



Still On The Road

# The Boot & Beanie

*The Fall-Winter, 2011, going on Spring 2012, Class of '65 newsletter*

## *President's Corner*

Keene, NH -- The Connection Program with the Class of 2015 has gotten into full swing this fall and winter with the leadership of **Bob Murphy**. In September **Pete Frederick**, **Bob McConnaughey**, **Sven Karlin**, **Steve Fowler**, **Bill Webster** and I had the pleasure of meeting many of the First Years at the Expo, where students were introduced to a variety of campus activities. We presented them with their official Dartmouth Class of 2015 pins at Matriculation. On February 9, the start of Winter Carnival, we will distribute copies of the "Passion for Skiing" book, a gift from our class. Hard as it is to believe, in just over three years we, the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class, and they, the Graduating Class, will march together into Commencement.

See the website and other parts of the Newsletter for information on coming events and activities which include the Williamsburg Mini Reunion the weekend of May 4, organized by **Tucker Mays**, and the Hanover Mini Reunion the weekend of October 13 being planned by **Jane and George Wittreich**. The Executive Committee Meeting, where Class officers and others interested in helping plan future class activities and priorities gather will be at **Bill Webster's** house in Old Saybrook, CT on July 10.

Class Officers are hard at work for us: **Tom Long**, Secretary and author of the Alumni Magazine Class Column; **Mike Gonnerman**, Treasurer; **Dick Harris**, Newsletter Editor; **Jim Hamilton**, Webmaster; and **Don Bradley**, Dartmouth College Fund Head Agent deserve our thanks and support by paying our dues, contributing to the DCF, sharing information about ourselves and classmates and by attending the Executive Committee Meeting and other events.

Our current Class Project, the film "Passion for Snow", is well underway thanks to the leadership of **Steve Waterhouse**. Further donations to this project are welcome and can be directed to our treasurer, Mike Gonnerman, as described on the website. We look forward to the premier showing of the film next fall.

Please be in touch with me or other officers with any suggestions or questions. We welcome anyone who wishes to pitch in during the lead up to our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2015.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Roger Hansen**, President of the Great Class of 1965  
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### *From your Newsletter editor*

Atlanta, GA – Back in the summer I said, “When I quit keeping books for our church and the tax man, I'm going to start calling y'all for input to this newsletter.” I've now shed the treasurer job, which I found to be about twice the work of actually doing it, and I've enlisted a few of our classmates to provide input. **Bob McConnaughey** reports below on the mini in Hanover, and **Mike McKelvy** graciously consented to a telephone interview, which we both enjoyed. I surely hope you enjoy catching up with Mike at second hand. **Tom Meacham** brags about his son Brian's stint on Jeopardy! And don't miss the announcements of the highly anticipated **CarniVail 2012 Mar 2-4**, and the **OoH mini in Williamsburg May 3-5**. I'll miss Williamsburg, but Charleston a decade ago was great!

**Help get news of classmates into your newsletter!** Anyone who sent or received a classmate's holiday newsletter, please send it to me at [Harris.65@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:Harris.65@alum.dartmouth.org), or snailmail to 1579 Monroe Dr., Suite F-220/Atlanta, GA 30324. I will get permission for anything I use, so you needn't worry about the Mardis Gras photos appearing, or your bad-mouthing of Aunt Martha getting back to her. And suggest a friend you would like to have interviewed. There are many classmates I never met.  
~Dick Harris

### *Fall Homecoming mini-Reunion*

Hanover -- Thanks to **George and Jane Whittreich**, who put together an exceptional Fall Mini-Reunion over the October 21-22 Dartmouth Homecoming weekend. Twenty three classmates, spouses, several family friends, several classmates' children, and both current and prospective Dartmouth students, attended.

The weekend started with a delightful evening reception at **Bob and Brigid Murphy's** beautiful Hanover home on Friday evening, followed by the traditional Dartmouth Night ceremonies and an impressive Homecoming bonfire. Current students find it difficult to believe that when we were students, there was a bonfire before every home football game, that it was built by students, and that those bonfires dwarfed the current bonfires constructed by the College buildings and grounds employees.

