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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

We're pleased to send your way another Newsletter chock full of the amazing and varied exploits of the Class of '79! We start with a wonderful column from Prez Laurie accurately and touchingly chronicling the transitions many of us are undergoing as we face mid-life with kids leaving home. We're sure you'll enjoy the many notes from our classmates and the accompanying photos, plus the reports from our various officers. We also reprint the reports and photos from our five 79th Day mini-reunions held across the country. Finally, we include a Q&A session with the newest '79 Trustee, Peter Robinson, followed by a few comments by VP Bill Mitchell regarding the proposed new Alumni Council Constitution. And, of course, there's much, much more!

HOMECOMING MINI-REUNION, OCTOBER 13-14, 2006, by Phil Odenca, Mini-Reunion Chairman-for-Life (phil.odenca@alum.dartmouth.org)

OK. When was the last time you saw a bonfire? Alright, if you live in California, I understand, but come on New Englanders. You can blow off one weekend of kids' soccer for some good ol' Dartmouth stuff.

Friday the 13th: 7 pm (or so) line up for the Alumni Parade Followed by the Bonfire.
Saturday the 14th: Tailgate at 11 am, football at 12:30 pm, post game...something fun.
Details to follow.

MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

Dave Philhower (dave.philhower@yellowcorp.com): Life just keeps getting more complicated, when it's supposed to be getting simpler for folks our age. After coaching Jake's 7-year-old baseball and soccer teams last spring, then his soccer and football teams in the fall, we're about to start lacrosse clinics in preparation for his latest yearning. Just about the same time we sign up our twin 4 year old boys for their first soccer team. Anybody looking to unload a used minivan that gets great gas mileage?

I just finished conducting alumni interviews for local Dartmouth applicants. I was lucky enough to be assigned three terrific candidates, all from my high school alma mater. This is only the second year I've helped provide alumni interviews, but it's been so interesting and invigorating; I wish I had started years ago. I encourage all of you to donate just a few short hours of your time, tucked into your busy schedule wherever you can fit them, to help some incredibly talented young adults make one of the toughest decisions they'll ever make. Dartmouth College will certainly thank you, as there are never enough alumni volunteers to offer all candidates the opportunity to

interview. Your short conversation with them can make all the difference.

Joe Asch (JoeAsch@compuserve.com): Elizabeth and I are getting settled into Hanover after almost two years now. This is a great place to live, though there are one or two things about Paris that we miss. Our boy Henry (9) played goal this year for his Mites hockey team. Cheering on his friends and him when they won the Twin Valley tournament topped in intensity by a long way watching the Canadiens win the Stanley Cup every year that I was at the College (Take that! Bruins fans). Our little girl Tory (7) rides horses out at the Morton Farm and takes ballet classes in Lebanon, and we all enjoy the College life.

As I have done almost every summer since 1990, I am now able to audit a couple of undergrad courses each year. This term I am sitting in on Bill Cook's last English course before retirement. It is great fun to get to know professors and students. I continue to fully fund the Departmental Editing Program; regrettably, the Administration seems to have no interest in it. We have three former high school

BEYOND THE GREEN, by President Laurie Laidlaw Roulston (LaurieLRoulston@Eaton.com)

44.78 seconds. Our last high school athletic event was over in a flash; one short lap around the track at Jesse Owens Stadium in Columbus, as Stewart's 4 x 100 relay team ran their last race in the finals at the Ohio state track meet. I will always carry with me the memory of that last brief shining moment. No more watching high school football games on cold Ohio nights, no more rainy track meets, no more hot nights in the basketball gym. The next day, at his graduation, I watched his 13 years of school pass before me as the faculty marched by — Miss Beier, first grade; Mr. Hart, sixth grade; Dr Stacey, chemistry; Coach Walton, football. The following morning I called my husband at work. "How do you feel?" I asked. "Melancholy," he responded.

We are — I am — in transition. Whether you are a working mom, or a soccer mom, some significant changes take place when the last child graduates and leaves for college or whatever the next step is for them. It is not about a loss of control really, because we have been gradually giving that up since they began to tie their own shoes. It is about a fundamental change in our connection to them. No longer are they an integral part of our daily lives, and we of theirs. It is this connection that has been a driving force in our lives for a number of years. This fundamental change in connection creates a feeling of loss, and for me, some sense of loss of purpose.

And yet, just as nature abhors a vacuum, things begin to happen and others begin to connect with me in a way that begins to refresh that sense of purpose. A warm congratulatory note from Kim Henley, our class steward, arrives in my mail. An email from Phil Odenca in my inbox that reads "Dear Weenie Queen" makes me laugh at my desk. A phone call with Peggy Epstein Tanner on making our June 30 Class participation goals energizes me. The unmistakable voice of Bill Mitchell on my voice mail, a t-shirt arrives in the mail from George Stone — suddenly I feel very lucky and very good about these connections of mine, with their roots in the past, that still belong to me.

Dartmouth — such a powerful and defining force in my life from my late teens and into my twenties — never really went away. As I face the certain absence of those daily connections to my children that have been my focus for so many years, I can now fully appreciate the value of the connections that Dartmouth created for me so many years ago. I now realize that only an institution of the rarest kind could have created this lasting value for me.

