Dani: I had the great good fortune to talk to our 30th Reunion Chair, Ed Kenealy in anticipation of the big weekend. Before we launched into party details, I thought I’d get some context for how he ended up in this high-status position.

Dani: So Ed, what have you been doing for the past 30 years?
Ed: I went straight to law school after graduating from Dartmouth. I worked in the litigation departments of two Boston law firms for the first several years after graduating. My wife and I both decided to take a hiatus before starting a family.

Dani: Who’s your wife? Where did you meet?
Ed: My wife Deborah is a Williams ’83 and Cornell Law ’87. Williams may be one of the few schools that can rival Dartmouth for rabid alums. I’ve actually seen babies in purple diapers.

Dani: I love the idea of Dartmouth diapers! I’d totally wear those in 35 years. Tell me about your hiatus.
Ed: We bought backpacks and traveled around the world for about 8 months in 1992, visiting places including Fiji, Indonesia, New Zealand, Thailand, Japan, Nepal and India. I can honestly say it was one of the greatest experiences of our lives. After we got back I moved to an in-house position and am now the General Counsel of Liberty Mutual’s International business unit. I spend about 3 months of the year outside of the US working on acquisitions and supporting Liberty Mutual’s non-U.S. operations.

Dani: How does your work today relate to your major at Dartmouth?
Ed: I was a history major at Dartmouth. The research, analysis and writing skills that I developed in classes with professors like David Lagomarsino and Charlie Wood certainly have helped me in the practice of law. I do wish my LSA-Lyon experience would have come in a bit more handy, but my business unit doesn’t currently have operations in France.

Dani: Yeah, fortunately I live in L.A. so I get to use my Spanish all the time. Okay, so why did you take on the monumental task of heading up the fun at our reunion?
Ed: Great question! On the last day of our 25th, I stopped Geoff Berlin and told him I’d really like to help out for our 30th. That offer morphed into being Reunion Chair. If I knew then what I know now . . .

Dani: I had a similar experience with Geoff. He’s very sneaky. I mean that in a good way. Have you held service positions for the class all along?
Ed: No. This is the first time, and it feels like being thrown into the deep end of the pool.

Dani: Seems like you’re doing great! Is there a benefit to having a leadership position for the class all along?
Ed: Well, you get to reconnect and work with so many great people who love our class and genuinely love Dartmouth. The entire Reunion Team really wants to make sure that this is a Reunion that appeals to the full spectrum of our class. All in all, a
Although it arrived hot on the heels of Ed Kenealy’s reunion-specific survey last fall, many classmates were gracious enough to answer a second, less practical (but more fun?) survey to fill the pages of this last issue of the ’84 Newsletter before our 30th reunion, which (if you haven’t been paying attention) will occur Thursday, June 12 through Sunday, June 15, 2014.

Come to our 30th Reunion in June and revisit your own favorite places, or find new ones!

No one was interested in seeing Memorial Field (no one wants to relive being passed up the stands or our collective run onto the field?), but two people in the “Other” responses would head to Sanborn. Anonymous (#25) didn’t provide specifics, but K. Page Boyer obviously has fond memories of the Sanborn Rare Books Reading Room. Also in the “Other” category, Meredith Levy responded “The entire campus – it’s beautiful!” Anonymous (#19) would take the “new north campus tour,” and Anonymous (#38), obviously a regular reunion attendee, responded “None. They’ve been there before.”
Elisabeth (Adair) Jaffe: All my roommates, Lana, Pam, Jane and Teri Ann because I shared very special times with them.

Ford Allen: Several close friends: Kevin Hogan, Derek Chow, Ray Wood, Marc Devorsetz. In addition, many friends that I have not really seen since graduation. Same reason for all: my college years all centered around relationships and I look forward to reconnecting!

A. Nonny Mouse: Al Chaker -- he has yet to meet his child!

Anonymous (#4): Nancy Bernhard, because I don’t just run into her in my daily life.

