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The Dartmouth Class of 1978 Newsletter

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78s Still Cut It As DOC Woodfolk

From *Carol Hillman Van Dyke*:

At the DOC Centennial Celebration Woodsmen's Weekend in April, several '78 alums competed as part of the Mature Chubber/ Over 50 Alumni teams.

Competing on the "**Wicked Wussies**" Women's Team (l-r): Holley Allen '79, Amy Haak '80, **Cay Wieboldt Kendrick**, Joan Crane Barthold '79, **Lex Bond Bundschuh**, **Carol Hillman Van Dyke**, Laurel Smith Donahue '80. Though alumnae results are not official, Cay won the Chain Throw event and Carol and Lex teamed up to win the Doubles Canoe event.



Competing on what became affectionately referred to as the "**Old Farts**" team: Front row, (l-r) George Kendrick '77, Chris

Mumford '77, Chuck Sherman '66, Jim "Pork Roll" Taylor (Head Judge). Back row: Neil Van Dyke '76, **Steve Thompson**, Put Blodgett '53, **Pete Bundschuh**, and Jim Stein '79.

Many thought this was one of the best post-graduation gatherings ever and everyone enjoyed mingling amongst the great u-grads.

This year marks the Dartmouth Outing Club's Centennial. There are a series of great events taking place to commemorate this monumental event, and all alumni are invited, from those who just went on a Freshman trip and never went outside again, to those who are Chubber to the core.

On October 10th, the DOC will become the first club to hike the entire Appalachian Trail in a single

day. Sign up for your section on our website today! If you don't live on the East coast, but will be joining us **for Homecoming, then we will celebrate 100 years in the out of doors by climbing the 100 best mountains in Dartmouth Outing Country on Sunday, October 25th.** We will wrap up a year's worth of celebration on the anniversary of the DOC with a special banquet December 14th.

Planning is underway for all of these events. But there is more to this occasion than events. The DOC wants to reengage with all the alumni who care about the DOC and the out of doors! Get in touch with the DOC leadership from your class, gather some of your stories, contact the DOC and tell them you want to be on the mailing list. The DOC is developing an online forum for you to share your experience with others and find out what is happening right now with the undergrads. Visit: www.dartmouth.edu/~doc to find out more.

Burke Whitman In Afghanistan

From **Burke Whitman**:

Greetings Friends--

Early last September, I resigned as Chief Executive Officer of Health Management Associates, Inc., and accepted a recall to active military duty in order to conduct two back-to-back military service missions.

My first mission (September 2008 – April 2009) has been to serve with the Chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon as Senior Action Officer for the Greater Middle East region, an area that includes active wars and other strategic challenges, where I have helped shape national strategy and policy during a period of transition in the region and in our U.S. presidential administration.

My second mission (May 2009 – Early 2010) is to serve with 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (2d MEB) on deployment to Afghanistan as Afghan Forces Officer. 2d MEB is a task-organized Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF), the Marine Corps' portion of the President's increase in troop levels there. I am responsible for partnering with Afghan forces in our combined operations and for mentoring to enhance their capacity and capability, working with American and NATO operators and advisors. (My second mission was originally slated to be Deputy Commander of 4th Marine Division, the largest of the four Marine divisions, but the Marine Corps asked me to conduct the Afghanistan mission instead when that became the priority.)

Upon my return to the U.S. from this deployment, I intend to begin transitioning from active duty back to reserve duty in the military and back to my civilian primary role.

I will miss two big class reunions while I am away – a Lovett high school reunion in Atlanta and a Harvard graduate school reunion in Boston – but look forward to hearing about them and seeing the photographic evidence!

Contact Information:

- (a) To write me in Afghanistan, please use this personal email address, burkewhitman@yahoo.com.
- (b) To send something to the Marines and other service members serving with me, please address it to our 2d MEB's Sergeant Major, with a reference to me, so that he can distribute it to the neediest in my name: SgtMaj Ernest Hoopii, (In Name of Col Burke Whitman), 2d MEB, Unit 73010, FPO AE 09510-3010.
- (c) To send something to the Afghan people in our area of operations, please allow us an opportunity first to identify their greatest needs.

