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### A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

Man, are we excited!!! Reunion, Hanover, our great classmates, Beer Pong, the Connecticut River, showing the kids our golden college haunts, some carousing (*OK, a lot of carousing!*) ...! Although it's still hard to believe that middle age and the 25<sup>th</sup> are here, we definitely are going to make the most of them. We anticipate breaking all attendance records at Reunion, with 300 to 400 classmates expected! We really want you to attend; bring the family or come alone, but you gotta be there. **Deb Sortor Parnon** and her committee have worked long and hard for close to 2 years to make sure we all have fun, offering tons of great and varied events. Our Reunion and participation committees have done outstanding jobs at gathering the Big Green Bucks, and **Linda Button** has prepared an all-time record Reunion Yearbook with entries from almost 350 of us. Also, **Ken Beer** and group are planning the next slate of Class Officers (*we're sure you're lining up to take over the Newsletter!*) so be sure to read his article below and volunteer yourself or friends to help lead the class into the 30<sup>th</sup>. Bottom line, our Reunion's going to be great!

In the highly unlikely case you haven't yet signed up for Reunion, you'll find an extra Reunion registration envelope included with this issue. Fill it out and send it in today. All those wonderful people you met and made fast friends with from September 1975 to June 1979 are waiting to see you again. And new friends await! Don't miss it!!!

# **“HOMECOMING: REKINDLE THE SPIRIT” DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1979, 25<sup>TH</sup> REUNION JUNE 17-20, 2004**

*(by Debbie Sortor Parnon, 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning Chair; [dcsp1@aol.com](mailto:dcsp1@aol.com))*

OK, so you missed the April 15 tax deadline and you filed for an extension. Your car was scheduled for an oil change in March and you're finally getting around to it. That January dentist appointment had to be rescheduled due to an unexpected business trip. You were even able to defer the call to jury duty you received last fall. Many of life's details can be rescheduled, but you miss our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion and you won't have a second chance. You've put off registering for Reunion long enough. It's time to visit the web site ([www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/reunion](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/reunion)) and register on line. It's quick, it's easy and it's painless. We've even included a handy Reunion registration envelope with this Newsletter for those of you who prefer stamps!

One of the most exciting features of this Reunion is the involvement of so many of our classmates. To name a few: Reunion Committee members; class officers; Newsletter Editors; Development Committee; featured speakers; dinner program MC's; Yearbook Coordinator; panel discussion participants; museum tour leader; calling networkers; event and activity volunteers (from classmates opening their homes on Thursday night to those who are coordinating the Golf Outing and class soccer game); individuals offering to share an experience or talent (offering live music at the class tent to showing the DVD of a play written and directed by a fellow '79); and of course, all of you who will be there enjoying each and every moment.

The Reunion Weekend Schedule of events (check out our web site for a complete weekend schedule) is so full it will give you something to do every hour if you choose. However, there is always time to hang out, chat with an old friend, strike up a conversation with someone you never knew but happen to be sitting next to, or take your family on a tour of the campus. You too will undoubtedly be amazed by the edifices that have been built since we left 25 years ago!

If you need to be convinced that the trip to Hanover would be worth the time, effort and expense, email me at [dcsp1@aol.com](mailto:dcsp1@aol.com) or call me at (203) 655-7060. I would love to hear from you one way or the other. You really can't miss this once in a life time experience. So come to Reunion and rekindle the spirit. We look forward to seeing you in June!

## **LAST CHANCE REUNION INCENTIVE!**

**Feuille-Mitchell E-Mail Challenge Gift Increased to \$250 for Every New '79 E-Mail Address Received Between Now and Reunion Registration!**

**That's right! We still want more! So get us your e-mail addresses or those of classmates we don't have and the DCF will get a \$250 Reunion gift for every new e-mail we receive!**

## **DIDN'T SEE THE JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER? GO TO THE D'79 WEBSITE!**

We produced a terrific Newsletter in January 2004 (*no modesty here*), featuring an inspiring letter from Bill Holmes who's doing MASH-type surgery in Afghanistan. Didn't see the January 2004 Newsletter in the mail? That's because it wasn't there! This was an electronic only edition of the Newsletter so if you haven't read the issue yet, please go to our website (<http://alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>) and read and/or download the PDF file. With the high cost of printing and mailing our Newsletters and our class budget in a deficit principally due to the increasing costs of the Alumni Magazine, we could save a lot of money on Newsletters if we can get to the point of having most or all of our Newsletters appear in electronic form only. As it is, even though we have been printing and mailing Newsletters over the years, we have never been able to afford the exorbitant cost of printing color Newsletters. But with the Internet and related technologies, we have been able to produce and make available on our website full color editions of our last 4 Newsletters. The feedback on the use of color has been fantastic, but when we print and mail, we are forced to convert everything back to black and white due to the high cost of color printing. In addition to being in color, the electronic editions are available on our website a full three to four weeks before the black and white printed edition arrives in your mailbox at home. So go to the website and read or download and print the January 2004 Newsletter. While you are there, give us your e-mail address. Everyone on our e-mail list gets a notification with an electronic link to the Newsletter every time a new edition is posted. Over two-thirds of our class is on this e-mail list and got an e-mail about the January Newsletter. Don't be left out. Give us your e-mail address today. And by the way, the Feuille-Mitchell e-mail challenge is not only still on, it has been enhanced. So if you go to the website to read the Newsletter and give us your e-mail address or any other address we don't have, our Reunion Giving Campaign will receive another \$250!

