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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS . . .

Do we have an awesome class or what? I know we all seem to say this a lot but, by gosh, it's true. One of the pleasures of this job (besides dealing with Mitchell) is learning what all of us are up to. While most of us feel pretty good about wonderful families and business careers, it's always invigorating to learn what other classmates are doing on roads less traveled. This issue proves the point. We start with an amazing report from **David Bridges** in Kazakhstan. He artfully avoids telling us what he actually does there for employment, but it sounds fascinating if you ask us. Next, we get an incredible story about our adopted classmate, **Dave Celone**, who jumped in a Vermont river in November to rescue three people who had just driven off a bridge! Some people have that instant presence of mind to immediately act and rescue others, while most of us (editors included) would likely stand around and "analyze" the situation.

Speaking of superheros, here are two '79 examples. See the report from Polly Ingraham about our **Eleanor Shannon** leading the charge to keep Dartmouth from holding classes in her (and Mitchell's) house across from Occum Pond. Dartmouth better back off. Also, our own **Elyse Benson** Alan has been nominated for election to the Board of Trustees (which would make two '79s with **Pamela Joyner**). While politicking for these elections is strictly forbidden, please be sure you **VOTE FOR ELYSE** or one of the lesser — ah, other candidates.

This issue also features another class favorite: the ever joyful, vibrant and irrepressible **Jeff Boylan**. J-Free teaches high school kids at Thornton High School (Daly City, south of San Francisco), a continuation high school of about 130 students for kids who managed not

to comply with the tenets of the district. (*Does this sound a bit like Jeff?*) Read (and see pictures) of Jeff's Boston Public experience with funky profane rap music, tattoos, and tongue, nipple & navel piercings (*Jeff swears that he has no piercings yet*), all the while initiating a Dartmouth Tucker intern. Way to go, Jeff.

Finally, consider our AD bro, **Bill Holmes**. Bill keeps refusing to sit down for an actual interview or article, but we thought you'd like to know what he's been up to in just the last several months (he'll be pissed that we added this). For the last three years he's lived in the Bay Area working as a pediatric plastic surgeon mostly for indigent kids with terrible burns or injuries. You recall the little boy who was mauled by a Pit Bull two years ago? Bill operated on him about 50 times. In between operating and living on his sailboat in the Bay, Bill often volunteers for surgery tours overseas. He was recently in Nepal assisting a local hospital and on the way back narrowly avoided being in Bali when the recent nightclub explosion occurred. After he had been back several days, he received a call from a World Health Care official. It seems that all the foreigners from the Bali nightclub had been immediately evacuated to Australia or elsewhere and were well taken care of, but the Indonesian locals received no such care. Bill immediately flew over for one week to operate on those remaining who were badly burned and injured. Just another one of his jaunts to the World's hot spots. Bill is now threatening to quit his job and sail his boat through the Golden Gate and head south, returning full time to third world medicine. We and the Bay Area would miss him, but thanks to just one of our tremendous '79s, the rest of the World might be better off.

So read on about your class and classmates. Email or write us about your or your classmates' exploits. And take time right now to put **June 17-20, 2004**, on your calendar for our fast approaching 25th reunion!

BAGS' BRIEF (by President Bill Mitchell)

What did you get out of Dartmouth? Besides the diploma (and the DREAM that I know several of you besides me got saddled with) you got a great education and some pretty cool memories. I'm sure everyone has a nightmare, a couple of disappointments and perhaps a regret or two, but all in all we had a pretty good run in Hanover in the late '79s and my guess is that most of you smile more often than not when you stumble into memory lane. *(Come on! We're still positively ecstatic! There was this time when I went kayaking on the Connecticut and.... Then there was Herot's Medieval Banquet!)*

Who was responsible for those memories? While I'm sure there are Professors, Administrators or a dorm janitor who bring back smiles. Most of you can look at classmates and have the best giggles. Whether it was a Freshman Trip, charging onto the Football field to spell out 79, building the highest bonfire ever, the ski jump at Carnival, the '02 Room during Exam week, a band in Thompson, LSA, our summer on campus or Rush, those memories are loaded with classmates. Our classmates were our education: in the classroom, on the fields, in the woods or dare I add, at the Pong table...

So, as I modify that Beach Boyz tune, here are the top ten things you can do to *Be True to Your Class...*