Anonymous (#6): Mrs. Chow, ‘cause we got a thing... going-on. [Editor's query: Ok, Derek, did you complete the survey twice, or do you have something to worry about?]

Anonymous (#9): My freshman year roommate, Anniken Kloster. I wish I had actually had the chance to know her better.

Anonymous (#10): Dani Klein Modisett -- funniest person I ever knew!

Anonymous (#12): No answer. [Editor's note: I'm not making this up – the respondent actually typed in this answer!]

Anonymous (#14): Nancy Linneman -- a good friend during our Dartmouth years, out of touch since.

Anonymous (#16): Lizzie.

Anonymous (#19): The ones I don’t see frequently.


Anonymous (#26): That cute guy from my freshman seminar... or has he gone the way of the adorable puppy, inevitably morphing into a drooling dog whose fur stinks when it rains?

Anonymous (#32): Bill Archer to learn about life of porn mogul.

Anonymous (#38): People I have not seen in a while.

Anonymous (#43): Joy Terpstra - where are you??

Geoff Berlin: Karen Trost, for all her great work on the newsletter. (>?) [Editor's note: Nice try, Geoff, but I'm still more willing to throw the reins -- anyone?]?

K. Page Boyer: Dr. David Brunelle and Dr. Cory Reed, my first two lifelong Dartmouth friends.

Al Chaker: All of them! [Editor's note: Possibly the reason for the response by A. Nonny Mouse in column 1?]

Derek Chow: Linda Penn.

Timothy Codd: Scott Lamb. Apparently he has had major life changes.

Jim Collins: Elliott Gimble. He's a great friend I don't get to see enough of in person.

David Cost: No one in particular.

David Cumberbatch: Anyone I have not seen in 30 years.

Tina Farrenkopf: Darlene Orr because she was a great friend and a lot of fun. I have not seen her since the late 80's.

Roy Forbes: Alexis Fridlund Vins. She was always such a free spirit and I really would like to see what adventures she's had since graduation. Plus she apparently married one of my old roommates and I never would have guessed that pairing, so I'm curious to hear how that all went down.

Becca (Haerle) Eaton: Cheryl (Baylor) Ramich. . . of my dearest friends, she's the one I haven't seen for the longest time.

Steve Hoxie: Nick Huber. Since he is in Switzerland, visits tend to be few and far between.

Howard Jones: Too many to choose... .

Mark Jones: Swim team friends.

Kaya Kazmirci: marc koehler, he has been mia. [Editor's query: Is “mia” an acronym for “missing in action,” or is there something that Marc/Mia may want to clear up here?]

Kathy Krause: Don't think there is just one person. Mostly would hope to see folks I haven't gotten a chance to catch up with in years.

Stergios Lazos: Curtis Kemeny - have not seen him in a while and I miss our conversations.

Meredith Levy: I don't think that I could narrow it down to just one person. It will be great to reconnect with those I haven't seen in a while.

Alix Madigan: Bram Towbin -- He lives in Vermont so I never really get to see him but always love when I do.

Denyse Maxwell: All the '84s.

Dennis McGrane: Stuart Fiertz, because he was a very unique, intelligent, and silly guy. Alan Chabot and Bob Donaldson... because I regret not keeping in touch. We had (and probably still have) a kindred spirit.

Ken Miller: Gary Witherspoon.

Jonathan Myers: Can't do it. Single one person out? How about an entity? The Barbary Coast. We shared a lot.


Karen Thomsen Trost: Gail Marino Herzig, Cheryl Baylor, and Becca Haerle Eaton - although we've gotten together several times over the years, we don't get to see one another enough! And Karen Peterson, who I have not heard from in years!

Ted von Hippel: Any friends who I haven't seen!

Mike Whiting: All my teammates.

Bob Wiskind: Glen Walton--I didn't know him at all in Hanover, but became friends during medical school together at Emory. I haven't seen him in 20+ years.

Gary Witherspoon: Gwen Davis, the first person I met at Dartmouth.

