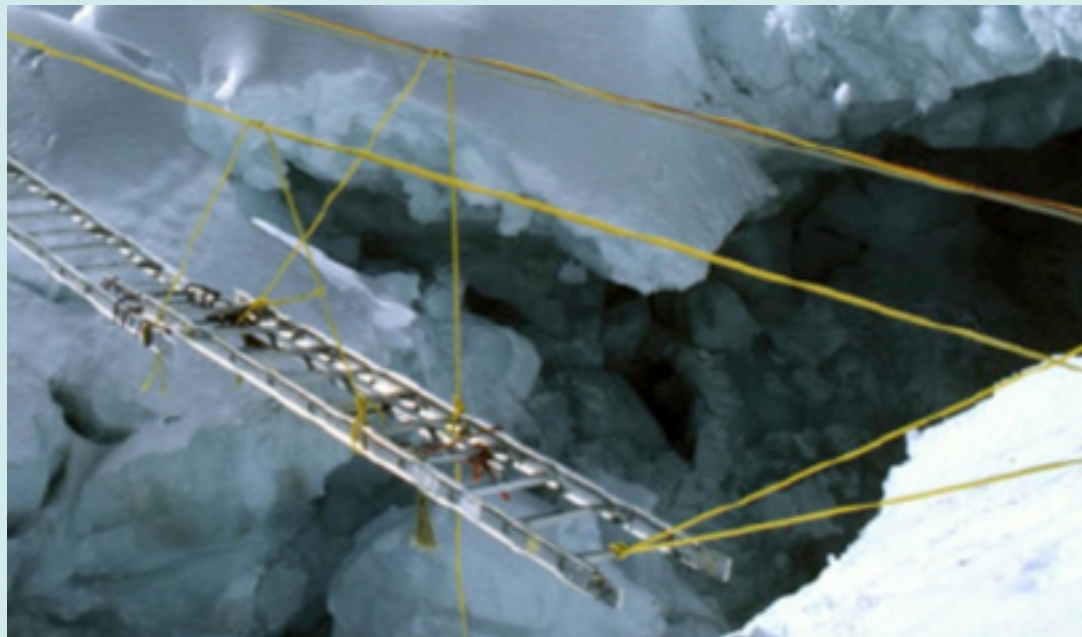


Carleton College 1966 50th Reunion Newsletter

RATIONALE FOR FURTHER READING.

1. Does the picture below represent: (a) a clever attempt by a Carl to cross the street this winter in Boston? OR (b) something else? Find out.



2. Why did Goodhue's Portrait disappear?
3. What are the experiences of a trustee?



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Carleton Then: True Confessions

We witnessed pranks that ranged from the unpublishable to the extraordinarily clever (e.g., Bill Kolb's and Dan Jepsen's rental of a helicopter and flying Schiller over the football stadium during a game). Other pranks were not witnessed, but confessed to later. Who did these (to be revealed in the next newsletter)?

- (1) There were three or four of us, the confessor thinks. We were probably Juniors when we, for some reason, concluded that the painting of an obscure college president and professor of Greek would make a better hostage than the bust of Germany's most notable playwright. So we stole the painting of Horace Goodhue from his eponymous dormitory and hid it in an attic alcove we had discovered in Sayles Hill. The College did not see any humor in our action and pretty much nobody else did either. It didn't take much for us to conclude that we were, in fact, low-level vandals. I'm not sure the College would agree with the "low-level" part, then or now. Well, maybe now. Somehow, we were able to give Horace back. I'm guessing that we simply sent an anonymous note to someone revealing his whereabouts. We certainly were not going to risk being discovered carrying him back across campus.
- (2) One of my 'friends' (it is still a secret who) left me a big box at the mail boxes tied with string. When I opened it it was full of beer cans. When I lifted it, the bottom was loose and at least 50 beer cans rolled all over the mail room. Not dangerous but embarrassing and good for a laugh for those collecting mail.

Carleton Soon After

Soon after graduation and a trip to Convict Creek, California with Rick Mattson, Tom Hinckley had a visit from Gelvin Stevenson. He and Gel went on two hikes and two overnights in the Sierras. Before leaving Carleton, Tom had accrued enough of the small individual serving cereal boxes to last at least a week. So the first 'dinner' and 'breakfast' of their first overnight consisted of eating dry cereal; however, the next

day, Tom upped the quality of food by bringing two cans of beans to eat with the cereal. Unfortunately, Tom forgot eating utensils and when they stopped at Bishop Pass, they were forced to make chopsticks out of whitebark pine branches. As a result of her son's story about this unique dining experience, Gel's mother sent Tom an incredible care package. Little did Tom realize that Gel was to stand on the top of the Matterhorn later that summer (picture below; Tom and Arline stood in his foot prints some 10 and 12 summers later).