1. **Visit the Website...**some people pay nearly \$30 to join classmates.com to get email addresses for their classmates. We have over 600 stashed at our website. If yours isn't there, leave it behind.
2. **Pay yer Duez...**they fund the website, the newsletter and no portion of them is used any longer for fruitcakes for the class officers. Thanks.
3. **Reunion June 17-20, 2004...**we need you to plan to come back for reunion. It won't be the same without you.
4. **Help with the Reunion...**we will shatter the 25th reunion attendance record with over 350 classmates making it back. Deb Sortor Parnon needs help coordinating what will be another memorable Hanover event. Email her at dcsp1@aol.com and let her know you will help her out.
5. **Reconnect with someone...**Reach out and touch someone today, a roommate, LSAmate, rushmate, actual bona-fide classmate. Our class is the standard in class participation in all events because we talk and email each other. We never let the Dartmouth Plan prevent our Class from having the levels of class interest and participation that others dream of.
6. **Be a DPCS Mentor...**our class project supports students who do community service during an off term. We add to this support by providing these students with mentorship during their project. Let me know if you want to be a mentor like Carol Anderson Shaw and J. Free who write about their experience as mentors in this newsletter.
7. **Write us...**either the newsletter guys or Tim Ehrsam so we have blotter material for our copy. I promise they won't make fun of you or your family. Be careful writing us about your pets.
8. **Turn in Email Addresses:** Do you know a classmate's email address we don't have? Turn it in. We pay \$110 for every email address we collect (note: we pay the Class DCF Contribution not you, but what the heh). Whoever submits the most email addresses gets free admission to the 25th reunion. Runners up get a sporty 79 fleece vest.
9. **Help DCF Participation:** Gail Frawley Granowitz, Elyse Benson Allan and Burr Gray could use help this spring calling folks to have them participate in the DCF campaign. These are simple calls to make. Please let them know you can participate.
10. **Write Polly Ingraham...**Polly is your Alumni Council rep. She and the College want to know what they could do to improve your experience as alums. What the College could do to improve the experience for undergrads is also appropriate.
11. **Go to a Mini-Reunion...**you wanted a bonus, here it is...Go to a mini-reunion...The next one is in Hanover February 15, 2002 for the Clarkson Hockey game. See the message from L. Phillip Oden for details, but mark your calendar.

So there they are, 10 things you can do to be *True to Your Class* plus a bonus, and not one request to go to a Stanford Football game, buy the Hartford Courant, vote in this year's Trustee Elections or register to vote in North Dakota....Do a couple and you'll feel better... Cheers.

GET READY FOR OUR 25TH REUNION!!! (By Deb Sortor Parnon (Dcsp1@aol.com))

WRITE IT DOWN! June 17 through 20th, 2004!!!

Here are the Top Five Reasons why you want to be there and serve on the Reunion Committee:

5. You want to work with classmates you didn't even know as a student 25 years ago.

4. You don't have enough to do and this would be a good time filler.

3. You haven't been back for one reunion yet and you feel guilty.

2. You want to get the inside scoop behind the north campus expansion (*Bags-Expansion?*).

And finally the number one reason why you don't want to miss this incredible opportunity is:

1. The Committee might just be a fun bunch of people to work with for a few months!

Homecoming – “Rekindle the Spirit” is our 25th reunion theme and we are hoping to spark the interest of our classmates to return to Hanover for a huge celebration. We have already begun to reconnect with our fellow '79's through a calling network. Classmates representing all areas of the country will be calling to remind you of our reunion June 17 –20, 2004. If they call, make sure to update your email address so you too can be eligible for fun and prizes.

Since my request in the last newsletter did not elicit any responses whatsoever (why am I not surprised!?!), I will be on the horn recruiting classmates for various positions on the reunion committee in January. My goal is to develop the committee, begin brainstorming ideas and pulling together a program as soon as possible. Please forward program, panel discussion, entertainment, event, activity, meal location, any ideas that you would like to see implemented at our reunion to me Debbie Sortor Parnon at Dcsp1@aol.com. Otherwise you will just have to live with whatever the reunion committee plans. Yours in the Spirit of Reuning, Debbie. (*Hey: Give Deb a break!!! Please contact her today to help! Remember, it's your reunion too!*)

FUNDRAISING (By Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Frawley Granowitz)

No Newsletter is worth its salt without a note on fundraising, right? Before you read further, we need someone willing to focus on making the most of the matching gifts policy offered by various companies/employers. Let Burr Gray

(burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) know if you are interested in helping. The effort would probably involve the following: (1) identifying those classmates who work for “matching gift” companies; (2) getting significant participation from those classmates; (3) nudging those classmates to nudge their companies as needed; and (4) assisting in making the process and interaction with Dartmouth as easy as possible. OK, on to the other stuff.

Participation — We dropped a point last year in the category of class participation (from 52% to 51%), so one of our goals this winter and spring will be to bring our participation back up to 53%. To do this, we plan to make more of a push on participation a bit earlier this year (especially with those folk who made pledges last year but missed the deadline). Please don't wait until the end of June to make good on your gift. We want to be able to have your Quick Caller classmates focus on those folk who really do need that last nudge.

Total \$ Goal æ Our total dollar goal is \$400,000. This is below our fantastic finish of \$576K last year, but above our \$383K total of the year before that. Given the current economy we're trying to be realistic, yet we encourage you to give Dartmouth your very best this year.

One Important Change from Last Year æ There is one important new aspect for everyone, especially those classmates who declined in the past to make a donation based on dissatisfaction with the College policies. If you wish, you can now designate that your gift go specifically to one of the following categories: (1) College's Highest Priorities, (2) Academic Programs & Faculty Support, (3) Arts, (4) Athletics, (5) Financial Aid, (6) Student Programs and Services, (7) Technology and the Digital Library, and (8) the Campus.

February Mini-Reunion—February 15

Need an excuse to go to Hanover? Want to go skiing or just see some real snow? Want to see the team the Coach Gaudet has been dragging out of the ashes? It's Mini-Reunion time with the Class that knows how!

Saturday, February 15, 2003

7pm faceoff vs Clarkson

5pm Pre-game cocktails at Mitchell's (17 Rope Ferry) with the 80s/81s: Be there!

MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

David Bridges (dsbinkz@yahoo.com): Since Dartmouth — actually, since the University of Chicago where I went to grad school after Hanover — I've spent most of my years outside the US. I worked for a

peacekeeping force in the Middle East for five years, lived in Rome for a while, took a year off, then got a job with the government, worked in Romania right after the Revolution, moved to Milan for three years, then Albania for another two where I witnessed the war in Kosovo up close and personal, and now Kazakhstan. I got married in Italy in 1985 to a woman I'd gone to boarding school with in Italy years before, and while we still retain a strong Italian connection, every year since then, we've wandered a little farther afield.

My wife, two kids, extremely large central Asian shepherd dog, and I live in a palatial manse at the foot of the Tien Shan mountains, the northernmost spur of the Himalaya. We have spectacular views of glaciers, snowfields, immense forests, as well as, closer at hand, some r-e-a-l-l-y interesting attempts my neighbors are making to build their own houses.

Almaty is hopping as Kazakhstan makes the transition from former Soviet republic to oil-rich satrapy, and by central Asian standards — I can hear you snickering all the way from San Francisco (*hey, we're not all that snobby about our superior place to live!*) — It's a nice place to live. Lots of nightlife, excellent restaurants, good museums, breathtaking outdoors, a pretty good ski resort — shades of the Skiway — only 20 minutes from town, lots and lots (...and lots - Kazakhstan is one of the biggest countries on earth) of open spaces, and more oriental carpets and yurts than you can shake a stick at. (Love those yurts - - I'm encouraging my wife to abandon staid old WASP retirement paradigms and embrace the yurt lifestyle, but no luck yet.)

My kids go to a private Kazakh school where half their classes are in Russian and the other half in English. They rub shoulders with an interesting mix of expatriate kids whose parents work for oil companies and embassies and local kids whose parents are high-ranking government types, oil barons, and Mafiosi. Both kids came to the school bilingual, so we're shooting for trilingualism now. I only regret, when I drop them off in the morning, that I didn't start Russian at 8 or 12 like them, or at Dartmouth, instead of waiting until I was 45. But since leaving Dartmouth, I've acquired Romanian and Albanian (in addition to the Italian I already spoke), and I spent all last year doing nothing more than one-on-one Russian classes with a nice lady from Moscow who gasped audibly with each and every grammatical misstep, so my poor old grey matter is now used to periodic linguistic assault.

Travel to Astana, the country's new capital, every week, commuting up and back via small turboprop. The capital is in the middle of nowhere, and this time of

year, the weather, befitting Astana's location just south of Siberia, is intensely cold. The pilot kicks me out as soon as the plane stops, then takes off for Almaty where it won't freeze to the ground, leaving me a long, long way from Hanover. Astana, by the way, has four major tourist attractions: the monument to the victims of totalitarianism, the mini-Kazakhstan amusement park, a Stalinist labor camp converted to poultry farm, and a fake English pub run by a Turk across the street from the Russian embassy and what I think is the only Chevron station located on the Eurasian steppe.

Please pass the word to any classmates on their way through Almaty en route to such enchanting destinations as Afghanistan, the deserts of western China, or Siberia, to give me a call. My number is (7-3272) 48 20 95. I'd be delighted to see them and show them around town. Hell, I'll even buy them a good Kazakh beer and nice juicy horse steak... All the best. (*Sounds pretty exciting, especially the commute on the turboprop and the fake English pub!* I've heard good things about horse steak too. *Does it really taste like chicken? Should we pack some Thayer A-1?*)

Phil Oden: We had our best turnout ever for the Alumni Parade and bonfire despite the fairly chilly weather. Lead by Mitchell's "Class of the Year" BMMMMW Z3 were a couple dozen classmates and family appendages including: **Joe Henley** and **Kim Donovan Henley**, **Nancy Schwartzman Malmquist**, **John Currier**, **Louisa Guthrie** (all the way from Chittown), **Jim Eden** (so what if he flies from Atlanta for free; it's still impressive), (the ever faithful) **Liz Proctor Gray**, **Anne Carlson** and **Mike Geilich** (who was 50 feet in front of us tooting away for the Lyme Town Band). Please 'scuse any spelling mistakes and anyone I may have missed. This was probably my 12th bonfire since graduating, and, I believe, the first upon which I have seen snow fall. Quite impressive.

Michael Feldman (rentsamson@aol.com): After 13 years of waiting, hoping and praying, we finally have a sister for our son. Caroline Kelly Rae Grace Feldman was born November 26, 2002. She weighed a whopping 8 lbs. 6 oz. and measures 20" long. We're all doing well! (*Congrats to you and your wife Michael! Recent stock market action makes saving for college education much easier!*)

Joshua Muskin (Joshua.muskin@worldlearning.org): On the news front, I'm still Senior Education Advisor at World Learning, based in D.C. and working especially on projects in Peru, Guatemala, Ethiopia, Uganda and Benin, for now. Too much time on the road, away from Saul and his soccer games, but there are benefits, too. For

example, I did get to visit Jon Zehner and Carlyn in London on my way back from Ethiopia last fall. They are all great, with the three boys away at school and the two younger still at home. Greetings to all.