My hope is that you will find the same. Warm regards, Laurie

English teachers working full time in the Art History, Religion and Math departments to help students with their writing—a real weakness these days. The only people who seem to understand and appreciate the Program's many benefits are the students and the faculty!

Barbara Ross (bwr79@bellsouth.net): Fond hellos from Florida. I just came home from a "Dartmouth Club of the Palm Beaches" reception for President and Susan Wright, cut short (for me) by mom responsibilities on a school night. Alas. But finding your newsletter was a nice cap to a Dartmouth-themed evening. (*Glad to hear it!*)

I continue to be a science writer for the state agency carrying out Everglades restoration. It's a fascinating, challenging, frustrating and enriching experience! I live and breathe in the space where public policy, environmental science, population growth, agriculture, politics and \$8 billion all come together. It's amazing stuff. "Down time" is pretty tame for me, though. My weekend highlights are usually laundry, bills and school projects. But this week I went to a spring training baseball game. Warm sun, cold beer and the crack of the bat. One of the treats of living in Florida! I'm now in my fourth year here.

Julie Weisman (julie@weismans.net): This is the first time I am writing in any news but I have had a lot of '79 activity this winter/spring: I had dinner with **Joe Neuhaus** and **Donna Gagliuso** and other Dartmouth/Russian related friends in NYC back in March. I got together with **Laura**

Weeks and her daughter Sara in Hanover. Sara and my daughter, Leah, will be D'10 classmates. (Leah joins her brother Dan, '08.) How cool is that? (*Pretty darn cool!*) I enjoyed seeing many of the local '79s for the 79th day of the year gathering. I also have the good fortune to run into **Dave Lurie, Ames and Joan Abbott** and every once in a while **Peter Roby** at high-school events.

Miriam Shire (mimmom1957@aol.com): Greetings! I thought I'd drop a note — a first in 27 years! (*Awesome!*) After 22 years of prosecuting bad and very bad guys at the Manhattan District Attorney's office—including just about every type of crime you can imagine—and some you'd wish you could not imagine—I have moved on to my next career. I am currently a United States Administrative Law Judge hearing disability cases. While no one makes TV shows based on this job, it has allowed me to get home in time for dinner with my lovely daughters, Simone (12) and Elise (10) for the first time! Husband Michael rarely makes it. I catch up with **Bob Charloner** and **Dan Dokos** quarterly over dinner and way too many drinks!

Gordy Daisley (Gordon.gwd3@wachoviafinet.com): Finally launched my private investment advisory practice, leaving Morgan Stanley on March 31. (*Congrats and best wishes!*) We are physically located in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area, and provide Generational Wealth Designs and Disciplines to families across the U.S. Not much else to share news wise. My namesake just graduated from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville,

CLASS AGENT REPORT, by Peggy Epstein Tanner (pegster5@optonline.net)

We had another record breaking year, and the College and your class officers thank you for your willingness to participate in the Fund. A heartfelt thank you to all of you who, once again or perhaps for the first time, generously supported the Fund. I apologize if during the final weeks you felt barraged by "loving reminders" to give. It was all in the name of a worthy cause!

For the year ended June 30, our classmates contributed \$826,492 from 634 donors! In this terrific effort, we increased our cash gifts by a whopping 20%, raised more money than any other non-reunion class, and had more donors than any other class (20% more!). Due to our amazing results, our Class won the "Class of 1953 Award" (greatest number of donors) and the John H. Davis '25 Trophy (most dollars raised); and, through a friendly competition with the Class of '74, inspired the '74s to obtain gifts from 130 additional classmates this year — a 30% increase for them! Although we did not reach our stretch participation goal of 70%, we still have a lot to be proud of with total participation of 65.9%. Congrats and thanks to all!

A few greatly deserved thank yous:

50 Class Agents, 15 Frat/Sorority Chairs and 17 Quick callers: We had a record number of volunteers this year helping in our efforts. Fifty classmates agreed to serve as class agents and over the course of the year contacted a handful of '79s to secure a pledge or gift. In the final weeks, 17 classmates agreed to man their phones and keyboards and convert pledges into gifts and focus on reconnecting with our LYBUNTS (those classmates who made a gift last year but unfortunately had not yet made one this year). We also had a friendly Fraternity/Sorority competition and, as of mid June, Sigma Kappa was in the lead with 92% participation. Huge thanks to our Class Agents, Fraternity/Sorority Leaders and Quick Callers. We could not have succeeded without their significant contributions:

