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FROM THE EDITORS . . .

Wow! What a deluge of messages from the class! After not resorting to our e-mail distribution list for one year to solicit news from classmates, we once again turned to the power of our e-mail list, asked you to hit "reply" and give us some news, and we heard from tons of classmates, several of whom had either never provided us or any past Newsletter editors with an update and several others who had not sent in news for a long, long time. For those of you who think all the news is always about the usual suspects, this proves otherwise. Our e-mail list is proving to be the most valuable tool we have for communicating with the class, whether it is in gathering and publishing more news in the Newsletter or giving our Class Officers the ability to directly communicate with you about important matters.

Remember we can make our Class communications even more powerful by getting e-mail addresses from more classmates. The **Feuille/Mitchell Challenge** is still on through our 25th Reunion, whereby **Jim Feuille** and **Bill Mitchell** have agreed to donate \$110 to the Dartmouth Alumni Fund for each new e-mail address that we receive. So keep those addresses coming. Go to the class website at <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. At the bottom on the home page, you will see a link entitled "Who's Been Found? Who Are We Still Looking For?" That will take you to a list of classmates for whom we need e-mail addresses. Scan the list and send us e-mail addresses for these missing classmates (or for yourself if you are among the missing!).

With all the reports we got from our e-mail solicitation of news, we have mentions of over 100 classmates in this edition of the Newsletter! So here goes.....

MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

Pat Crowell (ps.crowell@verizon.net): Guys, I'm not sure why I'm so struck that this is a great newsletter--I guess because it is (*okay, we couldn't resist printing this*). Thank you to everyone who had a part in it. I thought **Polly's** report, **Boyo's** check-in, and the notes from classmates **David Bridges** in Kazakhstan and **Jennifer Hughes** were fantastic. And, of course, a heroism story is always catchy. Congratulations to the participants in the car-in-the-river rescue (*our own adopted '79 Dave Celone*)--I periodically pray that if and when I'm confronted by a critical situation I'll find the courage to do the right thing. Come to think of it, several heroes were described--the third world doctor, the former Tucker intern now working in Nicaragua, the needle-exchange program intern, and others. Inspiring! The admissions-for-legacies article was also timely, as I have a potential candidate in my firstborn, currently a junior, whom, if I may say, I'm playing like a greyhound on a kite string. We'll see how it turns out. Thanks again for a great effort and result.

Missy Pemberton Devlin (missydevlin@yahoo.com): (*If you recall our last Newsletter mentioned that Missy wrote in from Singapore to congratulate us on our Newsletter*

Editor of the Year Award but she didn't tell us anything about her life. We asked for an update and got one): I moved to Singapore in June 2002 to be General Manager of OgilvyOne Singapore handling Direct Marketing and Interactive campaigns and managing the Nokia account regionally. I have been working in the interactive field for the past 7 years. Prior to Ogilvy, I was Managing Director of the Detroit office of Organic, an internet professional services firm, and ran the Chrysler account globally. The Ogilvy opportunity is a dream come true. Ever since I spent part of my senior year studying in Malaysia and Singapore, I have wanted to come back. Coupled with two years in Taiwan, a husband born in Singapore with family in Australia--we have so many friends and family out here--it was like coming home. After the initial hate period of "You ruined my life", my 14 year old daughter, Tisha is adjusting well. She is a freshman at the Singapore American School, speaks beginning Mandarin, better Singlish and is an expert on the best hawker stalls for local cuisine. My husband, Roy, spends his time commuting between Detroit and Singapore. Not ideal but great frequent flier miles. Currently he is the super cool dad who brings necessities--Abercrombie & Fitch jeans--to the

American teenage girl population of Singapore. All joking aside, I am amazed at how many professional couples we have met in the same situation though AT&T is the real winner. Though I had no visitors when I was in Detroit, the same cannot be said for Singapore--and I love it. Casa Devlin is always open to anyone traveling through. We have a beautiful old Chinese shophouse on a famous street in Singapore, the Singapore answer to the San Francisco picture postcard of Victorians (*now that you have invited us, don't be surprised to see classmates show up on your doorstep!*). I now know how Madonna feels on Sunday mornings when the tour buses drop off and I open the door to flashbulbs as I retrieve the Sunday paper! But it is a great place filled with Chinese antiques integral to the construction of the house with a koi pond/fountain in the center of the first floor--a recent guest pointed out that our house is featured in Frommer's guide book.

Bill Mitchell (bmitchell@maxworldwide.com): **Swanee** was spotted recently imbibing after a men's league hockey game...no bruises from the no check rules...holding down a corner office and no longer spending 12 hours per day looking at the Quotron machine. **Alistair Jessiman's** son Hugh had a great hockey season making Ivy Rookie of the year team.

Gordon Daisley (Gordon.Daisley@morganstanley.com): 80 degrees here in DC after snow over the weekend (*in April!*). This town is not much fun in the current environment, but I'm hoping at the end of the day maybe we'll see W's bust on the face of Mt. Rushmore. Family's well, my namesake's a 1st year @ UVA in Charlottesville (where they actually support Fraternities & Sororities), Claudia's now a sophomore in HS, and wife Leslie's still in

the water business (a little steadier than mine) and just finished up a bond refunding. Heading on a cruise in the West Caribbean as soon as tax season ends, and will be sure to toast everyone from Carlos & Charlie's in Cozumel. Best to all.

Steve Hufford (Hufford.Steve@epamail.epa.gov): I do have news this time, as I recently worked VERY HARD, playing 6 matches over 3 days, to prove myself the 'best of the chumps' in the US national amateur squash tournament, winning the consolation division of the men's over 45 year-old bracket. The only guy to beat me won the bracket (and he used to be a professional squash player), so I am adequately consoled (*losing to the champion in the first round then running the table in the consolation bracket ain't too bad, Steve! Somehow I knew that when you were stomping me on the freshman squash team, I was losing to the eventual national over 45 consolation champ!*). No other news of note - I continue to enjoy marriage, parenting, work, and play, and am blessed in many ways (including by fine memories of the Hanover plain and ongoing, though sporadic, contacts with wonderful Dartmouth classmates!).

Chris Carstens (chris.carstens@towers.com): In my fifteenth year with the Human Resources consultancy Towers Perrin, my thirteenth as a parent (of son Ross), my nineteenth as a husband (of wife Carol), and my eleventh living six houses down from **Kristy Rudel** in beautiful Chappaqua, NY. Steady as she goes. (*Well put Chris! Valuable philosophy for all, we'd say.*)

Rom Gac (GacR@WSFSBANK.COM): Well, after that rousing e-mail, you may get too many news items. Here is

BAGS' BRIEF (by President Bill Mitchell)

Greetings from Hanover, where the winter was long and we are still not playing golf. There is still ice in Pine Park, and only last week did the College finally blow its green fertilizer around Parkhurst. That said, last Sunday we had a beautiful day and the Green loaded up with students. Aside from the fact that there were more female students, more books and more water bottles than we used in the 70's, dogs ran, Frisbees flew and music filled the air. As a Dartmouth colleague once described fraternity rush, "The names change, but the faces remain the same."

