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Be Sure to Check Out

- The newly minted Class of 2006 NAAADs on page 7!
- Ever wonder how to find your old classmates? Mae Hueston '86 tells you how to on page 6.
- The debate over the proposed Dartmouth Alumni Association constitution is heating up. Current and former NAAAD Alumni Council Reps. tell us how they are going to vote. See pages 2 and 3.

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NAAAD and DAPAAA Event Welcomes Admitted Students in Honolulu, Hawaii

Each year devoted Dartmouth alumni volunteer to interview prospective students who cannot make it to Hanover. And every year some of those interviews take place on the islands of Hawaii. This year, after interviews were over and Admissions had mailed out decision letters, alumni from NAAAD and the Dartmouth Asian Alumni Association (DAPAAA) co-sponsored an alumni event to welcome the students admitted to the Class of 2010.

Co-sponsoring an event with DAPAAA was a "no-brainer" as Mamie Lawrence '99 put it, because "in Hawaii the Asian and Hawaiian communities are naturally interconnected so it wouldn't make sense to do it any other way."

Mamie organized the event

with Ty Tengan '97 and Uriel Barrera-Vasquez '98, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. Mamie wrote, "It went really well. We had about 50 attendees, 42 of whom were alumni. The Native American alumni that I spotted were:

- Aina Akamu '01
- JP Barbosa '04
- Mele Chillingworth '05
- Jasmine Gipson '04
- Liz Hensley '05
- Christina Hoe '02
- Lani Hubbard '97
- Mel Soares '99
- Ty Tengan '97
- Ku'ulei Reyes Tengan '98

Admissions has asked NAAAD to help identify



Raadha Brayce '99, Mike Gallagher '01, Melanie Soares '99, Adam Jacobstein '99

alumni who can interview students in the rural areas of the southwest. Email admissions.enrollment@dartmouth.edu if you are interested. Include your name, class, and mailing address.

NAAAD invites members to participate with telephone outreach to admitted Native American students in the spring. Please indicate your interest on the membership form on page 5.

Dartmouth Alumni Association

Voting on the proposed new constitution for Dartmouth's Alumni Association has officially opened. It is very important for all alumni to participate. The NAAAD Executive Committee encourages you to vote **in favor (approve Amendment 1)** of the new Constitution for the rea-

sons so clearly outlined by current and former NAAAD Alumni Council representatives on pages 2 and 3. Briefly, the proposed Constitution will increase NAAAD's representation in the Alumni Association. The improved Constitution will also make run-offs between slate and

petition candidates fair by making them head-to-head.

Whether you have closely followed the public debate on this topic or are just now becoming familiar with it, NAAAD Alumni Council representative Carmen Lopez '97 has writ-

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Why I am voting IN FAVOR of the Proposed New Constitution of the Dartmouth Alumni Association

Carmen Lopez '97

Hello, my name is Carmen Lopez '97, and I am your NAAAD representative to the Dartmouth Alumni Council (DAC), serving a three-year term from 2005-2008. No doubt, in the last couple of years, and especially that last couple months, you have probably heard about the debate over the Dartmouth Alumni Association's constitution. I am writing to let you know why in May 2006 I, along with the Alumni Council, voted UNANIMOUSLY in favor of the new proposed constitution and why I will vote again IN FAVOR of the new constitution. In addition, on September 9, 2006 the Dartmouth Trustees voted to endorse the new constitution (14 in favor and 3 opposed). I strongly encourage you to vote and ask you to be thoughtful in making your decision as good-willed, intelligent, and hard-working classmates have volunteered their time and energy to bring us an honest and hopeful solution. This is a critical time for alumni; Dartmouth really needs to hear from you!

The new constitution will strengthen and make the alumni voice more meaningful, be more representative of the alumni community to reflect our diversity, and provide greater transparency. In short, the new constitution will be good for NAAAD, the alumni body, and the college. Highlighted below are the reasons why I am in favor of this constitution:

1. Get Informed & Vote by All-Media

The Dartmouth Alumni Association (comprised of the entire alumni body of 66,500 members) will be asked to vote on a new constitution from September 15 to October 31, 2006. In May of 2006, the Alumni Council voted under the old (or current) constitution to allow for all media voting in this Sept 15-Oct 31 all-alumni vote on the new proposed constitution. Alumni can now vote by all media means including mail, online, in person, and telephone. The new constitution will also allow for all media voting and no longer requires voting in person in Hanover. Visit the Dartmouth website to read the full constitution, summaries, editorials and thumbnail documents.