Thayer Wendell Adams, Ken Beer, Mike Biondi, Laurie Branch, Doug Canning, Dave Celone, T.J. Crane, John Currier, Harry Dent, Judi Brier Donnelly, Steve Dorfman, Steve Dorvee, Tim Ehrsam, Jim Feuille, Carey Fiertz, Custis Spencer Glover, Gail Frawley Granowitz, Burr Gray, Harry Griffith, Peter Greulich, Louisa Guthrie, Kim Donovan Henley, Tim Higgins, Duff Horton, Mark Horton, Stephen Hufford, Deb Krieger Jennings, Don Keller, Otho Kerr, Mary Cleary Kiely, Dana Lanzillo, Neal Luppescu, Kent Mathewson, Mike McCarthy, Anne Vogt McCune, Bill McGee, Lizanne Galbreath Megrue, Billy Mitchell, Tom O'Neil, Phil Odence, Ellen Gomprecht Oppenheim, Ernie Parizeau, Dave Philhower, Ben Riley, Libby Roberts, Laura Robertson, Laurie Roulston, George Stone, Karen Straus, Mike Swarr, Puddie Hauge Sword, Steve Terrell, Mark Tomalonis, Jim Wasz, Julie Sudikoff Weisman, Jon P. Wendell, T. Weymouth, Nancy Wilder, Sam Winebaum, Mark Winkler, Ted Winterer, David Wolff, J. Hank Young, and Jon Zehner.

George Stone: Last year George agreed to Chair the five year lapsed group and the never givers. This was a new role within the DCF volunteer structure and now is being emulated by many other classes. Through George's galvanizing efforts, we have reconnected over the past two years with over 50 classmates. George has used creativity and perseverance to secure these gifts. Through his own personal generosity, George donated Starbucks gift cards to thank newly reconnected donors and supplied awesome t-shirts to some of his key worker bees.

Ken Beer: Despite the personal devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, Ken agreed to continue on in his role as Chair of our participation efforts. He showed his true '79 colors by staying with us and helping in our efforts despite lots of very serious distractions. We hope the 2006 hurricane season stays far away from New Orleans and that Ken and his family can have a quieter year.

Burr Gray: For the umpteenth year in a row, Burr agreed to organize and chair our Quick Callers. In the final weeks of June, this cadre of classmates helped to close our unpaid pledges and convert our LYBUNTS (those gave in '05, but not in '06) into givers.

Dave Philhower: Dave is the guy who gets the job done and he does it all. Dave keeps us motivated, on task and enthused. He is such an inspiration!

Laurie Laidlaw Roulston: Laurie, as our class President, I thank you for all of your support and leadership. You have made the DCF a priority for the class and all of us who have been a part of this year's effort, thank you for your guidance and concern.

Vicky Riley and Sarah Richard: Our incredible DCF Staffers. Thank you for the tireless work, your constant enthusiasm and your devotion to the Class of '79. We'd be lost without you.

I thank the Class of 1979 for being so responsive and generous. As Maya Angelou once said,

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.

I hope you all feel liberated, appreciated and loved. Happy Summer. Peggy

CLASS PROJECTS, by Vice-President Bill Mitchell (WHMitchell@viewpoint.com)

Wow! What a year for Class of 1979 Class Projects. We raised nearly \$7,000, principally through Dues Check off for the Dartmouth Partners in Community Service. This program, founded by the Class of 1959, has graciously accepted our participation and is now supported by nine classes. The participatory Class of 1979 started all this rolling as the second class to give more than \$5,000 to this program in a single year.

This year, DPCS sponsored the efforts of over 40 undergraduates in community service efforts throughout the United States. We had six classmates serve as mentors of the 40 students from San Francisco to New York, Cincinnati to Durango. We cannot meet all the deserving requests for support due to the program's limited funding, so you should never feel restrained to give more than the amount on the check-off request. We also could use more mentors and have a standing offer to fill another Board position if you would really like to get involved in a great Dartmouth partnership with students and communities. Please contact me if you are interested in being a Mentor, getting three months service from a student free for your local community service efforts (yep, FREE), or even becoming actively involved with the Board (worth the price of admission all by itself!).

We also increased the amount of money we provide to the DCAC Sponsors Program by over \$1,000 based on new contributors from our class. We wanted to support an initiative developed by **Buddy Teevens** to bring more qualified, economically-challenged students to campus so Dartmouth could increase the diversity on athletic teams generally. Because we were able to raise money from new individuals, the Class Officers agreed to have the Class treasury match our classmates' contributions. We will introduce the athletes whose trips we sponsored in September.

Please come to Homecoming — October 13-14. I promise to deliver both DPCS students and Sponsor Athletes for you and your family to meet. Honestly, we are honored by who they are and what we are helping develop for (dab your friggin' eye) society.

Congratulations to all of us are in order, since we are among the best contributors to College projects by a Class. We would still like more TIME in addition to FUNDS (so if you can't give time, give FUNDS). Please contact me if you would like to get more involved in helping or identifying a modest initiative which can be matched by the Class. Cheers.

and his sister, Claudia, just completed freshman year at UVa as well. Hope all is well with all the classmates.

Phil Odence: **Dave Van Wie** and I have been doing an annual fishing trip to the College Grant for the last 14 years. **Norm Richter** and **Billy Conway** are newcomers with only 10 years of tenure. **David Klinges** has joined us several times as well. The fifth musketeer in the attached picture is Bob Chamberlin, a grad school buddy of Guy's and mine.

I don't get a lot of boys' weekends myself, but from my experience, they are a good thing. (*Your editors agree!*) If you've not done the Grant thing, it's a pretty amazing College resource. Roughly 27,000 acres out in the middle of friggin' nowhere. 3 hours north of Hanover. 5 hours north of Boston. Miles from the nearest phone; no cell coverage. And, other than poopin' in an outhouse, the cabins are pretty darn comfortable.

