

A Letter from 1977 Prez Leslie Embs Bradford

Greetings,
Classmates!

By the time this drops, most of us will have lived through one wacky summer! Weather calamities, debt debates, jury decisions, phone hackings, and a 69-year-old mop-head on tour made for interesting news. I hope you noticed another major news item – **Our 35th**

Reunion is just around the corner!!!



A "mini reunion" of '77s at lunch in New York on a 100-degree day (July 21, 2011)! **Leslie Bradford, Blair Thompson, Diana Taylor**

We have dates set, June 14-17, 2012, a Committee in formation, and have bought a weather derivative just in case (just kidding – the market makers are gone). Anyone who wants to influence the outcome by volunteering should contact our Chair, **Nancy Parssinen Vespoli** (nancy.vespoli@snet.net), or go on our Reunion facebook page and post on the wall!

I want to take this opportunity to also report on activities of the Class this year. The Executive Committee has met several times telephonically, with subgroups discussing Class Project ideas, website/facebook pages, potential Class adoptees, reunions, mini-reunions, and other subjects. During the past three years, our class has joined several other classes in supporting Dartmouth Partners in Community Service, on whose Board **Sue Wiley Young** has served and recently, **Leslie Kenney Finertie** has been involved in mentoring Dartmouth students interning in the Bay area. This is a great program organized through the Tucker Foundation, serving in the Upper Valley community and sending interns out to other parts of the country to work in public health. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for more about DPCS and Leslie. There are

other projects that we may want to consider supporting as a class, and we will be organizing some options for you to consider in the next few months. **Sandy Wood**, our Treasurer, has done a much better job of managing our finances than our national elected officials have done with our tax dollars, so we are in a

good position to provide support to DPCS and/or other worthy programs.

The dedication of our Head Agent, **Jeff McKee**, along with the generosity of all of you, resulted in our class smashing the 34-year-out record for the Dartmouth College Fund! As a class, we supported the College with over \$1.2 million from over 42% of our classmates, besting the Class of '73 by over 100%! Congratulations to everyone and especially to Jeff for his calls, emails, and good spirit! We have a running start toward reunion on this front as well!

John Storella has inducted a number of our classmates into the Bartlett Tower Society through Gift Planning, which also is described more thoroughly in this issue. This is a tricky job to perform, as no one really wants to think about leaving and leaving behind. For those who are engaged in planning for the long term, this may be something you want to consider.

Kathy Cimina and **Bob Leach** have done a great job keeping us apprised of the comings- and-goings of one another and, increasingly, of our offspring! Several

classmates now have “legacy” students or alumni (!), and it is fun to watch the Green transfusion underway! Maybe one or more of our own will be Reunion interns under the Class of '77 tent! In the meantime, please keep those cards and emails coming in – it is wonderful to read of the achievements, adventures, and even struggles of one another, and how our lives have proceeded since we were last together, whether that was at our 30th or our 5th or on Class Day in the Bema just yesterday (or so it seems...).

Eric Nelson has been working on our website and we will be refreshing it with the latest Reunion news and photos to capture the momentum. If you have pictures from the last reunion you would like to share, please send them to Eric, Nancy, or post them on the facebook page!

Thanks to **Mike Choukas** for his service as Alumni Council representative. These two-year terms turn over at the end of the fiscal year (June 30), and I am delighted to report that Jeff McKee has agreed to do “double-duty”, at least until next reunion when we elect a new slate of officers! Jeff has proven hands-down to be a great communicator and very much on-task, and will represent our class well. We may have to send a posse to Huntington Beach for mid-winter Hanover meetings, however....!

Bennington Museum uncovers Michèle Ratté’s ‘Splendent Earth’

BENNINGTON VT, June 22, 2011 -- Bennington Museum’s Regional Artists Gallery will host the 3-dimensional assemblages of **Michèle Ratté** in an exhibit called "Splendent Earth," which opens Saturday, June 25, with an opening artist’s reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Aug. 7.

In "Splendent Earth," Ratté explores an alliance between precious metal-patterned textiles and primordial stone, or animal-grown shells and fossils, creating 3-dimensional sculptures augmented by unique prints.

"What I make follows a process of collecting, drawing, printing, shaping and sewing," Ratté said in supplied material. "Ethereal elements -- textiles, precious metals -- surround and hold those of weight and density -- stones, shells, fossils. I am interested in transformations that occur when linking and collocating disparate materials.