Liz Procter Gray (lizgray79@hotmail.com): Thanks for the excellent newsletter (*couldn't very well delete this comment, now could we?*). Just returned from Homecoming (Dartmouth Night to us old traditionalists) Weekend in Hanover. Had a great time with Jean Madinger Johnston ('79) and family, but it must have been 25 degrees at best. Was that the first bonfire held in a snowstorm? No, probably not. Why couldn't old Eleazar have gone on a mission to the Seminoles instead? I don't really mean that, of course. It would have been an awfully long commute to the Skiway on those old Phys. Ed. buses. We are all fine here. Wayne ('77) and I are delighted to discover that teenagers CAN be enjoyable. Erika (16, that's years not class) is a junior and looking at colleges. Although we dressed her in Green Ds from day one, she seems to be leaning toward Wheaton College in IL for its Christian environment. We pointed out that we attended the heathen campus of Dartmouth, and didn't we turn out OK? For some reason, that failed to persuade her.

Jennifer Hughes (jhughes@glenalpine.net): (*Here's a note from Jennifer who's in New Zealand until the end of January with her family (her husband represents Oracle Racing) watching the Oracle boat battle the Swiss! Nice life!!*) Just went to see Lord of the Rings (part two) with my 12 year old tonight. Fun to see some familiar landscape, and to see what bits were lifted from the local Maori culture. A few weeks ago, the hobbits (the cast from the movie) were all in town here for the opening of their film, and actually all went out for a day of watching the racing on Katana (Larry Ellison's rather gargantuan power boat), along with 50 other people from our base. We didn't go out that day (and thus missed meeting Frodo in person, much to my daughter's dismay).

Yes, Oracle is doing well. It's down to us against Alinghi (The Swiss boat, skippered by the winning Kiwi skipper from the last two cups). Racing is best of 9 (1st to 5 wins), and starts this Saturday. The winner of the finals then goes on to sail for the actual cup against New Zealand starting 2/15. Pretty exciting around here right now.

Missy Pemberton Devlin (missydevlin@yahoo.com) wrote in from Singapore to congratulate us on our Newsletter Editor of the Year Award, but she didn't tell us what she is doing there. Missy, how 'bout an update?

THE '79 NEWSBAG

Here's the amazing story about **Dave Celone**, our Dartmouth College Alumni Fund contact who we adopted as a member of the Class of '79 a few years back.

Men Jump Into River, Save Three After Car Crashes Off Bridge By Bob Hookway and Omar Sacirbey Valley News Staff Writers (11/27/02)

Thetford — Two local men plunged into the Ompompanoosuc River yesterday and saved the lives of two 11-year-old boys and a woman. Nellie Pennington was taking the boys to school when her car crashed through the side of the covered bridge in Thetford Center and fell into the water, landing on its roof with the passenger compartment submerged.

Thetford Fire Chief Donald Fifield said yesterday that the actions of Dr. Steven Spencer of Norwich and David Celone of Thetford saved the lives of Pennington — who was pinned underwater, entangled in her shoulder harness — her son, Amos Hine, and his schoolmate, Riegel Garrison-Botsford, all of Strafford.

Fifield said firefighter Tim Moore arrived on the scene from his job at the Thetford Center Post Office. He said Celone, Spencer and Moore got Pennington out, placed her on the overturned bottom of her car and tried to revive her from unconsciousness. The chief said they succeeded, and that Pennington could not have survived much longer in the river.

Spencer, a dermatologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center who was approaching the bridge behind Pennington's and Celone's vehicles, said in a telephone interview last night that Hine squeezed out of the car and was in the water, and that Celone freed Garrison-Botsford quickly and sent both boys to the riverbank. But he said Pennington was in much greater trouble. "We were very lucky to get her out of there. She was submerged and not active. She was really tangled in that belt. We had to unwrap it from her neck. She must have been underwater for five or six minutes. I think the car was a Subaru. It had a flat bottom, so we put her up on there and resuscitated her. She had a slow pulse, but in a minute or two, she was coherent. She knew who she was and where she was. It helped that the water was cold. That 'diver's reflex' kicked in, and she didn't inhale very much water. But she was very, very cold, and so were we. We all spent about 15 minutes in icy water," Spencer said.

Spencer said Pennington, 42, had not been hurt much. "Her hands were bloody, and she had a sore neck, probably from the seat belt," he said. A Dartmouth-

Hitchcock Medical Center spokeswoman said last night that Pennington was in satisfactory condition.

Spencer said events began yesterday at 8:02 a.m. Pennington was approaching the bridge first, he said, with Celone's vehicle behind her, and his vehicle behind Celone's. They were coming from the direction of Strafford, headed toward Thetford Center. He said Pennington was having trouble in the covered bridge. "She was on those wooden planks that are wheel paths. She started to skid and turned sideways in the bridge," said Spencer, who said he watched Pennington's car crash through the left side of the bridge slowly and plummet into the river.

*We're proud to have you as a member of our class,
Dave!*

Josh Muskin was published in an article entitled "Give priority to the girls" in the online edition of the *International Herald Tribune* (<http://www.iht.com/cgi-bin/generic.cgi?template=articleprint.tpl&ArticleId=76946>). The article was about the struggle of trying to educate young girls in the underdeveloped world, particularly in Muslim countries. If we think the early days of coeducation was difficult for women at Dartmouth, just try being a girl in a Muslim country, particularly a fundamentalist one.