OUR 30TH REUNION FACEBOOK PAGE: https://www.facebook.com/events/519346021481103/?ref=newsfeed
Every day is a gift.

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Anonymous (#4): That some people of our generation feel no shame about making sexist comments.

Anonymous (#6): The importance of preparation and hard work.

Anonymous (#9): How poor our perceptions are. Basically how time changes the difference between how mature and smart I felt during my college years and how young I really was and how much I still had to learn.

Anonymous (#10): There are Dartmouth grads all over the place. . . . Everywhere I go, I continue to meet more and more! 

Anonymous (#12): Parenthood is rewarding - didn't believe it when I was an undergrad.

Also, time moves very quickly!


Anonymous (#16): Wendy Zimmer is a body builder.

Anonymous (#19): How little it matters what college you attended ;)

Anonymous (#25): That I was a lot smarter (or at least thought I was) as a frosh than I am now ;)

But that, I suppose, is not surprising.

Anonymous (#26): When I was sorting through some memorabilia a few years ago and came across the essay I wrote for my Dartmouth application and my diary from LSA, I was surprised to learn that I had already known at age 17 exactly what career I wanted and, by age 20, where I wanted to put down foreign roots. This was decades before I moved to Switzerland and became a climate scientist, environmental foreign policy practitioner and clean energy advisor. Maybe it shouldn't be surprising that it's much easier to trust in your instincts and have the wisdom to singularly follow your passion when you're 20 and unattached. . .  


Anonymous (#38): I never thought I would be this embarrassed for what Dartmouth has become. Kim decimated key areas of the college. Hopefully the new guy will fix the place.

Anonymous (#43): Every day is a gift. Enjoy each second. It is the journey, not the destination, that matters in the long run.

K. Page Boyer: That I am very much the same person that I was 30 years ago. . .

Al Chaker: I can poison a patient into unconsciousness for a couple of hours, and have him wake up seemingly unharmed.

Derek Chow: How to accept aging gracefully.

Timothy Codd: How little we really know about how the Human Body works.

Jim Collins: . . . that age doesn't have much to do with talent or competence or even maturity. Most of who we are is in us by the time we leave college.

David Cost: The wonders of being a parent. 

David Cumberbatch: Still not taken seriously because I am a Black man.

Tina Farrenkopf: Nothing surprises me.

Roy Forbes: Pretty much everyone has some issues they're dealing with in their lives and most of us are just trying to get by and putting a good face on for the public. Even those who seem the most buttoned up and appear to have a charmed life are dealing with something. So don't waste time worrying [and] comparing yourself to others; however great it may appear their lives are, I guarantee there's something about your life they wish they had.

Becca (Haeerle) Eaton: That I can't remember half of the surprising things I've learned in the last 30 years. @@@

I'm surprised at what I've used and still remember from so many of my classes. And, I recently learned that Iceland is slowly splitting in half.

Steve Hoxie: How much more critical we tend to be in our kids' college planning than we might have been in our own. My choice, for example, was made upon sound career minded criteria like being close to some good ski areas. Good outcome nonetheless, and hope the kids can be as fortunate.

Howard Jones: How fast time really flies. Seems like yesterday that I was just back from my freshman trip. Now some of my friends are becoming grandparents.

Mark Jones: Having kids can be great.

Kaya Kazmiric: It's all about love, not money or fame.

Stergios Lazos: How one decision can change your life forever.

Meredith Levy: Time goes by way too quickly. Make time for fun.

Alix Madigan: That I still can be surprised.

Dennis McGrane: That I seem to make more silly mistakes now than I did when I was 21. I really am more like Homer Simpson than I wanted to be..doh!

Ken Miller: I'm alive!

Jonathan Myers: I really don't need ruby shoes.

Greg Sullivan: How I could have gained more from my precious time at Dartmouth.

Karen Thomsen Trost: How happy I am NOT doing what I had my heart set on doing for all four years in Hanover (becoming a doctor). I am truly enjoying my flexible, interesting career as a freelance editor and writer, which has allowed me to stay home and raise two wonderful children who are now - gasp! - college students! Where has the time gone??

