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Letter from the Editors

Hello, '11s!

Can you believe it's been four months since we were last together on campus?



Courtesy of Dartmouth, photo taken by Joseph Mehling '69

In this issue you will find submissions from many of your peers, who've spent this time in a variety of ways and places, from taking classes in Hanover to teaching in Baltimore to directing a play in Bosnia! We've included your favorite summer reading, a cheap, easy and delicious meal recipe, and information regarding class dues and giving to Dartmouth. We sent out a survey a month or so ago to solicit your input and inspire some nostalgia in anticipation of Homecoming weekend, and we'll continue to experiment with different ways to get your voices heard in the newsletter.

We hope that many of you are planning to be at Dartmouth during the upcoming Homecoming weekend! On the next page you will find a full schedule provided by Alumni Relations. Some highlights include: tours of the new '53 Commons (we hear they're trying to promote the moniker "Fitty Comm" ... and handing out plenty of meal coupons), the Young Alumni Tailgate, and of course, our very own Year 0 Reunion. For those of you who can't make it, your Executive Committee is working to bring Dartmouth to you! The first event was in New York City this past weekend, and the next will tentatively be in Boston on 11/11/11. And if you'd like to take the lead on organizing an event elsewhere, the EC can help you out.

We're always open to your feedback, and of course, your stories! So feel free to submit any news you'd like your classmates to know, and we'll try our best to feature it all. Between newsletters, be sure to stay abreast of the 2011-related happenings through our Facebook page, Twitter account, and LinkedIn group.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Dartmouth Homecoming Schedule



Courtesy of Nick Devonshire

'11s cheering on the Big Green against Columbia at the annual Homecoming football game in October 2007.

Friday, October 21

2 - 3:30pm: Lecture, "State of the Presidency in the Obama Age"

Location TBA

By Linda Fowler, Professor of Government Frank J. Reagan '09 Chair in Policy Studies

3 and 4pm: Tours of the Class of 1953 Commons*

3 - 6pm: Visit the Baker Bell Tower

4 - 5pm: Lecture, "New Chapter"
(Delivered at First-Year Orientation)

Location TBA

By Douglas Irwin, Robert E. Maxwell '23
Professor of Arts and Sciences

5pm: Dartmouth Night begins

5pm: Social Gathering for Students and Alumni
Alumni Gym Lawn

7:30pm: Dartmouth Parade
Lebanon and Main Streets

8pm: Dartmouth Night Ceremonies
Dartmouth Hall front lawn

8 - 10pm: Stargazing at Shattuck Observatory

**8:30 - 10pm: Bonfire
The Green**

8:30 - 10pm: Bonfire Gathering
Tent, Blunt Alumni Center lawn

8:45pm: 1769 Society Reception
Top of the Hop, Hopkins Center

Saturday, October 22

9 - 10am: Saturday Morning Playbook
Room 105, Dartmouth Hall
Harry Sheehy, Director of Athletics

9 and 11am: Steam Tunnel Tours*

10 - 11am: Lecture, "Foreign Policy Trade-offs in an Age of Austerity"

Room 105, Dartmouth Hall

By Daryl Press, Assoc. Prof. of Government

10 - 11:30am: "Changing Lanes,"
a Career Networking Event
Room 003, Rockefeller Center

**11am - 1:30pm: Young Alumni Tailgate
Tent, Alumni Gym West Lawn**

11:30am: Tour, Class of 1978 Life Sciences Ctr.*

11:30am: Traditions Tour (Hill Winds Society)
Meet in front of Blunt Alumni Center

11:30am - 1pm: Bartlett Tower Open Hours

12pm: Field Hockey vs. Columbia
Chase Astro Turf Field

1:30pm: Football vs. Columbia
Memorial Field

**3:30pm: Class of 2011 Year 0 Reunion
Tent, Alumni Gym west lawn**

4pm: Men's Soccer vs. Columbia
Burnham Field

4pm: Men's Hockey vs. Western Ontario
Thompson Arena

6pm: Women's Volleyball vs. Harvard
Leede Arena

7pm: Women's Soccer vs. Columbia
Burnham Field

*Register online for these events with Alumni Relations

Source: Alumni Relations

Welcome Back to Hanover!

by Katie Horner '11 and Mel Pastuck '11

Hello '11s! We are quickly approaching the first of many of our "Homecomings" as Dartmouth Alumni. As current residents in Hanover, we wanted to give you some thoughts about what to expect, and not to expect, now that you're coming back to the granite of New Hampshire as alums.

