributions for our support of DPCS and Athletic Recruiting, as well as our own projects – Class of ’67 Memorial Grove and Class Connections with the Class of 2017, as well as the Class of 1967 Memorial Fund.

And as all newsletters must end, No News, No Newsletter! Please keep your news coming, or else I have nothing to print. You can use either the green Take-A-Minute card enclosed with this newsletter or send me an E-mail at rburka@foley.com. And do include pictures whenever possible.

Best wishes to all for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2014!

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