



Dartmouth '79



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Fodder from the '79 Newsbag

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'79s continue to make headlines throughout the nation. Here is a summary of clippings since our last newsletter:

The *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* reported that **John Wetenhall** had been appointed Executive Director of the Ringling Museum of Art, which is operated by Florida State University. The newspaper reported that "John Wetenhall's black belt in ju-jitsu could make him a formidable presence at board meetings of the Ringling Museum of Art...but...got the job because of his accomplishments in the fine arts, not the martial arts (*OK, so the reporter in Sarasota thinks he's David Letterman*). Florida State University President Sandy D'Alemberte stated that John's "distinguished credentials as an art historian and his demonstrated skill as a manager" made him "the ideal candidate." Pretty amazing stuff for a guy whose idea of art in college was watching the patterns formed by the flow of foam over the side of a cup as he was pouring brews in the basement of AD! Prior to this appointment, John had served as Director of the Cheekwood Museum of Art in Nashville, Tennessee for 6 years. John had also served as Curator of painting, sculpture and graphic arts at the Birmingham Museum of Art. John is also incredibly over-educated. In addition to his Dart Coll degree, John has a Master's in Art History from Williams College, a Ph.D. in Art History from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University.

Business Wire reported that GoAhead Software (Bellevue, Washington), the leader in communications reliability solutions (*whatever that means*), had appointed **Tom Hull** as Vice President of Sales. Tom is responsible for developing business partnerships with leading network equipment manufacturers and server platform companies. Tom's duties include communication with GoAhead's target market, managing customer relationships, forecasting business volumes and assisting in the development of business plans. Prior to joining GoAhead, Tom was Vice President of Sales, North America, for the Media Systems Division of RealNetworks. Tom has also worked for other leading technology companies including IBM, Sequent Computer Systems and Amdahl.

The Windham Independent, Windham, New Hampshire, reported that **Edmund Schiavoni, Jr.** was named as a fellow in the American College of Physicians—American Society of Internal Medicine. Ed practices with Southern New Hampshire Internal Medicine Associates in Derry, NH. Ed also serves as a clinical instructor for the University of Vermont Medical School and as an adjunct assistant professor at Dartmouth Medical School. After Dartmouth, Ed received his M.D. degree from Georgetown and completed his residency at the Georgetown University Medical Center. Ed also practiced for a time in Maryland before moving to New Hampshire in 1993.

The Wall Street Journal reported that **Gregg Engles** pulled off a merger making him the CEO of what is now a \$10 billion revenue company. As CEO of Suiza Foods in Dallas, Gregg orchestrated a series of 43 acquisitions which took Suiza from nowhere to become the nation's largest dairy processor and distributor with nearly \$6 billion in revenue in less than 8 years. Now, in merging with Dean Foods, a Suiza rival with \$4 billion in annual revenue, Gregg will solidify his company's leadership position in the industry. Suiza's labels include International Delight, Second Nature, Naturally Yours, Mocha Mix and Sun Soy. Dean's labels included Dean Foods, Mayfield, Purity, McArthur and T.G. Lee.

Convention South, Tuscaloosa, Alabama published a profile and interview with **Michael Wilkinson**. Mike is the founder of Leadership Strategies, Inc.—The Facilitation Company, based in Atlanta. Mike's company provides clients with professional facilitators for running business meetings as well as training in facilitation skills, leadership development skills, consulting skills, management training skills and motivation skills. Mike's clients include the United Way of America, Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines and IBM. Mike founded the company 8 years ago after a career as a programmer at ADP and as a technology consultant at Ernst & Young.

Regina Barreca made the presses again as the *Ridgefield Press*, Ridgefield, New Jersey reported that the "feminist

humor maven entertained" the League of Women Voters meeting. Regina "held her audience in the palm of her hand and had them laughing for more than an hour." (*Sounds like her talk at our last reunion!*). The paper claims Regina is "funnier than most TV comedians and makes more sense." (*Regina, are you ready to host your own late night talk show on TV?*).