Hanover has certainly changed a lot already since we graduated a short four months ago. '53 Commons is up and running, the new Life Sciences building is finally open (all former Biology majors can celebrate with Mel as Gilman is replaced), and the Performing Arts Center is nearing completion. Blitz no longer exists (RIP) and we have calendars attached to our email now. Keep an eye on your inbox for a meeting invitation request for Homecoming Harbor. Need 6.

Now when we go out, we can't afford to drink irresponsibly (both financially and morally), but we certainly don't miss the hangovers. However, we now know all the waiters and bartenders in town by name, so say "Hi" to Liam and Dennis at Murphy's, Dan and Gavin at Salt Hill, or Daniel at Canoe next time you're "downtown."

We've also realized that there is actually a social scene in Hanover that does not consist of pong - who knew!? Although we occasionally get asked by our sorority sisters to crash meetings, or "Krash" in Horner's case, we politely decline because we've already made plans to try and beat the med school students and Tuckies at Pub Trivia every Wednesday. This has also led us to discover that most people who attend trivia are geniuses, but have no social skills whatsoever. So at least we've got that going for us...

In our "real world" jobs, our Dartmouth terms have lost their original meanings, and when they slip out in conversation, we are forced to explain ourselves. To most people, Facetime is something you do with an iPhone, not something achieved on "FFB" while "studying."



Courtesy of Dartmouth, photo taken by Martin Grant

Outside of college, 2am food deliveries are not a real thing. We need to be in bed by 11pm so we can function through the workday, not just stay awake until the end of our 10As. However, this Homecoming you can relive EBA's ranch glory - just don't expect to be able to get Foco nuggs and fries. You'd have to steal some poor freshman's "meal swipe" first, and then walk to the Hop, the only late night meal option, which closes at 11pm. Good thing we got out when we did.

One other thing we've discovered is that the real world essentially runs on caffeine. Every morning we make our own coffee, and we wind up needing our mid-afternoon pick-me-up at Dirt around 3pm. Mel had a nice conversation with John Huntsman's wife there last week. Clearly a social hub.

There are some things though that we dearly miss, like the constant influx of new music bombing our inbox. We guess we'll just have to wait to hear the chart topping hits like normal people by watching the top 10 downloaded list on iTunes. And yet there are definitely things about Dartmouth that we don't miss. Like reading period, or somehow having midterms every week. But we do however still pull all-nighters. Now

they're for presentations and projects due the next day instead of pointless exams. For the two of us, the upside is after 5pm our work is done, period (sorry banking slaves). In our free time we've found ourselves embarrassingly addicted to prime-time sitcoms because what else is there to do at 8pm on Thursday?

We also don't miss walks of shame in our formal shoes, tutus, and one-sies. But trust us, it's HILARIOUS to see on our way into work.

Upon your arrival to the basement you'll think to yourself, "How did I not projectile vomit from the smell every time I stepped foot in here?" You might know where they still stash the balls, but probably not the brother with the key to the beer. And yet there is one shining constant: Jack Stinson will always be there for us no matter what, - even if he did raise his prices.

So get ready '11s to remind Hanover that we're the best class ever. Come early, and stay late. We'll be waiting here for you with arms wide open. And no, you can't crash on our couches. Get a hotel room at 6 South Street and bill it to your company as a travel expense, like a real adult.

Spotlight on Post-Grad Life:

Your Executive Committee selected various members of Dartmouth's Class of 2011 to respond to a questionnaire, and we were appreciative of the time they put into their responses! Special thanks to the eleven Dartmouth '11s who participated in the questionnaire: **Nicholas Birasa** and **Christine Souffrant** from Washington D.C., **Andy Foust** from Virginia, **Jidi Gao** and **Otega Ogban** from Hanover, **Courtney Hammond** from Alaska, **Anna Levine** from Baltimore, **Katie Lindsay** and **Peter Sutoris** from the Marshall Islands, Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Kathleen Mayer** from Chicago, and **Alex Taylor** from Los Angeles. Note that the responses refer to experiences ranging from this summer through the month of September.

What are the biggest highlights of your experience for you?

Learning how to make my own way around a city even when I feel a little bit like I'm just play-acting at being a grown-up (I can buy flaming hot cheetos in the grocery store and my dad can't stop me!)

–**Kathleen Mayer**,
searching for a job in Chicago

BE students do not receive a meal plan, but I consider myself a pretty good cook. So even without a meal plan I have been able to cook a variety of foods and I'm enjoying it!

– **Otega Ogban**,
Bachelor of Engineering degree at
Thayer School of Engineering

Interviewing patients, giving out physicals, and doing other basic procedures. It's incredibly cool and surreal at the same time that I get to play doctor just one month into school. They are the things that reassure me that I've picked the right career path.

