



Still On The Road

# The Boot & Beanie

*The December 2014 Class of '65 newsletter*

*Only 168 shopping days after Christmas till the 50th!*

## *President's Corner*

Keene, NH -- With just six months to go, it's all about the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Hanover June 11<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. As you will see in this newsletter, there is an exciting series of events extending from the Class of 1965 Bunkhouse Dedication to seminars and discussions to Graduation to Magic. There will also be lots of opportunities to just visit and catch up with classmates. Plan to attend and encourage old buddies to join in as well. If you need contact information for classmates, let **Steve Fowler** or me know.

Looking forward to seeing you,

~**Roger Hansen**, [hrhansen@ne.rr.com](mailto:hrhansen@ne.rr.com), 603-903-0524

## *From your Newsletter editor*

Atlanta, GA -- There is a "50th Reunion Intentions" card included in the paper copy of this newsletter. Please return it, or go to <http://www.biggreen65.com/50th-reunion-intentions/> on the **NEW WEBSITE**. Check the list of attendees and let the organizers know whether you expect to attend. (Hint - as the preacher says, the answer is, "I do.") As of my last check, there are over 80 classmates attending, most with spouses or others, and 10 'iffys'.

~Dick Harris, [Harris.65@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:Harris.65@Dartmouth.edu), 404-281-4442

## *Class News*

**Dave Weber** writes:

My 80% retirement involves teaching a couple of classes per year; trying to help my very extended family hang onto our organic farm in Brewster, NY (see <http://www.spaceonryderfarm.com/>); serving as a volunteer editor or reviewer for former students who are writing novels and non-fiction, much of it now published; and doing quite a lot of birding. No complaints.

~Dave Weber, 2 Folsom St, Exeter, NH 03833, 603-772-1781

**Robb Cox** writes:

(Wife Karen, CCO of K. Bell Socks (<http://www.shopkbell.com/>); son Will, senior at Crossroads Santa Monica, and Molly senior at Colby-Waterville ME.)

Trip of a lifetime - Kenya-Tanzania Safari proved to be just that with my wife Karen, Molly and Will for two weeks in June. Travel always trumped much else, especially with an active itinerary affording excitement every moment.

Last spring, met **Paul Pringle '65** who came to my son Will's California Rugby Championship on Treasure Island, not far from Paul's home in Frisco. Great moment and reunion, and Will met him.

~**Robb Cox**, 212 Avondale Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049, 310-394-6030 h, 310-600-5721 o.

**Hall Litoff** [Hal hired me briefly as a tutor in calculus, but this didn't seem to be his favorite area of

human endeavor, as you will see. ~ed] writes: This spring I traveled to the Amazon basin in Ecuador where I experienced my first ayuhuasca cleansings and ceremonies. Had never worked with a vegetista before and found his knowledge of the rain forest pretty amazing. Then to the Andes, where I was very impressed and moved by upland Kweecha beliefs and practices, especially their regarding the volcanic mountains, major lakes and singular rock formations not only as alive but as, themselves, shamans. ~**Hal Litoff**, 3504 Arbor St, Bellingham, WA 98229 (Turk Island), 360-820-5153 h, 360-527-0434 fx

**Robert Schwarz** writes:

When I turned 65, I retired from the Charleston, W. Va. Gazette, where I had been a reporter for 21 years. Although editors earn more money, reporters have the most fun, and, at a not-so-big paper, rarely have anyone looking over their shoulders telling them how to do the day's work. In summer of 2008 my wife and I moved to the Phoenix area, where we live in a 55-and-over community called Trilogy in the city of Peoria. My wife Karen sought a place where the air was warmer and drier. I was a bit leery of the desert, as our ancestors of the recent past had prayed for rain.

Retirement turns out to be boring. I soon found a gig as an adjunct freshman composition instructor at the local community college. Adjunct work is a lower form of professorship, pays a good deal less, and people trying to get a foothold in the business find it excruciatingly frustrating. But retired folk like me love it. It gives us something to do, keeps us mentally engaged, gives us purpose, and throws off some revenue that evens the cash flow and reduces worry.

