



CLASS OF '79 NEWSLETTER

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'79 Mini-Reunion in Hanover at 30th Anniversary Celebration of 1978 Ivy Championship Football Team

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

Welcome to another Class of 1979 Newsletter! We report on a wonderful panoply of happenings about our classmates in this issue, which we're sure you're going to enjoy. First, a reminder (as if you need it!) that our 30th reunion is now only eight months away! Mark those calendars and buy those airline tickets for your pilgrimage to Hanover on June 18-21, 2009. Read more about our reunion in the column by Reunion Chair **Jim Wasz**. Also big news from our Webmaster **Walter Chick** that our all-newly designed website is up and running and ready for your reunion RSVP!

In addition to our customarily great class officer columns and wonderful notes and photos from the class, **Kathryn Fraser** writes about her new book on Iraq and President Bush, and there's a terrific story about a Geology and teaching award presented to **Carol Frost**. Next, our own **Polly Ingraham** was recently featured on National Public Radio on her views of what it means to be a "Hockey Mom;" we reprint Polly's piece below. Stunning! Finally, we offer a special feature on **John Wetenhall**, who serves as the Executive Director of the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida. Since his appointment in 2001, John has overseen a massive \$150 million renovation, with spectacular results.

So read on about the ever-inspiring Class of 1979 and make your plans for our 30th reunion in June 2009!

MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

MJ Erickson-Eger (humafish5@earthlink.net): Still living in Colorado and working as a school psychologist at the elementary level. Thus far have successfully evaded a return of the breast cancer beast, which consumed much of the last couple of years. Remission is truly a great and blessed place to be! My message: be vigilant about your health, hug those you love often, and remember that life is shorter than you expect. (*Wonderful news and advice!*) Cheers from the Centennial State.

Carol Gieg (carolgieg@sbcglobal.net): Hello all. How great it was to read the Class of '79 Newsletter. Thanks especially to **Josh** for reminding us of all the “many layers” of the onion—that we are all at the “core” more similar than different, regardless of color, race or S.E.S. And to **Jeff** for demonstrating a strength—in time of tragedy—which underscores that “common core” which links us one to another. For, when it comes right down to it, what is more important than our relationships, our families (in whatever form), our demonstration and expression of love? Jeff blessed us all with Sharon’s legacy—of valuing kindness, doing for others, loving deeply and taking care of those we know and those we don’t, before ourselves. Thanks for bringing us to bedrock, what lies beneath our layers. Most of us—being human—are quite involved, caught up in, our own lives—and those most important to us. Nothing wrong with that. Until tragedy strikes, pulls us back to bedrock, slipping and sliding on the way, wondering if we’ll ever make it, wondering “what’s the point?” Some “get it” before tragedy. Bless them—for modeling the potential within each of us—Sharon. But, I think, here in our 50th year (+), perhaps we would be closer, in any event, to recognizing others—and, in them (without knowing it), ourselves...

Etta Pisano Kylstra: Our daughter, Carolyn, graduated from Dartmouth with the class of 2008. We visited Hanover with our other three kids and lots of extended family for the

graduation. We had breakfast with the other '08 parents, including **Mark Winkler** and **Custis Spencer Glover**, both '79s. It was fun catching up after 29 years! Our 2nd child, Jimmy, is a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill. He’s an aspiring composer. We still have two at home—Schuyler, a high school senior, and Maryke, a freshman. All are welcome to visit. Carolyn, our Dartmouth grad, is working for *Men’s Health* magazine in Emmaus, Pa.

Margo Squire (margosquire@usa.net): Thought it was time to catch up. I’ve recently moved back to DC from Turkey and am now heading the Policy Leadership Division at the Foreign Service Institute. It is a great place to be right now. I left my husband in Turkey until his replacement arrives (I hope soon), and settled our two sons into their junior and senior years in high school. We visited Dartmouth this summer as part of the college search process and were wowed by the new structures and especially the Dickey Center for International Understanding. Wish we’d had that in our day! Hope to catch up with you and other friends at reunion.

Michele Barber Chimene (michelec@airmail.net): Successfully recovering from a long illness and back to working as an attorney part-time. Divorced in '01 and enjoying being part of my children’s lives. Gabrielle is now a sophomore in college, studying to be a math teacher, and Zac is a junior in high school, balancing school and work as a football trainer. Even Coby is getting older; he’s ten and smart as a whip. Very good for helping with crossword puzzles.

Mark Winkler (mwinkler@marthastewart.com): We had a bootleg '79 mini-reunion up in Hanover on Saturday morning of graduation weekend with '79 parents who had children graduating in '08. Seven of us got a photo taken in front of the Hanover Inn by a college photographer with

Holly Grainger (Nathaniel), **Mark Winkler** (Emily), **Etta Kylstra** (Carolyn), **Jan Kylstra** (Carolyn), **Custis Glover** (Amelia), **Julie Weisman** (Daniel) and **Rich Pircon** (John). **Elizabeth Deming Dauten**, whose daughter Amanda also graduated with the '08's, arrived just minutes after the photo had been taken. Right after the Sunday ceremony, I ran into **Jim Boldt** and his graduate Katherine. Also, **Libby Roberts** had a niece who graduated as an '08; she was reported to be in town, but our paths did not cross.