–**Jidi Gao**,
Student at Dartmouth Medical School

I went to the northernmost point of land in the US! I was able to take an ATV (with others, and a polar bear guard just to be safe) out to the end of the point to help out with an archaeology dig.

–**Courtney Hammond**,
Dartmouth Stefansson Fellow at
the Barrow Arctic Science
Consortium, Alaska



Courtesy of Courtney Hammond
Courtney Hammond chows down on a piece of Unalik, or freshly boiled bowhead whale blubber and skin. According to her, it was "actually quite tasty!"

I get to work with adorable, crazy little kids!

–**Anna Levine**,
Teach for America, Baltimore

What have been the hardest parts of adjusting to life since graduation?

The hardest part about adjusting to life since graduation is simply letting go of the college experience. Dartmouth is a unique place with special memorable experiences that can not be replicated anywhere else. So I'll admit, I tear up when I go through my college home videos and pictures.

–**Christine Souffrant**,
Retail Bank Analyst with M&T
Bank, Washington DC

As a fifth-year student I am beginning to feel my age a bit, especially when seeing the freshmen.

–**Otega Ogban**,
Bachelor of Engineering degree at
Thayer School of Engineering

No question, having to take care of all those mundane details of life which somebody else would have taken care of for me at Dartmouth. As in, paying the rent and utilities on-time, making dinner (ramen and I have become quite well acquainted over the past month), and, horror of horrors, cleaning the bathroom.

–**Andy Foust**,
M.A. Candidate in English,
University of Virginia

Not being a 10 minute walk from all of my best friends.

–**Katie Lindsay**,
Asst. Director for Youth Bridge
Global in Bosnia and Herzegovina

After so many years as a student and a not-yet-really-adult, it's hard to get used to the professional expectations of a real job. A lot of it is common sense, but I find myself agonizing over emails to my principal and deconstructing every conversation I have with my colleagues.

–**Anna Levine**,
Teach for America, Baltimore

Getting up for work every day, not being down the hall from my buddies.

–**Nicholas Birasa**,
Consultant with Booz Allen
Hamilton, Washington DC

A Closer Look at '11s at Work

What's a typical Wednesday like in your life right now?

A typical day on the show was very busy, for sure. We'd have a combination of vocal and choreography rehearsals for that week's individual number until noon in the hotel conference rooms, meeting with music and choreography staff. We'd maybe have a 3 hour rehearsal for the opening number on stage. Backstage, we'd spend downtime rehearsing songs, meeting with backstage camera people and producers for interviews or other extra video and photos, or relaxing with the other groups. We'd maybe meet for another individual rehearsal, finishing around 11 or 11:30 and hanging out for a bit before sleep and another long day. It was definitely an exhausting schedule, but we definitely enjoyed all the time singing.

–**Alex Taylor,**
spent the summer in Los Angeles
for NBC's *Sing-Off*

I'm unfortunately still jobless right now, so a Wednesday is sort of undifferentiated from other days in that I can do whatever I so choose on any day I'd like. There are near-infinite perks to not having a job, actually, except for that whole not-having-my-own-money thing. On a good Wednesday I'll wake up around noon (I'm just bein' honest), study for the LSAT, maybe send my resume to a few places, shower, take a walk, think about making a dentist's appointment, never make a dentist's appointment, cut my own hair, go pick up a case of beer, come home, watch a Braves game, play a little Trivial Pursuit and/or watch an episode of Dr. Who because I've become a huge nerd, and stay up late watching Hulu or Skyping with Dartmouth or Atlanta friends.

–**Kathleen Mayer,**
searching for a job in Chicago

Wake up around 7am and workout. Right now it is dark until about 9am, but we are losing 9 minutes of daylight a day. Bundle up and walk to work around 8:30am and grab some coffee! I usually spend the morning emailing or talking to researchers, local science organizations and teachers setting up field trips for students. Then after lunch I will try to get out and meet with people to interview for a project I am working on. Around 3 or 3:30 when students get out of school I pick up a group of 6-8 students from a class and take them on a field trip to a local site (such as the Barrow Environmental Observatory, NOAA, Search and Rescue, or random researchers stopping through). And then after 5pm I either go home and make dinner or go over to a friend's house (there isn't much to do in Barrow except talk to people!).

–**Courtney Hammond,**
Dartmouth Stefansson Fellow at
the Barrow Arctic Science
Consortium, Alaska

Any lessons from Dartmouth that influenced you in your current endeavors?

