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CLASS OF '79 DARTMOUTH CLASS OF THE YEAR!!! 2004



Mark Winkler, Walter Chick, Ben Riley, Peggy Epstein Tanner, John Currier, Bill Mitchell and Jim Boldt at Class Officers' Weekend Accepting the 2004 Class of the Year Award on behalf of the Class of '79

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

News Flash from Hanover...! For the third time in seven years, the Class of 1979 has been named Class of the Year! Led by ex-President **Bill Mitchell**, former Webmaster **Mike McCoy**, current Webmaster **Walter Chick**, Head Agent **Peggy Epstein Tanner**, Secretary **Mark Winkler**, Treasurer **Jim Boldt**, Historian **John Currier**, and me (**Ben**), we were all honored, on your behalf, to accept this annual award to the most outstanding class 25 years out and younger, at the Saturday, September 18, lunch program concluding Class Officers Weekend. See our proud mugs below! The citation from the College begins with these (*truly deserved*) words: "If Dartmouth were to clone a class, the great class of 1979 would be near the top (*make that at the top, please*) of the list of nominees." The weekend featured our own **Bill Mitchell** as President of the entire Class Officers Association, making several stirring speeches about team work and the fact that there are no "I"s in "team" or in "College" but lots of them in "University." Even ole Mitchell has a touch of profundity sometime! Our participation levels in dues payments and the Dartmouth College Fund, our great Mini-reunion schedule last year, generous contributions to Dartmouth Partners in Community Service and SEAD, as well as our record-breaking 25th reunion led to the unanimous citation by the Class Officers Executive Committee. Also, our Webmaster Emeritus, **Mike McCoy**, who also served as President of the College's Webmaster Association, was named the College's **Webmaster of the Year!** Congrats to Mike on an honored richly deserved!

Given the amazing year we had in 2004, we thought it was time to look back — and remember the wonderful Reunion we shared three months ago. The three days went by way too fast, but the glorious memories remain. Led by **Deb Sortor Parnon**, it was a stunning success. Tons of old friends, lots of new friends, and perhaps — finally — some recognition by our family members as to why we somehow seem to mention Dartmouth in every second sentence! My son remarked to me (*I think it was after he stole the beer from me on the AD beer pong table*) that Dartmouth looks and feels like a College should. How true. So read below of the amazing achievements of the record-shattering Class of '79, and re-live the many new memories we shared in June.

BEYOND THE GREEN (By President Laurie Laidlaw Roulston; Laurie@townsendgroup.com)

Many of us are still riding the high of our phenomenal and record breaking 25th. And there were so many high points — our record breaking attendance of 347 classmates, our Reunion gift to the College (\$4.6 million, 20% of the total unrestricted funds raised for the Alumni Fund last year), the unbelievable Reunion yearbook, the outstanding dinner and speeches on Saturday night (Dean Manuel's moving speech is on the website), the inspirational memorial service. I could go on and on. The Reunion Committee and many of you put in a tremendous amount of time and hard work and it really paid off. Thanks to all of you who took the time from busy lives and made the Reunion trek, many of you with spouses and kids in tow.

It's not going to be easy following in the footsteps of "Class President of the Century" Bill Mitchell, but I have a terrific group of officers who will no doubt carry on the strong Class of '79 tradition. They are:

Vice President: Bill Mitchell. Bill is a tremendous resource; he has great contacts at the College and is familiar with alumni and other issues affecting the College, so his continued involvement is a real asset. As Vice President, Bill will be responsible for our Class Projects.

Secretary: Mark Winkler. Mark comes to us from the literary world where he is Business Manager for Martha Stewart Living Magazine. Look for his first column in the upcoming November/December issue of the Alumni Magazine.

Treasurer: Jim Boldt. Jim is CFO of Brittany Corp., a Cleveland based investment group, so he brings lots of financial savvy to the job of Treasurer. Look for his letter and your dues notice later this fall.

Head Agent: Peggy Epstein Tanner. Peggy has done so much fundraising on behalf of our class that she qualifies as a "Professional '79 Fundraiser." We are lucky to have someone of her caliber as Head Agent.

Webmaster: Walter Chick. Walter is a tech guru with Intuit who is well equipped to take over the important task of Webmaster. Walter will be continuing the '79 tradition of innovation and excellence.

Newsletter Editors: Jim Feuille and Ben Riley. Jim and Ben have done an awesome job with the Newsletter and we are privileged to keep them on as editors. Don't forget to send them your news!

Mini Reunion Chair for Life: Phil Odenca. For Life, enough said? Look for a repeat of the 79th day of the year mini-Reunions.

Class Historian: John Currier. John will be running the Memorial Books program, our Class Honor Roll and other aspects of class history. John did a terrific job as chair of our 20th and on registration for our 25th Reunion. We are grateful for his continued involvement.

Our key objective over the next five years is to use the momentum of our 25th Reunion to keep our participation and the contribution by our class to the College community at a continued high profile level. We are investigating a class contribution to the proposed Kemeny Hall and are also looking into how we could use our expertise and knowledge to mentor younger classes. We welcome all of your ideas! Please email me your thoughts and suggestions.

MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

Robert A. Keefer: I have two favorite memories. One is seeing the new Phi Tau. It was fun to go with the other '79s on a tour of the new House, meeting the current brothers and then looking at our old composite. We capped it all by posing for a picture, recreating as best we could the picture from our senior yearbook. The other is getting together again with my freshman roommate, **Rick Leonardi**. We were good buddies that year and continued to be close friends throughout college, but drifted apart afterward. It was great to renew that relationship and to meet his wife and children. The rest of the Reunion was wonderful too — but those are the memories that stand out for me!

Megan Thomas: No dirt, but just a note to say how good the Reunion book was and how much I enjoyed going through it (*Snaps for Linda!*). Although I couldn't be at Reunion I was thinking of everyone; it was the impetus to catch up with friends from long ago, and for that I'm grateful.

Barbara Wiese Ross: Random thoughts: The AD crowd is still a terrific group of guys, 25 years later (*True, very true!*); **Mark T.** and I can spend ages apart and still pick up where we left off; **Cherie H.** can make me laugh on a dime; **Laura H.-E.** is as sweet as she was back in our Woodward days; that new gym has zero personality, unlike the old Alumni



Debbie Sortor Parnon modeling the '79 25th Reunion Logo



Linda Button's spouse, Mark Tomizawa '78, Debbie Sortor Parnon & Dave Wilson at Eleanor Shannon's on Thursday Night

gym; great Reunion souvenirs, and soccer tee-shirts thanks to **Dave Wilson**; seeing everyone gave me a high that lasted for days (no drugs or alcohol required!); sincere thanks to **Deb S.-P.** and team for a great Reunion. Bravo! Encore! See you in five years.

Sue Goodman Cohen (Suecohen79@aol.com): I had a great time at our 25th Reunion and I missed you, **Sova Pheng Fisher**, **Dick O'Brien**, **Gwen Kujala Stein**, **Lorrie**

Miller Sullebarger and **Skip Gill**! One of the highlights for me was the traditional North Mass Girls' Reunion-within-a-Reunion. **Louisa Guthrie Briggs**, betcha didn't realize you were starting another Dartmouth tradition when you first organized these mini-Reunions! We who resided in North Mass our Freshwoman year usually convene over a drink at the Hanover Inn during Reunion. This year I was fortunate enough to be assigned to North Mass itself, now considered "historical housing" by the College! So of course, we had 'tails in the dorm room for old times' sake. Pictured in the photo below my note are, in front from left to right, **Dibby Hatch Moder**, **Suzanne Carr**, **Ann Kappler**,

25TH REUNION WRAP-UP (by **Debbie Sortor Parnon**; dcsp1@aol.com)

Reunion? Has it been four months since our 25th Reunion already? Still seems like yesterday as I keep playing the weekend events over and over in my mind. What a blast it was! Highlights are difficult to summarize.

As I run down the schedule, each event was a success in its own right. From the Porch to Porch Welcome Reception hosted by **Eleanor Shannon** and her husband David and **Bill** and Bray **Mitchell**, to the panel discussion moderated by **Jim Cioban**, to the presentations by Prof. Abby Baird and Hood Museum Collections Manager **Kellen Haak**, to the soccer game hosted by **Dave Wilson**, to the theatrical video presentation by **Phil Olson**, to **Giovan Venable King's** thoughtful Service of Remembrance, not to mention the meal coordinators and the respective MC's as each meal was an event unto itself. Classmates arrived ready to have a good time. You could tell by the look on their expectant faces, their relaxed posture, the way they spoke to their spouses and children ...we were all there to enjoy our 25th college Reunion.

I would be negligent not to include some follow up information. Yearbooks are available to order by going on line, www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/Reunion. Click on Yearbook in the menu at the top of the home page, print the order form, and send it along with a check for \$50 made payable to Dartmouth Class of '79 to Jim Boldt, 106 Dorset Drive, South Russell, OH 44022. It is a book filled with the perspectives, insights, stories, accounts, and personal information of over 300 of our classmates. It is a yearbook worth owning. If you would like to purchase a class photo that was taken on the Memorial Field Bleachers Saturday night, please send a check for \$15 made payable and sent to Dexter Pierce Photographer, P.O. Box 133, Hanover, NH 03755. Please indicate whether you would like a Group Photo (with guests) or a Classmates Only (Class of '79) photo. Also if you would like to order a copy of the DVD or CD premiered after dinner Friday night please send \$20 made payable to Laura Zijdel and send it with your order to: Smart Creativity, Dartmouth, 25th Class Reunion, 160 Hickory Tavern Road, Gillette, NJ 07933.

To continue the momentum our Reunion has generated in our class, we are planning a New York City dinner and theater event in February around the Off Broadway opening of **Phil Olson's** play "Don't Hug Me". More details will follow. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions etc. I would love to hear from you. Just email me at Dcsp1@aol.com.