## **BAGS' BRIEF** (by *President Bill Mitchell*; [william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org))

I hope this Newsletter finds you busy enjoying the challenges of our lives. Family, careers, and mental, spiritual and physical fitness all present opportunities for daily excitement. But there will be no excitement quite like our **25<sup>th</sup> Reunion, June 17-20, 2004**, in Hanover. I hope you are planning on joining us for this memorable event. As Deb Sortor Parnon writes above, you only get one crack at this. There will be other games, recitals, and parties, but **we only get one 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion**. If you can't bring your whole family we understand, but please bring yourself. Many, many 78's came back for their 25<sup>th</sup> without their family, in part because of the myriad of commitments that families face every weekend. Please figure out some way to make your way back to campus for this get-together.

It will (hopefully) be the swan song for this group of Class Officers. While we only got four years to serve in these positions (due to Reunion scheduling), we were lucky enough to be around while you won a Class of the Year award once, two runner ups and a Special Recognition award. (If you make it back to Reunion, I think we will add another title to the streak!) A Special Thanks to each of the Officers:

**Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Granowitz Frawley:** Served as our Co-head Agents and Participation Chair while the Class consistently beat its \$ gift target and established new records for Participation by any Dartmouth class at a time when participation by other Classes was weaker. Fantastic job!

**Laurie Laidlaw Roulston:** Served as Treasurer and defended our class treasury from deficits and tax audits alike. We transferred our Excel based records to Quickbooks and had the highest level of Dues Participation of any Class graduating after 1960.

**Polly Ingraham:** Was there ever a more copious note taker for Dartmouth Alumni Council? Many have served but few have given as much of their time to let the class know what this august group had on its plate. And with such wit...

**Ed Heilbron:** Ed served as Historian and implemented a Memorial Books program that purchased a topically relevant book for each of our deceased classmates.

**Tim Ehrsam:** Recruited to be a Co-Secretary, Tim fell into the solo assignment after one issue. He did a great job cultivating news and reporting it. We had 100% column submissions during his tenure.

**L. Phillip Odence:** Phil completed his 30<sup>th</sup> year as Mini-Reunion Chair, maintaining a fairly robust schedule during our tenure. We had some big Homecoming parade appearances, joint affairs at Harvard and Stanford, the 79<sup>th</sup> Day of the Year party, and our award winning Midi-Reunion with the 54's and 04's. Way to go bro!! Phil also served as the Mini-Reunion representative on the Dartmouth Alumni Council.

**"Dr." Michael McCoy:** Our first official Webmeister continued the construction of the best Class website in the world, adding the password protected Email Listing, Class Store, Class polls and Where's yur Kid in Kollege sections, as well as creating our first credit card solution for this Reunion. He chaired the Webmaster of the Year committee and is currently serving as that organization's President. We were truly blessed to have him on our team.

**Jim Feuille and Ben Riley:** Who said you need to be literate to be a Newsletter Editor? (*We do?*) Faithfully preparing three Newsletters a year, they helped produce our Class Directory and reported on the hijinks of classmates worldwide. They also received Newsletter Editors of the Year plaudits for their innovative new design that incorporated color photos.

Many thanks to all of our Officers who did such a great job!

I would also like to thank **Deb Sortor Parnon** who did a wonderful job over the last two years as Reunion Chair and **Ken Beer"ski"** who accepted the powerful position of Nominating Committee Chair (thereby assuring he won't have to become President or Head Agent!). Ken describes the process of getting a new slate of Officers for the upcoming 5 years elsewhere in this issue. Please consider the opportunity to become an Officer. It is a great, rewarding way to reconnect with classmates, students and the College. Speaking personally, I think it is the most rewarding volunteer role I have ever had.

See you in June!

*On behalf of the other officers, let us add this note about Prez Bags: From our vantage point, Bill has been an absolutely terrific President. Despite an unbelievable family and work schedule—which includes commuting from Hanover to New York for work!--Bill is literally tireless in his efforts for our class. Although his spelling and grammar leave a bit to be desired, his heart, spirit and energy for our class is unsurpassed. All we can say is: Five More Years!*

## 25<sup>TH</sup> REUNION GIVING COMMITTEE

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**ARE WE ALL ON THE SAME PROUD PAGE?** FROM JOHN KEMENY'S 1975 CONVOCATION SPEECH TO THE CLASS OF 1979: "MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CLASS OF 1979, YOU ARE JOINING A COLLEGE WITH A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY. YOU ARE ABOUT TO CONTRIBUTE ONE PAGE TO THE HISTORY OF DARTMOUTH. MAY IT BE A PAGE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE PROUD TO READ."

At our Class Convocation, John Kemeny spoke eloquently of teaching, liberal arts education and the importance of our Class leaving behind a proud legacy; a significant contribution to the history of Dartmouth. Much is already written on our "page," but there is still plenty of blank space. What other contributions will we make? By giving generously to the Dartmouth College Fund, we provide access to the best liberal arts education in the world: a Dartmouth education.

We have set a Reunion Giving Goal of \$4 million. Through the very generous contributions of many of you, we have reached 60% of that goal as of mid-April: \$2.4 million, with a 43% participation rate. This is good, but it is clear that we can do better, and the next two months are absolutely critical. We ask our classmates — both those who are volunteering their time to our fund-raising efforts and those who are on the receiving end of our entreaties — to give us their focus in the brief period remaining before Reunion. We have set aggressive dollar and participation goals. By all pulling together, we can get there!

**Scholar Challenge! Make a Reunion gift of \$15K and receive a 5K match!** Thanks to the generosity of a core group of 1979 classmates, you can be included at the \$20,000 Dartmouth College Fund Scholar level with a gift of \$15,000 or more in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion. This special 1979 Challenge will match new pledges and gifts of \$15,000 to \$19,999 with up to an additional \$5,000 to help you sponsor a DCF Scholar, an honor usually reserved for gifts of \$20,000 and above. Classmates who have already pledged or given and who increase their gift to \$15,000 to \$19,999 will also be eligible for the match.