I had taught high school a time or two, and never found it a perfect fit. I had done a bit of adjunct work once before as my 12-year-back-to-the-land experiment neared an end. It was a good fit then, and now in semi-retirement it's an even better fit. I have moved from one word factory -- the newsroom -- to another -- the classroom, and I have 23 years experience under my belt crafting sentences. I have something to offer students.

At Dartmouth I ran freshman cross-country and track and, though I wasn't good, I wasn't bad. Now I swim competitively, mostly in the 1650 freestyle but occasionally in the 50 butterfly. I'm not good, but at 70 the ranks of people who can do either of these events thin out, and I'm not so bad either. I swim three times a week with a group, some a good deal more talented than I am, others a good deal less. In my back-to-the-land days I learned the joys of growing things. Here I grow grapefruits, tangelos, and a small vegetable garden. It is fair to say I grow the best carrots and beets on West Oberlin Way, and I am -- or should be -- the envy of all.

When I lived on the farm, I milked goats for 10 years -- why did I do that? -- kept chickens, canned tomatoes and raised enough potatoes to last from one harvest to the next. I miss the chickens. I miss the potatoes (Why do my wife's friends think sweet potatoes are the culinary equal of potatoes?) And I miss growing tomatoes, which are a tough item to get to thrive in the heat of the Southwest desert.

I would miss the farm more, but when I left it I continued the gardening, the bread-making, the pizza-making and the pie-making I had learned there. So I took the good parts with me and that was enough.

One aspect of retirement perplexes me. My parents retired to a modest retirement community in Florida, and to the end of their days ceased to want to outdo their neighbors. Perhaps they were a different generation, born into poverty and toughened by the depression. Still, I can't figure out how it is that we're living among 70-year-olds -- some with a great deal more resources than I have, some with a good deal less -- and they're all competing with each other every day. Doesn't it ever stop?

~**Robert Schwarz** '65, [robertbschwarz@gmail.com](mailto:robertbschwarz@gmail.com)

### **Phi Beta Kappa Inducts Ken Lieberthal**

Hanover, NH -- Dartmouth's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society, inducted 22 new student members from the Class of 2015 at its 227th annual meeting on Nov. 11.

The chapter named ... **Kenneth Lieberthal '65**, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, as an alumni member. [He] will be inducted into the chapter at the spring 2015 meeting.

Founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary, Phi Beta Kappa has 280 chapters on college and university campuses and well over a half-million living members. ... Dartmouth's chapter was established in 1787 and is the fourth oldest in the nation.

~"Dartmouth Now", Dec 2, 2014

### **Death Notices**

The college has informed us of the death of two of our classmates, **Bob O'Brien** and **Gordon Megibow**. Bob's death was also reported by **Jack McLean**, a football teammate and roommate. Obituaries for Bob and Gordon are on-line as below. Apparently Gordon was serious about chess. For you other chess players out there, we also heard of the death of George Berry '66, whom I mentioned back in April in that connection, and who with his family were major contributors to what became the Baker-Berry Library. George's obituary is also available below.



Bob O'Brien

<http://heald-chiampa.tributes.com/obituary/show/Robert-O-Brien-10187821>

<http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?pid=171851888> (Gordon)

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=george-wendel-berry&pid=173178226&fhid=6713>

### **COW Sep 2014**

I just returned from Class Officers Weekend and the "barn raising" of the Class of 1965 Bunkhouse. The largely volunteer crew were remarkable in their enthusiasm and devotion to the work of building it. The crew serenaded us with a song praising our class's sponsorship of the bunkhouse.