Dartmouth College remains a vibrant undergraduate institution loaded with the best and brightest students in the country. The College has dramatically expanded its financial aid programs with more than 50% of students now receiving grants. This has ensured that our College can admit a much more varied student body than we had in the 70's. While that might present a challenge for many of us should we need to re-apply, I'm sure in this century we can all appreciate how important a diverse socio-economic, ethnic and spiritual community can be for the Dartmouth experience.

Facilities have improved dramatically at Dartmouth since we left, especially in the Athletic arena. The College has recently built an indoor tennis facility, an outdoor lighted/turfed lacrosse/field hockey/practice field, a new golf course, a new lodge at the Skiway, a renovated Leverone, the Berry Gym and a new Crew house. New dorms have been built since we left school and some older facilities have been renovated.

This progress could not have been accomplished without the support of alums. Our Class has been very generous with its support in the past and I urge you to consider continuing and enhancing that support in the future. While we all inevitably have issues with what the Trustees/administration do with one issue or another, over the broad scope of history the College has continued to advance and enhance the experience it provides our successors in the Dartmouth tradition. Some traditions are eternal, others change and others are created. Please consider helping extend the great tradition that has been the Class of 1979's legacy by participating in our Class activities, including our reunion June 17-20, 2004, and supporting the College through the Dartmouth College Fund.

my story: I was born a poor....(*good start, Rom*). I am married to Wilmington, DE native Linda Godfery Gac. We have a beautiful 2 1/2 year-old daughter (she takes after her mother). My current occupation is financial analyst for a mid-sized bank in Wilmington, while Linda stays home to take care of Madison (a much harder job). My most frequent D contacts are Rich Diver '81 (our DED) and John Carney '78, who is the lieutenant governor of the First State -- Delaware. John and I are also alumni of the same high school, along with Fred Sieracki '80.

Dave Daniels (ded@danielsporco.com): We had a mini reunion with a number of AD 79s, 78s and 77s in Sarasota, Florida in February. In attendance were **John Wetenhall** (Director of the world renowned Ringling Museum and holder of the all time record at Dartmouth for most courses audited in a single semester), **Doug Hodge** (who flew in from Japan), **Bill Holmes**, MD (who spends much of his time saving the lives and limbs of children in third world countries), **Dave Wilson** (whose son Cameron, age 11, is shooting the lights out on the golf course and is getting ready to challenge immortals like Tiger Woods, **Joe Henley** and Chaw), and **Tim Ehrsam** (who allegedly shot a 78 his first day in town and whose wife Marsha is much nicer than he is). The 78s and 77s will remain nameless because this, after all, is not their newsletter. All else is well. My 5 children are happy and healthy, as are my 5 chickens (*no dogs, cats, birds, fish, guinea pigs, hamsters, snakes, geckos....just chickens???*). I started last August with 6 (chickens that is) but one departed this world due to an overabundance of double yoked eggs in her quiver. The eggs from the survivors taste good and I have found that bringing the birds feed and water every day or so keeps me grounded. This morning one of the hens gave me a peck while I was reaching for her egg. If that happens again, I plan to buy a rotisserie (*I'm sure that will be popular with the kids.....roasting old Henny-Penny for dinner!*).

Stuart Lewan (stuartlewan@yahoo.com): I haven't been a big news reporter over the years, but my ambivalence

about Dartmouth has mellowed with time. I'm Quality Assurance manager at a start-up in San Francisco (sounds pretty 1999, doesn't it?) and we've just launched two big e-commerce sites for the luxury retail industry. I am also tech coordinator for the Susan Leal mayoral campaign in SF. She is the only candidate with the brains and integrity to clean up the mess we have here (*sounds like a political commercial here for our San Francisco readers*), and she's a kick-ass lesbian Latina to boot! Supporting gay political causes in San Francisco feels a little more comfortable than it did in Hanover 25 years ago. **Carolyn Martin** and I see each other here at our gay alum get-togethers, but I rarely see other 79's, even when I go to the Northern California alum things (*I guess its not just us; it seems the other '79s in Northern California don't go to the Dartmouth Club of Northern California stuff either—we just like to go to the '79 related activities!*). Lots of "youngsters" from the classes in the 80's and '90's, that I know from my Kiewit and Alpha Theta days (1984-92). I used to bump into **Adam Samuels** once in a while (great work on QuickBooks for the Mac!), and I hear rumors that **Lee Jones** is very close by. No partner these days, just having a good time using my mid-life crisis as an excuse to pretend it's still the '70's here in Baghdad by the Bay. I just became an uncle for the first time when my youngest brother and his partner of ten years adopted a gorgeous baby girl born at Christmas time. I never thought I would be so into kids! That is about it for now. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to write! I'm happy to hear from anyone who remembers me and wants to be in touch.

Mark Tomalonis (mtomalonis@valin.com): I couldn't say no to an excellent sales pitch to "just hit 'Reply'" (*a lot easier than writing on and mailing in that green postcard, huh?*). Hailing from Palo Alto, CA. On the professional side of life, the company I work for is struggling with the challenges of the worst downturn ever in the semiconductor industry. Never a dull moment. On the personal side, periodic bike rides in wine country and frequent hikes in the local foothills or Carmel Valley provide nice escapes and some exercise. (At our age, it's no

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE (by Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Frawley Granowitz)

By the time you read this, you will have been contacted many times by Dartmouth College, and possibly by one of your classmates about giving to the Dartmouth College Fund. Our Class goal this year is 53% participation. Getting there doesn't happen without an effort so we hope that you'll forgive our efforts if we seem persistent. As of May 12, we only needed 142 more classmates to make a gift to reach our goal. By the time that you read this, we'll have reduced that but probably not exceeded it. If you have not made a donation yet this year, please contact Dartmouth at 800-228-1769 and put it on your credit card, or go on-line to www.dartmouthcollegefund.org and make your gift.

FYI, as of May 12, 2003, our class had 38% participation (that's 368 out of 992 classmates with gifts or pledges), and we are dead even with the Class of '80, who usually is the class closest behind us at the end of the year in the participation category. We had raised \$242,211 in cash as of May 12, 2003, in contrast to \$387K raised in cash at the same time last year.

As we noted in the last newsletter, an important new aspect in this fundraising year is that you can now designate that your gift go specifically to one of the following categories: (1) College's Highest Priorities, (2) Academic Programs & Faculty Support, (3) Arts, (4) Athletics, (5) Financial Aid, (6) Student Programs and Services, (7) Technology and the Digital Library, and (8) the Campus. See www.dartmouthcollegefund.org for all the details.

142 more classmates...you can make a difference with your gift!

longer about staying in shape. It's simply about slowing the decline.) Wife Kathy and daughter Erin, 10, are doing fine. Erin graduates from elementary school this spring... if only she can pass that only-in-Palo-Alto "espresso-making" final exam. Kathy continues to volunteer at school, while raising Erin and me. (She's doing better with Erin.) Most recent eBay purchase: green laser pointer. They make ones so bright that I can now point to stars and constellations at night, and the beam is visible for over a mile into the atmosphere. Great for star-gazing sessions with kids. Most recent discovery of a cool web site: www.heavens-above.com. See when and where every visible man-made satellite is visible from your own back yard. Most recent great stock tip: _____ (blank? None? Oh, yeah, I guess it's been a tough tech bear market). Most recent classmate contact: **Pat Crowell**. Pat, we'll figure out this video-conferencing thing between my Mac and your Microsoft-less PC sooner or later. (And your scotch?).