Esther Cohen, Angela Kalisiak, Julia Hunter, Louisa Guthrie Briggs and Eileen Kain Szytko. Behind them are **Jennifer Hughes** and **Barb Smiley Bula.** Standing on chairs in back are **Sue Goodman Cohen** and **Laurie Center.** Our honorary North Mass Guy, **Rob Worley,** was there, as were **Cindy Marder** and **Janie Simms Hamner.** Sorry if I am missing some of the married last names.

People, I found it unconscionable and pathetic that we could only muster the old "Men of Dartmouth" lyrics at our dinner Saturday night. Even Dean Manuel said he didn't know the new words. Those lyrics were changed in 1988! I will send periodic reminders for the next 5 years so that we can sing the "Alma Mater" correctly at our 30th. Only half a dozen words have changed (changes in capitals below). We don't want to sound like a bunch of dowdy old alumni who don't like change, do we? (*Well now, let me think about that?!*)

DEAR OLD Dartmouth! give a rouse, for the College on the hill,
 For the lone pine above her, and the loyal ONES who love her,
 Give a rouse, give a rouse, with a will!
 For the sons of old Dartmouth, for the DAUGHTERS of Dartmouth,
 Though round the girdled earth they roam, her spell on them remains
 They have the still north in their hearts, the hill winds in their veins
 And the granite of New Hampshire, in their muscles and their brains.
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DEAR OLD Dartmouth! Set a watch, lest the old traditions fail
 Stand as SISTER stands by brother, Dare a deed for the old mother,
 Greet the world from the hills with a hail!
 For the sons of old Dartmouth, For the DAUGHTERS of Dartmouth
 Around the world they keep for her, their old UNDYING faith
 They have the still north in their souls, the hill winds in their breath
 And the granite of New Hampshire, Is made part of them till death
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That's it! See you at the 30th!

Bruce Dallas: For 25 years I scrupulously avoided sending Newsletter notes, but in honor of a superb Reunion, I'll happily break my streak. I can barely recall the names of people I met yesterday, but college memories flooded back and I had no trouble remembering names of classmates I hadn't spoken to since graduation (the large-type name badges admittedly helped on a few occasions). I enjoyed seeing so



Bill Conway & Eleanor Shannon enjoy "tails" at Eleanor's on Thursday night



Gail Frawley Granowitz & Debbie Sortor Parnon happily work the registration area



North Mass Reunion (see Sue's note above for names!)

many Wheelerites — **Steve Richardson, Janie Simms, Margot Schaaf, Bill Gottesman, Bruce Peyzer, George Stone, Chris Whitney, T. Weymouth, David Thomsson, Helen Davis, Chris Carstens, Steve Schreiber** -- although I wish **Jack Ringler, Stu Kim, Carrie Garfink** and **Tim Taylor** had made it. I was glad to have caught up with **Craig Enright** and **John Currier,** wish I could have spent more time with **Pam Joyner, Dean Esserman, Jeff Greene** and

BAGS' (FINAL) BRIEF (by Bill Mitchell; william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org)

2004 — What a Year! Besides winning our third 'Young' Class of the Year Award in seven years, we set many other records in 2004 which should make us all awfully proud to be a '79. We:

- Set a new record for 25th Reunion attendance with 347 returning classmates.
- Set a new participation record for annual giving with 627 classmates contributing a remarkable \$4.6 million in unrestricted funds to the College, nearly 20% of total funds raised for the College this year.
- Had 531 classmates pay their Class Dues, which because of our strong participation are still among the lowest in the College.
- Nearly 90% of our Dues paying classmates made an additional contribution to fund our Class Project.
- Payment of \$7,500 to Dartmouth Partners in Community Service. This sponsored 8 internships.
- Published a 400-page Yearbook with a modern-day record 325 submissions.
- Had nearly 100 classmates participate in our 8 Mini Reunions on the 79th Day of the Year.
- Published 3 very cool looking Newsletters and a comprehensive Class Directory.
- Raised \$1,000 for the Tucker Foundation's SEAD program during one of our Reunion parties.
- Continued our relationship with the 2004's by starting a Regional/Career Advisors program that helped over 80 '04's with assistance from nearly 70 '79 volunteers.
- Finished the Feuille-Mitchell challenge with 224 new additions to the email list that sits at 632.
- Had simultaneous Reunions at the Dartmouth-Hahvahd and Stanford-UCLA games where we saw two great upsets and won eternal blessings for Mini's from Coaches Lyons and **Teevens**.
- Had the best damn website period that featured our ReunionCam, online ordering for Reunion, Kids in Kollege, the Advisors program, our updated Honor Roll and the Class Store.
- Had 4 classmates serve as Advisors for interns in the DPCS program
- How 'bout Face's six terrific columns in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine?

Our Class has had a great run with 3 Class of the Year selections and 2 runner-ups over the last 7 years. We are grateful for the support you extend your classmates and the College and look forward to that continued support. Your new roster of Officers is strong but we can always use more help. Please consider volunteering for a role in the future.

Once again, I have been deeply honored to serve as your President for the past four years. **Laurie Laidlaw Roulston** will do a great job over the next five years, and I look forward to working with her to help the class with new exciting initiatives. Cheers, Bags.