Carleton Now: Comments '66 Trustees

Two of our class trustees have provided a sense of their roles and experiences as a trustee.

From Martha Hulings Kaemmer: "This is a big task. Being a trustee has been a huge honor and very enlightening experience. I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with some brilliant, talented people. These have been fellow trustees, but also the Carleton faculty and students. It has been interesting to watch the different styles of leadership of Board members and also faculty. Carleton has been extremely fortunate to have had good leadership when it was called for. It is wonderful to have a chance to meet and get to know some of the students. I admire how the faculty, administration and board make an effort to communicate and work together. It can be a delicate balance and needs willing, involved participants.

There comes to mind one particular experience that warms my heart and makes me so proud of being involved with Carleton. This was

when President Bill Clinton came to speak at graduation. As you can imagine, this took incredible preparation and time, not only for logistics, but working with the Secret Service and background checks on everyone. Carleton, in its true style, covered everything. The ceremony was held on the Bald Spot, which I'm sure the Secret Service wasn't pleased with. It was a cloudy day with rain possible, but this was the only venue that could accommodate the crowd. Plastic rain-coats were even placed on each seat. The ceremony and procession started and all went very well. The President gave his speech and it was nice but predictable. Then the two seniors got up to make their speeches. They both did so well they blew the crowd away. There was even a standing ovation. These two students had outshone the President of the United States. This was true Carleton style. As I remember it did rain a bit at some point but Carleton had ruled the day.

My advice to someone becoming a trustee is to be open to all thoughts, listen well and learn the basic rules of governance. Become as involved as much as you can and still be appropriate. The Board's job is to hire the president and to insure the longevity of the school. The Board does not interfere in the basic function of the school. The Board makes the policy, but the administration with the faculty carries it out. Being a Carleton trustee is an honor and a very rewarding experience.

From Bonnie McNaughton Wheaton: "My advice to someone considering becoming a trustee: DO IT! It has been a very rewarding experience for me, not just because I get to see Dotty once a year. I'm not sure what possessed the then-trustees to ask me to be an Alumni Trustee. I was astounded when Keith Libby '59 called to invite me to join.

And I was astounded again when I was asked, after a 1-year hiatus, to serve again. It has been rewarding to be a part of guiding the direction of the college.

After each meeting, I come away with a renewed dedication to liberal arts education in general and Carleton in particular. The alumni mantra is "It's a good thing we went to Carleton when we did, because we

could never get in now!" My interaction with students and recent alums has strengthened my belief that Carleton is filling a very important role in preparing future leaders. The patterns and trends on the board reflect careful stewardship of the college's financial assets, with an eye to future needs while fulfilling its present mission. The trustees and the administration strive to be sensitive to both college issues and broader societal issues. For example, we address substance abuse, mental health and sexual assault. I've been pleased with the new emphasis on expanding health and counseling services, as well as a new concentration on the career center (for both student internships and post-Carleton employment). The trustees are dealing with making new and existing facilities carbon-neutral, as well as grappling with the issue of divestiture of investments in fossil fuels. Right now we are struggling with making Carleton affordable to middle-class students who can ill-afford the \$60K annual price tag. Inflation-adjusted tuition for our freshman year would be under \$30K, but we didn't have the range of majors, language courses and physical facilities that today's students have.

One inspirational moment is now referred to as the Great Trustee Shake-Down. During the financial crisis, the college was faced with dramatic lay-offs or furloughing of employees. Cathy Paglia '74, Caesar Sweitzer '72 and Wally Weitz '70 locked the doors and exhorted us to dig deep in our pockets. The result was enough money to significantly minimize lay-offs. Similarly, last year the trustees raised enough money overnight to provide money for most of the un-funded summer internships.

College convocations are not mandatory as they were in our day, but students seem to attend in droves anyway. I try to attend convo during each trustee meeting, and the chapel is always packed. I have come away from several presentations with new awareness about many issues, e.g. the disparate impact of the drug war on young black males and the plight of garment workers in third world countries.

I could go on and on, but I will close by saying that I have been honored and humbled by being a trustee. It has enriched my life.”

Story from a Classmate

Mountaineering, databases, and Elizabeth Hawley by Richard Salisbury.