In the January 5 Sports Section of *The New York Times*, an article entitled "Olympic Group Stumbling, Bumbling and Grumbling," (<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/01/05/sports/othersports/05ROBE.html>) the author basically slammed the United States Olympic Committee for hiring Lloyd Ward, the former CEO of Maytag, as head rather than choosing **Scott Blackmun**, the former general counsel. The article described all of the failings of the USOC and basically pleaded to have the organization beg Scott to come back. "If the U.S.O.C. is to right itself, it needs to retrace the steps of its previous search for a chief until it finds Scott Blackmun," the author writes. After leaving the USOC, Scott moved to Los Angeles, where he is President of the Anschutz Entertainment Group, one of the leading sports and entertainment presenters in the world. AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Anschutz Corporation, owns a collection of companies including facilities such as STAPLES Center, the London Arena, the Great Western Forum (as exclusive booking agent for sports and entertainment programming), HealthSouth Training Center and the Kodak Theater (as operator); sports franchises including the Los Angeles Kings (NHL), the Manchester Monarchs (AHL), Redding Royals (ECHL), Los Angeles Galaxy, Chicago Fire, Colorado Rapids and D.C. United (as operators) (MLS), five hockey franchises operated in Europe and portions of the Los Angeles Lak-

ers (NBA) and Los Angeles Sparks (WNBA); Envision, a naming rights and sponsorship company; Spring Communications, devoted to creation and marketing of live events for pay-per-view and other electronic media; Turnstyle Marketing, a full-service marketing and advertising agency; and Concerts West, a live entertainment promotion and touring company.

The Lancaster, PA *Intelligencer Journal* reports that **Kathy Blaisdell** was named Senior Associate Director of Student Aid at Franklin & Marshall College.

The Olean, NY *Times Herald* reports that **Laurie Branch** was elected to the Board of Trustees of St. Bonaventure University. Laurie is the Chief Financial Officer of Iroquois Group, Inc. After graduating from the Big D, Laurie received an MBA at Tuck. She then joined Procter & Gamble in Brand Management and spent four years there before joining the Iroquois Group, a family-owned and operated insurance network, headquartered in Olean, in 1984. Laurie was chosen for the St. Bonaventure Board of Trustees as a result of the strong support she and her family have provided to the University over the years. Laurie, who has one son, lives in Olean and is also a member of the Olean City School District Board of Education.

Tucker Intern Reports

Jeff Boylan: After being continually harassed by our most esteemed president to involve myself in our class project for the last while, I most graciously took on Jamie Perencevich '04 this past fall. Jamie was set up at the Exploratorium, a hands on science exhibit/museum set in the realm of the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1915, over toward the Golden Gate Bridge.

Quite a setting for a young man from Concord, New Hampshire. He also volunteered at my school every Monday, tutoring, counseling, just being around to impart his budding worldly wisdom, and spent afternoons with another inner city school. Busy boy.



Jeff with Tucker Intern, Jamie Perencevich '04.

The highlight of our time together, besides catching an OSU game at Stanford with Buddy, was when Jamie hosted a field trip for my class to his main post. The Exploratorium is a very special place, and Jamie made it all the more so for my students. It was a time none of us will forget for some time to come. Sharing Jamie's DPCS experience with him, and my life 23 years removed, was something we will both cherish indefinitely. I made a new, good friend in Jamie, was brought back in touch with the College, and renewed a certain something within myself. I highly recommend the experience to everyone. Cheers!!!!!!!

Mary Cipollone ('02): *(Note: Mary was our first "official" Tucker intern working with Marian Hodges Brouns in Portland in the summer of 2001. She updates us on her latest activity from Nicaragua.)* I'm trying my best to keep in touch with all the people who have helped me get to where I am today. My DPCS internship definitely influenced my decision to come to Nicaragua, so I thought you might like to know about my work down here.

My work with the Quinchos is so incredible. I am working half of the week with 26 girls who live at the project in San Marcos, Nicaragua. Most of the girls have come to the project from abusive families. Some have witnessed their mothers prostituting themselves. Others have themselves been prostituted. Despite their difficult lives, they maintain a positive energy although their self esteems are very low. My work with them is largely focused on both self-esteem building and school work. I spend time helping all the girls with their homework and working specifically with two girls - Rosa, age 11, and Magdalena age 12. These two girls have learning disabilities and need special attention. Presently I am trying to teach them how to read... quite a large undertaking. But I cannot express enough how exciting it is to see them making progress, no matter how slowly. In addition I play lots of games with the girls, mostly educational and some just plain fun. I make sure to constantly point out the strengths and wonderful things the girls do to support their self-esteem however I can. But most of all, I just try to bring some positivity into the girls' daily lives, listening to them, laughing with them and enjoying our time together.

The other half of my week is spent working with the 27 boys who live at the lake house in Granada, Nicaragua. The boys at this project are slightly older than the girls. Most of them have been integrated into the project after living on the street where they often lived violent lives, begging, stealing, sniffing glue (cheap high that dulls hunger) or abusing other drugs. The boys are often

busy making hammocks, doing carpentry, taking music lessons, playing soccer, etc. I am working to teach a couple of them to read and also generally helping with homework, doing math games, etc. The boys, who are slightly older than the girls, have an amazing curiosity about the world. So often we end up sitting around talking about world events, history, poverty, relationships, the list goes on. The other day I brought a copy of National Geographic in Spanish. I could never have imagined how enchanted the boys would be with the magazine. They were lining up to take turns to read it (in a culture where reading is not a past time) and asking countless questions about the articles. So amazing.