Puddie Hauge Sword (elizabeth@checnet.org): Having just completed my fourth year as Executive Director of CHEC (stands for what exactly?, checking the acronym on Google.com, the first choice is Christian Home Educators Coalition—somehow with the reference to chemicals, I don't think so—then Combustion and Harmful Emissions Control in Lyngby, Denmark—chemicals, yes, but Denmark? Okay, so www.checnet.org says Children's Health Environmental Coalition!), I can see the difference we are making in the lives of parents and the health of their

children. Given the complex nature of the work--thousands of chemicals, multiple media through which children can experience exposure and many life stages--it is a welcome challenge and offers a meaningful focus. Meanwhile my eldest heads to college next year (where?), and the youngest will be in high school in eighteen months. (We are getting old aren't we? Here's consolation for you, though....I saw that Anne B. Davis turned 77 on May 5. Do you know what that means? That means that when she played Alice on the Brady Bunch she was our age!!!! I certainly hope we look younger than that!!!!).

Barbara Wiese Ross (<mailto:bwr79@bellsouth.net>): Okay, that was a convincing email. Here's some news. In addition to being a science writer and editor, I've also written several dog obedience books with my husband, John, a long-time dog expert. Our fourth book was just published in February from W.W. Norton. It's titled *Adoptable Dog: Teaching Your Adopted Pet to Obey, Trust, and Love You* by John Ross and Barbara McKinney (my pen name in the dog world—so John uses his real name and you use a pen name?). It's a great resource for anyone with a "second-hand" dog (What about those of us who buy new dogs...well, you know, from a breeder...rather than "used" dogs? Did you write a book for us?). A June book tour will take us to New England, and we're even doing a book signing at the Dartmouth Bookstore on June 18th. That will give me a much-needed chance to visit my friends in Norwich, where we lived for a few years. We moved to South Florida in 2001. (So Barb,

25TH REUNION UPDATE (by Debbie Sorter Parnon, 25th Reunion Planning Chair)

Here's a scary thought.....we are one year away from our 25th Reunion!! How did that happen? Scary thought #2.....we have to plan a Reunion that will draw classmates back to Hanover from every corner of the U.S. and beyond. So here's the best opportunity that has probably come down the pike in the past 25 years. You can be the coordinator for any of our Reunion events or meals listed below and you have first choice! Any one you want and it's yours to plan....with some help from your friends on the committee, of course. So take a look at the options you have to choose from and think about how you can plan an event that will attract fellow '79's.

- 1) Work with Alumni Relations on Moosilauke hikes.
- 2) Want to help with registration? We will need people to "man" the registration tables.
- 3) Reception coordinator--3 receptions: Thurs., Fri., Sat. (6/17, 18, 19) before dinner
- 4) Plan a program for Thursday night
- 5) Plan a program for Friday morning--Round Table or Panel discussion etc. Involve classmates
- 6) Family Picnic coordinator--Storrs Pond, Friday noon--lunch Involves working with a caterer, entertainment/music, children's activities
- 7) Friday dinner--Food? Venue? Program? Music?
- 8) Class Tent Activities
- 9) Saturday afternoon lunch, program, activity
- 10) Saturday Dinner -Food? Program/Speakers?
- 11) Sunday breakfast - catered by Lou's in Class Tent

You can reply to my email address, Dcsp1@aol.com, if you are interested in helping out. I look forward to being flooded with responses to this once in a quarter century opportunity.

25th Reunion Poll: Even if you can't volunteer for Reunion planning, everyone please go to the class website and respond to our Reunion poll about your plans and desires. Go to the Class of '79 website at <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/> and click the link at the top of the home page for the Reunion poll. It's easy and quick so do it today!

“REKINDLE THE SPIRIT,” CLASS OF '79, 25TH REUNION, JUNE 17-20, 2004

do real dog people think "Best in Show" is one of the all time greats, too? Or is it politically incorrect to make fun of dog trainers?).

Mark Lewis xxxxx

): I don't remember writing before, but since you are in need of filler (*xxcome on, it's not filler we are looking for, just the news...real news...funny news...okay, well maybe some filler too*), I thought I'd share some news. I have been living in the Boston area since I came here to complete my residency in 1985. I am an anesthesiologist in the western suburbs at Metrowest Medical Center. A number of Dartmouth alums are at the hospital, including Tom Treadwell ('77?) and Jim Kenealy ('81?). I also bump into **Dave Lurie** sometimes at the health club.

Joe Asch (JoeAsch@compuserve.com): I live in Paris but have a home in Hanover and I audit a course or two every summer at the College, so I follow things pretty closely there and recently authored an article that appeared in the *Daily D* this spring.

Giovan (Van) Venable King (tandgking@earthlink.net): I'm working on a Doctor of Ministry degree at Virginia Theological Seminary (while living and working in Los Angeles!) and have recently become Secretary of the International Congregational Fellowship, which will meet in Brazil and Argentina in June.

Custis Spencer Glover (csglo@yahoo.com): Hi there, no

new news here, just enjoying life as usual with John ('76) and our 17 year old daughter living in Paris. Our son, John, now 19, is working and going to school in Holland and will be heading to the US next year for more school. I hope you get some more exciting news from other 79ers (*we did, we did...*). It's good hearing what people are up to. Thanks.

Beth Blatt (bethblatt@yahoo.com): Okay, so I'll get over the Monday morning apathy (compounded by a forecast of 5-8 inches of snow--in April!) and write those few sentences. All is well here. My son Andre will be 4 in June. My husband Michel continues to work at AIG. I am writing lyrics for a new musical with playwright/Pulitzer Prize winner Marsha Norman. We'll go to TheatreWorks in Palo Alto for a developmental reading in May (*très cool, Beth, keep up the good work*). That's it for now.

Ernie Parizeau (ernie@parizeau.net): You could write about **Kurt Somerville** and the Crash-B Sprints (www.crash-b.org), also known as the World Indoor Rowing Championships (Crash-B stands for Charles River All Star Has-Beens). Kurt and a few other folks founded the event 25 years ago while he was training for the Olympics (he made the 1980 Olympic team) and he is now currently Commodore-For-Life of the event. He had over 2000 entrants this year. Amazing considering competing means sitting on one of a couple hundred ergometers (rowing machines), rowing as hard as you can for 2000 "meters", and watching little computerized boats move along a computer screen. Kurt talked me into trying it last year, and I persuaded a bunch of folks to join me this year. You can read about our exploits at the Crash-B at http://www.parizeau.net/new_page_8.htm. And here are pics of Kurt and Ernie (*sounds like Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie...in fact they even look like Bert and Ernie!*) in their races:

Dave Celone (david.j.celone@dartmouth.edu), honorary



Kurt Somerville, the Commodore-for-Life of the Crash-B Sprints still looks relaxed in the last 200 meters.



Ernie Parizeau, obviously not in the same shape as Kurt, huffs and puffs in the mid-point of the race.