I alluded to a new slate of officers, to be elected at the next reunion. We welcome anyone who is interested in getting involved in College and Class activities. Needless to say, it has been a very exhilarating time to be a little closer to Dartmouth: we have a new President, Athletic Director, and Alumni Relations VP (a Class of '76 alumna), a new Life Sciences building, newly renovated Thayer, a gorgeous new interior of Baker main hall, and a Visual Arts center on the horizon. These are wonderful enhancements to the campus and to the life of the College and its community, and assuming a role as class officer provides an opportunity to experience it in a very personal way. If you are interested in learning more, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

Finally, a big shout-out to **Amy Cholnoky**, who, as Class Vice President, knows more and does more than most of the rest of us put together. Not even building a house could distract her attention from the important matters of the Great Class of 1977!

Best wishes to all of you and see you in June!

Leslie Embs Bradford

Surface patterns cycle and recycle throughout the work, as well as collected handwork such as doilies, lace, and embroidery from unknown makers."

Ratté has been a practitioner of printmaking, textile arts, drawing, and collage for many years. During a residency at the Edna St. Vincent Millay Colony, in Austerlitz, N.Y., in 1989, she developed a printing method for transposing drawings onto cloth in iridescent patterns for use in collaged paintings. For a decade Ratté produced original designs on hand-printed textiles.

From 1997 to 2009, Ratté collaborated with artist colleague Joan Morris to invent and patent a method for permanently printing gold, platinum, and mineral grains onto cloth. This new method enabled the artist to make intricately patterned, gilded cloth for use as a matrix to "construct" 3-dimensional assemblages and prints. The large-scale monoprints co-created by Ratté and



island 1 (2010)
By **Michèle Ratté**

Morris have been exhibited widely in the United States, Japan, and England, and have been collected by such noted museums as the Wadsworth Atheneum Art Museum, and the Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum, in addition to private collectors.

The natural world is compelling and fundamental to Ratté's process. "For me inanimate objects, such as stone, emanate a life force and can be experienced as remarkable," she said, with this idea exemplified in "Nerida" and "Apotrope," two of the pieces on view in her show.

"Nerida 1" is 23k gold and platinum monoprints on shaped and pieced hand-loomed silk, hand-printed and dyed various textiles, limpet shells, concealed

wire. Another work, "island 1," is 23k gold monoprinted hand-loomed silk, linen, translucent velum, Kevlar thread, metal beads.

Born in Tucson, Ariz., the artist spent much of her childhood in Brattleboro. In 1977, Ratté earned a BA from Dartmouth College. After three decades on Martha's Vineyard in the printmaking studio and teaching, a residency at the Edna St. Vincent Millay Colony and the creation of her textile production business, Ratté returned to her studio in Vermont where she now concentrates exclusively on sculptures and prints.

The Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main St. For information call 802-447-1571

Plan Your Gift and Join the Bartlett Tower Society!

By Gift Planning Chair **John Storella**

Planned Giving is a great way to provide for Dartmouth's future. There are many flexible ways to contribute, including a variety of annuity plans, gifts of assets, charitable trusts, gifts from retirements accounts and, yes, wills. Dartmouth's Gift Planning Office can make any of these easy for you. Dartmouth honors people who make planned gifts with membership in the Bartlett Tower Society. Fourteen members of the Class of 1977 are already members of the Bartlett Tower Society. We'd be honored to include you.

In fiscal year 2011 alone, Dartmouth received approximately \$5.5 million from terminated charitable trusts and annuities. Meanwhile, more than \$9.2 million



realized bequests came to the College in FY11. Combined, that's over \$14.7 million to meet Dartmouth's highest priorities and strengthen specific programs including the libraries, athletics, scholarships and academic departments to name a few. These funds are available today thanks to the generosity and foresight of alumni and friends who planned ahead. Deferred gifts to Dartmouth are critically important to the

institution's future generations. Let's discuss your estate plans for Dartmouth and define your legacy. Contact John at 510-547-7174 or the Dartmouth College Gift Planning Office at 800-451-4067, or see the gift planning website at www.dartmouthgiftplanning.org.

The Bartlett Tower Society is for classmates who have made a lasting impression on Dartmouth by giving a planned gift. There are many ways to give a planned gift. If you want to learn more about the Bartlett Tower Society, contact **John Storella '77**, Gift Planning Chair (jrstorella@sbcglobal.net; 510-501-0567), Julie Jacob at the Planned Giving Office (julie.m.jacob@dartmouth.edu; (603) 646-9006) or visit the Dartmouth Gift Planning website at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~gpo/>.

Class of 1977 Bartlett Tower Society Honor Roll

Philip J. Andryc
Cathy A. Burnweit
Beth Daniell
Susan Dentzer
Donna E. Fletcher
Frank T. Ittner
T. Martin Milligan
Peter B. Mills
John Storella
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of the Tucker Foundation,
building powerful connections
between current students
and Dartmouth graduates,*

Welcome Dartmouth Alum!