Tim Taussig (even in first grade he was good looking), and wish **Sarah Stahmer** had attended so I could again thank her for helping me pass German. My favorite part of the Reunion had to have been Professor Ditchfield's reaction as I walked into the Chemistry lounge. Clearly he remembered the "mongoose incident" with vividness undiminished by the intervening quarter century. (*We need details on this one!*) Thanks again to all those contributing to a wonderful Reunion.

Chris Lucas: Greetings from Santa Cruz, California, where the weather is (almost) always beautiful! Chris has

accepted an offer to work as Marketing Research Manager with West Marine at their corporate headquarters in Watsonville, California, about 20 miles south of Santa Cruz. He's looking forward to working with West Marine, the world's largest specialty retailer of recreational and commercial boating equipment, supplies, and apparel, with over 300 retail stores in North America, and over 50,000 products of every kind imaginable for boating (*A word from*



Jeff Karan & Jim Feuille at Sunday Brunch



Laura Robertson & Margot Schaaf Barker

25TH REUNION GIVING COMMITTEE (by Mike Biondi; michael.biondi@lazard.com)

First and foremost, the entire Reunion experience was a blast: there is no way that our fund-raising efforts would ever have been as successful as they turned out to be without the great energy and momentum created by our Reunion team (led by **Deb Sortor Parnon**). The turn-out, the events, and the overall coordination were all great, and really gave the fund-raising team a real leg up on things. I also believe that we must have the best-organized Class at the College. Our Class leadership did a great job, with **Burr**'s efforts on the participation side of fund-raising being critical. The combination of the Class infrastructure and the volunteers on the Reunion Giving Committee (more than three dozen strong) was truly an irresistible force — as many first time givers and long-lapsed past givers were re-engaged and brought back into the giving "fold." **Peggy, Lizanne** and **Ernie** did a fabulous job leading the effort as Co-Chairs, and we were really blessed with excellent support from the College's giving staff.

Key stats: We raised 5.76 million in total dollars, 4.8 million in "unrestricted" dollars that go directly to help meet the College's operating budget, and set numerous records for participation, giving by previously lapsed donors, 1769 Society participation, etc. Overall, a fabulous team effort by a fabulous Class! Thanks to all!

Among the records set/awards garnered by the '79 25th Reunion fund-raising effort are...25th Reunion Participation Record 65.3% (previous record was 61%); Harvey P. Hood 1918 Award: Outstanding Class Leadership 15-25 Years Out (this was a very subjective decision requiring persuasion and a vote among the DCF Officers; there were many impressive anecdotes about the dedication of the Co-Chairs and **Burr**); Class of 1938 Award: Largest Reunion revenue total (current use) \$4,630,313; Class of 1953 Award: Greatest number of donors: 627; Class of 1964 Award: Greatest number of 1769 Society Members for a Reunion; Class of 1948 Award: Largest percentage increase in current use gift dollars; and Chairman's Citation: **Mike Biondi, Burr Gray, Lizanne Galbreath Megrue, Ernie Parizeau, and Peggy Epstein Tanner**.

our sponsor?) Chris has over 15 years experience in marketing research, most recently with his own consulting firm, AEIOS. We're hoping for smooth sailing from here on! Please look us up if you're ever in the Santa Cruz area, and we'll go out for a cruise on Monterey Bay! (Chris, did your spouse write your Newsletter entry for you???)

Chris Haydon (chaydon@navicom.com): I am now living in Salem, Oregon, where I pastor a new Church.

Buddy Teevens: Thanks to all who put in such time and effort to make our Reunion so special. The Reunion committee went above and beyondbut that mind set really is what has made our class so special. I had a great time and only regret that I could not spend more time with friends and classmates I'd not seen in years. Ben, great

job on Sat. pm (thanks!). Hope to see everyone before the 50th!!!! BT (Good luck to Bud down on the Farm; beat everyone but Cal!—that's obviously Ben talking since Jim is Stanford fan. Stanford is 3-1 this year by the way and took #1 USC down to the wire before losing at the end. Keep it up, Buddy)

Dot Bullock-Fernandes: Did not go to the Reunion. I broke my leg in January and am still out of work. Age is a bitch when it comes to not letting the body heal like it used to back in the 70's and 80's! Hope you all had a good time. (Great time, Dot, but you were missed. Hope you're on the mend.)

Holly Clark Grainger (hgrain@hotmail.com): I haven't been a great classmate. Didn't graduate with everyone,



Debbie Sortor Parnon, Dean Ralph Manuel, Bill Mitchell and John Currier lead the class in a rousing rendition of "Men of Dartmouth"



Da'aga Hill Bowman and Julia Hunter lose their inhibitions and belt it out on Saturday night

never come to reunions, don't keep in touch (*but you are writing now Holly!*). But I do alumni interviews and I am sending my first born (Nat Grainger) and two of his best friends from our little high school in Fort Collins, Colorado to Hanover this fall (*great news Holly!*). They'll love it! I hope everyone had a wonderful Reunion. Our family went on our first real vacation ever that week in Hawaii. Hope to see you all one day.