'79, I'm in NYC at the Y___ - err...better make that the Dartmouth Club getting ready to meet with **Mike Biondi**, **Lizanne Galbreath Megrue**, **Ernie Parizeau**, and **Peggy Epstein Tanner** for a 25th Reunion Giving Committee meeting tomorrow morning. We're developing a plan for next year's Reunion giving campaign that will include getting out to a large cross-section of classmates to ask them to participate as volunteers. The focus of our effort will be equally weighted on raising money for the Dartmouth College Fund as well as increasing the overall participation rate of giving by classmates. Did you know that the highest rate of giving ever achieved by the class was back in 1984 when 740 classmates made a gift for a participation rate of more than 70%? Since then the participation rate has declined as low as 44% in 1995 but has rebounded to 56% in 2000 at the 20th reunion. Last year it was 51% and I **know Burr Gray**, **Elyse Benson Allan**, and **Gail Frawley Granowitz** are doing their absolute best to make that a higher number for this year. The Fund year ends on June 30, so here's my request to anyone in the Class who hasn't yet made a gift to log onto the DCF website at www.dartmouthcollegefund.org and make a gift before finishing this Newsletter! By the way, '79 has pioneered a new program, the Quick Caller Program, that's being rolled out across all classes this year and next. It's a great program that asks for volunteers to make quick calls to classmates in May and June to help increase participation rates. It's been working for '79 so we're hopeful it will work for others. So, my thanks to all of you who have been steady contributors over the years. And my heartiest congratulations to the '79 volunteers who have shown what a great team effort can do to model a new program for other classes to follow!

Carol Gieg (carol.gieg@kp.org): I am writing from Santa Rosa with blistered hands from wrenching fifty-year-old juniper from stubborn clay soil on our front lawn. Actually, it's this type of homeownership effort that I enjoy; the decorating indoors is entirely beyond me. Yup, we finally bit the bullet and did the "grown-up" thing--bought a house. The fickle stock market motivated the change in investment strategy (read: desperation led to commitment). I am actually enjoying this more than I thought I would, removing asbestos (I do believe I have stimulated a new fashion craze with our zoot suits and Darth Vader face masks) and smashing down walls. I KNEW that Dartmouth education would come in handy! Any-hoo, I continue to mountain and road ride, canoe and rollerblade--obviously, this house will take a while to complete, my priorities have not changed. And now, everyone's kids are old enough to accompany me on my camping forays, so we may never finish the new roof! Oh, well, you have to live if you are gonna work this hard. New address: 5817 Monte Verde Dr SRO CA 95409. And, yes, I should be here for more than the requisite 2 years. Hugs!

Donna Smyers (DoSmyers@cs.com): Last year I wrote and said I was looking forward to competing in triathlons in the new 45-49 age group in 2002. Well it was worth waiting for. I won my (and your) age group at the Ironman World Championships in Kona Hawaii in October setting a new age group record and then won the 45-49 age group at the Olympic distance ITU World Championship in Cancun in

November. Based on those wins, I was named USA Triathlon Master's Triathlete of the year and Triathlete Magazine Age Group Triathlete of the year in February. I'm soaking up the accolades while they last (*well, Donna, a round of snaps is definitely coming your way from the readers of this Newsletter. Congratulations. By the way, check out this website and sure enough you will see Donna's name and time—10 hours, 43 minutes, 39 seconds—and her standing at the top of the age class!*<http://liveupdate.ironmanlive.com/frameset.php3?url=http://vnews.ironmanlive.com/assets/2002results/2002knonawomen.htm>. You'll hear from me next in 2008 (*uh, oh, is that the over 50 age group?*).

Rueben Stokes (Stokesfolks4@aol.com or rstokes@adt.com): Ok guys, you shamed me into writing something. Life is good here in South Florida. My wife Alana and I just celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary and I'm still in marketing at ADT Security Services. Most of my "free time" is spent on kid activities. I do it all, coaching, announcing (John Madden and Dick Vital need not fear me) and spectating. Rueben II is 13 and almost as tall as me. He plays football, basketball and the clarinet. Blair Elizabeth is 10. She plays basketball, is a voracious reader and an obsessed mermaid figurine collector. I'm also the Capital Campaign Chairman for my church, St. Paul Lutheran. We're raising funds to build a new, larger sanctuary. Anybody looking for a 2003 charitable deduction should call me. All others, we need your prayers. We're all looking forward to our annual visit from the **Ford family**, **Lafayette**, **Suzanne**, **Issa** and **Eton**. They stop in on their way back to Naperville, IL after spending time with his parents who've retired to Naples, Florida. Where are the South Florida '79s? Even if you're not down here (**Julia**, **Ed**, **Benny**, **Jenks**, **Tex**, **Carolyn**, **Stud**, **Judy**, **Bruce**, **Sarah**, **Nigel**, **Joe**, **Jimmy**, **Steve...**) send me a note. Go 'Fins!

Dorothy Bullock (DSPOTTO1@aol.com): Hello All! Dot here! Still an elementary school principal in Atlantic City...whole school closing and moving into a brand new building...K-8! Wow. Still married and my son will be 4 years old in April...looking for a gooooooood kindergarten for him. Not much else...don't hear from anyone....oh well, see ya!

Steve Gordon (gordonak@alaska.net): I am working on a large public art commission to be installed in Teeland Middle School in Wassilla. I have some of my artwork on my new website. For those classmates who are interested my site address is www.gordonpaintings.com (*Everyone should definitely go check out Steve's website. Beautiful work, Steve*). I keep busy painting and parenting our four kids. I am an assistant scout master and am leading winter camping treks up in the mountains. We are making snow caves for this weekend's camping trip. **Karen (Brownsberger Gordon)** is currently the PTA president for Scenic Park Elementary school where two of our kids go to school. We are both children's leaders in Bible Study Fellowship and we are studying the book of John this year. That pretty well sums up the major focus of our lives right now. Hope all is well with you.

Jim Wasz (JWasz1979@aol.com): When the mailbox is

empty, make something up about our classmates. Boylan and I did on several occasions (*sounds like advice from our former class secretaries about their Alumni Magazine columns!*). I remember reporting that **Walter** and **Laura Hartshorn Elliott** had moved from Atlanta to LA. About a week later, I received a very nice letter from Grandma Elliott saying it was news to her (*nice job, Waszoo! At least as you will see below David Thomsson asked us to make something up about him!*). Anyway, I just wrapped up my fourth season as head coach of the Simsbury Mother Ducks, an over 30 women's ice hockey team ("chicks with sticks," as they like to call themselves). We finished the year at 3-3-3. These gals make Alpha Chi's infamous "Dixie" line of **Ken Beer**, **Wild Bill Conway**, and Steven Gotchaux ('81) look like NHL all-stars (*okay, let's see... the rest of us are coaching kids' baseball, soccer, basketball, etc. and you are coaching 30-something women's hockey? What's up with that?*). In my spare time, I'm doing health plan contracting for IMPATH Inc., a cancer focused diagnostic services and information company. Looking forward to another min-reunion golf weekend with you in Hanover this summer. Let me know when you're in town and I'll make the trek up north from CT.