By participating at this level, you'll get to meet your scholar at a luncheon hosted by President Jim Wright, receive letters and other communication from your Scholar during the year, and feel great when you raise a Dartmouth student's awareness of alumni generosity and the importance of philanthropy. Help a gifted student receive the best liberal arts education in the world. Make the Class of 1979 "The Class of the Scholar!"

Thanks for your help in obtaining our important Reunion giving goals!

## 25<sup>TH</sup> REUNION PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

(by Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Frawley Granowitz; [burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org),  
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As we write this in mid-April, the Class of '79 is at 43% participation in the Dartmouth College Fund, which is slightly below our fundraising participation levels at this time last year. It is no secret that we hope to increase our final number from last year's remarkable 61% to 72%. Are we totally insane? How will this happen?

It will happen one classmate at a time. The important thing to remember is that this is our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion year. This is the year that the College pays serious attention to what our class does, both in terms of total dollars raised and in terms of participation. Accomplishments in this year will be remembered with our class for the next 25 years.

So, to help those of you who have not come in from the cold yet, some of your classmates have helped to sweeten the pot.

**Participation Highs Part I — Into Thin Air.** A generous group of classmates present the following challenge to our Class:

- When we reach 62% (a new record for our Class), they will make a \$25,000 gift to the Fund;
- When we reach 65%, they will donate an additional \$25,000; and
- When we reach 72% (which is our lofty goal), they will donate a final gift of \$50,000.

**Participation Highs Part II — If You Missed Last Year.** The second challenge comes from a Classmate who would like to bring this effort to a very personal level. If you did not make a gift to the Dartmouth Fund in the last fundraising year (02-03) and have not pledged/donated so far this year, that classmate will match up to the first \$100 of any Reunion gift you make by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

So, how high can we go? What's it going to be, Class of '79? Are we going to achieve another 100 tier bonfire that stands the test of time? Until last year when we hit 61%, the Class of '80 gave us a good run each year in the participation category. We'd like to put the 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion participation record out of reach. Hope you will help with this effort and make your contribution now.

P.S. If you want to use a credit card, call 1-800-228-1769 or access the website at [https://www.dartmouthcollegefund.org/ALUM\\_give.htm](https://www.dartmouthcollegefund.org/ALUM_give.htm). Payment by check should be made payable to Dartmouth College Fund and mailed to: Dartmouth College Fund, c/o Gift Recording Office, 6066 Development Office, Hanover, NH 03755-3555. For a stock transfer, call the College Investment Office toll-free at 877-650-6956.

## **ELECTION OF NEW CLASS OFFICERS** (by Ken Beer; [kbeer@jrco.com](mailto:kbeer@jrco.com); 504-584-1235; Other Nominating Committee Members: Ted Winterer, Louisa Guthrie, Margaret Horne Vergeyle, Margi Hall Pence and Ben Riley)

Bush vs. Kerry; Kerry vs. Bush — this race is peanuts compared to the more critical election of the Class of 1979 Class Officers. The next U.S. President only has to worry about the world and Yale — simple compared to the needs and desires of the Dartmouth Class of '79. With this in mind, we have been asked to solicit nominations (mostly self-nominations) for our Class Officers — **so you might as well nominate yourself before one of your good friends nominates you secretly** (that's how I got the Nominating Chairman job)! Consider this an opportunity to give something back to the Class. It's not a financial commitment, just one of time — but one with great rewards including reconnecting with classmates.

Here are the Class Officer spots we need to fill, plus a description. All are five year terms except the Alumni Class Representative which is a three year term:

The **President** will act as the executive head of the Class. It will be his/her responsibility to initiate new projects and carry out policy of the Executive Committee. In addition, the President shall exercise general supervision over all other officers, to ensure the proper performance of their functions.

The **Vice President** will provide back-up to the President. In addition, he/she will be in charge of the Class Project.

The **Secretary** will be the primary link between the individual alumnus and the College, and shall prepare the Class notes and obituary notes for the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. The Secretary shall be the custodian of Class files and records.

The **Treasurer** of the Class shall receive and disburse all funds of the Class subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall submit an annual financial report to the President.

The **Alumni Council Representative** shall be responsible for communications between the Class and the Alumni Council, representing all interests and concerns.

The **Newsletter Editor(s)** shall be responsible for editing the Class newsletter, generally sent out three times per year. The newsletter will serve as the regular avenue of communication between officers and members of the Class.

The **Mini-Reunion Chair** shall be responsible for the organization and promotion of all major non-Reunion gatherings of the Class.

The **Webmaster** shall be responsible for the electronic communications of the Class, including but not limited to the editing and maintenance of the Class website.

The **Class Historian** is responsible for procuring Memorial Books for deceased classmates and to write memorials for the website.

The **Co-Head Agents** shall conduct the annual Dartmouth College Fund solicitation for the benefit of the College. He/she will coordinate the efforts of the Major Gifts, Participation, Bequest and Reunion Giving Chairs.

The **Major Gifts Chair** shall be responsible for targeting specific members of the Class for the Major Gifts.

The **Participation Chair** shall be responsible for maintaining the high overall giving participation rate for the Class.

The **Bequest Chair** shall be responsible for bequests and trust planning activities of members of the Class for the benefit of the College.