With over 50 percent unemployment, high levels of malnutrition and illiteracy, Nicaragua is the second poorest country in Latin America (after Haiti). The hospitals are empty - if you need surgery, you have to bring your own medicines, bandages, rubber gloves, needles, blood, etc. The education system is poor - often 50 kids are in a classroom with one untrained teacher, and memorization rather than understanding is the standard teaching method. With coffee prices dropping on the world market, people in the northern coffee growing regions are literally dying of hunger every day. And after years of war and natural disasters, the people seem tired and disillusioned.

But, Nicaragua is a beautiful country despite the overwhelming poverty. The people are open and warm and have made me feel very at home here. And underneath the despair is a never ending hope and a faith that some day things will improve. Needless to say, I am learning so much every day. And although sometimes I feel very insignificant and helpless amidst all this need, I am doing what I can to bring some joy into the lives of the people I come in contact with.

The Quinchos (www.losquinchos.org) would like to send the older boys and girls in the project to technical schools (e.g. plumbing, electricity, landscaping, carpentry, tourism management) to empower them with the tools to take control of their own economic situations. The annual cost of sending a child to technical school (matriculation fees, tuition, uniforms, food and transportation) is \$1200. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child's 1 or 2 year education, please contact Mary Cipollone '02 at maryc.02@alum.dartmouth.org. (Gifts are tax-deductible.) What could be a better gift to give a child this holiday season than the gift of education and economic empowerment?

Carol Anderson Shaw: Hope the new year finds you happy and healthy. I had the good fortune to catch up with many of my dear Dartmouth friends in '02. We

broke bread (baguettes, actually), did some island hopping (*you mean off of Cape Cod island-hopping?*), golf-cart racing, and vigorous elbow exercises. Lots of fun at home and abroad. I'm looking forward to our next class reunion for more talks about old times and new, and the requisite frivolity that proves we are still young.

I'm also writing to report on my meaningful experience last summer as a mentor for Tucker intern Elise Jensen. Lisi worked with a needle exchange program in Seattle. She's always wanted to be a doctor, and she purposefully chose this volunteer program as an opportunity to put herself out of her own comfort zone, and to gain insight into drug abuse and empathy for drug users. She found the work challenging and rewarding, an experience that she will incorporate into her life's work. There's not much money in this type of endeavor, but Lisi made time because it was important to her. Her other summer job involved brain surgery on rats to research the effects of caffeine. Now she's busy applying to medical school. Whatever our class can provide to support these Tucker internships is money well spent. Not only was the internship an educational experience for Lisi, but she touched many other people's lives. So when that card comes around, please contribute if you can. If you're fortunate enough to have the opportunity be a mentor to one of the Tucker interns, I highly recommend it. It turns out that these Dartmouth students are an impressive bunch. Lisi had lots of fascinating tales to tell. In describing her time at the needle exchange, she informed my view of society at large. She also gave me an updated vision of student life at Dartmouth. So the mentor may actually do most of the learning in this relationship. Most of all, I value the friendship we formed. I'm glad to know Lisi and look forward to seeing where she'll go with her future. I look forward to seeing the rest of you guys, too.

Report on 185th Alumni Council (**By Polly Ingraham** (pmingraham@myexcel.com))

Okay, so it's a couple of days before Christmas and I haven't wrapped a single present not to mention paid the bills, but here I am æ microphone in hand (well figuratively) æ standing before you to file my report. Is that devotion to alma mater or WHAT? Did I say that the limping cat also needs to get to the vet and the homemade ice rink needs tending? Oh but you don't want to hear about all that. We all have our own *priorities*, and that was a word thrown about often during our three day meeting at the Big Green. Gather 'round the fireside and I'll tell you the tale.

Classmates Everywhere. So there were FOUR of us: **Phil Odence** (mini-reunion rep.) and **Carey Fiertz** (regional metropolitan rep.) I expected to see, but this

time there was also our esteemed Class President **Bill Mitchell** (representing class presidents, of course) as well as **Da'aga Hill Bowman** (at-large rep.) who has been moving gracefully through lawyer circles in D.C. Do you think this was a scandal? I did my best to represent my other class – the highly esteemed '80s – with dignity.

Swimming and Diving No More. (Ed. See note that follows that in January the College reversed this decision and will retain the programs!) No doubt most of you have already heard, probably in the national news, the surprising announcement that the men's and women's varsity swimming and diving teams will be eliminated at the end of this current season. This move comes as a part of substantial College-wide budget cuts — \$4.9 million in the current fiscal year. The athletic department faced a \$260,000 reduction of its own budget and this move will save \$212,000 annually. The administration explains the move in part by reminding us of the 5.7 percent drop in the endowment and by maintaining that the pool, built in 1963, is now "substandard" and will soon need to be replaced – at a cost of at least \$20 million - in order for the teams to stay competitive. The move directly affects 53 current athletes, 22 recruited athletes who applied early decision, three full-time coaches and one part-time coach. (Interestingly, a student told me that the water polo club still remains in the budget but the coach will be gone.)

You can just imagine (or perhaps you are a part of) the outcry, which as I write is in full voice, particularly in cyberspace. Students protested in front of Parkhurst, mad that they were left out of the whole decision-making process. A parents group has set up a web site (www.b-k-ind.com/dartmouth/) and apparently the pledges are pouring in. It's been determined that a hefty \$5 million is needed to endow the program, and as of a few days ago a spokesman for the drive said that they are about halfway there.