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The girdled earth has been a little (Dartmouth) greener over the past several months, thanks to some of our ‘84s who have traveled far and wide … Three in particular have sent us photos of their travels.

Becca Haerle Eaton traveled to Europe last summer on a girls’ trip with her daughter Stephanie. Their two weeks of travel included 3 days in Paris, 2 days in Copenhagen, 3 days in Norway, 3 days in Sweden, and 2 days in Iceland. The photo is from their time in Copenhagen.

And take a look at the photo above, forwarded by Derek Chow, who traveled to Croatia last summer with his better half Jan Gordon. Jan is spreading the Dartmouth word by sporting the green and white …

Moving from Green to Gold … John Lubin writes, “In this latest version of ‘How old do you feel now?’ - I recently won the gold medal in singles for both the Maine and Vermont Senior Games table tennis competition in the 50-54 age division.” His medal ceremony in Vermont was captured in the photo below. (Note the green/gold combo – it’s the only evidence of a reasonable segue in this column.) Way to go, John!

Survey Question 3, cont.

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Ted von Hippel: The precise age of the Universe.
Mike Whiting: Children are a wonderful gift. . . . While in college, I would never have suspected.
Bob Wiskind: I still maintain my capacity to act immature, especially when it comes to wasting time on trivial things.
Gary Witherspoon: Miracles occur.

In Memoriam

Sandra Placatelli Gatt, M.D. (August 2, 2013)
Sandra is survived by her husband, Charles, their two sons, CJ and Taylor, and by her parents, brother, and sister. Donations can be made in Sandra’s memory to the Breast Cancer Resource Center of Princeton, www.ywcaprinceton.org.

Frances Oglesby Williamson (December 4, 2013)
Frances leaves behind her husband, J. Michael Williamson III, two children, Sarah and John, and her mother and three brothers. Her family requests that donations be made to the Williamson Innovative Science Education “WISE” Fund at the Tower School, 75 West Shore Drive, Marblehead, MA 01945.
The great Class of 1984 was present at numerous locations throughout the campus during Homecoming Weekend, October 11-13, 2013.

Gail Marino Herzig’s visit to see her son Matthew Herzig ‘17 included a stop on the Green Friday afternoon to see the bonfire.

Viva Hardigg reports that Lucia Jackson once again bravely drove the truck in the pre-bonfire parade Friday night, and that Viva’s sons Hill and Henry (holding the banner) had a glorious time tossing chocolate to the crowd and catching candy thrown to them by the various sports teams on neighboring floats.

Wendee Lunsinger Hunt was the mini-reunion committee’s “gal on the ground” at Homecoming, and helped co-host the second annual Homecoming Tailgate Mini-Reunion with the Classes of ’82 and ’83 before the game (and win) against Yale on Saturday, October 12th.

According to Wendy, there was a great turnout — about 60 people plus families, with good representations from all three classes. Here’s Wendee’s list of the ‘84s who attended (but she admits that she might have missed some folks during the festivities, and extends her apologies if she has omitted anyone): Wendee (and Geordie, ’83 and Katie, ’15), Jamie Resor, Christine Burnley Bucklin, Heather Keare, Chris Huff, Lisen Stromberg and Billy Rossi, Becca Brewster, Carla Small and Bobby Cronin, Leigh Miller Garry, Kim Ogden, Melinda Marsh Bloomer, Peter Gish, Chuck Goss, and Chris Cogguillo.

Dani: Does your wife agree?
Ed: No comment. Actually, my wife is really well organized, so I am drawing on her skills more and more as we get closer to June.

Dani: What are some highlights of the upcoming festivities?
Ed: Our Entertainment Chairs, David Cumberbatch and Maria Cole, just secured the Dartmouth Aires to perform at our Class Reception Friday night at the DOC House. Anyone who saw the Aires on “The Sing Off” last year knows what a hot ticket they are. David and Maria are working on a “Studio ’84”-themed dance party one evening, and are sorting out the details for a live band performance the other, and coordinating with the ’89s for a singles cocktail reception.