If you have an interest in any or all of these positions or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me (Ken Beer) or any other Nominating Member via email or phone. Maybe call a friend and submit a joint nomination where you could share/split the office — just get involved. Feel free to contact any of the current officers, identified at the top of the Newsletter, about their thoughts on the office including the time commitment and how much they LOVED doing this (they'll say anything to have someone take over for them). The email addresses and phone numbers for each officer is listed on the '79 website at <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. The deadline for slated nominations is June 1<sup>st</sup>, so don't delay — send your name (or at least some one else's name) in **TODAY**.

## '79 REUNION MUSIC POLL ON CLASS

**WEBSITE** (by *Mike McCoy, Webmeister;*  
*michael@riyality.com*)

Check out the 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Music Poll on the Class of '79 Website. Just point a browser at [http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/reunion/music\\_poll\\_results.htm](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/reunion/music_poll_results.htm) or go to the home page and click the 'Results (non-realtime)' link under the Reunion Music Poll link. Highlights include:

- Grateful Dead was picked by 39% of respondents as the best concert they attended while at Dartmouth. No surprise there. That was a great concert. Jerry Garcia at his best.
- Bruce Springsteen and Born to Run were standout favorites. Voted best group and best song, respectively, during our four years at Dartmouth by a long shot. No surprise there.
- After Spaulding Auditorium, the Bones Gate basement was picked as the second best place to listen to music at Dartmouth. Mitchell must have gone online to vote over and over and over again to get this result.
- Nobody liked Don McLean enough to vote for him. No surprise there, either.
- Nobody voted for Aerosmith's "Dream On." That sort of surprised me.
- We split on "Disco sucks" 60/40. That's a little scary.
- Pure Prairie League got a lot of mention, which surprised me because I thought they had one annoying song ("Ameeee, whatchoo gonna do...")

## SPEAKING OF MUSICIANS...

### '79 MUSICIANS WANTED FOR

**REUNION!** (by *Ben Riley; briley@cooley.com*)

I'm going to sing/play some folk/rock songs from our College days on Saturday night of Reunion, in the class tent. I'd love several other guitar, harmonica, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bass, etc. players to play and sing along. Please contact me if you're interested. Take it Easy, and Don't Think Twice about the Moonshadow!

### '79 REUNION BOOK (by *Linda Button*)

Thank you! 344 of you sent something in to the Reunion book. That's over one third of the class, and handily beats the '78's. Because of your incredible response, this book will be packed with unexpected, funny, and thoughtful recollections from a wide cross section of '79's. I think you'll enjoy reading it.

Even more good news: the book's included, free, in the registration package for our Reunion in June. If you can't make it, the book will be available for ordering, too. (Price to be determined once we have final printing costs) Thank you all again. This book wouldn't exist without your terrific response.

## FOR CLASSMATES NOT ATTENDING THE 25TH REUNION (by *Burr Gray and Adam Samuels*)

We are hoping to make it possible for those classmates who will not attend the 25th Reunion to participate vicariously. We plan to do at least the following things, which will probably be accessible through our class home page: (1) post photos of classmates enjoying themselves as the Reunion progresses; (2) provide a means in the Class Tent for absent classmates to send and receive messages & photos, hopefully allowing real time communication with attending classmates; (3) put a live webcam in the Class Tent during certain hours (probably evening); and (4) try to have video w/audio of Class Speakers at the Saturday night dinner. We'll have the relevant info and schedule for this put on the Class Web Site and distributed through the class e-mail list as the Reunion date gets closer. Adam Samuels, Michael McCoy, and Burr Gray are putting this together. Let Adam ([adam.samuels@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:adam.samuels@alum.dartmouth.org)) know if you'd like to help. *This is even more reason to give us your e-mail address!!!*

## 79<sup>TH</sup> DAY MINI-REUNIONS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Setting another first among Dartmouth classes, we had mini Reunions in 9 cities across the United States on March 19 — the 79<sup>th</sup> day of the year. Over 50 classmates showed up in Boston, New York, Hanover, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., New Jersey and Cleveland (*yes, even Cleveland!*). Here are the write-ups and some pictures we received from each location.

**Cleveland (Laurie Laidlaw Roulston):** Thanks to the efforts of **Jim Boldt** (who contacted every '79 in the state of Ohio!), Cleveland is now on the map as the scene of the most recent Class of '79 Mini-Reunion. Although numbers were low as this is Spring break for many local schools, those that attended the gathering at Hyde Park Grill had a great time and are looking forward to getting together in Hanover in June. The highlight was a guest appearance by LeBron James, who did appear briefly as promised (*whoa, now, that's impressive...too bad he didn't attend Dartmouth...we might have made the Final Four like Penn in '79!*).

**Boston (Phil Oden):** We had a grand time at the Watch City Brewing Company. Libby was charming. The beers plentiful. The popcorn shrimp divine. Beth was terrific designated driver. Attendees: **Bruce Nickelsen, Dave Costello, Libby Roberts, Ames Abbott, Pete Roby, Steve Bankert, Bill McGee, Phil and Beth Oden.**

**Chicago (Peter Greulich):** Attached is the picture of the Chicago '79 group that showed up for the Chicago 79th day of the year get-together. It appears this weekend was either the start or end of many school districts' Spring break so attendance was scant. And also a reflection of how busy we all are these days. We talked of what's changed in the 25+ years (25 years ago we were about to depart the Hanover plain, most of our Dartmouth experiences already behind us..), our current doings, our families, of what transpired in 1979 (inflation rate was 18%, can you believe that?!), and many more topics. We (hopefully) encouraged one attendant to participate in the reunion. Nancy Wilder created name tags replete with our yearbook pictures and bios. We had '70's music and a boom box ready to power up but somehow didn't get to that.... We skimmed the page of "what happened in 1979" sheet that Nancy created, but mostly talked more of the present than the past. In attendance were **Lafayette Ford, Peter Greulich** and spouse (Chris), **Louisa Guthrie, Marlowe Hicks** and spouse (Julie), and **Nancy Wilder.** See y'all in June!