Best, Roger (9/15)

### **CarniVAIL 2015**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!! 16th Annual Class of 1965 Vail Mini and CarniVAIL on Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2015**

Join the Class of '65 contingent along with many other Dartmouth Alumni Classes and Groups. This year's theme is a celebration of the great skiers of the 1970's. Starting December 1, 2014, you can see the event schedule and purchase your tickets online for the CarniVAIL events that you want to attend by going to <http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp/> and entering the event code: CarniVAIL2015 (All one word, not case sensitive). Or you can also go directly to the CarniVAIL web page at [www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp/CarniVAIL/](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp/CarniVAIL/)

To let us know you are coming or, if you have questions, contact:

Steve Waterhouse: [Stewater@aol.com](mailto:Stewater@aol.com) or

Roger Hansen: [hrhansen@ne.rr.com](mailto:hrhansen@ne.rr.com)

CarniVAIL is a unique weekend run by alumni for alumni and their associates. It is mainly a Dartmouth event, but also includes friends from other schools such as Middlebury, Williams, Denver, Colorado and others. The focus is simply on having fun in the snow with old and new friends. It is quite likely the college's largest annual gathering of alumni and friends outside of Hanover, with some 250 - 300+ participants every year. There is a steady stream of events and our classmates participate in the group events plus have our own gatherings.

The major events include: *Thursday* - 6:30 PM (1965 Dinner for Early Arrivals); *Friday* - 9 AM (a photo op); 12 Noon (lunch at a group gathering spot); 4:30 PM (Cocktail Party for everyone); 6 +PM (Dinner with the 1965 Group); *Saturday* - 12 Noon (meet at the group lunch spot); 4:30 (Seminar on Physical Therapy); 6:30 PM (CarniVAIL Celebration Dinner); *Sunday* - 7:30 AM (a unique skiing time before the mountain opens); 9:30 AM (Brunch for skiers and non-skiers at Vail's private Game Creek Club on the mountain); 6:30 PM (Special Dinner for the 1965s). Details on the events will be issued later this year. ~Steve Waterhouse

### **Gift Planning**



As you know, our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion is quickly approaching and, like me, you are probably wondering how 50 years could go by so quickly! Whether we like it or not, now is the time to seriously consider the legacy we want to leave behind.

One way you can have a permanent impact on Dartmouth is by including the College in your estate plans and joining the Bartlett Tower Society. Right now, the Class of '65 has 25 members enrolled in the Society, which is well below the Classes of the '50's and the early '60's. It would be great to have 50 members by June. I have been or will be in contact with many of you before our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to ask you to consider joining the BTS.

How can you join? It can be as easy as leaving the College a percentage or specified dollar amount from your estate (through a will or trust), or naming the College as a beneficiary of a retirement plan (401(k), IRA etc.), or life insurance policy. There are other options as well, and there will never be a better time to consider them. Every BTS member counts, and in 2014 one third of new gifts were less than \$10,000.

**If you are interested in talking about the Bartlett Tower Society, and how to join, please contact me ([camon@whitecase.com](mailto:camon@whitecase.com) or (212) 819-8657). You can also contact the Gift Planning Office directly at (603) 646-3799 or [gift.planning@dartmouth.edu](mailto:gift.planning@dartmouth.edu). Hope to see you in Hanover in June!**  
~Hank Amon, Gift Planning Chair

### **Class of 65 Bunkhouse**

#### **Class of 1965 Bunkhouse Framing Week, September 10-15, 2014 Frame-up -- Tree-up**

It is with great pleasure that I can report a very successful framing-week at Mount Moosilauke culminating with the topping-out ceremonial tree by **David Beattie '65** on September 15. The entire week was a demonstration of teamwork in the true sense of the word. Tim McNamara '78 of Dartmouth's real estate office had the site and slab prepared. David Hooke '84 of TimberHomes



prepared the framing material and provided an outstanding team of craftsman to lead and teach the volunteer crew of over thirty-five. David's professionals were both expert at their craft and wonderfully patient teachers. The camaraderie, sense of purpose, and love of Dartmouth and the outdoors made for a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all.