On Saturday, before the football game, the Whittreichs hosted a fine tailgate party featuring “Bubba Burgers,” bratwursts, and hot dogs grilled by George and The Cookin' Reverend, **Shep Curtis**. These hearty items were accompanied by all variety of fine foods, desserts, and beverages to suit all tastes and preferences. The tailgate was attended by all classmates in town for the weekend, including: **Hank Amon** and daughter, **Denny and Maureen Bekemeyer**, **Bob Blake**, **Ted Bracken** and son, Todd, a current student, **Bob and Barb Busch**, **Shep Curtis**, **Larry Duffy**, **Steve and Linda Fowler**, **Pete and Marcia Frederick** (new Hanover residents), **Mike and Betsy Gonnerman**, **Jim and Laurie Hamilton**, **Roger and Nancy Hansen**, **Rocks and Ellen Liman**, **Tom and Susan Long**, **Rick and Linda Mahoney**, **Bob and French McConnaughey**, The Murphys, **John and Beverly Rodgers**, **Mike Rodgers** and son (a current student), **Bruce Wagner**, **Steve and Linda Waterhouse**, and **Allen and Judy Zern**.

The Dartmouth football team began the turn-around of a previously disappointing season with a resounding 37-0 thumping of Columbia. All-Ivy running back, Nick Schweiger, put on a power running clinic.

The traditional Saturday evening cocktail party and the excellent dinner at Pierce's were well attended, and all enjoyed the after dinner presentation by the Dartmouth student singing group, the Rockapellas. Sunday included breakfast at Pierce's and a productive class meeting. ~Bob McConnaughey

## *CarniVail 2012*

Steve Waterhouse reminds everyone that if you have not already done so, the time has arrived to make your reservations to be in Vail, Colorado from **Friday, March 2 to Sunday, March 4, 2012** ..... for the next Dartmouth Winter CarniVAIL!!!!!!

The CarniVAIL **web site is live and open for registration!** The events group at Tuck have created this link for everyone to sign in and reserve/pay for specific events ..... <http://www.cvent.com/d/ycqkfs/1Q>

## *Passion for Snow: Film Status*

[An email from Steve Waterhouse reads in part ...] During the past couple of years, we have been collecting old film footage, still photography, and contemporary filmed interviews of young and old to make up the final documentary. As we are creating a cutting edge, quality, high definition, digital film, much of this material has been or is in the process of being converted to HD format. In this next week, our professional team will begin the long process of editing this material together to fit a script written by the Film's Principal Producer, Lisa Densmore '83, with the help of Steve Waterhouse '65 T'67, principal author of the award winning book, *Passion for Skiing* (The supply of this book is almost gone, but you can still find a few copies on-line at [www.PassionforSkiing.com](http://www.PassionforSkiing.com), or in a few retail outlets like the Dartmouth Bookstore and The Colorado Ski Museum in Vail).

## *Class News*

Hanover – Hanover Board of Selectmen Chairman **Brian Walsh** '65 Th'66 announced his retirement [in Nov], signaling the end of a career that fostered positive relations between the town of Hanover and the College, according to [Dartmouth] Chief of Staff David Spalding. Walsh, who decided to retire following his wife's retirement from Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, worked with Dartmouth students and administrators to bring attention to important campus issues ... [For the entire Daily D article, go to <http://thedartmouth.com/2011/11/16/news/walsh> ]

PEI -- Our class Gift Planning chair and a major contributor to the *Passion for Skiing* book, **Doug Leitch**, who has been farming on Prince Edward's Island, collapsed in September. He has been diagnosed with a brain tumor which, thus far, hasn't responded to radiation. He has started on chemotherapy and will receive further radiation. Treatments have caused no significant side effects as yet. Fortunately his speech and mental function are good, though his coordination has been affected, making walking and typing on the computer difficult. He would welcome calls from any of you who would like to be in touch with him. 207-205-0557

## *Calendar*

Winter Carnival	Thu-Sun Feb 9-12
Carnivail	Fri-Sun Mar 2-4
Association of Alumni election	Wed Mar 14 – Wed Apr 11
Williamsburg OoH mini	Thu-Sat May 3-5
Class Executive Committee meeting	Tue Jul 10
Fall mini-reunion	Fri-Sat Oct 12-13

# “Spring in Williamsburg”

Class of 1965 Mini: May 3-5, 2012

Join your classmates at the Williamsburg Mini. Attending as of January 18 will be: **Marshall Wallach, Ed Keibel, Brad Hawley, Jim Hamilton, Jim Markworth and Tucker Mays, Steve Fuller and Jim Griffiths.**

Discounted Room rate

**Reservations:** We are pleased to announce the discounted rate of \$196 plus tax for a deluxe room with two queen size beds at the Williamsburg Lodge. (This is 17% off the original rate of \$236 per night.)

**For Online Reservations:** Attendees can make reservations through a customized website created specifically for our event. We can access the website to make, change or modify our reservations. The URL for our event is <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/20727> .