Editor's Note: Several non-'66 graduates from Carleton are well known in the mountaineering world: Eric Simonson '77

(<http://www.mountainguides.com/simonson.shtml>), who led the 1999 expedition to the north side of Everest to investigate the disappearance in 1924 of **George Mallory and Andrew Irvine high on Everest** and Jimmy Chin '96 (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmy_Chin) who is best known for his photographs while crossing the Chang Tang Plateau in Tibet with Galen Rowell and others and his recent successful ascent of the Shark's Fin. A recently retired Professor of Anthropology at Carleton, **Jim Fisher**, the John W. Nason Professor of Asian Studies and Anthropology Emeritus, was a member of the first Peace Corps group to Nepal and is also known for his scholarship in Nepal.

Richard Salisbury has been involved as a mountaineer, leader of treks and climbs, and, in collaboration with Elizabeth Hawley, in assembling the history of climbing in the Himalayas. His story follows:

“I got into mountaineering in a very accidental way.

In late winter of 1978, I saw a small article in the *Ann Arbor News* about a slide show that was being given by a local couple who were doctoral students at the University of Michigan. They were organizing a trip to Everest base camp in Nepal that coming April and were looking for participants. That brought two thoughts to mind: (1) I wanted to do this, and (2) where were Everest base camp and Nepal?

That trip (to Everest base camp) started a long relationship for me with Nepal. The couple, Will and Joan Weber, after graduating started an adventure travel company (Journeys International) based in Ann Ar-

bor. They had both been volunteers in Nepal (Peace Corps and English language instruction).

I went on a second trip to Nepal in 1979 and then become further involved with the company as a trip leader for their more adventurous trips to some of the remote high-mountain passes (between 5400 and 6000m or 18,000 – 20,000 ft) which I scoped out and planned for them.

To facilitate leading the more adventurous trips, in 1980 I participated in a two-week-long mountaineering and rock-climbing course led by the former editor of *Off-Belay Magazine*. We nicknamed this the Gestapo School of Mountaineering. The GSM instructor's teaching philosophy was that if he could not thoroughly intimidate you off of the mountain, you might make a decent climber in the future. After a few days of this, a group of us caught on to his tactics and countered by taking turns screwing up in the morning so that he would blow off his steam early and be more amenable for the rest of the day.

My first high-pass adventure trip as a leader in 1982 went across the high passes in the Nepal Khumbu region from Tesi Laptsa, Cho La, and Amphu Laptsa and then out across Mera La (all 5400m+ passes). We also summited Island Peak (6000m) along the way.

In 1984 I joined with the Nepal Mountaineering Police for the first Everest Cleanup expedition. This gave me the opportunity to cross the notorious Khumbu Icefall (the scene of the recent Everest avalanche that killed 17 Sherpas and canceled the 2014 Everest season).

In 1986 and 1987 I led two high altitude traverses from Makalu base camp to Khumbu that crossed three 6000m passes, Sherpani Col, West Col and again Amphu Laptsa. In the first crossing we discovered two bodies buried in the snow below Sherpani Col that had disappeared from a Dutch expedition the previous October during a cyclonic storm that had come up from the Bay of Bengal. I will spare this article of the rather ghastly dead body photos.

In preparation for an upcoming expedition to Annapurna IV, I climbed Denali in June of 1990. On this trip I met Jim Fisher (a now-retired Carleton anthropology professor and an expert on Sherpa culture in Nepal).

The 1991 Annapurna expedition proceeded as planned although we did not get all that high due to an unusual amount of snowfall that spring. But as leader of the expedition I first met with Elizabeth Hawley, the noted mountaineering historian who came to interview me about the effort both before and after the climb.