The call to serve again with our terrific young military members has been irresistible. The service and leadership opportunities have been rewarding, and I expect they will continue to be. I look forward to staying in touch!
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Anne Barschall: My older son, having been wait listed at Dartmouth, will most likely go to RPI in the fall. In the meantime, my legal practice is fizzling and I am seeking employment. Anyone looking for a used patent attorney?
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How to Send Your E-mail Address to the College

Alumni Records has e-mail addresses for only about 2/3rds of us 78s. That means we can't even think about going all-electronic on this newsletter, let alone for class dues bills and other paper and postage savers.

Stan West toppKcat@aol.com is our chair for upping our number of 78 e-mails. At some point, we'll conduct a Phonathon to get the missing e-mails. But that's not the preferred method.

Kathleen Martin, associate director of Information Resources, sent the note below:

We recommend 3 ways for alumni to notify us of a new email address:

1) Send an e-mail to:
Alumni.Records@dartmouth.edu
Alumni should include their name and class so that we can tie the new email address to the right record. This is probably the easiest and most accurate, as it allows Alumni Records to copy the email address from the actual e-mail and paste it into the database.

2) Telephone Alumni Records: 603 646-2253

3) Go to the online directory to update biographical

information. The site is at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu>

Click on "Vox Online Network" and then "Dartmouth Alumni Directory" to log in.

This last option requires a password, however, so if they don't normally use this resource or Dartmouth's lifetime e-mail, this is more cumbersome.

[In fact, it's easy to open up a VON account.]

We appreciate classes encouraging their members to keep their contact information updated. E-mail addresses are increasingly important in the attempt to reduce the cost of mailings, paper, and postage. There will always be some classmates who are either coded as "not interested" or have requested no mass e-mails.

It is always best if alumni contact us directly. We will be engaging in a project in the next year, the hard copy alumni directory, when we will be gathering e-mail addresses for all alumni.

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Annie McLane Kuster Running for Congress

On June 4 **Annie McLane Kuster**, "a lawyer and Democratic activist from the Concord, N.H., area," as the *Valley News* put it, announced her candidacy for NH's 2nd Congressional District seat.

From Annie:

"We had a GREAT campaign kickoff event in Hanover at **Scott and Mary Brown's**.

Our four kickoff events were successful with over 300 guests and supporters. We have raised over \$100,000 in the bank, with \$50,000 in pledges to collect. I am focusing in on the final \$50,000 to reach our ambitious goal of \$200,000 by June 30th.

www.KusterforCongress.com

Bill Dexter Gets Lifetime Activity Award

May 22, Augusta, Maine – **William Dexter**, MD, FACSM, was presented the Governor's Council on Physical Activity Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Dexter, Director of Maine Medical Center's Family Medicine - Sports Medicine program, becomes only the fourth Mainer to receive the honor since its inception in 1999, joining Olympic Gold Medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, The Maine Special Olympics, and the University of Maine's Campus Recreation Department.

Dr. Dexter was nominated by staff at Maine Medical Center's Division of Community and Preventive Medicine, and chosen because of his extraordinary contributions to fitness programs in the State, as well as his special role as a teacher of Sports Medicine to fellows and residents at the hospital.

"Dr. Dexter brings a vision and passion to his work that's truly contagious," says Ann Skelton, MD, Chief of Family Medicine at Maine Medical Center. "Whether talking to a resident or speaking to a room full of physicians, he brings a knowledge and enthusiasm that completely engages and educates his audience."

Maine Fitness Awards, presented by the Governor's Council on



Physical Fitness, recognize Maine people who are involved in promoting physical activity and offers the opportunity for organizers, businesses, schools, civic groups, and individuals to feature their accomplishments in physical activity.

Maine Medical Center is a complete health care resource for the people of Greater Portland, the entire state, as well as northern New England.

Rob Corrente Steps Down as R.I. Prosecutor

PROVIDENCE -- U.S. Attorney **Robert Clark Corrente**, who has overseen the long-running state house influence-peddling probe, will step down as Rhode Island's top federal prosecutor June 26 to work in private practice.