**Hanover (Bill Mitchell):** Hanover's mini reunion was a quieter affair. **John "Juan" Currier** joined **Bags** for a fun evening huddled around the laptop. Dartmouth was playing Harvard in the ECAC Semi-Finals, attended by **Charlie Carr** and **Bruce McDowell.** Juan and Bags cybercariously joined them for the game by watching online, hence the pic with Charlie and Bruce in the little box. **Joan Crane Barthold** had to tend to a sick child, but was seen Saturday night at a 70's party wearing her Moosalauke Volleyball Team shirt. **John Dolan** got lost. Juan and Bags made up a list of all their LSA buddies, that an email helped supplement the following day. The Patron tasted good in the 28 year old shot glasses. Too bad Dartmouth lost.



*Boston Mini-Reunion*



*Chicago Mini-Reunion*



*Hanover Mini-Reunion*



*New York Mini-Reunion*



*Southern California Mini-Reunion*



*Washington D.C. Mini-Reunion*

**New York (Mark Winkler):** New York City, as usual, led the pack and inaugurated the "79th day Mini-Reunions" on Thursday night. The soiree was held at the Yale Club which is, more importantly, the home of the Dartmouth Club of New York. Open bar. Good talk around a pool table about our own bounces and rebounds over the past 25 years. We talked about families, frat basement memories, sailing, development of toll roads, Boy Scouting, writing musicals, Martha Stewart, Columbia University, acting careers, other classmates, kids starting their college searches, working in the Big Apple, plans for the June reunion, the incredible strength of our class, the overall state of the College, getting another drink, how great the reunion yearbook will be (with special added features), and finally needing to catch the next train. We met at six and broke up three hours later promising to meet again in three months on Hanover Plain. Attendees included: **Kathryn Augenblick, Beth Blatt, Chip Behal, Jr., Brendan Cameron, Laurie Rosenfield Falk, Otho Kerr III, David Klinges, Jr., John Marshall, Bill Mitchell, Debra Sortor Parnon, Stanley Weil and Mark Winkler.** It was suggested and agreed to by many that these 79th day reunions should become an annual event for the class. Also, everyone should visit [Viewpoint.com](http://Viewpoint.com) for Bill's sake.

**Southern California (Rich Pugh):** We had an excellent L.A. '79 Mini-Reunion. We met for cocktails at the Casa Del Mar, which is a hotel on the beach in Santa Monica. There was much reminiscing about the good ol' days as well as talk about family and plans for reunion. Most of the group stuck around until about 9:30. **Ted O'Winterer, Stephen O'Neill** and I then reconvened at the classy Chez Jay beer pit and steakhouse for a little late dinner before calling it a night. Stephen never did sing the 2nd verse of *Men of Dartmouth* but we managed to have a few laughs anyway. The group consisted of: **Ted Winterer, Bert Edwards, Dave Hall, Larry Mills, Paul Wetmore** and wife Melinda, **Bob Foster** and wife Jody, **Stephen O'Neill** and wife Barbara, and yours truly. We had such a good time that we agreed to try to get together on an annual basis going forward. I'll have to put that one on the calendar.

**Washington, D.C. (Bill Conway):** I've got to tell you: the D.C. 79<sup>th</sup> Day Mini-Reunion was one of the best dinner parties we've ever had. Diana and I live for good conversation, and last night was some of the most interesting we've had in a while. It's difficult to get people to talk about what's really on their minds, but for whatever reason everyone just seemed to drop their barriers last night. The words came spilling out, and they were thoughtful. All night there was this great exchange one-on-one and as a group on politics, marriage, children, growing old, religion, back pain and current events. I had the odd sense that there were a 100 people in the room rather than 9. Very much fun, and I learned a lot. Attendees: **Paul and Elizabeth Centenari, Gordy Daisley, Burr and Liz (Pickering) Gray '80, Marshal and Peggy (Thatcher) '83 Fazzone, and Bill and Diana Conway.**

**San Francisco Bay Area (Paul Krupka):** We had a small but sweet '79 celebration at Steelhead Brewery in Burlingame. I was very happy to be joined for some fun and not so serious billiards by **Buddy Teevens**, his lovely and witty wife Kirsten, and **Bruce "Mac" McElhinney**. Deb Sullivan, wife of the illustrious **Kevin "Sully" Sullivan**, served up libations from behind the bar. Mac, apparently tuning up for a 6:30 a.m. tee time the next day, seemed to have his eye squarely on the ball and he pocketed the majority of balls during our soiree. I, on the other hand, grazed many balls and made a few. Buddy and Kirsten made a great pair as they always have -- wisecracking their way around the pool table. We all did our share of laughing. It was a special night. P.S. I should note that our showing was light in part due to the fact that there was a '79 gathering in early February, sponsored by Thayer Adams and Greg Hartman '80. Too many events in life, too little time...

For more pictures of the 79<sup>th</sup> Day of the Year Mini-Reunions, go to our one-of-a-kind website <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/> and click on Mini-Reunions.

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## MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

**Steve Huber ([shuber@dialmaine.com](mailto:shuber@dialmaine.com)):** Being a single Dad of my 19 year old son Garrett has been the greatest satisfaction of my life for the past ten years. What a great kid—I love him deeply. This fall, he earned the Blue Ribbon in the Special Olympic Equestrian Competition in the independent walk-trot class. He and I are one of eight teams presently competing in the local men's indoor golf league. And he's an enthusiastic roller-blader. I delayed his graduation a year so he can enjoy the environment of the local public school for another year, while I continue to try to set up the housing, employment, and social services which he requires.