'79s at 2008 Graduation: Holly Grainger, Mark Winkler, Etta Pisano Kylstra, Custis Spencer Glover, Julie Weisman and Rich Pircon.

RETURN OF THE DARTMOUTH '79S: A TOP-TIER 30TH! (By Reunion Chair Jim Wasz (jwasz1979@aol.com) and Communications Chair Carol Anderson Shaw (cashaw1@comcast.net))

Vox clamantis, prepare to come to your 30th reunion! June 18th-21st, 2009.

Tired of punching the clock, cleaning your kitchen, making small talk with your automotive repairman? Step out of your everyday life and transport yourself back to campus with your Dartmouth classmates!

Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Climb Mt Moosilauke again, or stroll across the Green and rock on the porch of the Hanover Inn. Return to the Baker stacks, revisit your favorite classroom, lab, or study hall. Search for your Hinman box in the Hop. Find your old dorm, your frat, your playing field, your pool, your balcony, your studio, your stage, your stairway, your window, your trail. Dive into the Connecticut.

Enjoy dinners, picnics and games of skill, strength and verbosity with your classmates. Explore the delights of alumni shopping. Find intellectual stimulation at panel events, seek spiritual peace at our class memorial service. Circle Occum Pond. Escape to the Bema. Dance in the moonlight, stay up all night talking with a friend. Laugh til you cry over a beer at the tent.

These are just a few of the possibilities. For more information, you can now visit our fabulous new class website at www.dartmouth.org/classes/79. We hope you will **RSVP** "yes" and tell your favorite roomies and long lost friends to sign up online, too. (Marshall Fazzone, where are you?) We also welcome your participation in the fun of planning and running the reunion, so if you'd like to help, please contact our reunion chair Jim Wasz at jwasz1979@aol.com or any of the other committee veeps and peeps (go to the website and click on 30th Reunion to find our contact info).

Not that we think we're outstanding or anything, but in traditional class of '79 fashion, we plan to break all the records set at past reunions. Can't wait to see you there!

George Stone: Charlie Hatton, David Thomsson, Chris Whitney and I have maintained a 20-year tradition of taking five day adventure "Dangerboy" trips each fall to stay in touch. This year featured a physically challenging mountain bike ride in remote Southeastern Utah in Canyonlands National Park. Great tradition, fellowship and scenery. (George, where are the pics?).

Liz Procter-Gray (lizgray79@hotmail.com): Husband Wayne Gray '77 and I have had an eventful summer. We celebrated three graduations in May: daughter, Erika, from Eastern University; son, Ron, from Saint John's High School; and I with an MPH degree from U. Mass. (I waited an awfully long time for that job in behavioral ecology that never came!) I love my new job doing statistical analysis

Doug Rice (dougrice1@aol.com):

My wife of 29 years, Karen, and I live outside Washington DC with our two sons (Andrew-15 and Matthew-14). I am a partner in a computer consulting firm where I typically run projects for our commercial clients. My wife is a professional singer and substitute teacher for the Fairfax County schools. I play a lot of tennis, especially now that I qualify as a senior, and don't have to beat someone 25 years younger than I am. Attached is a family photo from this summer.



Doug Rice and family

for medical research projects at U.Mass. Med. Center in Worcester. Wayne is chair of the Economics Dept. at Clark U.

Then in July Erika married junior-high-summer-camp-sweetheart Greg Walton, settled in the Portland, Maine area ("back home" to me), and began a career as an actuary with Unum. I also hit the big 5-0, but fortunately that was mostly lost in the hubbub. Finally, in August we became empty-nesters as Ron began college at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. I think he plans to major in surfing and socializing, with perhaps a little international business thrown in. We enjoy the Malibu sunshine from afar. Life is good!

Henry Hunnefeld (HJHunnefeld@miamigov.com): My wife Angelika and I have a little boy, Henry, who will be four in January. He is surrounded by languages so he can jump from English to Spanish to Portuguese without hesitation. (He doesn't get that from me.) Henry is trying to learn French during trips to Disney by watching Muzzy DVDs. He's a wonderful little boy and reaching a great age.

The real news is that we have twin girls due in early

October. We could not be happier. It does make me think, however, whenever I hear about fellow '79s taking their children to start college (or going to their graduations!). Haley and Allison would be in the class of '31. Since it seems like I will be working into my 70's, I should give an update on work as well. I am the Litigation Division Chief at Office of the City Attorney for the City of Miami. I try civil rights lawsuits and significant contract, general government or tort suits for the City. We just received big news that we won a case I tried last month concerning three billion dollars in contracts between the City, various governmental entities and the Florida Marlins to develop parts of Miami. The media has focused on the stadium for the Marlins, but also potentially at stake are a port tunnel, museum park and funding for our Performing Arts Center. Ultimately, the case is likely to be resolved in the Florida Supreme Court.

I spoke to **John Bosco** about going to the reunion, but I am not sure whether the twins and work will let me. There are a lot of people I'd like to see.