2. Increased Class and Affiliated Group Representation

The new constitution allows the affiliated alumni groups of historically marginalized alumni to increase their representatives from one to two. In 2006, DALA, the Dartmouth Association of Latino Alumni, became the newest

college-recognized affiliated group. The current five affiliated groups (representing 10.5% of the alumni body) will have 10 seats (or 8%) of the 125 seats on the Alumni Assembly. The new constitution also increases the class representatives - one representative for each class up till 50 years out and five representatives for those over 50 years out.

3. Simplified Alumni Governance & Greater Transparency of Governing Bodies

Currently, the alumni are comprised of two bodies – the Alumni Council (96 members, I am one of these members) and the Association of Alumni (the 66,500 alumni body) – with two different constitutions. The new constitution combines the two bodies into the Assembly of Alumni, which will consist of 125 members. To ensure greater transparency, important governance functions will occur through committees, the new constitution allows for half of the committee members be directly elected by the alumni and the other half will be appointed by the Assembly of Alumni. Such important governance committees include the Nominating Committee which oversees the trustee nomination and the Balloting committee which oversees the administration of trustee elections.

4. Revised Trustee Election Process

The new constitution allows for the true voice of alumni to be heard by leveling the playing field between trustee candidates by encouraging head-to-head elections. As Beth Krakower '93, New York City representative writes,

“The past two Trustee Elections were won by candidates who did not receive a majority of the votes. Seats are not chosen by a head-to-head election process. Candidates selected by the Nominating Committee are at a disadvantage in that [petition] trustee candidates have a window of opportunity where they can get their message out before the nominated candidates are even announced. This [new] Constitution levels the playing field between candidates.”

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Why I am voting IN FAVOR of the Proposed New Constitution

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5. Mean-spirited, Disrespectful, and Divisive Rhetoric & Behavior

Lastly, as I have attended the alumni council meetings, engaged in discussions with alumni, met with students, and read a slew of articles, papers, and emails on the constitution debate, I have directly observed the disrespectful and uncompromising behavior of some of my fellow alumni. I have been most disappointed by the mean-spiritedness, divisiveness, and uncompromising nature of the rhetoric coming from a reactionary group of alumni. This very small, but loud, alumni group continues to ask me (and other affiliated groups) to justify why Native Americans should be at Dartmouth and why the College should be committed to diversity.

This is NOT the sentiment of the vast majority of the Alumni Council Members that I have met. I have met many great men and women on the Alumni Council

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who are supportive of the Dartmouth of today and are incredibly supportive of our current NAD students and alumni. Moreover, President Wright understands the importance of Native Americans at Dartmouth and is very supportive of NAAAD.

It is time for the Dartmouth College alumni to move forward — in a good way, and with good spirit — and approve the proposed constitution. Valuable time, energy, and resources of the College and her alumni have been devoted to the constitutional debate (not to mention several costly and timely lawsuits waged by a small alumni group against the College). The Alumni Governance Task Force and the Joint Committee on Alumni Governance and Trustee Nominations have created a fair process, built a coalition of alumni committee members in good faith, sought all alumni input and review (and consulted with expert constitutional lawyers), and have finally delivered to us a new constitution. It is time for the alumni to get back on track and help make Dartmouth a better place for our students.

Email from Former NAAAD Alumni Council Representative Karen Letarte '84

As a former NAAAD representative to the Alumni Council and a Nominating Committee member, I would second what Carmen Lopez wrote. The Alumni Council by and large is an enlightened body of people dedicated to making Dartmouth a better place and helping to ensure that the strident voices of a vocal minority are not allowed to represent the opinion of the Alumni Body as a whole. The Alumni Council has been concerned with improving relations between the college and alumni from all groups, but most particularly, the affiliated alumni associations such as NAAAD, BADA, DGALA, and others. That is why in 1999 special seats on Council were set aside for representatives from those groups. The hotly

debated "at-large" seats have been used as well to help make the Council more representative of the alumni body as a whole (taking into account age, geographic location, and ethnicity). The Alumni Council nominating committee chooses candidates for the slate of trustee elections very carefully, and their work is often the culmination of many years of effort and research. They engage in an intensive selection and research process that takes the better part of a year and that culminates in a round of stringent interviews to finally arrive at a slate of candidates they believe will best serve the needs of ALL alumni. The same cannot be said of the three petition candidates from splinter groups who have managed to

thwart the system by using powerful connections to get elected and to launch a vicious national publicity campaign against the current Council.

It is important that you endorse the new Constitution so that we will continue to have a voice in Alumni governance. Otherwise, not only is the future of NAAAD as an organization in jeopardy, the campus climate will be made actively hostile to current and future generations of NADs and others from diverse backgrounds by an ultra-conservative minority who are threatened by us and who will never let the Indian symbol die.