Are you looking for:

- A way to give back?
- A way to help Dartmouth provide new meaning to the "Dartmouth Experience"?
- A way to share and bond with today's undergraduates?

If you are, become part of *Dartmouth Partners in Community Service* (DPCS).

You can become involved in a variety of ways

- Get your class to make DPCS their class project;
- Recommend a host [Community Service Organization](#);
- Volunteer to help DPCS on your own...
 - Be a mentor

NEWS:

May 1, 2011: [PG Seminar: Health Care Chaplaincy](#)

*Editor's Note: You may recall that 1977's first class project was supporting Dick's House, the home of the Dartmouth College Health Service. We have since moved on, and the class project for the past several years has been Dartmouth Partners in Community Service. DPCS links up alums with undergraduates in providing much needed human services to communities around the country. It's a great way to give back to your community while re-establishing links to the College. Recently, **Leslie Kenney Finertie** has mentored students from her home in California. Here are some notes on experiences of Leslie and a few other classmates...*

During the winter, I mentored Laura Kier '12, an Engineering major. Her project involved bringing healthy nutrition to the inner city via education, extension of farmers markets, and the development of urban gardens. In early July, I will meet Karla Zurita '12 who is interning at BAY Positives in San Francisco. Thanks for supporting mentoring. It is of great benefit to the individuals involved and enriches the Dartmouth experience.
Leslie Kenney Finertie '77

Other recent interns and their 1977 mentors include:



Shelly Sood '11
Major: Biology
Mentor: Dr. Edward V. Nunes, Jr. '77
Project Title: Health Education through Interactive Presentations
Position: Program Coordinator
Community Service Organization: Hip Hop Public Education Center; New York, NY

Marielle Battistoni '11: Frontier Nursing Services; Wendover, KY

Mentors: Alan MacDonald '77 and Robert Connolly '77

Anya Perret '11: International Rescue Committee; Seattle, WA

Mentor: Kimberly York '77

Share your news! Return the enclosed green card, email rleach@jhancock.com, or snail mail to Bob Leach, 30 Whitney Road #2, Quincy MA 02169.

Andy Moerlein, (andymoerlein@gmail.com), Bow NH: Donna and I flew all Thursday night and arrived in Milan via London just in time to decide to let the noon train go and take the 5:25 train to Switzerland where we will each be making monumental art on the Verbier ski mountain in the heart of the Alps. We frolicked in Milan for a few hours, enjoying our pre-packed bagels and oranges then strolled about the city. We thoroughly explored the Duomo. The church inside is stunning - MASSIVE - both delicate and overwhelming art details everywhere.



Then we took the narrow inside stairs up to the roof. WOW! What a view. Milan all below us and spires full of individually carved animals, plants, gladiators, saints, sinners, and satans. WOW! It cost \$1.50 to pee. I am holding it more...

Tali Arik (tali.h.arik@gmail.com): Many thanks for the post in the 77 News...I did want to tell you that my "doctor's hand-writing" perhaps was the cause of the incorrect transcription of my e-address...The correct address is tali.h.arik@gmail.com the "dots" were published as "o's"...uhoh, so no one will be able to reach me should they try, using the published address...Perhaps you can publish a correction, and the photo, hah...Julie Bolton, my patner and I, in Greve, Chianti, Italy in October!! Merry Christmas!!

1977 Class Officers—2007 to 2012

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Sverre Caldwell named 2011 Coach of the Year by NENSA

May 11, 2011 – Each spring the New England Nordic Skiing Association (NENSA) recognizes an outstanding coach who has made a difference in not only the sport of cross country skiing, but in the lives of the people around them. This year NENSA is pleased to announce **Sverre Caldwell**, Head Nordic Coach at Stratton Mountain School as our 2011 Coach of the year! Most recently, Sverre has led his group of athletes to multiple medals at this years Junior National's. In addition to individual top placings, they also won the girls and boys and overall for the Roger Weston Award and the boys and girls and overall Club award!

Sverre's talents go beyond getting results though, to fulfill an even greater role in the lives of his charges. The wisdom Sverre brings from being immersed in the sport for a long time aids his athletes in every aspect of their lives. He has run the gamut from coaching youngsters all the way up through the National and Olympic team skiers -but has always returned to his true love of coaching juniors. If you had the chance to see his presentation at last years NENSA



symposium, then you are aware of the SMS philosophy of "Cradle to Grave". A unique name but one that captures the philosophy fabulously! He has found a way to motivate all of these age groups, keep them returning home to mentor up incoming skiers, and teaches them the importance of giving back to the sport.

Sverre's consistency has led to this impressive achievement: He has had a gold medal winner at Junior National's for the past 15 consecutive years and consistently puts SMS kids onto the Jr and U23 world championship teams.