Bob Richards (Puckstop57@aol.com): All is well here in Medfield, MA. with wife Toni and Josh, Brendan and Jake. My oldest Josh is working at EMC. Brendan is a sophomore at Nobles and Jake is a second grader at Charles River School (*sophomore then 2nd grader? Sounds like Jake was a little surprise!*) Work is going great. The real estate advisory firm I co-founded in Boston in 2000, Richards Barry Joyce & Partners, has grown from 7 to 23 employees and we are having a lot of fun in a tough market. Got a couple of chances to get up to Hanover a few times this past year. What great memories. Spoke to **Steve O'Neill** recently. He and his family are living large out in California.

Libby Roberts (LibbyinBoston@aol.com): Gee, I only have drivel, but having been in your shoes, I wish I could help. Here's an attempt. I think people have already heard this but.....**Pete Roby** and I continue to work our tails off at Northeastern University in Boston. He's doing a terrific job reaching out to the world as the Director of the Center for the Study of Sport and Society. Could there be anyone better for this job?! He is getting quoted in papers and journals left and right. Additionally, the center does great work reaching out to underserved populations and getting kids excited about sports. I, on the other hand, oversee fundraising for the University and struggle with the uncertain and scary economy. People have an emotional relationship with money in the first place, and to feel squashed and vulnerable doesn't help the stream of alumni dollars (*except from '79s to Dartmouth, right Burr, Elyse, Gail?*). However, I plan to rev the engines on the Parents Fund since Bill Mitchell -- who, by the way, got his MBA at Northeastern -- is about to send his son to Northeastern. Go Huskies! (*Go Huskies? Libby, Libby, what's happened to you?*).

Peter Roby (peterrobby@attbi.com): (*Hey, Big Fella, Libby already wrote about you so I don't think I need to include this piece....oh, well, okay, here you go.*) Hello, I'm

enjoying my new role as Director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. I get to see **Libby Roberts** (*yes, we've heard*) regularly here at NU in her role as VP of Development (*hey, she didn't give us her lofty title!*). I had lunch with **Tom Bird** just last week and he is doing well taking classes at the Kennedy School of Government and the Divinity School at Harvard. T Bird and I are still dealing with our complex of never getting many takers at the Harvard/Dartmouth Football tailgates. We are taking therapy and seem to be coming out of it well. For everyone who has never attended, don't feel guilty. Well maybe a little guilt would be ok. Life in Newton is great! I'm President of the elementary school PTO, just finished coaching my son PC's (*politically correct?*) eighth grade travel basketball team and loving watching our daughter Kayla begin high school. She continues to dance in the Boston Ballet School and is doing terrific. Our youngest, Jon Paul, also attends classes there and is finishing third grade. My wife Sandra continues her work in the Waltham School Department. Looking forward to the 25th and hope to see everyone there. Tell my roomie Tom Ryan I send my best (*TR, the Big Fella sends his best...there Pete, we told him for you!*).. See ya.

Tom Ryan (TRyan@lathroppage.com): Send my best to the Big Fella, **Peter Roby**. (*Okay, so TR didn't really write in; I just made it up, but at last count TR was living and practicing law in Kansas City but still rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals, although the Royals hot start this year may make him a fan of the local team yet!*).

Etta Pisano (etpisano@med.unc.edu): It has been years since my husband, **Jan Kylastra**, and I have updated you, so there's a lot to tell. Jan and I live with our four children in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. We are both physicians. Jan is an ophthalmologist, a retina specialist, in private practice, based in Burlington, NC and Chapel Hill. I am a radiologist, chief of breast imaging, at the University of North Carolina. Jan's job is very busy. He sees patients three and half days a week and operates a fourth day (*very busy? Sounds like four and a half days to me...and Wednesday afternoons at the golf course?*). I mainly do research and see patients one day per week. The flexibility of my job is a huge plus for managing our lives and the activities of the four kids. My research centers on new imaging methods for the detection of breast cancer. I have a joint appointment in the Biomedical Engineering department here at UNC. Pretty unbelievable for a philosophy major! I run into **Bennett Kashdan** with some regularity at national radiology meetings. We also keep in touch with **Scott Stevens** (who was also our classmate at Duke Med and is now in private practice radiology in Lexington, KY), and John Buse '80 (head of the Diabetes Center here at UNC). We also hear occasionally from **Rich Tanenbaum** (living in NY and running his own financial services software company), **Jon Dubin** (teaching law school in northern Jersey, still living in Manhattan), and **Dave Novello** (a lawyer in DC). Last year, Bernard Gert, my faculty advisor in the Philosophy department, spent a year sabbatical here at the National Center for the Humanities, based in Research Triangle Park. We enjoyed the time we spent getting re-acquainted with him and his wife during his stay here. The kids of course keep us very

busy. Carolyn is 17 years old and is a junior at Chapel Hill High School. She plays goalie on her soccer team and will be co-editor-in-chief of the school newspaper next year. We tried to talk her into applying to Dartmouth for college, but after a youth spent in North Carolina, she thinks it is TOO cold in New Hampshire! Jim is 13 and in the 8th grade. He plays the trombone and fences for fun. Schuyler is 12 and in the 6th grade. He plays soccer and sax. Marijke is 8 and in the 3rd grade. She plays piano and is in the chess club. We live with two dogs, a cat, a bunny and two guinea pigs (*boy, Etta, this sure sounds familiar to me—4 kids, 3 dogs, 2 guinea pigs, a hamster, a gecko, a parakeet (thank God all the fish are dead and the kids don't seem interested in getting more!) and ton's of kids' activities—welcome to the club! Okay so I can't write about myself in the Newsletter so this is an alternative way to provide an update!*) Jan's sister, Kim Kylstra '83, lives about a mile away with her husband and three daughters. We are active in the kids' schools, and enjoy this college-town community. I hope that helps you fill up the next newsletter! (*Great update, Etta, on you, Jan and several other classmates. Don't wait so many years to drop us another line.*)

Harry Griffith (Harry.Griffith@ec1.bp.com): Have moved from Venezuela back to Moscow with BP, trading Caracas weather for Russian civil obedience. Spending most of my time negotiating with the Chinese and Koreans on behalf of the Russians (4 different languages, simultaneous translation) regarding the export of East Siberian gas to Asia Pacific region via a 4,000 km pipeline. Michelle and the two boys are happy to be back for a second tour of duty and already ingrained in the ex-pat community. Trips to India, Beijing and our home in Sun Valley so far. Visitors always welcome (*to Moscow, Sun Valley or both?*).