Native American Studies Program 2005-2006 Update

Colin Calloway, Chair

This has been a year of continued consolidation and expansion in NAS. Highlights include Dale Turner's first year with tenure, Darren Ranco's re-appointment as assistant professor and award of a Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship, completion of the schematic design and feasibility study for the extension to Sherman House, and—for the first time in the history of the NAS Program—publication of three books by three NAS professors.

The NAS Program offered 27 courses (including independent studies) and taught a record number of 586 students. We currently have 26 majors (many of them double majors).

In the summer of 2005 the NAS faculty implemented changes to the NAS curriculum. The curriculum has developed in bits and pieces over the past ten years when our main challenge was getting a full complement of fully functioning faculty in place. Now that all the positions are filled, we wanted to make the major and minor require-

ments more streamlined and also to have the curriculum better reflect and incorporate the expertise of our new faculty members.

The NAS students continue to excel

The NAS Program taught a record number of 586 students in 2005-2006.

in both the scope of academic work and in involvement in Native communities. Two students [wrote] honors theses this year: **Stephanie Whisnant** '06 (Osage), is writing a dissertation on the Museum of the American Indian entitled "The Multiple Roles of the NMAI: Policy Solution or Recipe for Disaster?" **Melanie (Joy) Shockley** '06 (Yupik) is writing on "Tribal Resource Management of the Yukon River Watershed: A Concrete Model for Alaskan Villages."

In Summer 2005, with funding from the First-Year Summer Research

Project, **Renee Grounds** '08 (Yuchi) returned home to work on "Breathing New Life into Old Words: The Oral Rendering of Yuchi Tales," which involved re-translating previously published versions of the tales. **Stephanie Whisnant** '06 worked for five weeks in Senator Elizabeth Dole's office, and **Corinne Headley** '08 (Arapaho) spent the summer working with the Fremont County Pioneer History Museum in Wyoming, to help bring Native perspectives and content to the new Museum of the West. The Native American Writing Prize for 2005 was won by **Jaclyn Johnson** '05 (Blackfeet) for her honors thesis.

Lastly, four students undertook a project working with their home communities under the NALCA initiative overseen by Vera Palmer:

* **Alex Anna Salmon** '08 (Yupik): "Kukaklek, Alaska: Ancestral Homelands of the Igiugig Tribe"

* **Marissa Spang** '07 (Northern Cheyenne): "A Genealogical Narrative of the Northern Cheyenne Resistance to Removal in the Nineteenth Century: A Journey to Indian Territory and an Odyssey to the Homeland"

- **Renee Grounds** '08 (Yuchi): "Capturing Spoken Yuchi to Preserve Cultural Knowledge: The Oral History of Yuchi Language Decline"
- * **Terry Berry** '07 (Cherokee): "They are Speaking Cherokee": Collection and Analysis of Cherokee Discourse"

Excepted from Colin Calloway's Report of the Native American Studies Program for Academic Year 2005-2006. To read go to the NAAAD website at www.dartmouth.edu/affiliated/naaad.

Dartmouth Alumni Association vote (cont'd)

ten an excellent piece on the issues at hand. Read why Carmen voted **in favor** of this new constitution on page 2. Former NAAAD Alumni Council representative Karen Letarte '84 agrees. Read Karen's email to the NAAAD listserv on page 3.

There are a small number of alumni who oppose the new Constitution. They have generated a lot of noise on this topic. The leaders of this *very* small (but *very* vocal) faction are wasting the valuable resources of the College, the courts, and their fellow alumni who volunteer their time to serve on the committees and boards of the alumni clubs and affiliated

groups, the Alumni Governance Task Force, and last, but not least, the Association of Alumni and the Alumni Council themselves. Once you've read the opposition's position, you will see why we implore you to participate in this vote – and vote **in favor (approve Amendment 1)** of the new Constitution.

Vote by mail, by phone, or on-line. Printed ballots were mailed September 13, 2006. To vote by mail use the PIN on your printed ballot.

We urge you to investigate this issue for yourself by going to <http://voxthevote.org/>.

NAAAD 2006 - 2007 Membership Form

Name (Maiden Name): _____

Dartmouth Class: _____ Major/Minor: _____

Other Degree(s) & University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Occupation/Title: _____

- DO NOT list my name in the electronic NAAAD Directory
 DO NOT share my mailing information with Dartmouth College*

Mail membership form to:

NAAAD c/o Nehomah Thundercloud, PO Box 45, Black River Falls, WI 54615

- or -

E-mail to nehomah92@yahoo.com

www.dartmouth.org/affiliated/naaad

* Please take into consideration that maintaining a separate address database creates extra work for our member volunteers.