The fishing is challenging and quite variable year to year, though we never get totally skunked. It almost always rains, and the last few years we've wrestled with too much water in the Dead Diamond and Swift



Bill Conway, Norm Richter, Dave Van Wie, Phil Odence and the non-Dartmouth guy in the middle lounging in a cabin at the College Grant

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER, by Treasurer Jim Boldt (jboldt@brittanystamping.com)

Just a quick note to say "thank you" to all of you who have paid your dues this year and a gentle reminder to the rest that it is never too late to get on board the dues bandwagon. As you know, your \$35 payment for Class of 1979 Dues funds the cost of your subscription to the Alumni Magazine along with underwriting the costs of creating/maintaining our excellent newsletter, mini-reunions, class directory and website.

Beyond dues, the dues notice we send out three times each year — but only once if you get your check in promptly! — offers you the opportunity to contribute additional funds to our Class Project: Dartmouth Partners in Community Service. In 2006, with more than 80% participation from our dues paying classmates, we were able to fund a \$6500 gift to DPCS in April. With dues and Class Project payments rolling in through the end of June, we will likely be able to "top up" this contribution north of \$7000. This gift enabled four undergraduates to initiate term-long community service programs, mentored by fellow 79's, in communities throughout the country. Our support of this program provides students a great chance to give back to their community while giving 79's a chance to support them financially and as mentors. [Read on for tales of service in this and future Class Newsletters.]

Our Class treasury's on-going solvency is attributable to the participation by so many of you in supporting the class; so thank you, and please continue your support. You will hear from me next in October when the first dues solicitation for fiscal 2007 goes out from the Alumni Affairs office.

Many thanks and have a great summer.

Diamonds Rivers. Last year Billy and Guy nearly bought the farm when they dumped their canoe. But splashing around on a river flipping flies in the last refuge of native Brooktrout in N.H. is about as good as it gets. And, we have a great time off the field as well, burnin' steaks, drinking beers too early, burning cigars to ward off the bugs, talking politics and dabbling with watercolors. The nights are quite and still, and when the clouds clear, the stars couldn't be brighter. Back here in civilization, I long for next June.

Carol Gieg: Hello! I feel like I've had a "min-reunion" of Dartmouth connections in the last month. No idea why, but several Dartmouth friends have recently popped into my life, much to my surprise and pleasure. My husband, Luis, and I spent a few days with **Eleanor Blais** and her lovely family in San Diego on my way to Mexico. Her son is on his way to Lake Forest and her daughter is a beautiful (inside and out) young woman! El switched from law to teaching calculus in a local high school (lucky students). Her husband Chris continues to teach law at USD.

I attended a conference on Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence and ran into **Laura Robertson**—a pediatric cardiologist at UCSF. She is becoming a "regular" in my life—as Laura enjoys the outdoors and is always ready for an adventure. We went hiking in the Oakland hills recently, and then stopped by my friend's house and heard all about his daughter's (13) heart surgery. Laura—in her usual modest way—said, "Oh, I think I read your daughter's cardiogram!" Nice to know!

Lastly, **Channing Lushbough** is on his way up for a second flight from Southern California into little ole' Santa Rosa for a visit in July. He recently acquired his certification to fly in "any weather." Channing's still my "gold standard" for "gentlemen." (*I thought that would be Walter Elliott!*) Happy Belated Father's Day to all you Dartmouth Dads!

Jim Schley (jschley@sover.net): I am the new director of The Frost Place, a museum and poetry center based at Robert Frost's homestead in Franconia, New Hampshire—with a spectacular view of Mt. Lafayette. The job involves curatorial work as well as teaching in and presiding over four conferences per year for writers and a year-round poets-in-the-schools program. Check us out at www.frostplace.org.

Editors: A very nice biography for Jim appears on the Frost Place website, including the following:

Schley has extensive experience in the fields of publishing, education and theater. He has been co-editor of the literary quarterly *New England Review* and editor-in-chief of the book publisher Chelsea Green, and he has worked as a teacher with Community College of Vermont, ElderHostel, and the Vermont Humanities Council. He has toured internationally with Bread & Puppet Theater of Glover, Vermont, and Les Montreurs d'Images of Geneva, Switzerland, performing often in recent years with FLOCK Dance Troupe. He is a member of the National Book Critics Circle and an associate of the journalists collective Homelands Research Group, and his writings have been published in books such as Garrison Keillor's *Good Poems* anthology and the chapbook *One Another* (Chapiteau, 1999), as well as in newspapers and magazines, including an essay in *Newsweek* about the experience of having two dozen part-time jobs in one year (*republished in our Newsletter*). Before accepting the Frost Place position, he was working as a senior editor and researcher at Leadership in Medicine, Inc. of White River Junction, Vermont.