The Greenville News, Greenville, South Carolina published a feature article on **David Brown** as part of a series highlighting the "Top 25 Leaders" in . David has been President of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce for the past 5 years. Under David's leadership, the Greenville Chamber had a hand in attracting capital investments in the area of over \$750 million, up from \$85 million during his first year in office. Previously, David served at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Chamber of Commerce. David lives in Simpsonville, South Carolina with his spouse, Maggie and two boys, Greg, 16, and Elijah, 6.

The Lincoln County Weekly, Rockland, Maine, reported that **Julia Hunter** held a book signing for her new book, "Fly Rod Crosby: The Woman Who Marketed Maine." The book, which Julia co-authored, is a biography of Cornelia Thurza Crosby, the first licensed Maine Guide (*Crosby was famous for being the first Maine guide to tell people that they actually could get there from here—just kidding, Julia*). Julia is registrar and curator of textiles at the Maine State Museum in Augusta. For those who don't remember, Julia was also the editor of "Anna May: Eighty-Two Years in New England," which is an oral history autobiography of a northern New England nurse.

Bags Brief

(by **President Bill Mitchell**)

One down, three to go. Our Class continued to distinguish itself over the past 12 months making all the officers feel honored to contribute our time to help support efforts to help classmates reconnect with each other and the College. We continue to have the most active Class of any to graduate after the Kennedy administration. We contributed a record \$7,500 to the Tucker internship program we sponsor helping 7 current students to take an off-term and dedicate it to a charitable initiative. (*More on this later in our letter*). Our website now hosts current email addresses for 590 classmates helping many of us connect with one another. We issued two newsletters and sponsored two great mini-reunions, not counting the weekly ones in Buzzy's pizzeria (*Za*, of course) and Sully's Marina Lounge in San Francisco. The College was most thankful for our fundraising support which established a new record. Thanks to all who helped make the past year so great.

Hope to see you this fall...Cheers...Bags

Mini-Midi-Maxi Reunions

Your subservient President met with the Outgoing and Incoming Officers from the Class of 2004 in May. This Class will graduate at our 25th Reunion. Traditionally the 50th reunion class adopts the graduates but we can't wait for 2029. We are going to start a new tradition of joining the 54's and 04's in adopting each other's classes. While we are working on some preliminary, targeted "adoptions" we are planning a coming out party at our **Midi Reunion on July 12-14, 2002** in Hanover. We are going to plan some joint activities with members of the other two classes, a trip and overnight to Moosilauke and a shot at the "new" golf course. Dorm rooms have been reserved for this event so cost and convenience should not be an issue for this return (elegance, that's another story, but you can make reservations at the Inn now too) It'll be a great chance to directly connect with current students, one another and give interested children a chance to see Dartmouth up close and personal. (Believe it or not, several 79 offspring are matriculating at colleges this fall!)

Speaking of Reunions, circle **October 19 and 20, 2001** for a Bonfire, Class Meeting and Mini Reunion in Hanover. More info to follow. We will also continue our tradition of a Mini Reunion at the Saturday Night Hockey game during Winter Carnival Weekend which turned out to be our best attended Mini-Reunion in years last year.

And while you've got your calendar out, mark down **June 17-20, 2004** as the dates of the last unregulated Dartmouth 25th reunion. I suspect that once we are done with Hanover that weekend they will do to 25ths what they did to bonfires.

Debbie Sortor Parnon has stepped up to serve as Reunion Chairman for our 25th and has already started making plans for activities. We want 79% of the Class back and you will be missed if you can't make it. Start saving those miles and vacation days now!