Get Involved with NAAAD!

I would like to be involved with:

- Mentoring** – assist current students as they navigate new territory
- Career Advising** – advise students on pursuing full-time careers in your field
- NAAAD Leadership** – run for a leadership position within NAAAD
- Class Secretary** – gather news to appear in newsletters and on the website
- Regional Meetings** – coordinate a NAAAD meeting in your region
- Other** – please specify

I am interested in serving for at least one year on the following committee(s):

- Reunions**
- Pow Wow/Annual NAAAD Meeting**
- Scholarship Award Development**
- Communication** (email, website, newsletter, inCircle)
- Constitution and By-Laws**
- Fundraising and Finance**
- Dartmouth Admissions**
- Network on Native Languages**



NAAAD Needs Your Support

NAAAD Membership is available to all, regardless of ability to pay dues. However, in order to be self-sufficient, **NAAAD needs member support**. The recommended donation for the 2006-2007 year is \$30. Please make checks or money orders **payable to NAAAD** (any amount will be appreciated). We will incorporate an e-payment system, such as PayPal, in the future.

Send your dues with your membership form to NAAAD at:

NAAAD c/o Nehomah Thundercloud, PO Box 45, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Alumni News and Announcements

Mabelle Hueston '86 has this advice for staying in touch. "I wanted you to know how I've been able to keep in touch with so many of my Dartmouth friends over the years. I use the Alumni office's database. You have access to it as well. You just need a password.

Also, if you want mail from NAAAD alumni to get to you in timely manner, keep your college information updated. I think we've all pretty much ducked Mr. Quimby long enough so we can actually tell the college where we are (Is Quimby still there?).

So here it is:
FOR YOUR FREE
ALUMNI NETWORK ACCOUNT
<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/services/register.html>

UPDATE YOUR
PERSONAL INFORMATION
<https://dartmouth.org/loginform.php?refer=search>

Hope this helps in your search for updated information on your classmates!

In Beauty, with huge hugs and kisses, Mae"

Geri Toyekoyah Hall '89 writes: "Congratulations to **Renee Peck-Tripi '89** on her beautiful daughter Jolynn Tripi and best wishes for a healthy pregnancy as they await the arrival of the newest Tripi this Winter. Also congratulations to my brother **Marland Toyekoyah Jr '94** on receiving his Masters of Edu-

cation from Penn State this past summer. Also, **Hazel Lonewolf '02** received her Masters in Public Health from OU Health Sciences Center this year and is working in the Diabetes field in Oklahoma. I saw Arvo and Bear at this year's Gourd Clan Celebration — maybe we should organize our own NAAAD reunion next year! Last but not least, to toot my own horn, I have relocated to Charlotte, North

Carolina! I am now an official biochemistry PhD candidate at Virginia Tech. The next big milestone will be the dissertation and defense... Everything is going well here in western Virginia. My husband **Karl Kroenlein '98** started his fourth year veterinary medicine rotation blocks this week. We've both been really busy but we can finally see a bit of light at the end of the tunnel!"

Anna Tsouhlarakis '99 received a fellowship from Socrates Sculpture Park in NYC and installed a sculpture at the park. Her sculpture will be on display until March '07. She writes, "if you're in NYC in the next 6 months, check it out. There will be images up on the Socrates website soon." Directions and info can be found at the website below.

www.socratessculpturepark.org/Exhibitions/Exhibitions.htm

Stevie Nichols '02 is in her first year of law school at the University of New Mexico. She's already started a Dartmouth club of NM — check it out by logging on to inCircle at <http://incircle.dartmouth.edu/>

Guila Eve (Irwin) Curley '03 was married to Randy Curley, Jr. in a Navajo Traditional Wedding Ceremony in Newcomb, NM on the first year anniversary of their Justice of the Peace wedding in August. She writes, "we now make our home in Mesa, AZ where I am currently employed at ASU. Our baby boy, Deshayne Michael Curley, is now 8 months old."

Find Alumni at Local Events

Look for **Brooke Ammann '97**, **Andre Cramblit '86**, **Andrea Gregg '93** and current NAD student **Dewey Hoffman '08** at the annual NIEA convention in Anchorage, Alaska on October 19-22.