I think Dartmouth taught me to be less of a perfectionist and to leave time in my schedule to build relationships and have a little fun.

–**Anna Levine,**
Teach for America, Baltimore



Courtesy of Peter Sutoris

Nina Popovic spreads her wings as Ariel in William Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

Well, without a doubt I would say there is one lesson I've learned from Dartmouth which has helped me immeasurably: finding free food.

–**Andy Foust,**
M.A. Candidate in English,
University of Virginia

I was only able to admit that I wanted to pursue theater directing professionally at the encouragement and support of my friends at Dartmouth. I was able to try my hand at directing because the campus community is so supportive of student involvement.

–**Katie Lindsay,**
Asst. Director for Youth Bridge
Global in Bosnia and Herzegovina

I think the fast-paced, busy schedule of everything at Dartmouth helped teach me how to live in the moment and not get too stressed about things too far in the future, which has served me well so far since graduation.

–**Alex Taylor,**
spent the summer in Los Angeles
for NBC's *Sing-Off*

I suppose I honed my skill for listening to and understanding other people while at Dartmouth, and that's something I will always use in my everyday life.

–**Kathleen Mayer,**
searching for a job in Chicago



Courtesy of Peter Sutoris

Matej Vrebac and Antonio Sunjic as Antonio and Alonso in Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

I can't say 100% that I wouldn't be here doing this work if it hadn't been for Professor Virginia and taking that environmental studies class my junior spring.

–**Courtney Hammond,**
Dartmouth Stefansson Fellow at
the Barrow Arctic Science
Consortium, Alaska

Survey Says? The Results

We released a survey to prepare you for Homecoming 2011. Here's what you said!

OVERHEARDS

Greek Affiliation

'11 Kappa: Whole Foods is my new Collis. You can taste test everything and not pay a dime.

'11 Tri-Delt: I have to stop getting drunk and start getting married.

'11 Chi Gam: Getting hazed by '09s, waking up on random couches, eating grilled cheese from street vendors... San Francisco is like pledge term all over again.

'11 Beta: How stupid is this survey...

The Real World

'11 Alum: We get taxed!?!?

'11 Alum: You mean we have to pay for drinks now?

'11 Alum: No one goes out on a Wednesday.

'11 Alum: We don't get Internet, so Starbucks is our living room.

At Work

'11 Alum: There's a part of Conan's speech where he says "if you're a philosophy major, the only place you are now qualified to work is Ancient Greece."
Co-worker: To be fair, it probably has more jobs than modern Greece.

Female law student: South Carolina is like a military state, right?

'11 Alum: Brown's Career Services called. They want to know if we have any openings.

Boss: Tell them I only hire from the Ivies.

7th grader in science class (reaching for an eye dropper): Hey! Give me that Fallopian tube!

By non-'11s to '11s

Japanese co-worker (in Japan): Dartmouth... that college is in Massachusetts state, no?

Random person: You what? You looked it up in your notes? You kept your notes? From school? And you actually took notes in school that apply in real life? WHO DOES THAT?

'10 Alum: Ugh, your newsletter is so much better than ours. I wish I was an '11.

Words of Wisdom

'11 Alum: A real job is like finals... all the time.

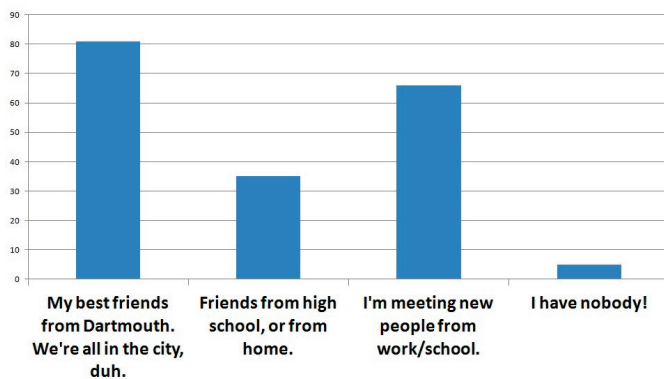
Guy at party: PBR is the worst beer ever!

'11 Alum: Uh, try Keystone.

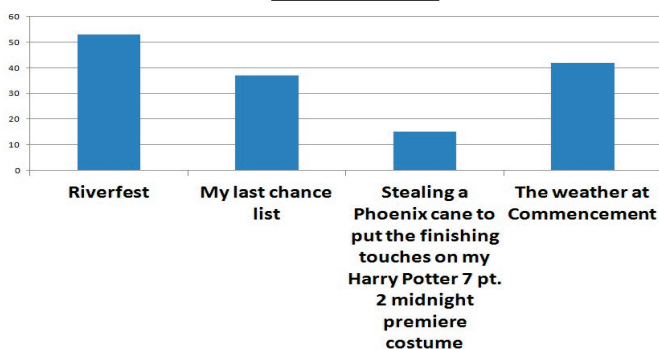
'11 Alum: What's Good Sam in the real world?