Bob Lucky: After two years of teaching in "the Valley," la frontera—the Texas/Mexico border—and having a one-act play of mine produced ("*Waiting for Lady Godiva*"), I'm moving to Bahrain, where my wife and I will be teaching at Ibn Khuldoon National School. My son starts 7th grade there (*from one desert to another!*).

25TH REUNION PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (by *Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Frawley Granowitz*; burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org, elyse@bot.com, Ggranowitz@aol.com)

Here's a quick summary of last year's fundraising efforts. It was really a great class-wide effort that depended on both the generosity of major givers to get the total dollar amount way past expectation and on the understanding of folks who don't usually contribute to the College in this fashion to get our participation numbers into the ozone. All of you realized that this was a project undertaken by the Class of 1979 that would reflect in a big way on the class. We appreciate that.

The total amount unrestricted monies raised was \$4,630,313, way over our \$4 million goal, with a grand total of \$5.6M if you also include restricted monies! Some gave a boatload and most gave something. Our participation rate was 65.3%, which beat the old Dartmouth 25th Reunion record set 10 years ago by 4 percentage points. This was also the first time in 10 years that the Dartmouth 25th Reunion Class beat the Princeton's 25th Reunion class in participation. (Yeah, it is true that we were waiving that 72% goal sign around on Sat night of Reunion, but you know, someone should have stopped us. Really.) See Mike's column above as to the numerous awards we all won!

So who helped to get us there?! Your fearless Reunion Giving Committee Co-chairs, **Mike Biondi, Peggy Epstein Tanner, Ernie Parizeau** and **Lizanne Galbreath Megrue** were awarded the Dartmouth College Fund Chairman's Citation for Outstanding Service. They led by example of their own generous giving, and they prodded and pulled other significant donors along with them. Helping with that effort were the other members of the Reunion Giving Committee: **Elyse Benson Allan, Dawn Hudson Beach, John Carson, Dave Celone, Dave Costello, Liz Dauten, Gregg Engles, Jim Feuille, Steve Franklin, Gail Frawley Granowitz, Burr Gray, Pam Joyner, Ed Kania, Otho Kerr, David Kratz, Neal Luppescu, Mike McCarthy, William Mitchell, Stephen Munger, Ellen Gomprecht Oppenheim, Ben Riley, John Saer, Luette Semmes, Bill Swenson, Elizabeth Sword, Tim Taussig, Chip Vetter, Charlie Vieth, Nancy Wilder, Jon Zehner.**

On the Participation side, the three of us (**Elyse, Gail, and Burr**) gently herded the huddled impoverished masses. We got a huge amount of help from the College's student callers, the so-called Green Corps. So thanks for not hanging up when a youthful Dartmouth student snags you on the phone. Our Quick Caller classmates started their effort in early June and generated about 6 percentage points of participation from their calls. So many thanks go to that group, which included **Colleen Sullivan Bartlett, Da'aga Hill Bowman, Laurie Branch, John Currier, Custis Glover, Louisa Guthrie, Steve Hufford, Deborah Krieger Jennings, Don Keller, Otho Kerr, Fred Lindberg, Laurie Laidlaw Roulston, Libby Roberts, Carol Anderson Shaw, Mark Winkler, Ted Winterer, Dave Wolff, and Hank Young.**

The Unpaid Pledge SWAT Team kicked in during the very final days. Those guys (**Bill Mitchell, Mark Winkler, Dave Philhower, Ted Winterer, TJ Crane** and **Otho Kerr**) had the pleasant task of reminding certain recalcitrant classmates of a promise made many moons ago. In the last 10 days of the campaign, that group managed to get enough of the unpaid pledges paid to be worth an additional 4 percentage points of participation. **Mark Winkler** (now your Class Secretary) and **Dave Philhower** deserve particular recognition for going above the call of duty and single-handedly pulling in the last 1% in the final hours to pull us over the 65% mark.

So you see, the fundraising is a total class-wide effort. We have major donors in our class who are incredibly generous in terms of total cash. We have those folk who give smaller amounts and do what they can in recognition of our Class and Dartmouth. And we have a group of committed classmates that invest their time to push the process forward. It all works in the end, but only because most of the class plays a role.

Over the past nine years, many of the letters that you have tossed in the trash have come from some combination of the three of us. If you read even a portion of those letters, or shed a tear when we tried to take advantage of those old college memories, we thank you. Now **Peggy Epstein Tanner**, who was our very first Class Agent back in 1979, takes over the class fundraising responsibilities. Many many thanks go to Peggy for stepping up. Please continue your support so that our class can continue to rewrite the College's record books. As John Kemeny said to our Class in his Commencement address, "The College will survive only as long as you care." Thanks for everything.