Louisa Guthrie (louisa.guthrie@harrisbank.com): How're you doing these days? Just a quick couple of thoughts to help you guys along.....not scintillating, but nonetheless.....I had a business trip out to the Bay Area in mid-March and was able to catch a nice dinner with **Jennifer Hughes**. She and her family are doing well having just returned from a 2 month trip to New Zealand where her husband was involved with the Americas' Cup competition (*Jennifer's spouse is working with the Oracle Racing campaign representing the Golden Gate Yacht Club in San Francisco, which made it as far as the challenger finals before losing to the ultimate Americas' Cup winner*). Her two girls--12 and 9, I believe--attended school down there for the two months they were away, with Jennifer filling in with various educational field trips and cool stuff like that. Jennifer is in regular touch with **Cinda Fernald**, who is a lawyer in Seattle with a lovely Bainbridge Island address. I am in pretty regular contact with **Kathy Harper Gilbertson**, as we live in the same town. She and **John (Gilbertson)** are doing great. They have 4 children, 3 girls and a boy; the oldest is a sophomore in high school and the youngest is in 2nd grade, I think (*another 4 kid household—so how is it that we are reproducing below replacement rate in this country with all these 3, 4 and 5 kid Dartmouth households?*). John is extremely busy at Goldman Sachs, where the market is offering its particular challenges (as if.....), but he's a senior player in Chicago

and is weathering the storm with his troops. I had a really nice surprise on spring break with my husband and two children last week. I ran into **Mike Biondi** at a resort in Hawaii, who had his two sons enrolled in the same "swim with the dolphins" program as my daughter. Quite a coincidental moment in time, as he wasn't even staying at the resort we were; he just happened to have driven over for the 1-1/2 hour program, and was leaving the island that day. The funniest thing is that I wasn't even present at first, but Mike had spotted my husband holding my daughter's "Dartmouth" swimming shoes and introduced himself. I was able to grab a few minutes with Mike before the program broke up. He has 4 boys, ranging in age from 15 to 9 or so (*this is like a refrain—another 4 kid Dartmouth household!*), and he and his family live in Greenwich, Ct. That's it for now.

David Thomsson (david@brooksideveneers.com): Always good to hear from you and Ben. I think you should make up something. It will be funnier anyway.....*Okay, here goes, Dave.....* Dave has a daughter, Katie, and has built his family-owned wood veneer import company, Brookside Veneers in New Jersey, into the nation's largest (*true or false?*). Dave recently appeared on Dave Letterman's Stupid People Tricks demonstrating that you don't need a contractor's tool belt by balancing a hammer on his head, screwdrivers on each shoulder, and brads and set screws on his stuck out tongue all while gluing a new piece of wood veneer to Letterman's wall paneling (*true or false?*). Dave was walking down the road with a junior salesman in training at his company, Brookside Veneers, when he spied a fresh dog egg on the pavement. With sales being a world of bravado, Dave offers the junior salesman \$1,000 to eat the turd. Being short of money and keen to impress, the junior salesman holds his breath and swallows it. They continue down the street, whereupon Dave spies another morsel on the pavement. "Aha", he says to the junior salesman, "You've got to give me a chance to get my money back, eh?" The junior salesman agrees and Dave promptly swallows the mess. A while later the junior salesman turns to Dave and says, "I don't get it. We've both eaten dog sh__, and nobody is better off." True," says Dave, "but we have done \$2,000 worth of business!" (*true or false?*) *Answers: true, false, false. Okay, I know, the last one was a giveaway. Since Dave is not Canadian, he would never have said "eh?"*

Susan Astolfi Mack (Bbromm@aol.com): This is Susan Astolfi Mack, and, as many of our classmates know, I've been married to **Bruce Mack** since a year after graduation. For the past five years, we have been living in beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina with our children Andrew (age 16), Alicia (15) and Rebecca (13). I am Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Transamerica Reinsurance, headquartered here in Charlotte. Life took an unexpected turn in February, when Bruce, a Commander in the Naval Reserve, was re-activated to duty in connection with the Iraqi conflict. He is stationed on an aircraft carrier--the USS Theodore Roosevelt--which has been in the Eastern Mediterranean off the coast of Turkey (not classified info--their location has been on CNN). We hope for the best and expect him back here in late August. Any classmates who want to wish him well can contact him

at mackb@ccd8.navy.mil (*Nice job, Bruce. It's not one that most of us would wish for. It's people like you—prepared to serve at a moment's notice—and Sue—sacrificing their family lives—that enable the rest of us to lead the lives we do. Thank goodness the conflict was short. We hope you don't have to stay on the Roosevelt away from your family for the full six months!*)

Margo Squire (margosquire@usa.net): I confess I had good intentions to reply right away, but was interrupted and moved this to the "to do" pile. So, before this happens again, I'll try to respond. I've been living in Baku, Azerbaijan for the past two and a half years. My husband and I are both diplomats, but since he is the U.S. ambassador, and because the embassy is so small, I can't work here, so I have been on a leave of absence from the State Department. I'm working instead as the director of a US-based non-profit organization, the Eurasia Foundation, that works throughout the former Soviet Union providing grants to local organizations trying to move their countries towards democracy and a free market. We support grass roots efforts: independent media, consumer groups, small businesses, human rights and school-based groups, etc. It is really rewarding to work with such courageous people and help the country make the transition from its Soviet past. Hopefully the country will continue on its (mainly) positive trajectory when expected oil and gas revenues start kicking-in in coming years. Plus—a working mother's dream—I managed to work out an arrangement that gets me home most days when my two sons, Blake (12) and Grady (10) get out of school, so I can help with after school softball and other activities. All in all, a great experience in which I make daily, constant use of the Russian I started learning at Dartmouth years ago.

Suzanne Carr Shepherd (SShepherd@seton.org): I have a little news, since you asked. My son Connor (*another personal update—the same name as my second son!*) will be a member of the Dartmouth Class of 2007 (*another '79 kid going to Dartmouth....is anyone keeping count? Mitchell, McCoy, an idea for the website—or for the next Newsletter—'79 kids at Dartmouth!*). I am learning about a whole new world of the First Year Dean's office, going to school for 12 trimesters instead of 11 as we did (I think) and who knows what else. I have become quite a source of misinformation for the child as I confidently tell him how things are, only to find out that's how things were (*it's always that way, isn't it? We laughed at our parents telling us how it was....we are going to be different...our kids laugh at us anyway...we may not look or feel as old as we thought our parents did—at least we don't think we do and I'm convinced its true—but our kids nonetheless think we don't get it...oh well*). Looks like the DOC Freshman Club trip remains a constant. Two children remain home in the nest. I remain happily in my job as Director of Legal Services for a Catholic hospital system in Austin, and my husband cashed out on one of the few surviving internet firms and is taking a break from the working world for a few months. From time to time I run across **Barb Bula** and **Michael Teneriello** who are also in Austin.

Pat Crowell (ps.crowell@verizon.net): The beauty of e-mail is that it makes it easy for a person to write a message

about ordinary, everyday life. The trouble with e-mail is the same. About all I have to say from Portland, Oregon is that we have set records in both March and April for numbers of days with precipitation. Other than that, our lives revolve around not what we're doing but what our children are doing (*ain't that the truth!*). I can brag with the best of 'em (*but you won't?...well, at least we know where you are and how to reach you*).

Jennifer Hughes (jhughes@glenalpine.net): I'm actually in Auckland, New Zealand until the end of January (my husband has Oracle Racing as a client, so we're here for the Louis Vuitton Challenger Series leading up to the America's Cup that starts Feb 15th). Just went to see *Lord of the Rings* (part two) with my 12 year old tonight. Fun to see some familiar landscape, and to see what bits were lifted from the local Maori culture. A few weeks ago, the hobbits (the cast from the movie) were all in town here for the opening of their film, and actually all went out for a day of watching the racing on Katana (Larry Ellison's rather gargantuan power boat), along with 50 other people from our base. We didn't go out that day (and thus missed meeting Frodo in person, much to my daughter's dismay). Yes, Oracle is doing well. It's down to us against *Alinghi* (The Swiss boat, skippered by the winning Kiwi skipper from the last two cups). Racing is best of 9 (1st to 5 wins), and starts this Saturday. The winner of the finals then goes on to sail for the actual cup against New Zealand starting 2/15. Pretty exciting around here right now. (*As many of you know, Oracle ultimately lost to Alinghi in the Louis Vuitton Cup finals. Alinghi went on to defeat New Zealand in the Americas' Cup finals, thus taking the Cup to Switzerland, which in case you haven't noticed, is a landlocked country!*).