David "Guy" Van Wie (dvanwie@maine.rr.com): Big changes in the Van Wie-Bascomb household. Newly-

CLASS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE! (By Walter Chick, Class Webmaster (Walter_Chick@Intuit.com):

*Somebody once asked could you spare some change for gas
I need to get myself away from this place
I said yep what a concept
I could use a little fuel myself
And we could all use a little change*

(Lyrics from the 1999 pop hit "All Star" by Smash Mouth)

Being a parent has exposed me to some aspects of life that I would not likely have otherwise experienced. For example, after years of not really liking dogs, I was finally talked into getting a wonderful big black standard poodle six years ago by my younger son Eric. Another part of life that Eric introduced me to was reality TV, and in particular, makeover shows. You know, the ones where they take a person, a house, a car, or whatever and transform it into something allegedly wonderful and new before your very eyes. Now beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and not all of the changes I have seen on those shows impress me. But I have never been much of a makeover guy myself, which is probably why I inevitably find myself sitting down next to my son and watching that sort of stuff. Nope, I'm the kind of person who bonds with a shirt for years and mourns its loss after my wife finally convinces me to consign it to the rag bag.

So it's probably not surprising that the class website's "look and feel" did not change in the first four years of my tenure as class webmaster. Fortunately some of the other class officers, Laurie and Mark in particular, had a better eye for change and decided the site could use a redesign, particularly with our 30th reunion approaching. Their vision was contagious, and eventually with the help of a great web consultant that Laurie got me in touch with, a team of us found ourselves collaborating on the new design that you now see at <http://dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. The process was a lot of fun and we hope you enjoy the results, both the new look and some of the new features such as electronic green cards. Another feature we'd like all of you to try out is the R.S.V.P. link where you can let everybody know you will be coming to the 30th reunion.

Let me encourage all of you to visit the new web site and at least R.S.V.P. for the reunion and check out who else is attending. Let me know if you have any comments, corrections, or suggestions. And if any of you are interested in getting involved with future changes to the site, just let me know. Not only could we all use a little change, but I imagine if you're like me you could also use a little help!

minted empty-nesters, we are. Just sent daughter Rosa to Hanover, where she survived her Freshman trip canoeing in the wilderness and the rain. She loved it! Today she started preseason rugby (has never played before, like most rookies). No, we didn't pressure her to do it; it was her idea. Can't wait to see a match! Orientation starts Sept 17.

Our son, Garrett (15), is also away, but not far, boarding at Phillips Exeter. So our food bill is down about 90%. Between that, less hot water, and savings on car insurance, I think we almost came out ahead. Not. We do miss them both very much! Honest. We will be doing plenty of traveling to NH this year to see soccer, hockey, rugby and whatever.

To fill in all that spare time, I decided to run for a seat in the Maine House of Representatives. I am in peak campaign season right now, going door to door almost every day here in rural Maine. What an amazing experience that has been! Quite an interesting way to learn about one's hometown and today's society. I am enjoying this incredible challenge, and am fired up to unseat the incumbent. My slogan...When in doubt, vote for me! www.davidvanwie2008.com if anyone is interested. (Dave won this election as detailed in the '79s in the News section later in this Newsletter!)

Cheryl keeps very busy as marketing director at a regional CPA firm, and working on several boards, including the Dartmouth Association of Alumni. She was thrilled to have

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

Basic. A word most English speaking people know. A word we all recognize, and know in a way that is unique to us and to who we are. For us, it's a code word. The password on our website that we will never forget. BASIC — John G. Kemeny's license plate that we saw every day, as we passed the parking space behind Parkhurst hall designated "President". A word that signified in its simple way the enormity of the man and his contributions. A man who, despite his significant stature, had a very personal relationship with us.

I search the word "basic" in my Microsoft Research tab: **ba-sic** 1. most important or essential. 2. elementary - serving as a starting point or minimum. 3. without or before the addition of anything extra. 4. plain and utilitarian rather than luxurious or fancy.

A fitting word for our time as students at Dartmouth. It was a most important or essential aspect of our education and of our further lives. For many, it has served as our starting point — the place from where we went, to many other important places, and before we became "anything extra." I look back to who I was on that sunny June day in 1979. Pretty basic — plain and utilitarian. The luxury and fancy came much much later.

I scroll farther down in the dialog box with the definition. **ba-sics** (plural noun). *The most important or fundamental parts of something.*

Several weekends ago in Hanover, I had one of those late-night-after-many-beers conversations with a classmate. She lives in large Midwestern city where she did not grow up and where she now raises her family. "You know," she said, "I have a lot of great friends there. But it's not the same as the people who knew you when." I knew exactly what she meant. There is a different relationship that we have with those who either watched us grow up or grew up with us. Those who knew us when we were just basic. I felt that connection with her and all the others standing around the pong table that night. I felt comfortable. They knew me when.

I scroll down farther. "Go or get back to basics". *To return to the fundamental parts or principles of something especially when problems are encountered at a more advanced or complex stage.*

Hmmm. That same weekend in Hanover, several of us sat around having coffee on Sunday morning. The conversation turned to difficulties in life and relationships. One of us said to the others: "That's why I came back you know — back to spending time, getting involved with you and other classmates. I needed to get back to basics."