Ernie Schmider, Jack Brennan '76 and Digger Donahue '73 had an impromptu Dartmouth College reunion on March 31st at Brown Brothers Harriman's Global Investment Conference in Beijing, China. Brennan, Chairman and

CEO of Vanguard, spoke at the conference along with Donahue, who is a Partner and Global Head of Investor Services at Brown Brothers Harriman. Ernie, who is the President of PIMCO Funds, was an honored guest (*pretty powerful company!*)

Dave Philhower (*Dave.Philhower@yellowcorp.com*) wrote to tell us that **Gary Simonds** is the Medical Director of the neurosurgical care team at the Carilon Medical Center in

Roanoke, Virginia. After Dartmouth, Gary attended Rutgers Medical School on an Army HPSP Scholarship, after which he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves. Gary did his neurosurgery residency at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Gary practiced in the Army until 1995 and has been in private practice since that time, first at the Geisinger Medical Clinic in central Pennsylvania, then at Carilon.

79TH DAY MINI-REUNION REPORTS

San Francisco: San Francisco's Pier 23 Cafe was the setting for the 2006 79th Day Celebration. The weather, dreadfully wet for most of the winter, cooperated and we had a nice sunny day for brunch outside on the waterfront. **Sue Felch, John Sotos, Ben Riley** and **Paul Krupka** shared stories of current events, kids and—of course—work. Sue is a mainstay at AMD, working to make computer chips smaller and better. John is doing research to help diagnose sleep apnea; luckily, it seems, he's not losing too much sleep doing so. Ben's litigating and settling and scooping up commish, all in the line of duty—slapping the corporate bad boys. (*Paul's words — not Ben's!*) Paul's working on land use and transportation improvements to give drivers options to leave their cars at home. We all played very nice together. It was fun!

Hanover: Excellent time had at the Hanover Mini-Reunion that started the season off with an end of season tailgate. **John Currier, Dr. Charlie Carr, Bruce McDowell** and **Dr. Lori Arviso** all gathered at **Boomer's** famous tailgate at the final game of the season — a big Dartmouth quarterfinal victory over Yale. We missed the likes of Joe and Kim Henley, Dave Costello, Denny Hughes, Bobby Grant and Coach Teevens who have all been at various games during the season, but we prevailed nonetheless. Boomer '80 and Chip Bettencourt '81 rounded out the characters in attendance.

Boston: The Boston crew did themselves proud, tallying 12 classmates, assorted spouses and one potential significant other adopted on site (sorry folks, what happens at the Watch Street Brewing Company stays there). In attendance were: **Ames Abbott, Phil Odenice, Libby Roberts, Walter Chick, Carol Bates (Kurtz),**



Ben Riley, Sue Felch, John Sotos and Paul Krupka on San Francisco's Pier 23



Bruce McDowell, Bill Mitchell, John Currier and Charlie Carr in Hanover

Karen Dale
(Thompson),
Bruce Nickelsen,
Judi Donnelly
(Brier), Dave
Schweizer, Eileen
Kain Szytko,
Sandy Pooler,
and Julie
Sudikoff
Weisman.



A large contingent of '79s celebrates at Watch Street Brewing Company in Boston

It was a festive St
Patty's day
celebration and
almost dead on
the 79th day of the
year. Eileen gets
Tommy points for
hauling all the way
in from Westford.
Phil and Libby
both flew back

early for the occasion from CA and FL respectively. Also, Dave and Phil both get stars for not getting their cars towed this year. Finally, Ames and Libby did a fantastic job coordinating and were unanimously elected to do it again next year.

Washington, D.C.: On March 23rd, eleven of DC's best met at the Gordon Biersch Brewery (no relation to Gordie himself). **T. Weymouth** successfully corralled **Da'aga Hill Bowman, Paul Centenari, Richard Conn** (who came with his better half, Juliana), **Bill Conway, Gordie Daisley, Tim Ehrsam, Tom French, Burr Gray** and **Barbara Murphy** for the Third Annual 79th day of the Year Party. For most of us, it was the third time celebrating this auspicious alumni event. Over a few pints of dark Irish barley, the conversation bungled in and out of politics with few insults and no real blood—deftly applying our Dartmouth-learned diplomatic thinking.

Speaking of diversity, six out of ten of this DC contingency are lawyers, which makes four more non-lawyers than in the typical Washingtonian social collection. Da'aga is working for a local non-profit involved in, among other worthy projects, outreach and educational support for local inner city high school students. Richard's law and consulting practice takes him to Russia frequently. A pure

American entrepreneur at heart, Bill has recently re-enlisted with a DC law firm; he's paying the bills while planning his next jump. Burr is an environmental lawyer with the National Guard; he helps to clean up their toxic waste sites but otherwise is not responsible for the Guard's recent shenanigans. Barbara and T. are partners at DC law firms, both specializing in international trade and often fighting with each other for clients and fees (it was nice to see them getting along for a change.)

For the non-lawyers, Gordie, who has spent his entire career in finance with large Wall Street firms, has made a big career decision recently. With three kids in private schools, he's starting his own firm. Tom is a successful architect with his own firm, making it difficult to call him "Turkey" any more. In addition to improving his golf game, Tim works for Oracle and referees college soccer games. Centa is still selling the best damn boxes in the world (or at least on the Eastern seaboard). Until next year.