Andy Newell, SMS alum and current USST member sums it up best: "I think Sverre is the greatest coach because he combines experience and leadership with a laid back fun coaching style. Over the years he's be so successful because he's always willing to learn and try new things, but at the same time sticks to basics of simple training plans and hard work." NENSA is proud to present this very deserving coach, with our Coach of the Year award.

In Memoriam: Jeffrey Brooker and Michael Brigham

Regretfully, this edition brings the sad news of the passing of two classmates, Jeffrey Reed Brooker and Michael D. Brigham. Jeff lived in NYC and passed away on August 27, 2010. As an undergrad, Jeff did LSA in France. Mike was from Shirley MA and died on March 22, 2011. At Dartmouth, Mike was a member of Gamma Epsilon and Kappa Sigma. Newspaper notices appear below.

Jeffrey Brooker

Published in the New York Times, September 1, 2010

BROOKER--Jeffrey. The Chairman of Webb and Brooker Real Estate Inc., and staff announce with sorrow the untimely death of its President, **Jeffrey (Jeff) Brooker** on August 27, 2010 at New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY. Jeff, a graduate from Dartmouth College, received his academic real estate training at the Real Estate Institute of New York University and began his professional career in real estate as an assistant manager and manager of leasing at the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. At the time of his death, Mr. Brooker served as President and senior operating office of the forty-two year old real estate company of which his late father was one of the three founders. A member of the Real Estate Board and former governor, at the time of his death, Mr. Brooker served on the Boards of the Council of the Environment of New York City, the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, Weston United For Community Renewal, the 125th Street BID District and the Harlem Business Alliance. Predeceased by his parents, Mr. Brooker leaves as immediate family his brother, George M. Brooker, sister-in-law C. Jill, and two nephews Lance and Asa. A memorial service will be announced later by the family. Eugene H. Webb, Chairman



Michael Brigham

Published in The Boston Globe on March 25, 2011

BRIGHAM, Michael D. March 22, of Shirley, formerly of Acton, 56. Beloved husband of Jean M. (Boynton) Brigham, father of Mark and Matthew Brigham both of Cambridge, son of Herbert H. Brigham and the late Lucille Brigham; brother of Steven and Daniel Brigham. Calling hours are 4-8 Friday (Today) March 25th at the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, (Rte 2A) AYER. A memorial service celebrating Michael's life will be held 1 PM Sat., March 26 at the Holiday Inn, 242 Adams Place, (Exit 28 of I-495) Boxborough, MA. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, Ayer www.andersonfuneral.com

Random Search!!!

The combination of web technology and a pool of accomplished Dartmouth graduates provide a new avenue to pull together information about recent doings by our 1977 classmates. I chose Frank, Oleh and Cirecie randomly from the 1977 Aegis, did a Google search, and here's what came back. Pretty interesting!

Frank Governali

(Source: *The Forecaster*, Cape Elizabeth ME, March 10, 2010)

Governali, 55, is married with three children. He received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a Master of Business Administration in finance from New York University. He is a retired partner and managing director at Goldman, Sachs & Co., and worked as a securities analyst on Wall Street for 20 years. He has served on the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation board of directors since 2006 and currently is on its strategic planning subcommittee. He is the treasurer and a board member of Great Schools Partnership of Maine, and served as the vice president of the Cape Elizabeth High School Parents' Association in 2005-2006.



Oleh Haluszka, MD

(Source: Temple University Medical School website, YouTube, May 12, 2010)

Oleh is Chief, Section of Gastroenterology and a professor of medicine at Temple University Medical School in Philadelphia, PA. In a post to YouTube, Dr. Haluszka discussed techniques for double balloon endoscopy in the elderly. The procedure can take up to 90 minutes.

Cirecie West-Olatunji, PhD

(Source: University of Florida website, July 30, 2011)

Cirecie is an associate professor in the School of Human Development and Organizational Studies in Education at UF in Gainesville, FL. She writes, "My research is grounded in multicultural counseling theory that focuses on the role of systemic oppression and educational hegemony in the psychological, emotional, and educational development of marginalized students. Using a three-pronged, holistic approach, I begin with statistical analyses using the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K). From the results of my analyses, I construct culture-centered interventions with children. Secondly, I am interested in the role of family support in the resiliency of young children against institutional biases. Finally, I also explore educators' attitudes regarding low-income, culturally diverse students in order to identify effective ways to intervene with teachers, counselors, and other school personnel."



Dartmouth Receives Record Number of Application for Class of 2015



Dartmouth College's Admissions Office has received more than 21,700 applications for acceptance into the fall Class of 2015. The number is a record for the College and represents a 15.7 percent increase from last year's pool of 18,778 applications, says Dean of Admissions Maria Laskaris '84.

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