I get to the very bottom of the dialog box. **BA-SIC** (noun). *A high-level computer programming language that uses common English terms and algebra.*

After Kemeny's death, his portrait appeared on the cover of the Alumni Magazine. True Basic — read the caption. Two words that say it all, simply and elegantly.

As our lives and our times get ever more daunting and complex, may we recognize the opportunity to go back to basics — back to the important and fundamental parts of us. Back to those who knew us when. Before we added anything extra. True Basic. I hope to see you next June at our 30th Reunion.

a victory that ended the lawsuit and political subterfuge. Let's hope it stays that way. Tonight, she is off playing ice hockey with her travel hockey team. Always something going on.

I had fun fishing in June with **Phil Odence, Bill Conway, Norm Richter, Dave Klinges** and other pals at the Grant. **David Bachman** lives in Falmouth and his son, Nick, played on a soccer team with my son this spring. We rode the team bus to Virginia and back in March, and had plenty of time to catch up. I also see **Steve Richardson** from time to time in Portland.

My best to our fellow '79s. Maybe we will see you in Hanover at Homecoming at the rugby clubhouse!

Kathryn Fraser (clafraise@mac.com): Hello all! My news is about my novel which is to be published in 2009 by O-Books. (*Way to go!*) *A Journey, a Reckoning and a Miracle* is my reaction to the Iraq War and President Bush's 2004 re-election. It's a spiritual book with themes of suffering, sacrifice and forgiveness told, I hope, with enough humor and adventure to appeal to the widest possible audiences. Please Google the title for more information about the novel and me at this stage in my life.

FROM http://www.o-books.com/product_info.php?products_id=597:

CONTENT: Set in America after 2008, *A Journey, a Reckoning and a Miracle* follows the stories of Lucy, a seventeen year old Rapture believer who travels on a pilgrimage to honor the dead but finds the living; George, a former leader, who through suffering, finally acknowledges his tragic mistakes and begins atonement; and Judith, a severely wounded Iraq War vet who recovers her identity, voice and sense of humor with the help of her loved ones. This magical story, dedicated to the great powers of healing, traces the inner and outer journeys of these and other Americans as they cross paths, transform themselves, and help revive the American dream.

AUTHOR: Kathryn J. Fraser lives in New Mexico with her husband and two sons. She was raised in the Presbyterian Church but after a long search joined the Unitarian Universalist Church in 1994 and is currently a member of First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque. A cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College and graduate, AOA with honors from Dartmouth Medical School, she is currently on the faculty of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry. For the past seven years she has been the medical director of the Continuing Care Clinic at the UNM Psychiatric Center where she does patient care, administration and teaching. She has often been on the list of Best Doctors of America. President Bush's 2004 re-election inspired her to write this book.

CLASS AGENT REPORT

(by **Peggy Epstein Tanner,**
pegster5@optonline.net):

How can it be possible that we are preparing for our 30th reunion? Can we be this old? Have you heard that the 30th is the new 5th (be prepared from June 18th-21st to dance the night away)...that is in every way, but fundraising. We need your help!

The markets are in turmoil. Our country is facing the worst financial crisis since we graduated Dartmouth. We have experienced 30 years of strong markets and now our investments seem uncertain. We are all affected, but what has always differentiated our class from other classes at Dartmouth is our willingness to generously support and **in record breaking numbers PARTICIPATE** in the Dartmouth College Fund. Dartmouth relies on its reunion classes to step up and help the College close the gap between the actual costs of educating a Dartmouth student and the tuition charged. Additionally, your DCF contributions help provide financial aid to accepted students and allow Dartmouth to continue offering need blind admission. With your financial help, Dartmouth College can continue to provide a first rate educational experience to its students.

We have set goals of \$3,000,000 and 70%. We have assembled a talented and dedicated group of volunteers lead by **Jim Feuille, Lizanne Galbreath McGrue, Ernie Parizeau, Dave Philhower, John Saer** and **Charlie Vieth**. Our class agents (totaling over 50 classmates) and Green Corps (student phoners) will contact you in the coming months. Despite our weakened economy and our mounting bills, please keep Dartmouth among your philanthropic causes. With your participation, the Class of '79 can continue to boast the **LARGEST** number of donors (by a significant margin) of any other alumni class!

Thank you. I can't wait to re-connect with you in person at our reunion. See you soon.

ALUMNI COUNCIL (By **Louisa Guthrie;**
louisaguthrie@comcast.net):

I am looking forward to attending my 3rd Alumni Council meeting this coming December 4th, 5th and 6th in Hanover. I would love to hear from any of you who have questions, comments or input regarding College news, activities or issues so that I can make your voices heard. Please email me at louisaguthrie@comcast.net, and expect to hear back from me in the next Newsletter on the outcome of the December meeting. Thanks!