Rhode Island: **Norm Richter** and **Lloyd Albert** stunned all other nationwide locations by assembling 17% of the entire D '79 Rhode Island population at Union Station Brewing in Providence. If not for the lack of photographic proof, these guys would have taken home the gold.

AN INTERVIEW WITH DARTMOUTH TRUSTEE PETER ROBINSON '79

Our classmate, Peter Robinson, lives and works right down the road from Jim and me as a Fellow at Stanford's prestigious Hoover Institution. As you may recall, Peter was a speech writer for President Reagan and also is an accomplished author. I was lucky enough to be in many history classes with Peter at Dartmouth, and have always been impressed by Peter's sharp analysis and intellect. And like all of our classmates, he's also a great guy. In

1983, I ran into him in DC, and the next day he gave my wife and me an amazing personal tour of the White House, including letting us peek into the Oval Office.

Last Spring, Peter was elected as a write-in candidate for Trustee. Peter kindly consented to be "interviewed" for our Newsletter, and so I dashed off some questions to him that were on my mind and I thought might be on yours. His

insightful responses follow. Thanks to Peter for his comments, and for his service to Dartmouth.

Ben: It seems as if prior to your election you weren't actively involved in our class or other volunteer activities on behalf of the College. Why do you think you were qualified to serve as a Trustee and could make a positive contribution to the College?

Peter: A fair question — and one that I asked T.J. Rodgers '70 when he urged me to consider putting myself forward for the board. T.J.'s reply? My position as an outsider represented a qualification in itself.

Only a small proportion of alums, after all, ever become class officers or volunteer their time for official class functions. The College needs them, Lord knows, and we all owe them a debt of thanks. But the College, like any organization, sometimes needs to reach outside the usual ranks.

I'd remained in touch with Dartmouth friends and classmates. I'd followed events in Hanover closely. And I'd spent a dozen years at the Hoover Institution, which is part of Stanford, learning the strengths and weaknesses of academia. All in all, T.J. argued, I'd be able to offer the College a fresh, informed perspective.

The argument struck me as persuasive. During the election, quite a number of our fellow alums agreed.

Ben: What do you say to those classmates who do not support the agenda of some of the more conservative-based alumni that appear to have nominated you?

Peter: Ben, my old friend, I'm unable to accept the premise of that question for even a moment. The issues at the College don't break down into disputes between liberals and conservatives. They just don't.

During the election, I promised that if I were elected I'd pay particular attention to three issues: ensuring freedom of speech on campus; reinvigorating the athletic program; and rededicating the College to excellence in undergraduate education. You might disagree with my stands; you might, for example, argue that Dartmouth *ought* to pattern itself on Yale or Harvard, making a forthright effort to become a university. I'd argue right back, of course — the College, I firmly believe, must remain just that, a college — and we'd be engaging in a sensible debate. But to call those three issues conservative? What sense would that make?

Consider Harvey Silverglate, one of the founders of FIRE, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. Harvey helped me grasp the dangers that political correctness can pose to freedom of speech. I'm a former Reagan speechwriter; Harvey serves on the board of the Massachusetts ACLU. But on freedom of speech, you couldn't have found a jot of difference between us. Likewise the hundreds of alums who signed my petition. They saw me as a candidate with certain positions

concerning the College, not as a political conservative.

Ben: What are your top goals as a trustee?

Peter: Lots of good stuff has already happened since T.J. Rodgers '70, Todd Zywicki '88, and I joined the board. The athletic program is already turning around. To his credit, President Wright has renovated Alumni Gymnasium, drawn up the plans for a new varsity house, and hired a new head football coach, our classmate **Buddy Teevens**. The Buddy effect is impossible to overstate, by the way. Buddy's enthusiasm is just incandescent. And — once again to his credit — President Wright has taken steps to clear up an ambiguous position on speech, giving several addresses in which he stressed the importance of truly free and unfettered expression.

What remains a top goal? Well, rededicating the College to excellence in undergraduate education — that represents a permanent struggle. The College needs to work constantly to identify its comparative advantages. Instead of becoming a second-rate Harvard or Yale, Dartmouth needs to learn how to embrace the strengths it derives from its own history, setting, and traditions. Dartmouth should become more distinctive, not less so. The College should strive, if I may put it this way, to become more and more like its own best self.

Take a look at the economics department. That group of faculty has it all figured out. They attract superb talent, they just love the kids — the economics professors are real *teachers* — and they produce marvelous scholarly work of their own. And they cherish Dartmouth College as a college.

Ben: Other than the standard volunteering and providing financial donations, what, in your opinion, can our classmates do to ensure a strong and vibrant Dartmouth for many years to come?

Peter: Vote against the new constitution. At the end of the summer, we'll all be asked to vote on a new constitution to govern alumni affairs. Alums will be hearing a lot about the document between now and then, and I'd urge our classmates to read the proposed constitution, then take time to consider the arguments on both sides. Very reluctantly, I myself have come to the conclusion that the document would do the College a great deal of harm.