Messages from the Class

Kathy Fraser: Hello! I would like to help with the Dartmouth Partners in Community Service Project, although I am not sure in what way at this time. Please keep me on the mailing list for this project and I'll see how I can help in the future. (*Thanks Kathy; Prez Bill has your name. Any of the rest of you want to sign up to help on this great project? Contact Bill.*) We may be moving from Minnesota this summer (*Move accomplished?*). Winters aren't as bad as those in New Hampshire (*Winter? It's 65 degrees in January in SF!*), but the mosquitoes ... are much worse than the N.E. blackflies (*I always wondered why we never noticed them during our summer term(s). Too much beer pong?*), plus no serums, etc.!! (*Our advice? Head West!*)

Gerry Cox: Gerry is completing his second year as a White House Physician. A Captain in the United States Navy Medical Corps, Gerry is one of several doctors responsible for

the health care of the President, Vice President, and their families (*Kept quite busy by our new VP I imagine*). He travels with the President on diplomatic missions and other official trips, and works with the U.S. Secret Service and the White House Medical Unit to assess the medical capabilities of foreign countries and develop contingency plans in the event of Presidential illness or injury. After graduating from Dartmouth, Gerry obtained his medical degree from the University of Massachusetts and a masters in health administration from Tulane University. He's board-certified in both emergency medicine and preventive medicine, and is on the faculty at George Washington University Medical Center and Tulane's School of Public Health. Gerry lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Catherine and their two children, Alexander (7) and Caroline (2). (*Ed. note: per Secret Service Reg. 361(d)(2), Captain Cox must refer to himself only in the third person.*)

Laura Robertson: Hey guys! I'm not really on the '79 MIA list, but am now known by my former name! I've been living in San Francisco (*where else?*) and am now happily on extended leave from being a pediatric cardiologist. I'm spending time with my three kids (ages 14, 12 and 6) and doing lots of trail running, biking and hiking (*ah, the good life!*). Going back to the maga-hours of on-call work is not looking too favorable at this point! We'll see what's next! (*Ed. Note: I think Laura was doing some sort of Marathon or Triathlon this past summer. Please drop us an email and let us all know how it went!*)

Dean Esserman: Still living in Brooklyn (*I thought this was an oxymoron?*) and raising our three children with my wife, Gilda Hernandez. Rolindo is 18, Nellie-June is 8 and Samuel is 4. I just completed my third year as Chief of Police in the City of Stamford, Connecticut. (*So why are you living in Brooklyn?*)

Katrin Dobbs von Gierke: Greetings from sunny Germany (we've been having depressing weather until yesterday, so sunshine is newsworthy.) I have little new to report. I still am at home minding my three kiddies, but starting to wonder what to do with my time when the youngest starts school next fall. School in Germany only goes until 1, and the happy German mom prepares a warm lunch for her children when they come home, so my disposable time is somewhat more constrained than it would be in the U.S. We've been on line for about a year, and now our boys are better at using the Net than we are.

Bob Lucky: I ceased publication of my food letter, *The Asian Foodbookery*, sold the house in Seattle (a couple of weeks before the earthquake), and am now travelling with my family. Next stop: Turkey. We plan to settle down somewhere in Asia in the next year or two. (*Bob sounds pretty lucky to me! Please send us content so we don't have to fill this issue up with these really bad jokes!*)

Elyse Benson Allan: Our family (husband Don -Tuck '84, son Stuart, now age 9, and I just returned from a fabulous family adventure to Egypt. After spending several days exploring Cairo, we cruised south on the Nile to Aswan (many stops along the way. What a fascinating culture (and the history captured in the pyramids, tombs and temples is remarkable! We're still living in Toronto. Last summer we were thrilled to have **Mary Cleary Kiely** and **Margi Hall Pence** and family visit us for a long weekend. So much to catch up on (it was a wonderful time together.

Rick Reno: I live on a little island off the coast of Honduras, where I train scuba instructors, and work as a volunteer at the Utila Hyperbaric Chamber and Trauma Center. Last week we suffered a devastating fire, which destroyed the building housing the chamber and trauma center and everything in it. We are trying to raise money to rebuild the center, and would appreciate it if you could in some way distribute this message to class members who might be able to help us with their contacts, expertise, or better yet, money! On behalf of everybody on Utila, thanks for the help! Don't forget to breathe (*hyperbarically speaking?*)! Rick Reno, PADI Course Director Utila Lodge/Bay Islands College of Diving, Utila, Bay Islands, Honduras, www.dive-util.com.