I've been a public school teacher for 16 years, presently teaching chemistry at my alma mater (enrollment around 820) along with Scott Walker '96, who also hails from this same high school. And I watch with fear as Bush's No Child Left Behind initiative acts to destroy public education. Life continues to provide opportunities for joy among the prickly lessons it seems necessary for me to learn.

**Björn Gudmundsson (Naefuras 9, IS-110 Reykjavik, Iceland; [movad15@simnet.is](mailto:movad15@simnet.is)):** Sorry, I won't be able to attend the Reunion. However, I will be in Hanover May 19-26 to visit my daughter. She is a MCB graduate student. Here in Reykjavik we enjoy the warmth of the Gulf Stream so the average January temperature here is about -1 °C, but I think it is only -8 °C in Hanover. So it is not at all surprising that last week was colder in Hanover than in Reykjavik! But Hanover is of course much warmer than Reykjavik in the summer. Best regards, Bjorn (*Thanks for the weather report, Björn! But what's up with you?*)

**Jeff Boylan:** What a swank soiree that **Thayer Wendell Adams** put together in the Bay Area at Greg '80 & Sally Hartman's house in Woodside, CA back on Feb. 7!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was grand to see Cathy McGrath '80, who came out from Dartmouth (tried to wangdoodle me into thinking it was a

fundraiser!), **John Moragne, Jeffrey Karan, Buddy, Krups, Mags, Sue Benjamin, Dr. Laura Robertson.** Few 80s: Su Moon, Kim Young Moragne, Denis Roy and Ross Jaffe. Wonderful talk with Thayer's husband, Chip, the fellow Jersey boy! We mingled and then listened to pitches, then dined on tri-tip, salmon, asparagus. Quite the affair! Interesting to notice where some of us have arrived in life, how different my life is, where it all crosses over... lest I wax more nostalgic!!!

**Custis Spencer Glover:** Hi there, I am really looking forward to seeing as many classmates as will be in Hanover! Hope we all get to wear name tags, although of course I'll need my glasses to read them anyway...Oh, what the heck, we'll all just look better without the glasses. Forget about the names!

The Glovers are all fine. Living in Paris but anticipating repatriation as of September of this year. We will probably be in NYC. Amy will be at Dartmouth next year as a freshman (*awesome*). John is already in college in St. Louis, but will be transferring either to Olympia, WA or Boston next year. I have been busy absorbing life in Paris, the art, the language, the croissants, and have tried to keep up with my painting. It has been challenging living overseas (we also lived for 7 years in Holland), and we are ready to get back "home". It will be great to be back in Hanover. A bientot, Custis

Bout all I can think of...besides the usual. War continues, peace too. Teaching is rolling right along, a new project every minute, know I'll always have a job. It does get better every year, my handle on some of the material (mine, US History especially), then the kids ebb & flow. Where is all the \$\$\$ for public education?? Can't believe there's less & less... not more & more. Alas... priorities.... Take care hombres. Think back to 25 years ago and beyond. See you all in June!

**Jim Wasz:** With all of the "snow days" in Connecticut this year, I thought Reunions might be jeopardized by my oldest's high school graduation but it looks like we've avoided the conflict (yes, he's still graduating). Looks like he's heading out to Colorado State University to study Wildlife Biology. Can't blame him. Supposedly, Colorado has about 300 days of sunshine a year compared to about 30 here in New England. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunions. See 'ya soon. Wazoo

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

### *Dartmouth to Build Kemeny Hall*

John Kemeny, Dartmouth's thirteenth president, was a brilliant mathematician, software pioneer, and humanitarian. Now Dartmouth honors this beloved teacher, scholar, and champion of coeducation and pluralism with Kemeny Hall, a living monument to a Dartmouth legend. The [Mathematics Department](#) is presently spread among three buildings that are old, small, and technologically out-of-date. Kemeny Hall will reunite the department and provide much-needed classrooms, labs, and discussion space for student-faculty collaboration. Kemeny Hall will be located on North Main Street above Baker-Berry Library and Carson Hall, contiguous with the new Academic Centers building.

*'08 Admit Rate Holds at 18%* (The Dartmouth Online, April 5, 2004)

The College's admissions office mailed out a staggeringly high number of rejection letters...to applicants for the Class of 2008, as only 18.3 percent of the 11,733 students who applied were admitted—a number almost as impressive as last year's record-low 18.2 percent admission rate. Of the 2,143 students accepted to the Class of 2008, 384 heard back in December that they would be attending school in Hanover come September. That means that for the over-10,000 regular decision applicants the admission rate was lower still -- just 16.8 percent....Most exceptional of all were the average SAT scores, which jumped 15 points from last year to a record-high combined score of 1457. In the past three years, SAT scores have increased anywhere from 3 to 5 percent, which makes this year's jump particularly notable. The mean SAT verbal score was 726, while the mean SAT math score was 731. Also of interest: 92 percent of students were ranked in the top 10 percent of their high-school class, and 34.1 percent were valedictorians....International student acceptances held near last year's recent high, comprising 7.7 percent of admitted students. Students of color dropped off a little from last year's record high, constituting 36.7 percent of '08 acceptances....Whereas last year slightly more men were accepted than women -- 11 more, to be exact -- this year, women dominate with the largest-ever proportion of admits at 51.1 percent....Six percent of acceptances -- approximately 130 students -- are Dartmouth legacies (*some of which were '79 legacies as we learned in this Newsletter!*)

**Carol Anderson Shaw:** Just to warn everybody, I am writing to report that our classmate **Tim Higgins** has been in heavy training for the Reunion, compulsively biking up every steep hill in Seattle. This is on top of his earlier years of hard labor in the potato fields of Maine, so I doubt that anyone will be able to keep up with him on Mt. Mouselauke. (*Typical Higgins; just a big talker. How's his beer pong?*)

As for my own Reunion plans, I am looking forward to revisiting dorm life with **Libby Roberts, Beth Blatt, and Laurie Rosenfeld**. I'm not sure I can keep up with all those youngsters dancing in the stadium, but I will surely be up for some waltzing around in the '79 tent. CA (CA – Save the last waltz for me!)