The Class of 1965 full-time volunteers spent six days working virtually from dawn-to-dusk fabricating the beams and the last two days raising the structure. Lead by **Dave Beattie, Shep Curtis and Jack Nobel** did yeomen work with hand chisels, saws, and augers notching and cutting the intricate joiner fittings that often numbered six or more on a single 8' x 10" beam. They were ably assisted by wives Susan, Joy, and Pat respectively, who became experts in chiseling, peg making, and oiling.



The full-time '65's were joined for shorter work periods by **Hank Amon, Mike Gonnerman, Kris Green, Jim** and **Debbie Griffiths, Roger Hansen, Stu Keiller, and Stuart Russell**. The work crew and Betsy Gonnerman, Diane Keiller, and **Allen** and **Judy Zern** all enjoyed a celebratory dinner at Dowd's Inn in Lyme, NH on Sunday evening. Debbie Brown (with husband Sheridan) from the Advancement Office, Tim McNamara '78, and Dan Nelson '75, Director of the Dartmouth Outing Club, were guests of the Class of 1965 and received our well deserved thanks for all their work in support of the '65 Bunkhouse Project.

Looking ahead, the '65 Bunkhouse will be made weather-tight prior to November 1, 2014 and completed by May 30, 2015. The **Jim Hamilton Memorial Hike** to the summit of Mt. Moosilauke will kick-off our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion on the morning of June 11, 2015. The '65 Bunkhouse dedication ceremony will take place at 4:30 PM on June 11, 2015 and will be followed by a barbeque at the Ravine Lodge.

~Stu Keiller, 410-703-8660 (9/18)

### **Fraternity Attendance Challenge**

A challenge has been issued and joined as to which fraternity will have the most brothers in attendance at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Houses participating so far and attendance "captains" are below.

If you would like to lead the charge for your own fraternity, contact Steve Fowler [stephens.fowler@myfairpoint.net](mailto:stephens.fowler@myfairpoint.net) for a print-out of your brothers and their contact information. Brothers must be listed on the website Sign-up List to be confirmed for the challenge.

House	Captain(s)	E-mail Address	Confirmed
Beta	Rick Mahoney	<a href="mailto:pmahoney@exeter.edu">pmahoney@exeter.edu</a>	
Sig Ep	Rob Hartford	<a href="mailto:rlhartford@gmail.com">rlhartford@gmail.com</a>	
Bones Gate	Hank Amon	<a href="mailto:camon@whitecase.com">camon@whitecase.com</a>	
	Mike Gonnerman	<a href="mailto:michael@gonnerman.com">michael@gonnerman.com</a>	
	Gary Herbst	<a href="mailto:gary.c.herbst@gmail.com">gary.c.herbst@gmail.com</a>	
Alpha Theta	Phil Edgerton	<a href="mailto:philbedge@gmail.com">philbedge@gmail.com</a>	

### ***50th Reunion Plans***



There have been recent questions about Housing during our 50th Reunion weekend. We hope this update will help answer some of these questions. The key message today is to make your lodging arrangements as soon as possible unless you plan to use the College dorms.

During Commencement Weekend, housing for the thousands of people visiting the Hanover Plain is a problem. The College Reunion Office advises us to use its dorms for our reunion since there will be guaranteed availability for our class, the cost is modest (\$40 per person, per night), and there are no parking or designated driver issues. The college will start taking reservations for dormitory housing in **early March 2015**. Our reunion housing will be in the McLaughlin Cluster on the north end of campus, some of the newest and most comfortable dormitory accommodations on campus. Further information is at: <http://dartmouth.org/reunionplanning/housing.html>

Alternatives include your contacting lodging options in the Upper Valley. Lodging establishments do not hold room block reservations for Commencement Weekend (the Upper Valley equivalent of Super Bowl Weekend). A listing is at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/visitingcampus/UpperValleyLodging>, and our classmates are advised to investigate reservations promptly. Rooms fill quickly. You may also experience sticker shock at the room rate for these highly sought after reservations, if available.