**For Call in Reservations:** You may call a toll-free number **800-261-9530** to make reservations. Please use the Booking ID **20727** when calling. [As of Feb 7 there are still ample rooms, but don't delay. ~ed] *Note: In order to reserve space and provide a discount, we have committed to a certain number of rooms. If this minimum is not reached by April 30, any shortfall will have to be funded by the class treasury. Deposits for any reservations that are cancelled after April 30 will be forfeited.*

**Things to Do:** A tour of historic Jamestown and Yorktown with a fine lunch served in between is available. Championship golf and the Busch Gardens Theme Park are nearby. In addition to the discounted pass to all of the Williamsburg village's museums and historical sites, you can now join classmates for a 65's only guided walking tour of the village.

**Further,** from 4-5:30pm, Williamsburg puts on a special show every day called “Revolutionary City” that may include a parade, revolutionary enactment, and a rousing speech from a prominent forefather such as Thomas Jefferson. We can also hire our own “Fife & Drum” escort to take us from our lodge to the Kings Arms Tavern for dinner Saturday evening. Although I know this sounds a bit schmaltzy, Williamsburg people say this is the highlight of group trips. For more information go to: <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com>

So there you have it. More things to do, and at a lower cost. Some with classmates, or some on your own. Whatever suits your fancy. Reserve now, and join other 65's for a fun Spring weekend in colonial Williamsburg. We will provide more details on activity reservation deadlines and costs in early February.

Please let me know if you will be joining us and if you have any questions. To add to the fun encourage a classmate to join us.

Best wishes,  
Tucker Mays, Out-of-Hanover Mini Reunion Chair  
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## *Tom Meacham's son wins at Jeopardy*

Anchorage, AK -- Our younger son Brian (Amherst '97) was selected late last year, after some tryout tests, to appear on Jeopardy! Brian is a film archivist with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences in Los Angeles, so the LA location of the Jeopardy! show made logistics convenient. However, Brian was introduced consistently on the show as "a film archivist formerly from Anchorage, Alaska," just to make things more interesting.



Photo courtesy Jeopardy! Productions, Inc.

The Jeopardy! shows (typically four half-hour shows taped per day) were done in February, but did not air until April, 2011 which meant that Brian has to keep his successes a secret from friends, family and co-workers for three months. Taping up to four shows a day (with clothing changes between sessions to make the next show appear "new") must be pretty draining mentally, for the winners who advance from one show to the next. Brian eventually was a four-game Jeopardy! winner (with a total of \$90,500), which surprised and pleased him.

In September, he was notified that he was one of 15 top money-winners from the past 18 months who were selected to compete in the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions. This show was taped that month, but just aired on November 3. Unfortunately, Brian went out in the first round, losing to Roger Craig, who emerged a week later as the Tournament winner, with \$250k, so Brian fell to a worthy opponent. (Brian later learned that if he had not bet all on his Final Jeopardy question (and failed), his accumulated winnings at that point (\$8,000) would have gotten him one of the wild-card spots in the quarter-final round. Oh, well.....).

Brian's Blog (Doubleperf, <http://www.doubleperf.com/blog/>) has some interesting and well-written accounts of his Jeopardy! experiences from the insider's point of view, for all '65s out there who follow the show, more or less.

One nice thing that we learned from Brian is that the contestants who made it into the Tournament with him are now 14 of his best friends (through Facebook, Twitter, etc.), and that they enjoyed each other's company very much. He said that he became really good friends with the oncologist from Baltimore who finished second the night after Brian's appearance, and that Roger Craig, the fellow who won Brian's round (and who eventually won the entire Tournament) is a really nice person. That is good to hear.

So we are living vicariously, through our sons -- it's less expensive that way. Best wishes to all '65's out there -- in front of their TV's, or not.

Tom Meacham

## *Interview with Mike McKelvy*

I had a 30 minute conversation with Mike McKelvy recently. Mike, a history major and Phi Tau member, left Dartmouth with a regular army commission from ROTC. After service in the US, Germany and Viet Nam, he had a long career in human resources, mostly with RJR Nabisco, retiring as VP of Compensation and Benefits at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina. His business career has taken Mike and his family from Connecticut to Atlanta and back to Winston-Salem, where he and his wife, Marian, still live. One of Mike's sons was a legacy, class of '95, currently living in Burlington, Vermont.

### **On Dartmouth:**

D: Did you have a best class or a best professor that you would like to make a comment on or brag on?

M: (pause) Hm. (long pause) Hmmm. (long, long pause) No. (Joint laughter)

M: On second thought, there was a history professor named Foley – I want to say Al Foley, but I'm not sure – I've known many Foleys, all of them good people.