GEOLOGIST CAROL FROST RECEIVES UW'S HUMPHREY AWARD



April 18, 2008 (University of Wyoming News Release) -- Professor Carol Frost, internationally recognized for her fundamental work in isotope geology and widely praised as a gifted teacher and mentor, is the recipient of the University of Wyoming's George Duke Humphrey Distinguished Faculty Award.

The Humphrey Award, named for UW's 13th president who served from 1945-1964, recognizes teaching effectiveness, distinction in scholarly work and distinguished service to the university and state.

After receiving her Ph.D. in earth sciences at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom, Frost joined the Department of Geology and Geophysics in 1983. Shortly after her arrival at UW, she began to build the UW isotope geology laboratory, which has evolved into a world-class facility that has played a key role in a variety of research projects based in Wyoming, the western U.S., and various foreign localities including the Caribbean, New Zealand, and Norway.

Frost's published research record is extensive, with more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals or books. Many of these publications have appeared in internationally recognized journals of the highest scientific standard. Her scholarly work varies from the origins of the Wind River and Teton ranges to the geochemistry of coal bed methane water.

Calvin Barnes, a geology professor at Texas Tech University, describes Frost as "an acknowledged international expert on the origin of granites, development and evolution of Precambrian crust, and the geochemistry of sedimentary rocks. She has used her particular research specialty, isotope geochemistry, to resolve many important, controversial geological problems," he says. "Her work has provided crucial data and insight into the processes and formation and modification of the Earth's ancient crust."

Recognized by colleagues as a lucid and enthusiastic speaker in the classroom, Frost has taught undergraduate and graduate students in courses ranging from introductory physical geology to advanced courses in geochemistry and isotope geology, and has served on many departmental and university committees.

The University of Wyoming has previously recognized her expertise in the classroom. The College of Arts and Sciences awarded her an Extraordinary Merit in Teaching Award, she received an Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Award, and in 2001 she was chosen as the Carnegie Foundation/CASE Wyoming Professor of the Year.

Her student evaluations are filled with comments describing her as a well organized teacher, clear speaker, enthusiastic, thorough lecturer and caring instructor, tough but fair, approachable and friendly.

In January, Frost began duties as associate vice president for research and economic development UW. She was interim director of the School of Energy Resources (SER) during academic year 2006-2007. In partnership with the SER's academic coordinator, Professor Andy Hansen, she laid the foundations for the new school, initiating course development and a summer high school energy institute, organizing existing faculty experts to incubate interdisciplinary energy research groups, establishing a matching grant program, and leading a number of outreach activities across the state.

HOCKEY MOM! (By Polly Ingraham)

Our own **Polly Ingraham** was featured on National Public Radio on October 1, with her own version of what it means to be a hockey mom! Read her essay below; and you can also listen to it on the web at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=95251615>. Congrats Polly!

Much has been made about Sarah Palin and pig lipstick. I'm not getting in that sty. But I am a hockey mom and I have a score to settle after *her* quip.

Speaking on behalf of many of my sisters in the stands and even the much-maligned pit bulls, I gotta wonder—what rink is *she* on? If you've watched a few professional hockey games, it might seem like a violent sport for young players. But it's not. My 14-year-old daughter plays in a "non-checking" (that means they can't bang each other against the boards) girls league. And, for the most part, parents are civil.

We know how to deal with over-zealous parents, too.

Occasionally, when an adult is out of line, the rest of us exert pressure. Few can stand up to the withering group glare. We are much more apt to compliment each others' kids when they have modest successes—say, a completed pass or a hard shot on goal—than we are to pound on the refs. If it's really cold in the rink, parents with blankets are

happy to share them.

There is a fellowship born of common experiences: we all know what it's like to get up way too early to drive our skaters, who are usually silent, to faraway locations where we will find unappetizing food and cold bathrooms. Our cars all have the same post-game smell. We're from different socio-economic classes, we're liberals and conservatives, some of us wear lipstick and most of us do not, but we pretty much all agree that we are not in the arena to be nasty.

Which leads to the other reason why the joke was offensive. My brother works as an adoption counselor at an animal shelter, where he sees more pit bulls than any other breed. Can they go for the jugular? Yes, if they are trained to (we all remember the Michael Vick horror); but these dogs are often completely loving and eager for affection. This stereotype, too, just doesn't hold up in real life.

As the hockey season gets underway again, I'm hopeful that, come November, the huddled masses of hockey moms (and dads) will rise up and vote to help our country move forward. And, in the meantime, I'm ordering the bumper sticker that says, "More hockey....less war."