Dani: I’m totally going to that. Please don’t tell my husband.

The College is offering discussion forums
and an address from President Hanlon on Saturday morning. I would encourage everyone to attend this. If you’ve had the opportunity to hear him speak, been following his proposals, or talked to a current Dartmouth student, you are undoubtedly aware of some of his plans and the sense of anticipation as he continues to move Dartmouth forward. The College is also hosting an “On The Green!” all-alumni celebration on Saturday afternoon and again Saturday evening. Add to that the chance to see if you are in the same shape as you were more than 30 years ago by hiking Mt. Moosilauke, biking, canoeing or rowing.

Dani: Like most of our classmates I saw at our 25th, I am in the EXACT same shape I was 30 years ago. I’m not going to hike to prove it, you’ll just have to trust me. The weekend sounds terrific, with something for everyone. Well done.

Ed: Thanks. Really, the best part of Reunion is the chance to reconnect with those who were part of our extended family for four years and so often have been part of our lives after we left the College on the Hill. Coming back for 30th Reunion really does feel like coming home.

Dani: Love your passion. How did you come up with our Reunion theme: “Homeward Bound” and logo?

Ed: We had a vote on our class Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/dartmouth84/ (if you aren’t a member, you should be). “Homeward Bound” was nominated by Adam Burck, our Social Media Chair, and was the overwhelming favorite. The next challenge was to design a logo reflecting the theme. I’m no artist so I reached out to the Alumni Relations Office for help. Our class is lucky to work with their current student intern, Elizabeth McNally ’16. With significant input from our Swag Chair, Meredith Levy, and our Publicity Chair, Alyson Bouldin, Elizabeth captured the feeling you had when you cross the Connecticut River on your way into Hanover. Although Michael Salzhauer pointed out that Bostonians did not have the same approach route, for those of us who came up 91, I think the logo will hit home.

Dani: Salzhauer’s in real estate so he’s paid to notice that kind of stuff. Personally, I cried just looking at that artwork. It’s beautiful. Do you have any observations about the nature of the tone of these reunions as the years go by? Like the first year everyone’s comparing jobs, girlfriends, boyfriends; the 10-year we’re showing pictures of our houses and kids; the 20-year our IRAs, etc. What do you think we can expect will be the most compelling topics of conversation for our 30th?

Ed: Wow, you could not be more right (except, I hope/think, for the IRA part). I brought my future wife to our 5th, and it was a great chance to introduce her to some important people in my life. Had I been at our 10th, I would have shared pictures of our newborn son. Our 25th was great, not only because it was so well attended, but because people seemed to be more or less secure in their lives and career choices. At our 30th, we’ve all crossed the “5-0,” on our way to the Double Nickel. I think turning 50 provides some opportunity for self-reflection. By 50, we’ve all encountered a lot of what life can throw at us. From that vantage point, and the experience (and, maybe, wisdom) that goes along with it, I expect that we will all be able to learn from one another in a way that will be a bit more rich than our participation in a discussion group 30+ years ago.

Dani: I plan on talking about juice fasting, what’s trending on Twitter, and drinking tequila shots. I’m pretty sure maturing is -the details of which I don’t remember-- but it had to do with cattle and it was very meaningful. I love that guy. Where can someone go to learn more?

Ed: Our 30th reunion website should be up and running by the time this newsletter is published. You can always go to our class website, dartmouth84.org, to link to find updates. Information packages will be mailed to everyone in March, and online registration will open up just about then. Take advantage of the “Early Bird” registration discount. Additionally, expect a flood of emails and phone calls letting you know why it makes so much sense to spend a mid-June weekend back in the Upper Valley. Finally, we’ve got our own 30th Reunion Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/events/519346021481103/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular. That’s a great place to let everyone know you’re coming.
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