There are a lot of things wrong with the proposed constitution — a document, by the way, that runs to more than 7,000 words, making it some 2,000 words longer than the U.S. Constitution plus the Bill of Rights — but perhaps the most important is that it would subvert the petition process for electing trustees. To quote Joe Malchow '08, a current Dartmouth undergrad:

"Potential petition trustee candidates [would] face the demand that they identify their intentions and submit all of their petitions before the Nominating Committee chooses its slate of candidates, a concept that ignores the truth of the petition provision, which is that it is a way for alumni to

react against irresponsible or ineffective leadership. It is not the medium of a 'petition party' which must always oppose the 'establishment party.' It is an in-case-of-emergency option which by its very nature is reactive."

Opposition to the constitution is already growing — and bipartisan. In May, Andrew Seal '07, editor of the *Dartmouth Free Press*, the liberal student newspaper, joined Dan Linsalata '07, editor of the *Dartmouth Review*, the conservative student newspaper, in a statement entitled "United Against the Constitution."

"The problems with the constitution," Seal and Linsalata wrote, "are real and obvious; so much so that...[we] — two people who would find little common ground otherwise — can plainly see that the...proposal is a slap in the face to open democracy and makes a mockery of the spirit of dissent and free speech...."

More than a century old, the present alumni constitution has served us very well, providing us with a petition

process unique among the country's institutions of higher learning — an option that encourages free and searching debate, permitting alumni to participate directly in the life of the College. In a couple of places, the current constitution could use some updating. But all that's needed are three or four amendments of a sentence or two apiece. We should cherish our present constitution — not replace it with a long, complicated and undemocratic new document.

But again, I'd urge everyone to read the arguments on both sides, then make up his or her own mind. The statement by Andrew Seal '07 and Dan Linsalata '07 appears here: <http://www.thedartmouth.com/article.php?aid=2006053102010>. You'll find the essay by Joe Malchow '08 here: <http://www.dartblog.com/data/005328.html>. And you'll find the proposed constitution here: <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/association/Apr14ProposedConstitution.pdf>. And you'll find arguments in favor of the proposed constitution here: <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/agtask.html>.

Editors: Given Peter raises the important point of the Alumni Council Constitution we will all be asked to vote on in September, we asked Bill Mitchell, who has served on the Council, to offer the following short statement of why he supports the new Constitution.

COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW ALUMNI COUNCIL CONSTITUTION (by VP Bill Mitchell, WHMitchell@viewpoint.com)

We alums have gotten to the point where we are having an "all media" vote in September on a new Constitution to govern us going forward. The new Constitutional proposals, the second in four years, attempt to change the following significant issues:

- The Alumni Association and Alumni Council are consolidated eliminating any confusion about who is responsible for what. One funnel for action.
- Every Class gets representation. Currently we share a rep with the 80's. It works, but sadly, and shame on me, I see the guy at meetings but I can't remember his name now. Would I say that about Dirty Ed, Reems, or Custis?
- "Running" for office is made much simpler and easier. If you want to participate, it is no longer through the Alumni Council's Nominating Committee, but by a simple and very modest petition process.
- The Trustee nomination process is changed, which is probably the most contentious aspect of the new Constitution. Trees will be used to debate this modification, so if you are curious you should read the fine print. I won't waste space here to discuss it.

I began a term on the DAC in 2002, and have seen this process move through its two iterations. I am now on the College Relations Group, elected to that group by the DAC last spring (fools). Like marriage, or any reasonable agreement, the proposed Constitution has been drafted through compromise, and I think it is safe to say that many parties involved in the detailed evaluation of the proposal are disappointed with the end result. *I always say if everybody finds something wrong with the final proposal, it is perfect.* I will, like all 96 Dartmouth Alumni Council Members from different Classes/Colors/Sexes/Creeds, vote to approve this new Constitution.

Wanna hear what I hate, call or email me. Wanna hear what Peter Robinson (I voted for him for Trustee) thinks, call/email him. We may disagree on how to vote for this change, but we agree that an active informed vote is one of the actions that distinguishes our Class.

COMMON GOOD BANK

BY WILLIAM SPADEMAN

The following is an excerpt of an article, written by classmate William Spademan (wspademan@s2be.org) for *The People's Voice*.

The Accidental Banker: *As Gregor awoke one morning from uneasy dreams, he found himself transformed into a gigantic cockroach.* — Kafka

I never wanted to be a banker. I have always found the financial world vulgar and repulsive. "Oh my God," says my wife, "I'm married to a banker." However, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with banks. As financial intermediaries, they serve a useful purpose in society. Moreover, as I discovered to my surprised relief, starting a bank can be fun.

Our bank is called "Common Good Bank." Its main office will be in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. In some ways, it will be just like any other community bank: offering home mortgages, small business loans, car loans, savings and checking accounts, CDs, merchant accounts, credit cards, ATM cards and investment opportunities.

But Common Good Bank is not your usual bank. Its mission is to advance the common good of its members, the wider community and the planet. By "Common Good," we mean peace and justice, a healthy planet, and the well-being of each and every individual person. The bank's profits will go to the community. Members will guide the bank's spending and lending priorities using an innovative combination of democratic systems.

Inspiration: *Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.* — Goethe

One day, feeling inspired, I set out to design a cure for the world's ills. Not a new government exactly, but a seed for a new society. A seed rooted in and growing within the current society. A stable, fast-growing seed that could have a good chance of leading to the world of our dreams within one generation.