Katy van Dusen (vandusen@racsa.co.cr): I am living in Monteverde, Costa Rica. I am a mother of 3 and full time volunteer—mostly for the Monteverde Friends School, the Monteverde Institute, and the Monteverde Conservation League. My husband, Frank, teaches tropical biology to University of California students who come here. We are both involved in conservation of the marine area off northwest Costa.

Lisa Mendelson Friel (lamb422@aol.com): I am still at the Manhattan DA's office after 20 years! (*whoa! How many of us can say we have been at the same job for that long! Okay, I guess Ben can too*). I am now Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit. In 1989, I married a colleague, Jim Friel. We had 3 children—Danny (12), James (10) and Katie (8). Jim passed away last year. The kids and I reside in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

Cindy Marder Calder (cindycalder@netscape.net): After a 10-year career as a banker followed by 13 years as a French translator working for banks, law firms, publishers, etc., I decided I wanted to put on my low riders, sling on a backpack, throw my hair up in a pony tail and head back to school as an undergrad again. (*Don't we all wish we could do that again? Nice going Cindy-Lou!*) So I enrolled at Columbia where I am studying ancient Greek and reading Plato in the original (anyone remember Starzinger's Gov't 5 class and his references to the existence of a chair?). I'm

hoping to pass proficiency exams soon to get into Masters' program. I also have 4 strapping sons ages 6, 7, 12 and 14 and am hoping at least a few will go to Dartmouth.

Ben Riley (briley@cooley.com): We were just on Spring Break to Vegas, Sedona, Arizona and the Grand Canyon. Drove the whole way! Lots of fun (especially with a VCR and headphones in the car to keep the kids occupied and quiet!). Talk to you soon (*like very soon as we review the draft of this Newsletter!*).

Jim Feuille (jim_feuille@yahoo.com): As for me, well, okay, I will write something about myself only because I find myself working at a new gig. After almost 20 years as a technology investment banker, I left the business last summer, took several months off and jumped back into the employment game last November when I joined the "buy"

side of Wall Street with Crosslink Capital in San Francisco, a firm active in both venture capital and the public equity markets.. After about six months of looking at investment opportunities with public stocks—large and small cap—and private companies—early and late stage—I have settled into focusing on private equity opportunities in business and consumer services companies which leverage technology to provide their services. I must say it's been nice to step away from the frenzy of the investment banking world, particularly with all of the regulatory changes being implemented which will make the business a lot less interesting and fun (not to mention the witch hunt going on in the industry right now!). As for my having four children and a lot of pets, you heard about that elsewhere in this Newsletter!

THE '79 NEWS BAG

In January, *The Providence Journal* reported that **Dean Esserman** has been named Chief of Police of Providence. "The anticipated new era for the Providence Police Department began yesterday with the appointment of its nationally known and admired police chief...", noted the paper, "Mayor David N. Cicilline had promised to find 'the best police chief in the country.'" The paper crowed that "as the former chief in Stamford, Conn., the Metro-North Railroad, and as assistant chief in New Haven, Conn., Esserman established innovative policing programs that dropped crime rates and raised police morale and people's trust in their officers. His methods have been copied at departments elsewhere....This is a department beleaguered by stories of misconduct, corruption, and scandal. Officers have endured criticism in their own city and the distrust of the people they serve. But yesterday, they were the envy of others....the measure of the new chief could be seen in the number of his former colleagues who traveled miles for the ceremony. They included his former Dartmouth College professor, who first sparked his interest in policing, his former chief in the New York City Transit Police, his former officers from New Haven and Stamford, and Stamford Mayor Daniel P. Malloy. They joined Esserman's family his in-laws, his wife, Gilda Hernandez, who is a former New York City Transit detective, and their three children, Rolando, 19, Nellie-June, 10, and Samuel, 5, who twirled his father's badge in his hands." A related *Associated Press* wire story highlighted Dean's background: "Esserman, 45, began his career as a lawyer, working as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y., a special assistant U.S. attorney, and the general counsel to the New York City Transit Police. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he also worked on the transition team for William Bratton when he became New York City police commissioner. Esserman became assistant chief in New Haven, Conn., in 1991, when he graduated from the police academy. He then worked as chief of the Metro-North Railroad Police, and later as chief in Stamford. Most recently, Esserman has been the executive managing director at Thacher Associates, a New York City corporate investigations firm." *Way to go, Dean! Good luck! The only bad news in either story is that Dean*

and his family will be living in housing provided by Brown University until they find a new home! Are you kidding? Are the bathrooms down the hall, Dean?

Not content to stop there, three months later, *The Providence Journal*, reported that "Roger Williams University has enlisted Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman to teach special seminars, expand research opportunities for faculty and students, attract national experts, and help the university to play a bigger role in the local criminal-justice community. Esserman...will serve as 'senior law-enforcement executive-in-residence,' a newly created position, at the Roger Williams Justice System Training and Research Institute. Esserman said he is "pretty excited" about the opportunity to teach, and to use the Socratic method to convey real-life lessons and important values to the students." *At press time, Dean had not agreed to move from Brown University housing to Roger Williams University housing. I guess the parties are better at Brown!*

The *New York Post Online Edition* reported in April that **Mike Biondi** was leaving Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein to join his buddy Bruce Wasserstein at Lazard LLC (formerly Lazard Frères). Mike was one of the original team of bankers who left First Boston in 1988 with Wasserstein and Joe Perella to found Wasserstein Perella. Mike had stayed on following the acquisition of Wasserstein Perella by Dresdner Bank. Meanwhile, Wasserstein himself had left in early 2002 to become CEO of Lazard. Mike was to be a senior banker at the firm, focused on winning new business and developing client relationships. The *Post* said that "hiring Biondi, a respected dealmaker and manager, would be considered a coup for (Bruce) Wasserstein, whose biggest challenge is to lure brand-name (*yes, Mike has now become a brand*) bankers with sterling client rosters to Lazard. *Meanwhile, Mike has been generous enough to agree to co-head our 25th Reunion Giving Campaign!*

The *Michigan Frontpage*, Detroit, MI, reported that **Sheila Johnson** was elected to the 46th District Court bench,

making her the first African American judge in the city of Southfield. Even more impressive, Sheila won her post by defeating a 20-year incumbent (*great job, Sheila!*). After Dartmouth, Sheila attended the University of Michigan Law School. Sheila was also the first African American president of the U of M Law School Student Senate.

The *Altoona Mirror*, Altoona, PA, reported that **Elizabeth Doyle** was running for a County Judgeship in Blair County. Elizabeth was a Blair County first assistant district attorney who had been appointed four years ago by former Governor (and now Director of Homeland Security) Tom Ridge to a District Justice position. The election primary is scheduled to take place just as this Newsletter will be published so we can't give you the results. After Dartmouth, Elizabeth attended Northeastern University School of Law. She is married and has two children. It appears from the press that she is a soccer and swimming mom as her daughters compete in those sports.