Julie Sudikoff Weisman (julie@weismans.net): I've included a photo of my son, Daniel (he's the one in the air!), who will be Dartmouth '08. (*Julie, we love the photo of your son but we're sending it on to the '08s for their Newsletter instead of printing it here!*). I see in the May Newsletter that he will be joining quite a few other '79 sons and daughters. Dan, my husband, Doug, and I were all up in Hanover, May 8, for the diving meet where the photo was taken. It was my first time at Dartmouth as a parent of a student — a

very strange feeling. We have an older son, Alex, at Ithaca College and a younger daughter, Leah at Newton North High School. We live in Newton, MA. Doug has a television production company and I work very part-time for ShalomBoston.com, a website of resources for the Jewish community. We had a small get together in New York City in April with a few classmates: **Joe Neuhaus**, **Cindy Loomis**, and **Donna Gagliuso** and various friends and spouses.

REPORT ON 188TH DARTMOUTH ALUMNI COUNCIL (By Polly Ingraham)

By the time you read this, there's probably going to be a new person occupying my office, but darned if I know who they are yet. Better talk fast here. Here's my final report: this time on the meeting of the Alumni Council on May 20 to 22. (*Thanks for the wonderful reports over the last 5 years, Polly. Your successor will have some mighty big shoes to fill!*)

Lobster and Loyalty. Wouldn't you know that I had to miss the first (and some might say the best) event of the weekend: a lobster bake dinner in Leverone with 700 members of the senior class. Can't recall that many people there for our women's hockey games, but times change. My colleagues had a wonderful time schmoozing, and the students got to learn at least something about what the Alumni Council does. During the rest of weekend, we talked about the whole issue of how best to "engage" students in supporting Dartmouth even before they graduate. Yes, of course they already have a lot to do, but we need them on board sooner rather than later. There is strong interest in providing plenty of opportunities for alumni/student contact (and no one objects to lobster, either).

Communication is Key. A good part of our session was devoted to evaluating various kinds of communication: from campus to alumni, the other way around, within and between various alumni groups — you name it. Apparently the trustees have put forth something called the "Alumni Life Initiative" to try to re-energize communication. You can now find a new electronic Newsletter on the College's website called "Speaking of Dartmouth." The College wants to leave no stone unturned in this area; what you think matters (that may not seem true with your own spouse sometimes!) and there need to be ample ways for you to find out what you want to know and for you to convey your views.

The Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience. We heard from Carrie Pelzel, VP for Development, about the whopping \$1.3B (that's billion) Campaign. Even now — in the "quiet phase" — more than \$337 million has already been received. The initiative will be underway until 2009, so there's plenty of time to get your ducks in a row and make a big splash. We were given a booklet describing in detail what the priorities for the Campaign will be; the headings and amounts are "Academic Enterprise — \$705 million (that includes the College and all three professional schools, with a big hunk going for new facilities), "Residential and Social Life" — \$177 million (including new dorms as well as improvements in athletic facilities), "Financial Aid" — \$149 million, and "Annual Giving" — \$247 million. Needless to say, it's not easy keeping up with the times for a pre-eminent institution that needs to stay that way.

Some people at the meeting were concerned that the whole area of athletics was not getting enough attention, saying that — among other things — Alumni Gym has hardly changed at all since we were there. Not to worry, we were assured; the two highest priorities for athletics will be renovations to the historic gym as well as a new state-of-the-art soccer field. And, besides, \$40 million has been spent on athletics in *between* campaigns. If anyone has any doubt about how many students like to play, get this: last year there were 85 campus hockey teams and 98 softball teams. How many does your office have? Wanting to see things firsthand, I had a great time in the Berry weight room after the meeting: did sit-ups alongside a lacrosse player and hardly felt like a 25th Reunion candidate, except that they were listening to music that my son likes.

Magazine and Money Matters. In our last meeting, we heard about the difficulties that have arisen over funding the Alumni Magazine — there has been too much reliance on class dues and some dropping of circulation as a result. So this time we heard from the new Business Planning Task Force and their recommendations to generate some new revenue sources (I prefer "streams" — it's more bucolic). Diversify! Diversify! In addition to dues, funds may need to come from some combination of these: a greater College subsidy, more advertising, some paid (gasp!) subscriptions from parents and others.

Speaking of the magazine, wasn't that a beautiful promotion for this Fall's "Faculty Chalk Talk" series in the Sept./Oct. issue? Those of you who can make it back for any of the five football games will not want to miss these. That's your Alumni Continuing Education & Travel office in action.

Mini-Reunion Report (by [Phil Odenice](#), phil.odence@alum.dartmouth.org)

Notwithstanding everyone being sick of seeing each other in Hanover last June (ha!), we do have some exciting Mini-Reunions coming up:

- **3H Party:** Halloween (almost), Harvard, Hanover — Join us for the Alumni Parade, Dartmouth Night, and Tailgate in Front of the Gym. October 29/30.
- **Cross Country 79th Day of the Year Party:** Coming to a city near you and back by popular demand, this new tradition promises to be a re-blast. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 18 (and please don't do the math). I need volunteers to coordinate regional shindigs. Drop me a note so I don't have to come after you. Details to follow.