**Deb Krieger Jennings:** My husband & two sons (turning 18 & 15 the same week in June) and I are looking forward to the Reunion. Our older son, Drew, was accepted ED to Dartmouth & he can't wait to walk around and get used to the campus. (*Congratulations!!*) Our younger son, Owen, will have yet another birthday in Hanover during a Class of '79 Reunion. Both boys are looking forward to the Class of 1979 soccer game.

Here's who I want to see at Reunion, even though I know some of them can't make it: **Cindy Vitko, Judy Hirschmann, Andy Farb, Ames Abbot, Simon Margolis, Rachel Krevans, Britta Hurley, Doug Barker, Burr Gray, Bill Barron, Adam Samuels, Andy Hong, Anne Cramer, Joe Neuhaus, Mitch Zeller, Sandy Pooler, Harry Sangree, Owen Dempsey, Rob Evans, Steve Munger, Tom Ryan, Gail Granowitz** - OK - there are too many people to list! See you in June.

**Sam Abel-Palmer:** To all '79s (and other classes!), the Board of Directors of D-GALA (which I recently joined) is busy working on the next all class Reunion for the Dartmouth Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni/Association which will be held in Hanover the weekend of October 1-3, 2004. Activities include a welcome reception with President James Wright, panel discussions with students, faculty, administrators and a trustee, an awards dinner featuring Massachusetts marriage case lead plaintiff Hillary Smith Goodridge '78, a ceremony of remembrance, and a farewell brunch. For more information, please visit the D-GALA website at [www.alum.dartmouth.org/affiliated/dgala](http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/affiliated/dgala). Hope to see lots of people there!

**Mark Winkler** ([mwinkler@marthastewart.com](mailto:mwinkler@marthastewart.com)): Our biggest news is that this fall Emily, our daughter, will be heading up to Dartmouth as a member of the class of 2008. Lois, my wife, is president of the Pleasantville School Board and just finished the successful building of a new, state-of-the-art elementary school in town. My working for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia in New York City continues to be exciting and invigorating. I have been here since late 2002 as Associate Circulation Director for all our magazines. We recently launched the digest-sized Everyday Food magazine and are quite happy with its early sales. We had a successful 79th day Mini-Reunion in the City and hope that it continues to become an annual class event. Looking forward to seeing you all again in June.

**Devereaux Jennings** ([devereaux.jennings@ualberta.ca](mailto:devereaux.jennings@ualberta.ca)): I am now a full-time professor at the School of Business at University of Alberta in Edmonton. I will also be doing some research and executive programs at the Sauder School of Business (UBC) over the next two years.

**Jon Peabody** ([Jonpbd@aol.com](mailto:Jonpbd@aol.com)): Well, it's probably been since.... (?)...when I sent any information into the Class Newsletter or any other mode of class communication. I do, however, read each action packed update that is sent my way and marvel at the wondrous accomplishments and exploits of classmates. I have managed to attend several Reunions, taking special pleasure in the Jerry Jeff concert at the last. The equity business, in general, has not been kind over the past three years. But that just presents an opportunity for reinvention, my current undertaking. My real interests now revolve around the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org). My daughter, Diana, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes 6 years ago, at age 11. Since that time, my wife, Lindsey, and I have become quite active with the JDRF, my wife in the capacity of Executive Board member of the JDRF Illinois Chapter [www.jdrfillinois.org](http://www.jdrfillinois.org), and myself as a fundraiser and all round volunteer. I am quite particularly pleased with my latest undertaking on behalf of the JDRF. I was drafted by

my wife to participate in the "RIDE to Cure Diabetes," a 105 mile bike ride to be held on October 25th in Death Valley, California <http://ride.jdrf.org>. At the time I was informed of my mission I had probably ridden a total of 150 miles on a bike in my life. That was in June. It is now October 13th and I have logged over 2,000 miles on my bike training for the Death Valley century [www.planetultra.com](http://www.planetultra.com) "RIDE to Cure Diabetes." In the process I have also managed to lose 30 pounds and weigh in at less than 200 pounds for the first time since Dartmouth. More importantly, however, I have also raised \$15,000 to support the JDRF mission of funding research to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. All that is left now is to complete my ride. I know, by comparison to other '79s' extreme undertakings, this is not a major yardstick, but it has been a huge step forward for me. I would be very interested in speaking with any other classmate who's family is affected by Type 1 diabetes, or who is involved in treating Type 1 diabetics. I will happily respond to any emails sent to [jonpbd@aol.com](mailto:jonpbd@aol.com).

**Tim Kelley** ([tkelley@alaska.com](mailto:tkelley@alaska.com)): I just read the '79 newsletter - so I thought I'd write a note ... before I procrastinated doing so for yet another year. In the last newsletter fellow Kell(e)y Mike Kelly pondered whether other '79s are still involved in organized sports. I'm happy

## TUCKER INTERN REPORT

The Class of 1979 makes contributions to Dartmouth Partners in Community Service through its Class Dues/Class Project program. DPCS sponsors nearly 50 students per year in off term community service projects. The Class gets an opportunity to pair up a student with a Mentor like **Peter Pessoa** just about every term. Following is the story of Jim Baehner '06's internship experience that our class sponsored:

**Jim Baehner '06'**: The Dartmouth Partners in Community Service Mentorship program was a vital part of my time down in Miami, and something I will always remember fondly. I had the great opportunity to be matched with **Peter Pessoa '79** and his fantastic family, and the chance to get to know a Dartmouth alum was a rich and rewarding experience. I received a DPCS grant to work for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami. We built five houses on the South Miami site in an underprivileged neighborhood. Getting to know the people who lived in that community, and helping to rebuild over the ruins of a failed housing project, meant a lot to me. The work wasn't always easy, and it was certainly different than a winter in Hanover, but it was the greatest of off-terms.