The *Scarsdale Inquirer*, Scarsdale, NY, reported that **Mary Beth Gose** was nominated by the Scarsdale Citizens Nominating Committee to serve on the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees. Mary Beth is a nine-year resident of Quaker Ridge and is also treasurer of the Town and Village Civic Club (TVCC), co-chair of its education committee, the TVCC representative to the Scarsdale Arts Council and a member of the Consolidated Fiscal Affairs Committee. She is also program coordinator of the League of Women Voters of Westchester and the Scarsdale league's liaison to the county board. (*Sounds like a resume for a run for the next mayor of Scarsdale, Mary Beth!*). Mary Beth is married to Firman Leung and has two sons, 8 and 12. After Dartmouth, Mary Beth received a law degree at Duke and a business degree at the University of Chicago, after which she worked in investment banking at Merrill Lynch.

What **Ben Riley** did not report in his brief update is that he was one of 26 attorneys in California—and one of two in

the Pro Bono category—to receive the 2002 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) award from *California Lawyer* magazine for pro bono work on a case arising from early 20th century discrimination laws. While Ben's partners were not happy with the amount of work the case required, for which they were not compensated, it was an incredible case and well worth the effort. It essentially emanated from an era when Japanese Americans were not allowed to own land. The Soko Bukai, an association of Christian churches which served the Japanese-American community in San Francisco bought a building in San Francisco to serve the Japanese American community there and entered into a trust with the YWCA to hold the building in trust for the community since they could not own the building themselves. 80 years, the Japanese internment, and many lost documents later, the YWCA tried to sell the historic Julia Morgan-designed building. And so enter Ben into the equation. On the eve of trial, Ben engineered a settlement requiring the building to be forever dedicated to charitable use and required the YWCA to sell the building and an adjacent playground to a day care center serving the Japantown community. *Great job, Ben! (and just think, I didn't even get this write up from Ben! The Alumni Office told me about it!)*.

Regina Barreca was in the news again. The *Shore Line Times*, Guilford, CT, reported that Gina appeared on the Madison Cultural Arts Lecture Series in Guilford in March. A book signing followed the event, although it was not clear which of Gina's many books she was to sign that day! What hasn't been reported in this Newsletter is that Gina's books have apparently now been translated into Chinese (*we assume Mandarin, but it is not made clear as the Shore Line Times writer probably didn't know enough to distinguish which language it really was!*), German, Spanish, Italian, Czech and Korean (*as with many other things, it appears that the French just have not gone along with the program!*).

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

Well, everyone has probably heard by now that the College announced that it was cutting the men's and women's swimming and diving programs (see budget cutting comments below), then after lots of complaining from alumni and some swimming specific fundraising (a \$2 million commitment over 9 years!), the College reversed course and reinstated the program. We would love to write more about it—and would have been forced to do so as filler but for the terrific response to our e-mail plea for news from the Class. We got so many classmate updates that we don't have room for that much filler!

Besides the swimming fiasco, the College is being forced into budget cutting across the Board. Like many of us did as individuals, and like the Federal and state governments did, thinking the market's advance was not a bubble but a fundamental change in the nature of the economy (*what were we thinking?*), the College's spending rate went up dramatically during the strong stock market run of the late 1990s as earnings from the endowment and endowment

growth due to investment gains were huge (investment gains for us; tax revenues for the governments). Rather than reducing the percentage of endowment assets spent each year to temper somewhat the effects of the huge endowment gains to create a more linear expenditure pattern, the College actually increased the percentage of endowment assets spent from 5% to 5.5% (which compares to peer schools which spend only 4.5-5.0%). This acted as an incredible accelerator on spending! Operating expenditures at the College increased by 50% from 1998 through 2002, despite the fact that the market started tanking in early 2000! Now, those endowment earnings and gains have been reversed (the endowment peaked at \$2.5 billion in 2000 and has declined to \$2.1 billion today) and the College is going through the painful process of rationalizing expenses (like businesses which have gone through and will continue to endure several years of pain as they rationalize their expense structures but unlike the governments which are still spending like crazy and just running deficits!). In addition, because the

spending is based on average assets over the prior 12 quarters, the average asset base being used to calculate spending is still higher than the actual assets today. As the prior 12 month average comes closer to the actual lower level of the endowment and as Dartmouth must also reduce the percentage expenditure rate to the historical 5% levels, contributions from the endowment will continue to decline even if the stock market stabilizes. So expect to hear more stories about painful cuts in the next several years.

Despite the budget woes, undergraduate applications increased by 16% to a new record level, which of course is making it harder and harder for our kids to get in if they want to go to the big D!

The College appointed Stephen P. Spielberg as Dean of the Dartmouth Medical School! Spielberg intends to bring computer simulation and animation cinematography techniques to medical research and practice.....*Okay, so I made that up...not the part about the College appointing a Stephen P. Spielberg as Medical School Dean but the part about bringing computer simulation and animation cinematography techniques to the Medical School.*

A Dartmouth alum was named to the College Football Hall of Fame! Murry Bowden, class of '71, a linebacker who anchored the staunch defense on Dartmouth's undefeated 1970 Lambert Trophy (best football team in the East) team. Murry joins his Dartmouth coach, the legendary Bob Blackman in the Hall. Before Murry's selection, the last inducted Dartmouth player in the hall was a '39! We hope Reggie Williams, '76, who we watched play as freshmen

and who went on to have a superlative NFL career with the Cincinnati Bengals, joins Murry in the Hall in a few years. And hopefully Nick "The Kick" Lowry, '78, will also be a member sometime soon. *Okay, they are not '79s but it is still pretty cool for a little Ivy League school.*

For those who remember the winter of our Freshman year—10 straight days where the temperature never rose above 0°F day or night and 40 straight days where the temperature never rose about freezing day or night—the winter of 2003 in Hanover brought back memories for our classmates like **Bill Mitchell**, **Eleanor Shannon** and **Charlie Carr** living there. It seems that winter temperatures were 30 percent lower than normal and the area experienced the coldest day ever recorded for early March. It was still snowing in early April. Tons of snow made for great Winter Carnival statues though and the Dartmouth Ski Team won its own Carnival for the first time since 1984. Dartmouth also hosted the NCAA Skiing Championships at the Skiway this winter. *Can you imagine that little hill we rode the bus to for a few hours on the slopes on weekday afternoons hosting a National Championship?*

On a sadder note, Jean Kemeny passed away in January at age 72 from complications from cancer. Jean married John Kemeny in 1950 and they moved to Hanover together in 1954 when she began a 50 year love affair with Dartmouth. Her husband, John, who passed away in 1992, constantly cited her many contributions to the College and the community, including her outspoken support of women's and civil rights and drive to help Dartmouth move to coeducation.

SEND US MORE NEWS! AND PICTURES!

And finally, our usual plea: If news about you is not in this edition of the Newsletter (or even if it is), please take the time today to submit something about yourself for our next Newsletter. Either fill out the attached green card and send it in, or better yet, send an e-mail to either jim_feuille@yahoo.com (don't forget the underscore) or 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! We hope you have enjoyed some of the pictures we have included in this and recent Newsletters. We need more! 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.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!