It was an impossible task, of course — except in my dreams. But Goethe said begin it, so what the heck, I gave it a shot. As a software engineer for 30 years, I am used to designing impossibly complex abstract machines for social and economic purposes. I am just smart enough to know, beyond a doubt, that I am too ignorant, too biased, too clumsy and too stupid to get it right. That's how it nearly *always* is with engineering. You design something ugly and lifeless, then tinker it up, as a team, until it is beautiful and works. This design of a seed for an ideal society clearly would need a whole lot of tinkering, so it had to be self-adjusting.

Alpha Testing: As expected, the initial design was very rough, but it was good enough to begin. I sent it out by email and talked it up. Dozens of people read the plan or discussed particular problems and contributed their

suggestions, criticisms and questions. The seed got polished a bit.

In November, 2003, we "planted" the seed here in Ashfield as the "Society to Benefit Everyone" (S2BE) and tested it for a year, keeping it small, so as not to alienate too many people with our mistakes. At first we pursued all parts of the design at once: health care, car-sharing, tool cooperatives, etc. etc. It was way too much. We decided to focus on only the most basic infrastructure: economics, governance and dedication to the common good. We would trust in the wisdom of the people to invent the rest later.

About fifty individuals, including thirty business owners, signed up to participate. Everyone made an initial deposit and received a cute S2BE checkbook with checks printed on my laser printer. Checks were accepted only by member merchants. Merchants agreed to contribute a small percentage of each transaction as a rebate, to be split between the customer and the community. I acted as the bank and wrote software to manage the transactions and our complex system of direct democracy with revocable proxies. It was a formalized local currency, with voluntary taxation. Members decided how the "taxes" were spent, initially to help those in need in our community. It sort of worked. We had in fact created an alternative economic system and government dedicated to serving the common good. But it was too confusing and too disconnected from the real world and there was too much paperwork.

A Real Bank: *When we are dreaming alone it is only a dream. When we are dreaming together it is the beginning of reality.* — Helder Camara.

In January, 2005, we decided to reorganize as a Savings Bank (a real one). This would eliminate the problems of our informal system and increase dramatically the immediate benefits to individuals, local businesses and the community. Once we decided to go real, all sorts of people got excited about the idea.

That's when I started studying microeconomics, risk-management, real-estate investment, automated check-processing technology, and bank management. I did feel a little like a gigantic insect for a few days. But it was fun. Drafting an elegant business plan, with help from experts all over the United States, we prepared to give birth to the Common Good Bank.

A Bank to Benefit Everyone: As the plan developed, we discovered more and more potential benefits for everyone. Based on initial survey results, our annual financial benefit to the community is projected to be as much as \$120,000 by the end of the third year. This could be extra funding for

education, social services, the arts, economic development, or food pantries.

Benefits to individuals will include better rates on deposits, better rates on loans, lower fees, affordable stock options with a planned return of prime minus 1.5% (currently about 5%), rebates from local merchants (typically 5 or 10 percent), and a local credit card for purchases and cash withdrawals in every nearby town. Benefits to local businesses will include a focus on small business lending, incentives to buy local, funding for economic development, negotiable credit lines, 24/7 advertising, and local credit cards with no fees and immediate deposit to the merchant's account, processed by touch-tone phone.

Timetable: We plan to open the Common Good Bank in

April 2007, with 1300 founding members. Anyone anywhere can join. You can sign up today by visiting commongoodbank.com (or call me).

As a financial infrastructure generating funds to benefit the community, with spending and lending priorities decided by direct democracy to serve the common good, the bank is in effect a seed for a truly democratic society — a model that could easily be emulated in other communities. The bank is designed for rapid growth, in the hope and expectation that within our generation, these Common Good Banks, together with the myriad other worthwhile organizations and social change efforts, will succeed in creating a global network of truly democratic local societies, all serving the common good of the Earth and its people. I hope you will join us.



Dartmouth's Celebration of 100 years of Dartmouth Hockey honored the '78-'79 team that won the Ivy title and made it to the NCAA Frozen Four. That team included classmates Mark Culhane, Bob Grant, Steve Higgins, Denny Hughes, Mark Miles, Ric Racic, Bob Richards, Chris Sosnowski, Buddy Teevens, and Joey Tomlak, all of whom got a chance to play in two Frozen Fours.

IN MEMORIUM

Christopher Doran Daniels collapsed while skiing with his children and died in the hospital of heart failure on March 12, 2006 in Duluth, Minnesota. At Dartmouth, he belonged to Bones Gate and graduated with High Distinction in Government. His Dartmouth experience deepened his love for music, mountains, Monty Python and multiple modes of merriment. He skied the Sage Stairway Slalom. In 1984, he graduated from University of Wisconsin Law School, married, and put down deep roots in Madison. A Partner with DeWitt, Ross & Stevens, Chris loved nature, hiking and skiing with his children, family and friends. He took joy in the family cabin built by his grandfather, father and uncle in Door County, Wisconsin. An accomplished, long-time Madison Curling Club member, he celebrated the sport's camaraderie and newfound popularity. Chris was long active in Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; and children, Marianna, Owen, and Alaina.

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