We Want YOU to participate. Speaking of money (we might never stop), we spent a good hunk of time discussing and endorsing a proposal by the "Ad Hoc Committee Subgroup on Class Dues and Alumni Fund Participation." It seems that, while the big gifts keep coming in from a relative few, the percentage of alumni who give anything at all to the bread-and-butter operations of the College has been declining. What's going on here? Could it be true that youngsters just don't step up to this particular plate the way the oldtimers do? You can be sure that steps will be taken to offer all of you a warmer embrace, not to mention educate you about your responsibilities towards Dear Old Dartmouth. Consider this a heads-up.

One of Our Very Own. And now some good news. We also approved the nominations of three outstanding candidates for election to the Board of Trustees: M. Elyse Benson Allan '79, Tuck '84; John J. Donahoe '82; and Ric Lewis '84. How about that Long Island girl? And to think that she has a chance of joining another classmate æ Pamela Joyner æ who already is on the Board. Must be just a coincidence that they're both women, don't you think?

Re-unification, Hanover-style. Lastly, we all got copies of the amazing, and lengthy, report of the Joint Committee on Alumni Governance and Trustee Nominations. (You too can read it – if you can type in <http://www.dartmouth.edu/alumni/leadership/JointCommfinal21.html>.) Can you BELIEVE all the work these people did? I don't want to pretend to be able to cut to the chase, but the hope here is that the Alumni Council can become a more representative governing body of the entire alumni, which has been known as the Association of Alumni, and that the whole procedure of electing trustees can be improved. There seems to be no reason for these two organizations to live in separate houses anymore, so they are likely to move on in together. Cross your fingers, because I can also tell you that there are a number of people who are *passionate* about a variety of issues involved here. Relationships will do that to people, you know.

And here's the message from President Wright on January 8, 2003 to retain the Swimming program. Great work by alums and parents!

Today, we reached an agreement with the swimmers and divers, their parents, and interested alumni/ae to keep the swimming and diving varsity teams at Dartmouth. Jim Larimore has agreed to fund the teams for another year through internal funding in his area. The parents and alumni have pledged \$2 million to provide further support for 9 years, after which, the College will look to identify other funding options.

Would like to thank the swimmers and divers, the Student Assembly, and the parents and alumni/ae as well as Athletic Director Josie Harper and Dean of the College James Larimore for their hard work in developing the plan. I am delighted that we will continue to have swimming and diving at Dartmouth.

Why My Kid Can (Or Cannot) Get Into Dartmouth!!

For those of you with young'uns in diapers it may be hard to realize that others have and/or are currently going through the college application process. Inevitably many of us see our progeny as smarter, faster, stronger and almost as good looking, so we consider

Dartmouth as an option. While we have three known '79 legacies who have gained admission, we are also learning of strong legacy candidates who are deferred or denied admission. While there is no simple answer to this situation, the following FAQ from the Admissions/Alumni Relations office helps to set expectations for what can be anticipated in the process. Good luck.

Frequently Asked Admissions Questions

1) How should I go about preparing for a visit to campus? How early should I start, and what kinds of things should I try to accomplish while I am there?

Before making a visit to campus, you should do some research. The website is a great source of information, including tour times, information session times, and the types of interviews available. If you are visiting from far away, you will obviously want to plan far ahead in advance æ you do not want to arrive on campus and find out we are on break or there are no classes. If you decide you want to try and have an on-campus interview, we recommend calling the Admissions Office at (603) 646-2875 at least several weeks in advance in order to secure the exact time and date of your choice. If you simply want to take a tour and sit in on an information session, you do not need to sign up ahead of time. Overall, your goal should be to determine the "feel" of the campus and its atmosphere. (*You mean the place has changed since 1979?*)

While you are on campus and classes are in session you are welcome to sit in on a class. You can pick up a class list in the admissions office and plan to sit in on a class. You will need the permission of the professor, so plan to arrive 10 minutes before the class starts to introduce yourself and ask permission. Be sure to also select a second choice class in the event that your first choice is oversubscribed or the professor is giving a test that day.

2) Which factors are most important in the decision? Grades? Test scores? Extracurricular activities?

There are no factors which are considered "most important" in the decision æ it will vary from applicant to applicant, as each case is considered individually. Certainly the heart of the decision is an academic one, but the "intangible" qualities gained from recommendations and essays and activities also play a role.

3) My child had a 1400 on his SAT's, a 3.5 GPA, and lots of great extracurricular activities. My wife and I are both legacies and have been very generous and involved as volunteers. Yet my child was not admitted. Why was he denied admission?

Because there are so many candidates who have strong scores, good grades and many extracurricular activities, what distinguishes an admitted candidate from one who was not admitted may be based upon important factors that are less obvious. We look at the academic rigor of the course load æ if the school offers AP and honors courses, we will expect the student to have taken advantage of this. Basically we want to see students who make the most of their resources. However, most of the students who apply to Dartmouth bring very impressive credentials and extracurriculars. Most of the applicants can come to Dartmouth and do the work. We are looking for students who are intellectually curious, questioning, have a passion for learning. Other "intangibles" include open-mindedness, tolerance, and demonstration of engagement. We're looking for a student who will not only contribute to the community, but will also take advantage of resources and all that Dartmouth has to offer. *(Read: Get those state college applications ready!)*

4) *What if I have not had a chance to have an on-campus interview æ will that hurt my chances of getting in?*

The lack of an on-campus interview will NOT hurt a candidate's chances for acceptance. We understand that not everyone has the time or the means to visit campus and do not use this as a factor in making decisions.