Dave Daniels, Dave Wilson & Susan Daniels at Saturday's dinner

Gail Frawley Granowitz (Ggranowitz@aol.com): I can classify our 25th as one of life's "great times"! I remember distinctly on Sat. pm about midnight, looking around our tent, surrounded by all my classmates, thinking "Wow, I am really proud to have gone to Dartmouth with all these impressive people". I know it's corny, but I loved every minute of having everyone just THERE, together in Hanover, without having to plan things. Well, so much for eloquence...Suffice it to say that I had a blast and am definitely coming to the 30th.

Chris Witney: A few Reunion highlights for me:

- Pulling into Hanover on Friday just in time to join **Paul Wetmore** for an excellent round of golf at the Hanover Country Club.
- Hanging out with fellow SAEs and other close friends, including **Paul, Dave Costello, George Stone, FX Matt, Chip Fauver, Andy Heller, Andy Schoeder, Tim Gent, John Dolan, David Thomsson**, to name a few.
- Running into some people I had not seen in years and years...like **Michelle Kane, Tim Higgins, Kent Mathewson, John Orloff, Duff Horton, and Doug Canning**, among others.
- Not talking about what we all do for a living...a topic conspicuously absent from conversation the entire weekend (people finally comfortable in their skin?).
- Sharing a college twin bed with my wife, Andrea, just like we used to nearly 30 years ago (*I fondly remember Andrea running around French Hall freshman year!*).

Carol Gieg (carolgieg@sbcglobal.net): I was not able to attend reunions. But I heard only wonderful comments from those who attended. I visited Hanover in August and caught up with **Nancy (Schwartzman)** and **Walter Malmquist** and their daughter, Tenley. I was touched by Bill Mitchell's note of interest in a young man whose graduation I attended instead of Reunion. Though I loved Dartmouth as an underclassman, I have deeper affection



Gerry Cox, his spouse Catherine and daughter Caroline singing (or just listening from the looks of it) to Ben Riley's guitar on Saturday night



Bill Mitchell Presenting Awards on Friday Night



Atul Hulyalkar & Dave Wilson in Memorial Stadium waiting for the class photo



Ernie & Kim Parizeau at Saturday's dinner

for individuals with whom I have had contact in recent years, great humility, genuine interest in others, and a willing attitude to rekindle (sorry for the cliché) past memories and relationships, now--as adults. I treasure this and feel as though, though not present at reunion, I am part of something very special.

Eileen Kain Szytko: Here are a few reasons I'm glad I joined the 348 classmates who unplugged from their hectic lives to spend a beautiful June weekend in Hanover.

- Many of us chose Charles Braun as our favorite professor. I stopped by the Chemistry Open House to discover that Prof. Braun had retired last year and is now legally blind. But he had left DIRECTIONS TO HIS HOUSE. As Jean Kemeny said so well, "It's different at Dartmouth."
- **Ann Kappler's** irreverent humor entertained us as undergraduates. But I needed to be reminded about her trip to the Dean's Office after one football game for cheering, "Interception, Contraception, Stop that Ball!"
- I heard our younger idealistic voices in the '06 whitewater rafting guide who explained his vision for a Federal Public School System. (Yikes, how old where

TREASURER'S REPORT (By Laurie Laidlaw Roulston)

Thank you to all 631 of you who paid your dues last year. I know I have said this many times, but it really is our participation in dues and in our class project and our sound treasury that helps to make us such a strong class. You will be receiving a notice for 2004/2005 dues later this Fall.

Thanks to our outstanding attendance and the hard work of **Deb Parnon** and the Reunion Committee, we met our Reunion budget numbers. This is one of the keys to a successful Reunion, and it leaves our Treasury in a strong position for the next 5 years.

I have handed off the class checkbook to **Jim Boldt** whose daughter is entering the freshman class, so it is natural fit. Jim is a finance person by trade and has lots of great ideas to keep us fiscally fit. I have enjoyed my four years, but I have to say you guys and your willingness to give and participate have made it an easy job! XXOO to all of you.

these kids when Hillary tried that with Health Care? Okay, I know it all needs fixing.)

- At the Reunion Run, I said to triathlete **Donna Smyers**, "the 10k must be a piece of cake for you." She replied, "Maybe not, I pulled a hamstring yesterday running up Moosilauke."....We need to be inspired not intimidated by each other's accomplishments.
- Most of us look pretty good. **Debbie Sortor Parnon** looks better.
- The College serves us better food as we age.
- Our bodies need more sleep and can tolerate less alcohol as we age.
- My 14 year-old son learned he could live for 3 days without TV or computer.
- **Angela Kalisiak:** I need to find out more about that 'yurt' where you unplug with your family.
- **Linda Button:** Thank you for a wonderful Yearbook! And God Bless **Bill Holmes** and Rev. **Greg Sharkey**.
- Next Reunion I hope to see **Nancy Doherty, Dan and Amy Cull Willey, Cindy Loomis, Andy Kline, and Tom McDonald**. I guarantee you'll be inspired to do something out-of-the-box.

