

1968: A fine, if very wet, Homecoming Weekend and Mini-Reunion in Hanover over weekend of October 24th-25th. Parade and bonfire (exceedingly sparky) on Friday, and a productive Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, with 12 classmates on hand. We heard from guest Dan Nelson, Director of Outdoor Programs, who provided great detail on the Freshman Trips, which we wish to endow as our 50th Reunion Gift. One of the twelve: **Steve Schwager** was a welcome new attendee at the Executive Committee meeting. He's on a sabbatical year from Cornell, spending the year at Yale, making Hanover a relatively easy trip compared to the trip from upstate New York. A biostatistician, he is pondering what to do when he grows up, and where to do it...as we all are! Back to our weekend: Tailgate party (indoors) at AD, with even more classmates and significant others, and a post game reception at the Drake Room at the Hanover Inn. A fine mini-reunion. Of which we are having many. Over a week in early October, 10 classmates plus one '68 friend played golf at Bandon Dunes in Oregon, a mini-reunion idea hatched by **Ed Heald**, with effort coordinated by **John Blair** and **Jim Noyes**. Watch for a full report in a future newsletter. Speaking of golf, **Gerry Hills**, who missed the golf trip, reported he has been in St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands for the past nine years, allowing his golf game to deteriorate. The prior nineteen years had been in Hawaii, where perfect year around weather and cheap golf courses allowed his handicap to drop to 12, with no lessons. Now, nearest golf course is an island and car barge trip away, greens fees expensive and the courses hard-packed. He does plan to get his game together by the time of the 50th Reunion. **Buddy Noel** also wrote his regrets on golf, citing a conflict since his son was getting married that same weekend at Palm Desert. What kind of excuse is that? Congrats, Buddy and family. Looking ahead through our mini-reunion glasses, plenty of time to join the skiing mini-reunion planned for the North Lake Tahoe, California area over the period February 27 through March 6, 2010; it already has more than 30 classmates and friends signed up. Other news: **Burt Quist** wrote that he and Cathy have returned to Rhode Island for the third and final time. Burt had spent the last six years as Director of International Marketing, for a small company in Virginia, and spent a lot of time traveling in Europe, North Africa and the Mid-East. They are very happy to be back in New England. They have two sons, Erik and Carl, both in the Marine Corps, and both have been or will be in harm's way. Burt and Cathy are proud, but understandably worried. Let's all wish them well. And let me wish everyone well in this holiday season, and a Happy New Year.
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