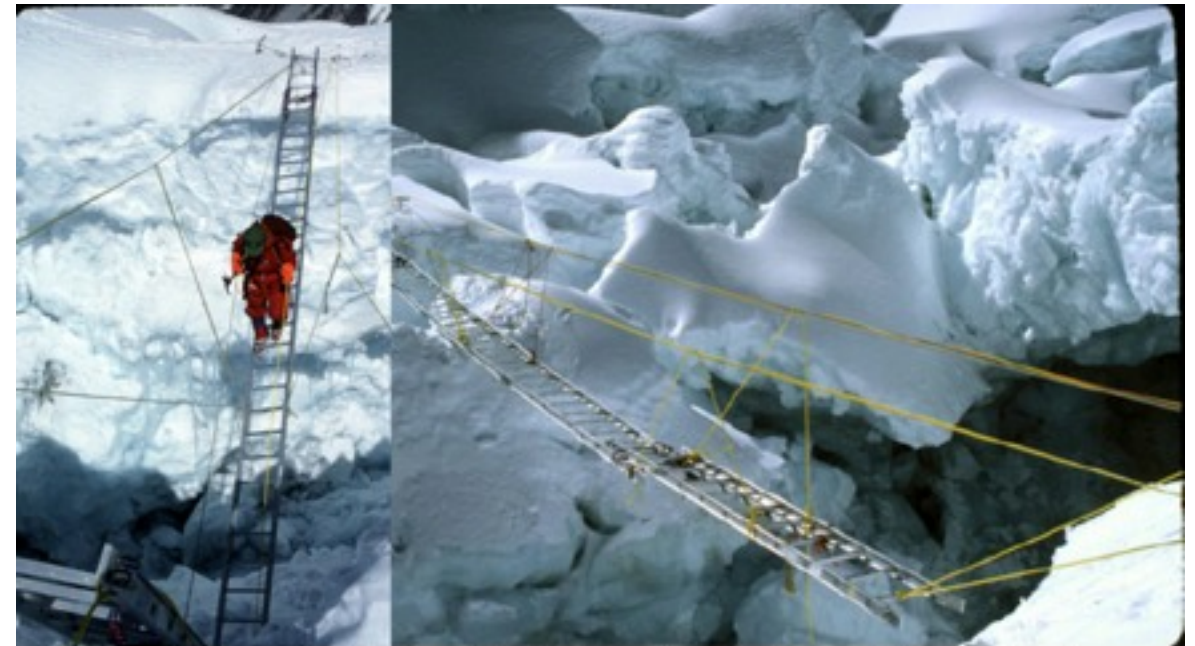
During the course of that interview I realized that she had an extensive collection of historical materials that could be organized into a database. She initially declined my offer saying that she already was working with a Nepali student to do this. But the following year she contacted me to inquire if I was still interested as her Nepali student had gone off to graduate school in Arkansas and probably would not return to Nepal.

So in 1992 we started the process of organizing and entering her data into a database. It took 12 years for a clerical assistant working half-time to enter and proofread all of her handwritten notes that were stored in over 30 file drawers. The work was finally completed in 2004 and published by the American Alpine Club as *The Himalayan Database* (www.himalayandatabase.com).

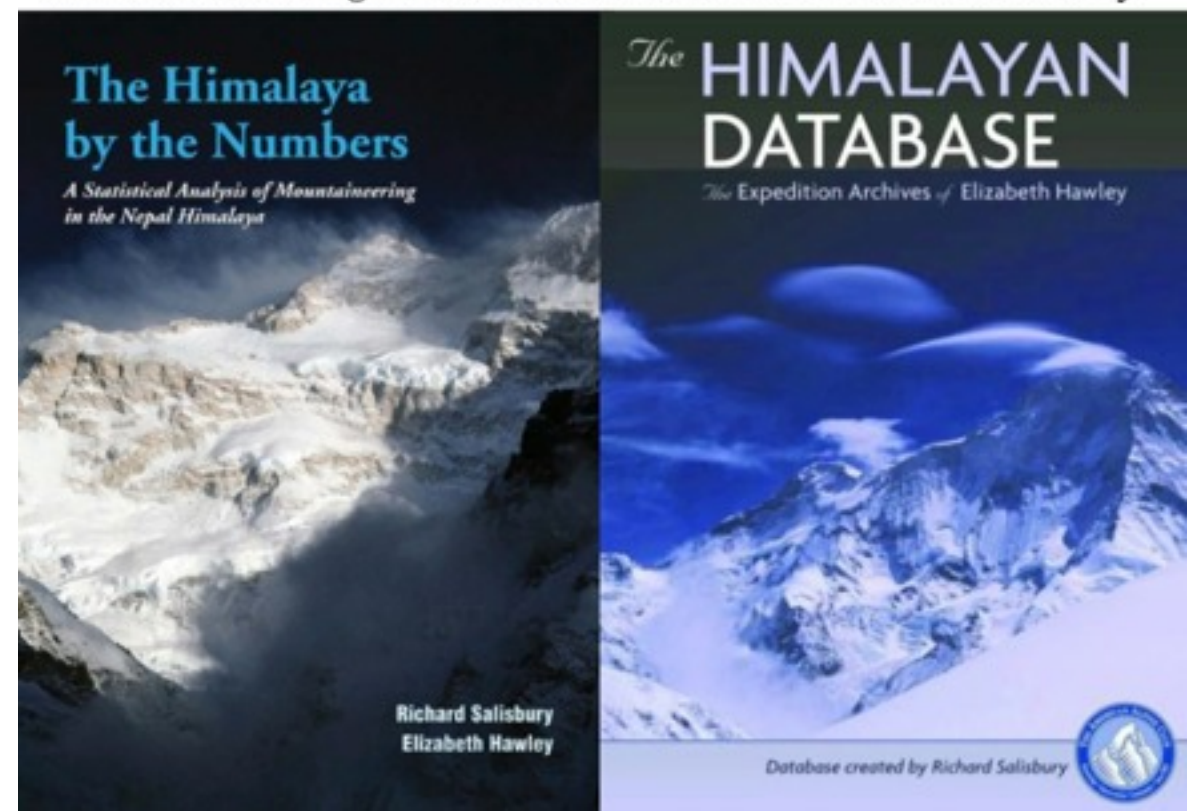
Since then Elizabeth continues to interview expedition teams and we issue updates to the database twice per year. This brings me to Kathmandu twice per year to work with her in organizing the new materials for the database. During these visits, I often meet up with Jim Fisher in Kathmandu when he is working on his Sherpa books.