Victor Hoskins (Balthome@earthlink.net): It has been about five years since I have written and I must admit I was compelled to write when I saw the photo of my old friends **Lafayette Ford** and **Marlowe Hicks** from the Chicago Mini-Reunion in the May 2004 Newsletter. The photo seemed to punctuate for me how important Dartmouth College was as a life experience and how many friends I had lost contact with over the years. Seeing Lafayette and Marlowe seemed more significant since I had just spent a couple of days last week in New Jersey visiting with **Tony Anderson**. Tony and I spoke about our friends from Dartmouth, our life at Dartmouth, our life after Dartmouth, working and raising kids.

My Dartmouth reconnection has been going on for about six weeks now. In that time, I have had dinner in Washington, DC with **Cherie Holmes** and her brother ('75). Moreover, I have spoken to Mike Carter '77 residing and working in DC, Ken Montiero '75 residing and working in SF, David Gensler '80' residing and working in LA, and even had an email exchange with Don Chapman '81 residing and working in Hartford. For me the last couple of weeks have been like a "huge Dartmouth flashback" and I am so glad that my wife Diane (MIT '79) and I decided to do our Reunions this year. I am thankful to everyone of you that has organized or played a part in our 25th reunion and want to express my deepest appreciation to you for keeping people like me connected to Hanover. It is a wonderful thing you have done in service to the Alumni and I know we all feel grateful.

Oh, I forgot my update: five years in six sentences. Diane (my wife) and I are still living in Baltimore, Maryland and enjoying the bay, crab, Inner Harbor, a great church and feel blessed to be here. Two years ago our daughter Ailea finished her undergraduate degree in Bio Chemistry and shortly thereafter married her Bio Chemistry tutor (Phil) and he just graduated from Medical School at Penn State Hershey last weekend. In January of last year, I resigned from my Senior Vice President position at a Wall Street based, private real estate equity fund (UrbanAmerica) and accepted an Appointment to the Cabinet of Maryland's Governor Robert Ehrlich (Princeton '79) as the Secretary of Housing and Community Development. My wife, after serving as a Managing Principal/Vice President for nine years at Gensler Architecture was elected to the Board of Directors this past fall and runs five offices in the Southeast Region from D.C. to Atlanta. In closing, for those of you who were wondering if I still have all that hair, I can say I only wish! If gray hair and an expanding forehead is a sign of wisdom, then I will, in a few short years, be a wise as my beloved Grandfather.

With Warmest Regards and A Hearty Thank You.



John Currier & Debbie Sortor Parnon enjoy the tent on Saturday night



Jennifer Hughes and Libby Roberts



Phil Odence presents Bill Mitchell with a Thank You gift from the Class of '79



Dave Daniels & Larry Wolf on Saturday evening



Louisa Guthrie speaks to the class on Saturday night



Ben Riley leads the Class in song on Saturday night

WEBMASTER'S (FINAL) REPORT (by Mike McCoy; michael@riyality.com)

Congratulations once again to the Class of '79. It's a tribute to Bill Mitchell's leadership that we've had such a strong showing these last few years.

By way of small additional contribution to the honors bestowed on the Class of 1979 this year, I'm proud to report I received the **Webmaster of the Year** award during the webmasters' meeting at Class Officers' Weekend. Nice things were said, and the plaque is impressive-looking. It was a nice way to end out my term as President of the Webmasters Association.

Incidentally, it appears that the Reunion website we put together is going to become the model for reunion websites for years to come. During the webmaster tech talk at Class Officers' Weekend, I did a presentation on what we set up for our reunion site, focusing more on the process and schedule than on the technology or specific content of the pages, and had a large number of people come to me afterward to express interest in knowing more. I'm in the process of writing up something for the class webmasters' site that fleshes out what I said in the presentation, so that other classes don't have to re-invent the wheel.

And I have to tell you that the **Feuille-Mitchell Challenge** got high praise during the webmaster/newsletter editor/class secretary summit meeting. In the course of the discussion, a member of one of the older classes asked how they could go about rounding up email addresses, so I described what two visionary members of our class did to build our email database (which was, I believe, a significant contributor to our strong attendance numbers at the Reunion a year later). Folks laughed when I talked about Phil Odence "googling" missing classmates' names on his laptop while watching football, but a lot of people seemed impressed when I said he had located over 50 classmates on his own, and that the challenge as a whole brought roughly 250 new addresses into our directory, which then enabled us to keep them informed of Reunion plans and registration schedules. Kudos to both of you for your leadership and thanks for your generosity.

With that, I officially turn my duties over to **Walter Chick**. Thanks.

CONSULTANT/MENTOR PROGRAM

We have kicked off a consultant/mentor program for members of our class to help the soon-to-be '04 grads with career and living choices. So far, over 30 classmates have volunteered to help, but we have over 90 '04s who are looking for help. Please consider volunteering for this project by visiting the class website. It's never to late to join in. Contact VP **Bill Mitchell** (william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org) to join in.

SEND US MORE NEWS! AND PICTURES!

Please 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 briley@cooley.com or jim_feuille@yahoo.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, digital preferred but we can also scan the old fashioned kind. Let us hear from you today!