MINI-REUNIONS

by **Phil Oden**(podence@empirix.com) and **Bill Mitchell** (whmitchell@audible.com):

Oh what a night it was! The championship football team from 1978 came back to Hanover to some cold rainy weather and some warm-hearted groupies who had reconvened to echo cheers from decades past. Captain **Joe Nastri** made one of his few trips back to the Hanover plain to hear **Jim Eden** do his best Daniel Webster impression, see fellow teammates Professor **Curtis Rooks**, **Dave Stone**, **Dave Dowd**, **Nigel Key**, **Mr. Rueben Stokes**, **Ed Heilbron**, **Ken Jansson**, **Steve Terrell**, **Greg Jenkins**, **Phil Olson**, interloper **Michio Soga** and yes, Captain **Buddy Teevens**. They were met by the 1979 30th Reunion Committee including Chairman **Jim Wasz**, **Prez Laurie Laidlaw Roulston**, **Brendan Cameron**, **Nancy Schwartzman Malmquist**, **Juan Currier**, **Kim Donovan Henley**, **Penny Breed**, **Nancy Wilder**, **Walter Chick**, **Janie Simms**, **Peggy Epstein Tanner** as well as adopted classmates **Vicki Riley** and **Bob Whalen** (see picture on page 1 to see the assembled masses). General mayhem, including a late night appearance by **Libby Roberts** and a very late pong exhibition by Messrs. Nastri and Weil, ensued following the big Mini-Reunion with the 80's and 81's in Leverone post game at the abode of **Bray and Bags Mitchell**. Bags plans to make at least eight games this year including the away contests at Penn, Columbia and Princeton and all the home games. At the home games you will find his rig right outside the north side of the stadium pre-game and at half time by the tennis courts. Stay tuned for info of where the Bagmobile will be for the out of town contests or, if you will be a surprise visitor to one of these events email him at William.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org for a cell number. On Big Green!

Wheels will soon be in motion for the annual 79th day party. We'd really love to get some new hosts involved, perhaps in some new cities. It's easy; it's fun. So please drop me a note if you can help. Either way, stay tuned for details. Keep in mind, this will be a great warm up for the 30th. Where else will you be able to rehearse snappy answers to such questions as, "What are you doing these days?" and "Hey, what happened to your hair?" Don't miss this once in a 30 year opportunity.

Lastly, let me publicly thank Mitchell for being a terrific assistant Mini-Reunion Chairman for Life. My man in Hanover. Martinis. A bed. Yudaman, Bags.

NO SIESTA IN SARASOTA FOR WETENHALL

(By Ben Riley)

Located in the beautiful resort of Sarasota, on the west coast of Florida, is the stunning John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. <http://www.ringling.org/index.asp>. What makes this museum even more fabulous for '79s is that our classmate, John Wetenhall, serves as the Ringling's Executive Director, overseeing the entire 66 acre operation and about 250 employees. Dr. John, as he is affectionately referred to by the staff as he darts around on his golf cart, is an absolute dynamo; he has rebuilt and transformed the museum during his seven year tenure.

John was a loyal AD bro in College, studying English with a minor in Art History. Classmates may recall the hubbub John created during the summer of 1978 when he welded a number of decrepit bed frames together on the AD lawn to form the highly avant garde sculpture "Alpha X," parodying the X-Delta sculpture/swing in front of Sanborn. In a photo for *The Dartmouth*, John posed in front of Alpha X in Renaissance artist garb along with classmate **Steve Tower**, and the statuesque Trina Olin from the Class of 1980, meticulously recreating paintings by Raphael and Rembrandt. For some reason, the College was not amused and made AD incinerate this timely art.

John went on to obtain his Ph.D. in Art History from Stanford, specializing in Rodin. Since then, he has risen to the very top of the American museum establishment. His first major museum directorship was at Nashville's Cheekwood Museum of Art. John oversaw a large capital campaign, helped rebuild and expand the collection, and

installed the stunning Carrell Woodland Sculpture Trail, a meandering walk through the museum's beautiful grounds featuring huge, imposing and thought-provoking modern sculptures. If you're ever in or near Nashville you owe yourself a visit to Cheekwood to see John's legacy.

But bigger challenges — and bigger successes — awaited John. When John was hired to run the Ringling, the facility was in utter disrepair. The skeleton was there — an amazing fine art collection

gathered together by John and Mable Ringling from about 1900 to 1930. John Ringling was the business mastermind of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, and during the early 20th century was one of the richest men in the world owning and operating 30 other business ventures. He established the museum in 1927 on the grounds of his beautiful estate as a lasting legacy. But 75 years later, the museum's galleries were old and had leaking roofs, there was no place for staff or restoration, and the Ringling's beautiful Venetian-style palacio overlooking the Gulf was decrepit. The Ringling Museum was nearly bankrupt and on the verge of closing. Luckily, the Board convinced Florida State University to take over the museum and made the decision to hire John. With the University involved, the museum became eligible for matching funds from the state, and therefore able to finance the reconstruction and renovation of many buildings.

Since 2001, John has overseen about \$150 million of restoration and construction. The Fine Arts Museum was renovated and expanded with a new 30,000 square foot wing for traveling exhibitions. As for the main collection, beautiful huge paintings by Peter Paul



John Forney — The Dartmouth

Top Buonarroti (left) with Trina Olin '80 and Wets van Rign posing in front of their masterpiece on the lawn of Alpha Delta fraternity.

John Wetenhall, circa 1978, with Steve Tower



John Wetenhall today in front of Ringling's Ca d'Zan mansion

Rubens surround you in the first gallery, followed by a chronologic tour through the Italian and Flemish masters, through the English landscapes, up to the Impressionists and beyond. Here you take your time and experience the progression of fine art over the last 700 years.