Elizabeth is now 91 years old and will not continue much longer, so we are looking for a future home for the database, possibly the American Alpine Club if they are willing to become the host. Elizabeth has a team of assistants that help her meet the expeditions (about 400 per year)

and we will need to secure funding to help them continue on with her work.”
-- Richard Salisbury '66



Above pictures by Richard Salisbury; below two of the books/databases resulting from his collaboration with Elizabeth Hawley.



News from the Reunion Committee

In early January 2015, Marcy McGarraugh Andberg distributed a questionnaire to the 350 current members of the class of 1966--she received 137 responses and below is a summary of some of the responses.

- 85% preferred email to other forms of communication.
- 51% were quite sure or definitely planning to come to the reunion.
- The strongest reasons given for possibly attending the reunion were reconnecting with special friends (47%), program and gift plans (17%), and learning about Carleton today (15%).
- The following goals were identified for the newsletter: (1) who will be attending (70%), preview of events and speakers (72%), and list of programs and activities (63%). In addition, there were requests for biographical summaries and updates on what people are doing.
- There were a number of questions about the mechanics of the reunion and suggestions for programs, including adequate time for casual interaction.

In the previous issue, Eric Carlson wrote a letter indicating why one should consider attending the reunion and participating in the class gift. In the poem below, Bruce Hanna focuses on the reasons to reconnect, whether through attendance at the reunion, by providing input to the newsletter, or by completing one's story. He makes a compelling case.

Why Reconnect? by Bruce Hanna

*Before Carleton, most of us were
immersed in tradition: daily cultures
of family, neighborhood, city, place*

*Some may have felt drowned,
others parched — we became fond
of reading, thinking, knowing
Our main focus was self discovery*

*Carleton was intellectual Oz
New peers and professors
exposed our various ignorances*

*Challenged us to see mastery as survival
to rely on close friendship for solace
raging with hormones, ripe*

Self focus shifted to connecting

*Raw, untamed coming in... we left
as intellectual tugboats —
all power, ready for cargo*

*Culture said self discovery is done,
go to work (or war... Vietnam)
Our focus was to engage for 40+ years*

*We found our own ways, jobs, adventures
Coaxed our own children and employees;
dealt with the small losses, the big deaths*

*Perspective now trumps discovery
Now, we are the survivors
We are thankful for each new day, each other*

*Our days have been long.
Come gather round the circle,
Celebrate our common roots, friends...*

Statistics on those attending and those who have submitted their story.

30 entires to the story book: Bob Bingham, Wendy Boyden Wenner, Anne Bratton Fairbanks, Dotty Broom, Eric Carlson, Lawrie Cherniack, Bill Craig, Mimi Davisson, Joe DuBray, Karen Eckerman Laatsch, Mimi Garbisch Carlson, Paul Grawe, Betsy Hall Littell, Bruce Hanna, Joan Hildebrandt Higinbotham, Tom Hinckley, Mary Holmquist Saboe, Arch Hopkins, Posie Lane Anderson, Tom Merritt, Robert McFadden, Bonnie McNaughton Wheaton, Linda Nelson Blaisdell, Gail Nichols, Bob Owens, Arline Roller Hinckley, Clay Russell, Gelvin Stevenson, Sharon Tornes Merritt, Daniel Yalisove

Who's Coming to the Reunion: 103 have given a strong yes (the list can be found at this url:

<https://apps.carleton.edu/alumni/classes/1966/who/>).

Historical Photographs



Eric Carlson introduces Marvin Rotblatt with Rick Chap and Bob Greenberg on the sides.



Members of the Asian Studies Group

Current Photograph: Tom Merritt and Clay Russell visit with two of Carleton's current students. A video of their interview will soon be posted to the Reunion Web-site (<https://apps.carleton.edu/alumni/classes/1966/>).