5) *What is the acceptance rate for legacies, and what is the rate for the overall pool? Do you have a "quota" for legacies?*

Legacies (defined as the son or daughter of a Dartmouth undergraduate alumnus/a) are admitted at a higher rate than the overall pool æ we do certainly consider the tie and connection that the family has to Dartmouth. Usually legacies are admitted at almost twice the rate of the overall pool æ 39% acceptance rate v. 20% acceptance rate. There is no "quota" for legacies. *(I hear that kids of (award winning) Newsletter Editors get in at a 65% rate. Correct?)*

Legacies are judged on exactly the same standards as the rest of the pool and are read in the same manner as everyone else. We also are looking to make sure, as mentioned before, that students are taking advantage of their resources and opportunities.

Parents of legacy applicants receive a letter from Karl Furstenberg, acknowledging the fact that their child is a legacy and therefore the family has a prior relationship

to the College. Karl's letter also reminds the parents of the competitiveness of the admissions process.

After decision letters have been sent, Stan Colla, Vice President for Alumni Relations, writes to the parents of legacy applicants who have been denied. This letter acknowledges that they may be disappointed, assures them that every application is reviewed very carefully, and lets them know that they can contact the admissions office if they have questions about the process. *(Read: Sorry, Charlie, but keep sending the \$\$!)*

6) *What are the pro's and con's of early decision? What factors should I consider when deciding whether or not to apply ED?*

The decision to apply Early Decision is completely up to the student and family and should be made after thorough research and knowledge of other institutions in addition to Dartmouth. If the student feels that Dartmouth is definitely his or her first choice and he/she has a very steady academic record, then ED is a solid option. However, if the student is unsure or has an erratic academic record (especially if it's on a downward trend), then regular decision is probably a better choice. The main "pro" behind applying early decision is that the student will simply have a decision earlier in the year (assuming he/she is not deferred) and may be able to relax and feel slightly less pressure for the rest of the year. The two main "cons" behind applying early decision are: a) if the student is not sure he/she is ready, it may lock him/her into a decision that they will regret; and b) the family will be unable to compare financial aid packages from other institutions. However, the financial aid office at Dartmouth has a very generous program and rarely do students need to be released from the Early Decision commitment due to financial reasons.

DUES ARE DUE! (By Laurie Laidlaw Roulston)

Thanks to all of you who have paid your 2002/2003 Class Dues. If you have NOT yet paid you should have received a reminder in December and will receive another one in February or March. The \$35 dues payment goes to many things, including your *Alumni Magazine* subscription, mini-reunions and, of course, this award-winning Newsletter. Dues payments are behind as compared to last year. So please, send in that check! With our 25th Reunion right around the corner it is really important. And don't forget to contribute to our Class Project of sponsoring Tucker internships. As you know from the reports above, these few extra dollars for the Tucker interns make a big difference to our undergrad participants and to the communities they serve. Thanks!

WEBSITE NEWS (WE STILL NEED EMAIL ADDRESSES!) (By Mike McCoy)

The D'79 website continues to get a lot of traffic, serving about 6000 pages a month. Interesting statistics: we get more traffic on Tuesdays than on any other day, and we get more traffic between 12PM and 1PM than any other time, so I guess the website is a favorite lunch-time destination for web surfers. Not surprisingly, most people are coming from a .com or .net address, but we get visitors from Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Italy, Australia, Israel, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands (*what about Kazakhstan?*). The most requested files on the website are the email directory (password="basic"), the Scrapbook page, and the PDF version of the class newsletter. We get about 600 requests for the Newsletter, mostly within the first 48 hours after it's announced. The most popular yearbook pages: Liz Procter-Gray, Bruce Bierman, and Elizabeth (BA) Doyle.

Coming attractions: the website for our 25th reunion (June 18-20, 2004) will be unveiled next month. We continue to add names to the email directory for the Feuille/Mitchell Challenge (so don't forget to send mail to michael@riyality.com if your email address has changed or is going to change). And if Burr has his way, we're going to be the first class to offer streaming video of reunion events over the web. Stay tuned for more details.

SEND US MORE NEWS! AND PICTURES!

Finally, please take the time today to submit something about yourself for our next Newsletter. Either fill out the attached green card and send it in, or better yet, send an e-mail to either jim_feuille@yahoo.com (don't forget the underscore) or briley@cooley.com, or get on the Net and go to <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. Type in your message and follow the prompts and your message will automatically come to us.

We also need pictures! We hope you have enjoyed some of the pictures we have included in this and recent Newsletters. We need more! If you have pictures of a significant adventure, a largish or smallish gathering of '79s, or even an embarrassing moment of note, you can share the photos with the rest of the us. If you send us electronic versions of pictures you would like to share, we can either put them in the Newsletter or Mike McCoy can post them to the website. If you don't have electronic versions of your photos, you can send a printed photo to Jim, Ben or Mike and we can scan the photo in and return the original to you if you need it back.

Best to all for a great 2003!



Jeff Boylan's class at Thornton High School