But that's not all. With John's vision and passion, they have totally restored the Ca d'Zan mansion built by the Ringlings in 1926. John tells how they had to scrape layer after layer of wallpaper and paint off the walls to discover the palace's original wall textures and colors. But now Ca d'Zan (which roughly translates as the "House of John," referring to John Ringling, but now appropriately connoting Dr. Wetenhall too!) is restored to its original Roaring Twenties magnificence, and is a sight to see.

Next, they restored the historic Asolo Theater, one of the most important architectural works of art ever brought to America. Created in Asolo, Italy, in 1798 to honor the memory of the exiled 15th-century Queen of Cyprus, the playhouse was brought to the Ringling estate in the 1950's but had been virtually abandoned by the time John was hired. It is now restored to its 18th century grandeur, and serves as a preeminent venue for Sarasota music, theater and civic functions.

Finally, John has reinvigorated the Ringling Museum of the American Circus, featuring an incredible 3,800 square foot circus model, a precise replica of a 1920's circus, complete with eight main tents, 152 wagons, 1,300 circus performers and workers, more than 800 animals, and a 59-car train. It's an amazing exhibit that everyone enjoys.

The progress John has led at this 66-acre artistic treasure is incredible. One new feature is an expansive educational and administrative building where classes are taught and paintings restored. John plans to commence multi-day adult education programs where patrons take classes in the mornings and enjoy Sarasota during the afternoon and evening (*sounds like a great spot for a Class of '79 Mini-Reunion to me!*). He also plans to restore the caretaker's house to provide space for visiting scholars and staff. It seems that only someone with John's unique skill-set could accomplish all that he has done and plans to do at Ringling. Wets combines deep scholarly knowledge and appreciation of art, and the passionate, never-say-die, and at times obnoxious Dartmouth attitude to make it all happen and get everyone in line!

The response from the public is large and enthusiastic. On a Monday in April when my family and I visited, hundreds of people explored the three main museums and the beautiful grounds. There's enough breadth and excellence in the various forms of art that everyone appeared to have a wonderful day exploring and learning. And the added bonus for you is that by emailing John at John.Wetenhall@ringling.org or just asking for him (his office is in the Education Building at the back left), he'll give you a wonderful orientation and get your tour started. I hope each of you will consider a trip to see Sarasota and

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

\$5.2 MILLION GIFT FROM BIONDI FOR BASEBALL FIELD RENOVATIONS

In a season when Dartmouth baseball was ranked first in the region, won its fourth Red Rolfe Division title in eight years, had adopted '79 classmate **Bob Whalen** named New England Coach of the Year and two of his players make first-team All-New England, comes more good news. A \$5.2 million gift from **Mike Biondi**, Class of 1979, and Cindy Ginn Biondi, Class of 1980, will support major renovations to Red Rolfe Field and a new ballpark. Robert "Red" Rolfe, Dartmouth Class of 1931, played ten seasons with the New York Yankees and was his alma mater's athletic director from 1954 to 1967.

LIBRARY UNVEILS SEUSS-THEMED ROOM

Sneetches, the Cat in the Hat and the Lorax greet studiers in a newly opened study room in the east wing of Baker Library named for Theodor Seuss Geisel '25 — known to most as the illustrious children's book author Dr. Seuss.

The room features colorful, framed book covers, a display case offering information about Geisel's life, and excerpts from some of his most famous works. A large portrait of Geisel, formerly located in the Rauner Special Collections Library, hangs on one wall.

Jeff Horrell, dean of libraries and librarian of the College, said there will be no grand opening or inauguration of the room and hopes that students will "discover it and enjoy it" on their own accord. The library has, however, displayed a number of posters throughout the library urging students to take advantage of the new space.

The display case, occupying the entire right-hand wall of the room, features highlights from Geisel's life and literary legacy. The case contains many of Geisel's books, a large poster listing all his publications, a stuffed character from one of his books and a Dartmouth graduation hood. Purists beware: the case contains reproductions and nothing of real historical value. "Nothing in there is original; the hood is just a regular Dartmouth hood," Horrell said. "The books are not any special books."

Planning for the study room and the display started 18 months ago and was funded by the general Dartmouth fund, according to Horrell. "The room was designed as a comfortable, relaxing space for users of the library...it has wireless, air-conditioning," Horrell said. Dotting the floor are several plush chairs and tables that allow students to read in comfort and in the company of characters that may take them back to their first days of reading.

"ACE ON AUDIO"—DARTMOUTH FACULTY TALKS ON MORE THAN 20 TOPICS—NOW OFFERED BY DARTMOUTH ALUMNI CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dartmouth alumni can now listen to or download talks on 23 topics by Dartmouth faculty at ACE on Audio (www.alumni.dartmouth.edu/ace/audio), a new feature offered by Alumni Continuing Education on the Dartmouth Office of Alumni Relations Web site.

"It's been my goal since coming to the College in 2001 to offer online learning to Dartmouth alumni and friends," says Roberta Moore, director of Alumni Continuing Education and Travel. "The Dartmouth classroom is the best learning environment in the world. I'm delighted to be able to give alumni access to the knowledge that Dartmouth faculty share in that environment, in an appealing audio format that lets alumni listen anytime, anywhere."