Another suggestion is to connect with classmates who are living in the area. They may have extra space available during this special weekend.

One last piece of information: The college dorms will not be available until Friday. Limited space on Thursday night at the new Class of 1965 Bunkhouse at Moosilauke will be available. You will need to find lodging for Thursday night if you are participating in the Bunkhouse Dedication festivities on Thursday at Moosilauke. You can contact Stu Keiller at [keiller@toad.net](mailto:keiller@toad.net) for more information about housing possibilities at the Bunkhouse.

This information is also available on the new Class of 1965 web site ([www.biggreen65.com](http://www.biggreen65.com)). Bruce Wagner is our Reunion Housing Coordinator— he can be reached with questions at [brucewagner3@gmail.com](mailto:brucewagner3@gmail.com) but the assistance he can offer is limited, since we did not have the option of controlling any blocks of rooms.

Again, our advice is to arrange your housing plans as soon as possible if you feel you require something other than dormitory accommodations.

***Steve Fowler '65 and Mike Bettmann '65, Co-Chairs, Class of 1965 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion***



## Reunion Highlights

Many items below actively involve classmates. There are six months and there is still time to modify or add events and topics. [Steve](#) and [Mike](#) are encouraging contact from classmates in affinity groups who would like to see their old friends attend the reunion, or class members with expertise who are willing to serve on panels and discussions. WDCR? Band? The D? They want to hear from you!

In addition to gala meals featuring local foods, a Memorial Service, and other traditional and memorable 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion events, culminating with taking part in the graduation of the Dartmouth Class of 2015, the following class-sponsored events are planned:

- Jim Hamilton Memorial Hike up beautiful Mt. Mousilauke, led by Dave Beattie.  
*Thursday morning.*
- Dedication Ceremony for the Class of 1965 Bunkhouse at the Ravine Lodge, Mt. Mousilauke, our Class Reunion Gift, constructed with substantial participation of many classmates, in an effort led by Stu Keiller. *Thursday afternoon* Followed by cocktail party and cook-out. *Thursday Evening [bus transportation from Hanover available]*
- Opening Reception at the Kim Gallery, Hood Museum of Art, for curated show arranged by classmate Marc Efron featuring the work of five distinguished photographers from the Class of '65, Dewitt Jones, Dick Durrance, Chris Knight, Heinz Klutmeier, and Joel Sternfeld. *Friday afternoon*
- Lecture and panel discussion on the impact of the Vietnam War on our Class and on America, featuring a lecture by Dartmouth History Professor Ed Miller, and a panel discussion of classmates with varying experiences of the war and its impacts led by classmate Tom Long, Prof. of History at George Washington Univ. *Friday afternoon*
- Panel Discussion on '65's in the Performing Arts, featuring Classmates including Academy Award©-winning film producer Michael Phillips and Pulitzer Prize-nominated playwright, actor, director, educator, and physician David Feldshuh.
- Special screening of the Class-sponsored, Emmy-nominated documentary "Passion for Snow" with comments by the Producer and impresario, classmate Steve Waterhouse
- Rich Bloch will perform his widely-praised "A Little Night Magic" *Monday evening after dinner*
- The "50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Sidewalk Café" will be open for light refreshment and informal socializing each day of Reunion.
- Cocktail and Dinner Party at the award-winning Montshire Museum in Norwich with exclusive access to the Museum. *Sunday evening*
- A diverse program of "TED Talk" type presentations by classmates covering topics reflecting their expertise and passions. One focus will be on end-of-life planning and related health care issues.
- Throughout Reunion, time and space will be reserved for meetings of affinity groups (teams, fraternities, activities, hobbies, interests ranging from poetry or music to land conservation or martial arts.) You propose it, we will support it.
- A performance by the all-star 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Band, led by Jim Griffiths and John Rogers