May '06, New York. L to R: Aja DeCoteau '02, Liz Sumida Huaman '98, Debbie Atuk T'04, Anna Tsouhlarakis '99

Carolina with husband Matthew, sons Matthew (11) and John (4), and daughter Katie (8). I was promoted to the Regional Supervisor position of the North Carolina DHHS/HIV/STD Prevention and Care. I am responsible for Disease Intervention Activities for 30 NC counties, and recently celebrated 15 years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hey to all you 86's through 92's. I'd like to hear what you are all up to!!"

Ruth Redbird '98 writes: "Hello! I have to share the news that I passed my preliminary exam in May for my graduate school pro-

Welcome to NAAAD, Class of 2006!



Back Row, L to R: Kathryn McEvoy, Leland Showa, Jesse Sixkiller, Audra Freemont, Megan Lukaniec, Meghan Rice, Brandon Ecoffey. Front Row, L to R: Leland Begay, Katherin Grounds, Melanie Joy Shockley, Ginger Jacobs, Stephanie Whisnant, Carleen Tenakhongva, Maui Watkins, Christine Benally, Amanda Faircloth.

Native American Program Report

Michael Hanitchak, Director

After a great year with the '09s last year, I write this in the middle of NAP's Pre-Orientation program for our incoming Native students — the class of 2010. We have 43 new Native students coming this year and about 20 participated in this three-day pre-orientation.

After getting to know each other a little, we provided students with a series of workshops on what resources are available for them, what to expect from faculty, what to expect in discussion based courses, how to do research and cite sources, how to navigate and actually use the library, and, of course, trips to West Lebanon for college living necessities.

The Native American Council has revitalized itself over the past year

and has 12 Native non-student members. The NAC is a council of Dartmouth faculty, staff and students, who meet to address academic and social issues happening in the Native Community.

This new and larger group fields members from across campus, including: NAP, NAS, the Medical School, the Tucker Foundation, and the Admissions Office. NAC will begin to develop new initiatives as we identify the best uses of our collaborative work together.

We have a fun event coming up in early October with the Class of '43 mini-reunion. For the past 11 years the Class of '43 has sponsored the Henry Eagle internships for Native students. This year we will hold a

dinner at the Native American House where returning Class of '43 members can meet all of NAD instead of just the interns.

Finally, we'd like to report that all of our first-year students (Class of '09) are returning after completing that often difficult first year. That is 100% retention and we are really pleased with the progress this class has made. I believe a large portion of their success can be attributed to the improved pre-orientation we began last year and to Poonam Aspaas '04, our new Programming Coordinator who joined us in January.

Well, got to run to the next session. Hope to see many of you back on campus sometime soon.

Native American Alumni Association of Dartmouth

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Congratulations to Guila (Irwin) Curley '03 and Randy Curley Jr. on their first anniversary. Read more alumni news on page 6.

Thank you for supporting NAAAD!

Many thanks to those who paid dues for NAAAD's inaugural Membership/Dues Drive! Your contribution helped sponsor events in Honolulu, Albuquerque, and Hanover.

Brooke Ammann '97
Debbie Atuk Tu '04
Paul Backerman '79
Trevor Burgess '94
Elke (Kruse) Chenevy '83
Guila Eve Curley '03
Janine Fate-Avner '80
Don Hebert '75
Ryan Howard '01
Vernita Irvin MALS'05
Lloyd Lee '94
Carmen Lopez '97
Stevie Nichols '02
Moiria Redcorn '88
Brian Smart '84
Nehomah Thundercloud '97
Cara Wallace '03
Harry Wallace '75

Special thanks to **Dave Bonga** '74 and **Drew Ryce** '74 for traveling to Hanover from Washington and California, respectively, at their own expense to speak at the NAAAD Career Panel. Twenty-five NAD students benefited from their sage advice and enjoyed their wild anecdotes. Thanks also go out to **Darren Ranco** '93 and **Mishuana Goeman** '94 for their participation in the panel as well.

NAAAD has generated some good momentum since spring of '05. This is due in part to the tremendous support we receive from **Uriel Barrera-Vasquez** '98, Asst. Director, Alumni Diversity. Thank you, Uriel, for all of your help, not the least of which includes your help coordinating the NAAAD sponsored events during the week of Pow Wow 2006.

Thanks also go out to Prof. Ivy Schweitzer and Special Collections Librarian Peter Carini for the Samson Occom presentation they prepared for visiting NAAAD alumni during Pow Wow weekend. The event was well attended, including 9 members of the Mohegan Tribal Council, their spouses, and Sarah Harris '00, who is direct descendant of Samson Occom.



Uriel Barrera-Vasquez '98 and Ku'ulei Reyes Tengan '98 in Honolulu.