



Dartmouth Class of 1977--Looking Great at 50!!



Remember those 50th birthday parties we all had during the past year? Some of our classmates can't get enough of a good thing. So before everyone made it to 51, this ambitious group gathered in New York City for one last 50th birthday party (we don't know whose) in December 2005. Left to right are: **Amy Cammann Cholnoky, Ann Duffy, Nancy Parssinen Vespoli, Robin Gosnell Travers, Leslie Embs Bradford, Diana Taylor.** Some of Duff's sporting and outdoor magazine handy work at Rodale (see article in December edition of D77N) appears in the foreground. Ladies, the years have treated you well—you are looking fine! Thanks, **Nancy Vespoli** (nancy.vespoli@snet.net) for providing us the great picture.

'Round the girdled earth they roam...



Classmate Update

Got news you'd like to share? Make it appear here by contacting this newsletter editor: **Bob Leach**, 14 Springdale Avenue, Wellesley MA 02481 / 781-237-1659 / rleach@jhancock.com

Aimee Kent Ballantyne (puflet2@aol.com), Wilton Manors FL: I was given a volunteer recognition award Certificate of Appreciation from the National Alliance of Persons with Mental Illness on December 7, 2005. NAPMI is the largest organization in the world for the families and care-givers of persons with mental illness.

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YOU helped Wilton Manors make history in humanness....

This year I also received a Certificate of Appreciation from a local organization, PEER, Personal Empowerment and Recreation (my second), for fund raising to provide the homeless mentally ill with food, clothes, lodging and jobs in PEER's on-site print shop. Since

graduation I also received the Good Neighbor Award from the East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, trained Broward County police officers in humane treatment of persons with mental illness, and took classes with the local fire, police and EMT workers to aid them to protect the local community in the event of an act of terrorism, act of God, or any catastrophe. At the Community Emergency Response Team's final review and

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scenario, I located 3 out of 4 "victims" and was voted "Hero of the Night." I was recently shown four times on

Channel 6 news for a speech I wrote and delivered, advocating for our local police force. They have since "adopted" me. I continue to produce poetry, art and music to aid understanding of these "forgotten people," the mentally ill. All of this was made possible by the phenomenal preparation for life that Dartmouth gave me! And the precious friendship and support of **Wayne Ballantyne '77** and Walter M. Dingwall '5?, my lawyer!

Jeff Lyon (swan9@comcast.net), Hyannisport, MA: The news here, is that our son, Jason, has been admitted E.D. for the class of 2010. He's a pretty good distance runner and will be competing up there in Cross Country and track. Our oldest daughter, Kate graduated last spring as a 2005. Our youngest, Jill is a high school sophomore, but already a top runner and basketball player, with Dartmouth on the radar screen.

Nancy Bird (neb862@aol.com), New York, NY: I am currently in New York City where I am the Intelligence Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations this year. I am enjoying catching up with some Dartmouth classmates in the area—**Robbie Stern** and **Leslie Embs Bradford**.

Lesley Kenney Finertie (leslie-finertie@comcast.net), Orinda CA: After 29 years in the actuarial profession, I'm retiring in March. In addition to more exercise, Bible study and volunteering at church / school, I look forward to being a stay-at-home Mom. Holly and Heather will be entering 9th grade next year. So, I'll be giving up being a partner in an international consulting firm in exchange for cooking, car pooling and some tennis. Probably less respect, definitely less money, but hopefully better health and an enriched life. Maybe by the time the girls go off to college and I'm 55, I'll have a clear path of what God has in store for me next. It's one day at a time.

Mark Fidler (www.markfidler.com), Waltham MA:



This summer, I had my seventh children's novel published: Two-Faced Forward. Last year, another one of my books, The Call of Sagarmatha, won first place in the Arizona Book Awards (Children's Literature). Family commitments kept me away from the awards ceremony in Phoenix, but my old roommate, Mark Felder ('78) was there and received the award for me. Mark

Fidler... Mark Felder. Just like at Dartmouth,

nobody much noticed the difference. Information on all my books can be found at www.markfidler.com. I am finishing up a new novel, and working on a screenplay as well. In my "regular life," I am in my 29th year of teaching high school math - still lots of fun. This year I have had the pleasure of teaching my middle son, a senior, in my AP Computer Science class. Being the only CS teacher at the school, I couldn't avoid it. While that prospect had originally made me nervous, it has turned out to be a very cool thing. That son, Leland, is a serious athlete, and will be attending school and playing hockey for Bowdoin College next year. My oldest son is a junior at Conn College and is preparing to teach math. He is on the school's cycling team as well. My youngest is still in the middle school, allowing my wife Tobey and I to postpone the empty nest a bit longer. And he still likes me to coach him in his youth baseball.

