1968. Less than a year to our Reunion, and counting down. Pete Wonson reported that over 200 classmates have already indicated plans to attend, and we are hopeful of over 300 classmates and a total attendance of over 500. (Let's Get into) Gear 68! Many chances to get together before then: Homecoming Mini-reunion in Hanover over the October 6-8 weekend, for the Yale Game. Our usual drill if you can make it: parade and bonfire Friday night, Executive Committee meeting Saturday morning, tailgate at AD, a winning football game, and dinner at Dowd's Country Inn in Lyme. Other pre-50th Minireunions include another Eastern Ski at Okemo in Vermont, in January, a Western Ski at Snowmass in Colorado in March, and another Danube/Budapest trip being organized by Bill Rich in April. Bob Holmberg shared news: he is a retired pediatrician after 40 years at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and Blue Hill, Maine. He has done sabbatical training in infectious diseases and consultation focus on obesity prevention. He and Joan have a new home in Brooksville on the coast above Castine. It is a good retired life, managing a small woodlot, keeping too many small boats afloat and trying to stay active fighting the ravages of old age. They have five grandkids, including 3 in Bend, Oregon where he and Joan spend 2 months each winter nordic skiing and babysitting. Fred Glickman wrote from Florida; he is still practicing law, limited to estates and estate planning, and has no interest in retiring. He proudly noted that daughter Laura is a '07. Children and grandchildren live in Washington, Silicon Valley and Chicago, so he and Margery are good customers of American Airlines. Hobbies include biking, hiking, travel and piano playing. Assorted Facebook postings noted: Leckie Rives wrote to celebrate 48 years of happy marriage to Vicki Thurston. Three wonderful children and four beautiful granddaughters and one grandson. Vicki wrote shortly after to correct the posting to five beautiful granddaughters. At least he got the anniversary amount right (I hope!). Pete Weston is shown happily lounging in a comfortable hammock. Dick Olson is gazing at new grandson Basil. Jeff Garten's wife Ina was quoted in Entertainment Insider: "If Jeffrey and I disagree, he always agrees with me." Some Survey Monkey updates: we've had 53 responses total, up from 31 in January. Thanks to all who have responded!

Interestingly, the overall percentages of categories haven't changed much, suggesting their validity for our class. For instance, 67% of the respondents are married to the same wife, an identical percentage to our January responses. The average number of children for our classmates is 2.14, versus 2.13 in January. The number of grandchildren for classmates with grandchildren is now 3.83, versus 3.40 earlier, but this growth can perhaps be explained to the passage of time allowing for the arrival of more grandchildren...and future Dartmouth students. Children born in 2017 will be members of the class of 2039.

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