Among the talks available at ACE on Audio: Retired professors of history Jere Daniell '55 and Ken Shewmaker recount the dramatic struggle for control of Dartmouth College between the State of New Hampshire and the Dartmouth Board of Trustees. They cover the alumni dissonance leading up to it, the details of the 1819 U.S. Supreme Court case in which Daniel Webster argued successfully for the College, and the consequences of the case, which changed the course of American constitutional history.

Religion professor Susan Ackerman '80 travels the caves of Palestine and Israel as she tells the riveting tale of the mid-twentieth-century discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and brings to life the communal meals, purification rituals, and other practices of the 2,000-year-old Jewish community that created them.

When will your corporate competitor make a misstep? Sydney Finkelstein, professor of management at the Tuck School of Business and worldwide best-selling business author, shares his unparalleled understanding of CEO behavior in "Why Smart Executives Fail."

The faculty discuss many other subjects in literature, engineering, history, technology, business, and more. Talks are about an hour long and cover recent Alumni College at Reunion; Dartmouth on Location; Faculty Chalk Talk Lecture Series presentations, Orientation Week lectures on freshman class books, and the Sphinx Foundation History of Dartmouth Series.

JACK-O-LANTERN CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The Dartmouth *Jack-O-Lantern*, one of the Ivy Leagues' oldest humor publications, celebrated its centennial anniversary this Fall. For those who miss the printed publication, check out the Jack-O online at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~jacko/>.

the Ringling, and tell your family and friends too. We can all be proud of another '79 — in this case making an indelible mark on the world of art and his community. Way to go, John!

DAVE VAN WIE ELECTED TO MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dave van Wie was elected to the Maine House of Representatives as the Democratic candidate, representing District 105, which includes New Gloucester, Durham and part of Lisbon. During the campaign, Dave received an endorsement from the Maine League of Conservation Voters. Among many other environmental and energy credentials, Dave has a bachelors' degree in environmental sciences from Dartmouth College, a masters' degree in natural resource and energy policy from Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering, he is currently a consultant specializing in environmental, health, safety and energy issues, he served for four years as Director of the Bureau of Land and Water Quality under Governor Angus King, and he was Vice-Chairman of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission. Commenting on the election, Dave said, "I won the race by 88 votes, 2788 to 2700. A very close finish but we managed to beat a 3-term incumbent. Not an easy task! The election was tough, but now comes the harder part. I look forward to the challenge as I try to balance being a part-time legislator with my regular job. I hope to serve on the Utilities and Energy Committee so I can help us move down the path to renewable energy and sustainable development."

'79 SON HEADLINES TV SHOW!

The November 5 episode of the ABC hit *Private Practice* featured a story about a dying teenage girl who wanted to have a baby before she passed away. The intrigue came when her teenage husband decided he didn't want the responsibility for the child. The excitement for all of us was that the young husband was portrayed by Jack Briggs, who is the son of our loveable chatterbox and entertaining dinner speaker, **Louisa Guthrie!**

Jack is currently a 19-year old sophomore at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, trying to be a working actor while getting his college degree. He's been an unusually impassioned actor since about age 10. In fact, he had been a three-sport athlete during his freshman and sophomore years in high school, but by junior year, gave up all interscholastic sports in order to allow enough time for his acting pursuits. Jack's landed some solid professional experience both in Chicago and LA. (He was a member of the Steppenwolf Teen Ensemble and had some featured roles with a couple of Chicago's professional theatre groups). Although a number of people encouraged him to move to LA when he was about 14, Louisa and her husband were not keen on that, and so most of Jack's work came in the Chicago area. He got some nice exposure to some pretty high-powered people in LA

through some workshops and other training in Chicago, and that led to a well-connected LA manager inviting him to "join his ranks" at just 16 years old. He was invited out for pilot season in LA his junior winter, and so Louisa and her husband lived in LA with Jack for three weeks. His agent wanted him to be out for the entire three-month period, but Louisa and family wanted him to have a more normal junior spring. However, pursuing his dream, Jack had enough credits to graduate high school a semester early and that allowed him to be out in LA for the entire pilot season period.

LMU, Jack stayed in LA for June, July and August to audition, work towards getting his SAG card (Screen Actor's Guild), and join AFTRA (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists). Near the end of the summer, he landed the role on *Private Practice*; it's his first network TV gig and he did a superb job in the role. He was the youngest on set by far (even his teenage "wife" is 25), and everyone was incredibly nice and welcoming to him. Pretty exciting stuff for a 19-year old college sophomore. We'll be anxiously waiting to see where Jack goes from here! Nice job Jack, Louisa and family!

This past summer, after he completed his freshman year at

That's about all the D'79 news that's fit to print this time around—or at least all that would fit on 12 pages! Remember to mark your calendars for our 30th Reunion June 18-21, 2008! And please begin thinking about your contribution to the Dartmouth College Fund in this our 30th Reunion year. Signing off until the Winter 2009 Edition. Best wishes to all. Jim & Ben.

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