The mentorship program in particular was tremendous. I got the chance to meet up with Mr. Pessoa on a fairly regular basis for the entire time of my ten week stay. We went out to lunch several times, we had dinner at his house several others, and his son even took me out on the town. His family also made my friend John feel incredibly welcomed, though he wasn't even part of the DPCS program. One of John's great passions is tennis, and the Pessoa's second born son, Steven, happens to be one of the greatest players in the state of Florida. John relished the opportunity to be soundly trounced by him. Mr. Pessoa proved himself to be a great family man and a great businessman, and it was always an education to listen to his advice on all aspects of life. (*Hey! What's up? We really sound old here!*) His passion for the Dartmouth of his day has also helped hone my ideas about the kind of College we should continue to become: one that never loses its carefree, rugged and fun-loving atmosphere. (*Now that's more like it!*)

All of this outpouring of generosity by the Pessoas was given at a time of great strain for the family, as the geopolitical situation in Venezuela and a family illness tried them all. I just thank them profusely for their kindness and generosity and thank all those who help make the DPCS and the mentorship program a reality.

**Peter Pessoa**: This was my first time as a mentor, and although I can't make any comparisons, the experience was a pleasure — and no work whatsoever. Jim and his classmate, John, are fine young men and everyone in my family enjoyed spending time with them. They came to our house a few times and even wound-up carousing with one of my sons late into the night on South Beach. These guys are well rounded, focused and driven. I highly recommend the experience. I hope that we made friends, and I am looking forward to seeing them again.

If you are interested in mentoring a student, or if you have a community service program that could use a student, please contact Bill Mitchell.

to admit that I still rattle sabers on the athletic battlefields (or is that battle trails?) In 2002, I was third in the World Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships (10 km classic technique) in Quebec City. Due to my early January birthday and the way the age groups were classified, I was 45 and racing in the 40-44 age group. Two 40 year old Russian skiers beat me (*those pesky young Russians!*). Last winter, in 2003, in Anchorage, Alaska, I won our age category in all 4 races of the US Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships (*none of those darn Russians to contend with!*). For the skate race of this series I had the

fastest time of the day for all age categories ... that felt good! (*Seriously, Tim, that's fantastic! Another '79 world class athlete.*)

During the no-snow season, I compete in running and mountain bike races. I'm usually the oldest guy at the mountain bike races. But I sometimes win. To do this I often have to forget my age. Like when it comes to racing crazy 18-20 year olds down steep, rocky, rooty and twisty single tracks at Mach 3! Fun stuff. Make time for fitness! Your life depends on it.

## CONSULTANT/MENTOR PROGRAM (by Bill Mitchell)

Here's your opportunity to give back to Dartmouth in another way. We have partnered with the Class of 2004, our 25 year partner class, to help seniors who are looking for information about careers or regions of the country where they are about to start school or jobs. Your opportunity to help is entirely voluntary, but here is how it works. You register as a Volunteer at our website, listing a career or region you can help with (or both). The '04s have a link to our website from their website where this program is advertised. When an '04 wants to contact a Volunteer, they will send an email to me with their contact info (email/phone). I will in turn forward it to you and put the ball in your court to reach out to them as you see fit. I will let them know I have forwarded their information to you and that you will be contacting them in 48-72 hours. Simple. Private. And hopefully fun for you and them.

Please visit our website now and take a few seconds to volunteer. It's special contributions like this that make our class distinctive. Go to <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/formCareers.htm>. So far, over 50 classmates have volunteered to help, but we have over 90 '04s who are looking for help so we would love to have more volunteers!

## IN MEMORIAM

Finally, we are sad to report that our classmate **Alan Rudman** passed away in February of this year at his home in Bridgton, Maine. Alan was the son of Warren Rudman, former U.S. Senator from New Hampshire. At Dartmouth, Alan was on the varsity football team and was a member of Theta Delta Chi. Alan received his law degree at Boston College and was admitted to the bars in Pennsylvania and D.C.

## SEND US MORE NEWS! AND PICTURES!

We end with our usual plea: Although we should get a bunch of material and pictures from Reunion, please also take the time today to submit something about yourself for our next Newsletter. Either fill out the attached green card (in the printed and mailed version of the Newsletter) and send it in, or better yet, send an e-mail to either [jim\\_feuille@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_feuille@yahoo.com) (don't forget the underscore) or [briley@cooley.com](mailto:briley@cooley.com), or get on the Net and give us an update from the '79 website. Simply go to <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. Click on "Newsletter", then on the Newsletter page, click on "Tell us what you've been doing." Type in your message and follow the prompts and your message will automatically come to us.

We also need pictures! If you have pictures of a significant adventure, a largish or smallish gathering of '79s, or even an embarrassing moment of note, you can share the photos with the rest of the us. If you send us electronic versions of pictures you would like to share, we can either put them in the Newsletter or Mike McCoy can post them to the website. If you don't have electronic versions of your photos, you can send a printed photo to Jim, Ben or Mike and we can scan the photo in and return the original to you if you need it back.

**And remember to sign up for Reunion today! See you in June in Hanover!!!**