Corrente said he had enjoyed the post he has held since being appointed by President George W.

Bush in 2004. "It has been a great privilege to have served the country, the Department of Justice, and especially the people of Rhode Island," he stated in letters to President Obama and Attorney General Eric H. Holder.

During his tenure, Corrente led Operation Dollar Bill, the investigation that landed former North Providence state Sen. John A. Celona and House Majority Leader Gerard M. Martineau, D-Woonsocket, in federal prison for selling their offices. Ex-Roger Williams Medical Center President Robert A. Urciuoli, too, was convicted of mail fraud in a case under appeal.

Corrente said he didn't take the job with the aim to prosecute certain individuals, but that the evidence had led the way. He wouldn't comment about what might be next in the State House inquiry other than to say, "There are things being looked at."

He is proud, he said, of the quality of work done by his office's 22 lawyers and of his efforts to make his office more accessible to the community through teen outreach.

Justice Department protocol prevents him from disclosing which firm he is heading to until closer to his departure, he said. But Corrente, 52, of Barrington, said it is local and he will start July 1.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and New York University School of Law, he was a partner in the Providence law firm of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder when he was nominated.

From the U.C. Irvine website--

Catching up with Frank B. Wilderson III

Frank B. Wilderson, III, an assistant professor at the UC-Irvine Drama Department, is award-winning writer, poet, scholar, activist and emerging filmmaker.

His work explores cinema's formal and narrative "awareness" of political ontology by bringing two disparate modes of representation into conversation with one another: (1) the cinema of Red, White, and Black directors and (2) three traditions of epistemological reflection: Humanism (feminism, Marxism, psychoanalysis); Indigenism (meditations on sovereignty and genocide); and Social Death (meditations on the accumulation and fungibility of Black bodies).

He has worked as an institutional dramaturge for Lincoln Center Theater's productions of Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes's *Mule Bone* and Mbongeni Ngema's *Township Fever*; and as a creative dramaturge for the Market Theater in Johannesburg's production of George C. Wolfe's *The Colored Museum*.

He is the recipient of *The Eisner Prize for Creative Achievement of the Highest Order*; *The Judith Stronach Award for Poetry*; *The Crothers Short Story Award*; *The Jerome Foundation Artists and Writers Award*; *The Loft-McKnight Award for Best Prose in the State*



of *Minnesota*; and *The Maya Angelou Award for Best Fiction Portraying the Black Experience in America*.

His scholarly and creative writing have been published in *Social Identities*; *Social Justice*; *Les Temps Modernes*; *Konch*; *Callaloo*; *Obsidian II*; *Paris Transcontinental*; and *The Yardbird Press Anthology*. He is directing *Reparations...Now*, a critical documentary (digital film) that captures the terror of unnamable loss shouldered by today's descendants of slaves. His forthcoming books include: a memoir, *Incognegro* (South End Press); and *Red, White, & Black: Cinema and the Structure of U.S. Antagonisms* (Duke University Press).

Dr. Wilderson spent five-plus years (two months in 1989, two months in 1990, and five years: 1991-1996) in South Africa as an elected official in the African National Congress; a member of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto We Sizwe; a university lecturer at the Univ. of Witwatersrand (a White English-medium university in Johannesburg), Vista University (a Black English medium, Afrikaner-controlled university in Soweto), and Khanya College (a tertiary-level liberation school for activist youth whose studies at been

"interrupted" by the revolution); a Market Theater dramaturge where he worked on an all Black South African cast production of the Black American play *The Colored Museum*; and as an elected official in the (ANC-aligned) Congress of South

African Writers.

His film *Reparations...Now* is a critical documentary that captures the terror of unnamable loss imposed upon Blacks by the legacy of slavery. His work in digital film, literature, and cultural theory cross-pollinate each other in with two ontological points:

1. that accumulation and fungibility, as opposed to work, are the constituent elements of slavery and
2. that Black accumulation and fungibility is contemporary and essential to civic life.