### **The Army:**

D: How long were you in the army?

M: Graduation, ... to the end of August of '70. I went to Hawaii for just a few months after graduation, after jump school and infantry basic, then a year with the 25th infantry [in Viet Nam], and then back to Germany for what turned out to be a year. The night I got back from my honeymoon, literally, they had an alert. So I kissed my bride and went off to the field -- battalion commander came over to me and said, "Hey, I've got some bad news". I thought somebody was getting transferred or something. He said, "You're going back to Viet Nam." I said, "No, that must be the other McKelvy, they've made a mistake." He said, "No, it's you." He pulled strings and I ended up with MACV [Military Assistance Command - Viet Nam]. I went to language school for about five or six months and then ended up as an adviser. I was in the middle of [that] tour in Viet Nam and said to myself, "ENOUGH!", and wrote the Department of the Army saying, "It's been nice". That was after the three year period [Regular Army commitment], and they said, "We love having you. We're going to keep you two more years."

D: I either saw you or spoke to you on the phone in Baumholder, Germany. It seems to me at the time you said you had a bronze star with a V for valor which you got for being stupid and living through it. Does that ring a bell?

M: That's probably true, and then I got another one somewhere along the line from that same tour. Times and events from long ago. ... I've got ancestors going back to Gettysburg. One of them was actually part of Napoleon's army that invaded Moscow, but that's another story. ... You know, when your country calls, I think one ought to stand up. I think that's the proper response. That's just part of me.

### **Family:**

D: You still working or are you retired, like the rest of us?

M: Happily, happily retired. Even a bad day retired is a good day. Still married to the same wonderful girl – Marian Bergeson – and we've got three children and 7 grandchildren. Our busy-ness takes different turns. We're involved in church as well, this, that and the other thing, but our grandchildren take up a good deal of our time, thankfully.

D: They live somewhere nearby?

M: We have four down the road in Statesville, North Carolina, and then we have three in Scarborough,

Maine, which is just south of Portland, including a brand new to the family – not a newborn – from China.

Our kids adopted a little girl from China in October. And we drove up to see them over the holidays. What a joy she's been. She's 9 now. Her first 4 or 5 years were in an orphanage, the second four years -- the rest -- has been in foster homes. It's really interesting though. A wonderful child but she has some sharp elbows. Living in an orphanage ... it's Christmas Eve and you're gonna go to church and they have these little cardboard boxes and, you know, money for poor children. Her new mother explains to her how this is for the poor and they can buy this or that or presents. JJ, which is what they call her, she holds this, her lips get thin, her eyes get a little narrow, she holds it up and says, "Half!" (Much laughter). And the first few nights she took food to bed with her.

D: Oh, boy, I could tell you stories. My wife and I adopted a couple of kids. They take it to bed and they hide it. And only a few nights?

M: Yeah, it didn't take long. A funny thing, they got to Shanghai and had to fly to Tsing Tao to meet her. They show up in Tsing Tao and they've been told they have 24 hours before they meet and the phone rings 20 minutes after they get into their hotel room, "We're here." And once you meet her, the girl is yours. They go out to dinner to try to figure out how to relate, all of a sudden she's talking Mandarin to the waiter in this restaurant, and all these appetizers start appearing at the table.

#### **Outside Activities:**

M: Photography is a bit of a hobby. I went through all sorts of digital cameras, and I finally got a Leica with two lenses and it's a film camera. They're very retro and I'm happy as a clam. At our local church here I'm what's termed in the Catholic church a secular Franciscan, sort of like a religious order of civilians, which is a very meaningful part of my life. [And] we're off to Ireland sometime in September. It's a pre-Christian tour. I think we're going to go crawling around on our hands and knees in beehive tombs and so forth. It'll be a lot of fun.

#### **Current Health:**

M: I had surgery last week so I'm recovering. An experimental procedure for a device that's supposed to help with sleep apnea. ... So this was the first time they had done this here. They had eighteen people in the OR. I can't believe it. ... When I went in for surgery last week I said to the lady just setting up, "Hey, has the doc", whom I hadn't met at that time, "has he done this procedure before?" And she said "Well no, but he practiced on a bunch of cadavers last week."

Mike ended by saying how he had enjoyed the discussion thoroughly, and was glad we're doing this.

#### **A note on this interview:**

Mike and I both enjoyed catching up. I have my own list of friends to call for further interviews, but I'd rather receive suggestions from classmates. If there's someone you want to hear from or about, especially someone who hasn't been at reunions or been mentioned in publications, let me know. Contact information will help, of course, but I'm willing to look these up if you don't have them right at hand. ~ed