Suzanne Wiley Young

(Suzanne.W.Young@Dartmouth.EDU), Hanover NH: My son, Ben, a senior at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH, was just accepted early decision for the Dartmouth Class of 2010. His father, Tracy (St. Anselms '75), and I are very proud of Ben and excited that he will have this wonderful opportunity. He will be the third generation of Wiley's to attend the Big Green. He follows in not only my footsteps but those of his grandfather, Robert Wiley '44, and my two brothers, Chris Wiley '74 and Mark Wiley '75. Tracy's only regret is now we'll get twice as much Dartmouth mail!

Report from Alumni Council

by **Liz (Epstein) Kadin'77**

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Last year I was asked to represent the classes of 1977 and 1978 on the Dartmouth Alumni Council. I gladly accepted and this past December, I attended my first council meeting in Hanover.

It was an unexpected treat to be on campus during the last week of the fall semester. The college purposefully plans our reunions for June, but December is an equally wonderful time. There is

nothing like breathing in that crisp cold New Hampshire air as light snow falls gently on the green. As the students traversed the campus bundled in their down parkas, I wanted to call out to them, thinking that they were one of you.

The Council convened for three days and in that time a lot of information was disseminated. A personal highlight was mingling with students who

had worked one on one with professors on independent study projects. Although some of the topics were quite esoteric, the students explained their projects to me articulately and with tremendous enthusiasm. At one of the weekend's presentations, Dean of Faculty Carol Folt, discussed the increased interest among Dartmouth students to work closely with faculty on such projects, and mentioned this interest was a leading factor in the need to add faculty. (For those of you who are interested, a summary of the weekend's meetings is available on the web at www.alumni.dartmouth.edu)

The college is deeply committed to enhancing communication. As your Alumni Council rep it is my job to keep you abreast of current issues at the College. It is your responsibility to let me know what is on your mind. If there is a concern that you would like raised at an upcoming meeting (the Council meets every December and May), please contact me either by email, ekadin@gmail.com or by phone at 914-723-2526.

Lastly, even though it has been quite a few years since graduation, Dartmouth College is still a part of us. The College encourages our continued involvement and hopes that through local clubs, continuing educational offerings, the alumni magazine, newsletter and visits to Hanover, we will always feel connected. Listed below are a few suggestions on how to stay connected:

...When visiting Hanover, have lunch at Thayer with a group of students as part of the TASTE

(Take A Student To Eat) program. Contact Rex Morey in the Alumni office so that he can match you up with students interested in your area of expertise or hobby.

...Before taking in a home football game, attend Chalk Talks, a free lecture series at the Hanover Inn given by Dartmouth professors.

...Attend an undergraduate class.

...Suggest to the Council's Honorary Degree committee alumni who you would like to see receive an honorary degree.

...Submit to the Council's Nominating committee alumni names you would like to see considered for a trustee position.

...Vote in the Trustee elections.

...Take advantage of the many Alumni Education programs.

...Offer career advice to Dartmouth students and alumni. Seek out Dartmouth students for internships or job openings at your company.

...Come to campus and give a career/travel/hobby presentation.

I truly look forward to serving as your Council Rep, and hope in this role, I will have the opportunity to reconnect with many of you.

Results from Special Meeting of the Association of Alumni

On February 12, 2006, the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College held a Special Meeting in Hanover for the purposes of discussing and voting on the following proposed amendment to the Association's constitution:

"Moved, that Article VII of the Constitution of the Association of Alumni of Dartmouth College be amended to read as follows:

The executive committee or any one percent of the

voting members of the Association may, in accordance with a schedule and procedures adopted by the executive committee, file with the Secretary a proposed amendment to this constitution. The Secretary shall, pursuant to procedures adopted by the balloting committee, send to each voting member of the Association, by mail or other appropriate means, an official ballot and related material containing the proposed amendment and such other information as shall be required by the balloting committee. The proposed

amendment shall be adopted if it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all Association members who cast votes."

The motion passed with 86% of the 230 members of the Association who were present at the

meeting, more than the 3/4 majority required to pass. Now that the amendment proposed by the Executive Committee has passed, alumni can look forward to the next step in the effort to reform their alumni organizations: voting on a new constitution.

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Beware the Pods

By Bill Walker

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The Dartmouth Office of Public Affairs has entered the realm of podcasting. A new series of audio programs called "Views from the Green" offers a chance to hear Dartmouth voices on a variety of topics.

We are increasingly aware of the benefits of using new technologies in our communications programs. We hope that these podcasts will prove useful in keeping alumni informed about new developments at Dartmouth, and that they will underscore the College's academic leadership on the national and international levels.

"Views from the Green" currently includes the following selections:

Language instruction, with John Rassias, professor of French and Italian

Finding fraud in digital images, with Hany Farid, associate professor of computer science

A new president for Bolivia, with John Carey, professor of government

Social Security Reform Plan, with Andrew Samwick, professor of economics and director of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center

More information about how to listen can be found at www.dartmouth.edu/~news/features/podcasts/

1977s are coming up with new and better ways to make the most of every minute in the office...



"No, Thursday's out. How about never—is never good for you?"



Visit the '77 Class Website to check the class bulletin board, get news about classmates, look up an email address for a long-lost friend, or take a virtual tour of the campus. Log on to www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/77/index.html