Another '11 Alum: 9-1-1.

Your Go-To Post-Dartmouth Buddies



If I could change one thing about Senior Week, it would be...



Other responses included: "all the crying," "taking more pictures," "more Dartmouth 7's," "less sleeping," and "getting my name pronounced right at Commencement."

When I come back to Hanover, the first place I will go is...

(countdown of popularity, with most popular choices in parentheses)

8. Academic building (Thayer, Fairchild, Dartmouth Hall)

7. The new FoCo

6. I still live in Hanover!

5. Baker-Berry (King Arthur cafe, Novack, Tower)

4. The Green

3. Collis

2. Somewhere in town (Molly's, Stinsons, Yama)

1. Greek house (AD, Sigma Delt, Sig Ep)

More Survey Results



Courtesy of Dartmouth, photo taken by Joseph Mehling '69

Summer Reading Favorites

(Mentioned by Multiple '11s)

Game of Thrones by George Martin

Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami

The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

The Emperor of All Maladies by Siddhartha Mukherjee

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

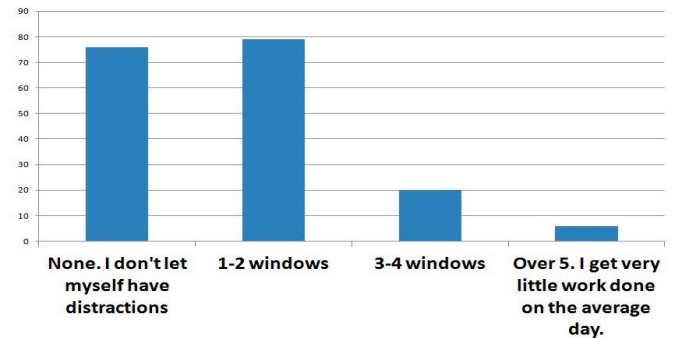
Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

Born to Run by Christopher McDougall

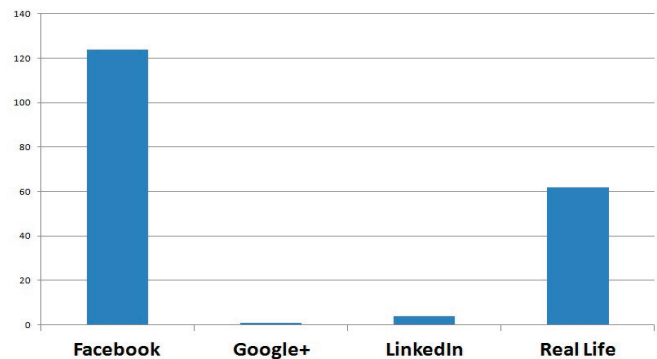
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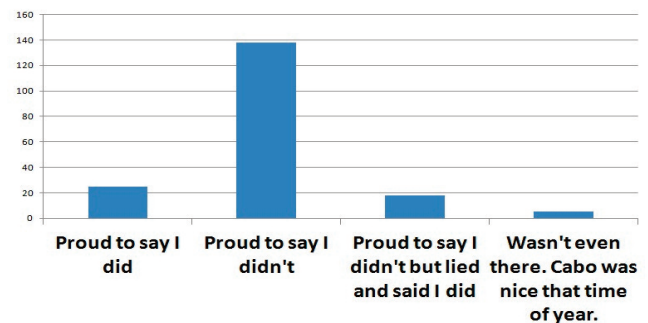
of Gchat Windows Open
on an Average Work Day



Network Used Most Often?



Did you run all 111 laps around the bonfire when
you were a freshman?



Top 5 most unrealistic requests received by your Dartmouth Executive Committee:

1. "Find me a soul-mate."
2. "Send me a plane ticket to Dartmouth once a month."
3. "Get Matt Stone to create a Dartmouth episode of South Park."
4. "Drop a bucket of money out of the sky at pre-determined areas with large numbers of Dartmouth '11s living nearby."
5. "Invent a time machine and bring us the hell back."



Courtesy of Dartmouth, photo taken by Joseph Mehling '69

Surrounded by pine boughs, the Class of 2011 gather for Class Day exercises in Leverone Field House on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

Looking for a way to give back to Dartmouth?

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your moment in the spotlight!

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