Dr. Wilderson holds an A.B. from Dartmouth in European Philosophy and Comparative Government; an MFA in Creative Writing from Columbia; an MA and Ph.D. from the Rhetoric Department, Film Studies Program at UC Berkeley. His fiction and creative prose, as well as his critical and scholarly work, have been published in South African, French, United Kingdom, and American journals.

Ishmael Reed calls Wilderson's work "an important contribution to the African and African American canons and a rare American work that bridges two cultures [Black American and Black South African]."

Mini-Reunion: Sat., Oct. 24, in Hanover

Mini-reunion chair **Mike Jacobson** is planning a Mini-Reunion get-together for Homecoming Weekend, perhaps at someone's home, **after the Columbia game on Saturday, Oct. 24.**

Of course this weekend includes Dartmouth Night festivities and the pre-game "Chalk Talk" lecture from 10 – 11 a.m. in Alumni Hall, "Changing the Brain: Dynamite, Ghostwriters, and Zen" by Chris Jernstedt, Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences. If you haven't yet heard a lecture by Jernstedt, you will be completely blown away. His lecture at our 30th reunion was slated to be 55 minutes. The audience, including Karen & **Brooks Clark** and **Cay Wieboldt Kendrick**, stayed, rapt, for two hours.

On Sunday of that weekend are the DOC 100th Anniversary hikes.

If you're interested in coming and/or helping out with the Mini-Reunion, drop Jake an e-mail --

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Note from Val Jaffee about the Ski Project

From Val Jaffee:

Many of you have seen the e-mails and letters about the Dartmouth Ski History Project. I am writing the International and Alaska chapter of the book.

I would like to solicit more representation in Scandinavia [whatever happened to **Christian Bergrav?**] We are piecing together many parts of the world as it is. It is almost a full time job doing this 1 chapter in so short a time. Here is the link, if you want to know more:

<http://dartmouthski.wiki.zoho.com/HomePage.html>

Diane Boyer will be featured and maybe other classmates too. Feel free to call me with questions.

-- Valerie Jaffee

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Dartmouth Life Story on Steve Pacala

Stephen Pacala, (far right in picture), now a renowned ecologist and expert on climate change, participated in the 1978 Foreign Study program to Costa Rica. (Photo courtesy of Richard Holmes.)

After excelling in a first-year biology course, Pacala was invited to join a summer research team led by Biology Professor Richard Holmes. Holmes has conducted research in New Hampshire's Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest since 1969, studying the ecology and behavior of migratory birds.

Both scientists remember that summer well. "I had Steve climbing trees," says Holmes, "so that we could count caterpillars." Pacala, who is now the Frederick D. Petrie Professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University and director of the Princeton Environmental Institute, says Holmes was an exemplary teacher, "not merely instructing me on what my duties were in relation to his research, but also conveying

what we were trying to accomplish, and why."

He became a permanent member of Holmes's team as a sophomore, collaborating on research and co-authoring papers, on the path to his current place at the cutting edge of scientific discovery.

"Steve is at the head of the game in the field of ecology," says Holmes, a research professor of biological sciences and the Ronald and Deborah Harris Professor of Environmental Biology Emeritus. Pacala's 2007 NAS citation describes him as "a leader in theoretical ecology and in relating theory to nature."

Pacala's undergraduate experience



continues to influence his professional life. Inspired by Dartmouth's Foreign Study Program (FSP) in Costa Rica, he established (and teaches in) Princeton's field semester in Panama. Pacala studied with Holmes in Costa Rica during the winter of 1978.

The FSP, currently directed by Professor of Biological Sciences David Peart, offers intensive training in scientific research and collaboration in the field of ecology. Holmes, who directed and taught in the program for 29 years, calls it "the most exciting teaching I ever did. It's a spectacular experience for the instructors, and for the students as well."

"That sort of intense, focused experience produces people who become professional scientists," agrees Pacala. Pacala describes Holmes as a "biologist's biologist."

Holmes is the instructor and mentor of many prominent scientists, including Ian Baldwin '80, of the Max Planck Institute of Chemical Ecology, and Scott Robinson '77, of the University of Florida.

"Dartmouth produces undergraduates who go on to great things in this field," says Pacala.