T.J. Crane: Three boys: 17, 15, 13. I'm doing M&A and Securities Law with Rutan & Tucker in Orange County, California. Mostly just shelling out money to my sons. My youngest plays pretty serious ice hockey commutes to Canada I'm off to Toronto again next week. (*This is a bit extreme! How about surfing?*) The oldest is applying to college this Fall (we are getting old). I hope Dartmouth looks kindly on him. (*I might be missing something, but has the first '79 legacy enrolled yet at Dartmouth? Will TJ's son perhaps be the trailblazer? Who's on this?*) Ellen is keeping everyone is line; our 20th anniversary is this January!

Burr Gray: ***Burr & T's Mostly Excellent (Except for the Blue Bags) Adventure.*** Just when you thought we had out-

grown our capacity for spontaneous and immature acts, we bring you news of Burr Gray and T. Weymouth's recent assault on Mt. Rainier, "the toughest climb in the lower 48," ac-



According to the promotional brochures. In July our heroes-joined by a group of seven other friends, relatives, and unknowns, plus 3 guides from Rainier Mountaineering, Inc.

(RMI), participated in a so-called "Expedition Seminar" designed as training for climbs of Mounts McKinley/Denali and Everest. The Seminar taught little-used-but-much-needed skills in this dangerous and unpredictable world, such as: how to keep yourself from sliding off a mountain when you fall wearing a 60-pound pack (from repeated practice, much of it unintentional, T. became particularly adept at this skill); how to rescue someone who has fallen into a deep crevasse (pronounced without a British accent); how to navigate and traverse 45-degree angled slopes of ice, snow and scree (yup, this stuff is as bad as it sounds) in crampons and using ice axes, while tethered to three other people, only one of whom (the guide) knew what he was doing; how to pitch and sleep in a flimsy and unstable tent on said slopes in high winds; and, finally how to use the "blue bag" system, whereby one literally leaves nothing but footprints. (*Decorum precludes a more detailed description of this particularly pungent skill.*)

Having neglected to follow their own carefully conceived conditioning regimen and after spending large sums at the last minute to rent the "strongly recommended items" from RMI, our intrepid heroes headed up the mountain, but only after the outfitters obtained duly signed and witnessed waivers of liability. After a day of basic training, the climb began up the southwest face of the mountain, carrying full packs and ascending at a clip of about 2000 vertical feet/day. For the first three days, our heroes' hard work was rewarded by spectacular weather and views. With the summit in range, the boys camped at aptly named Camp Hazard, just below the Kautz Glacier/ Ice Cliff. The plan was to rise at 3 AM and begin climbing for the summit at 5 AM, with the goal of spending the last night of the Seminar camping on the summit.

Alas, through the night the winds began to blow hard (or was that our tent mate?) and the snow began to fall heavily. By daybreak, six inches of fresh snow had accumulated. Donning avalanche beacons ("better safe than sorry," the guides said) the group abandoned their goal of the summit and hustled down the mountain to the comfort and safety of lower ground and civilization. The ordeal of the descent was outweighed by the relief from eco-conscientiously disposing of the oh-so-carefully-packed blue bags at base camp.

In the end, the group's motto, Rainier Victorious, paid tribute to the mountain. Despite not having achieved the summit and the attendant physical exertion and exhaustion, the experience was strangely compelling. As for the eagerly anticipated reaction of wives (*what do you think?*), kids, and mothers; well, that will have to wait for the next edition of the Newsletter. (*Thanks, Burr, for such a long note. We needed the content. That's what a former Prez. is for. You know exactly what your fellow officers are looking for. But, just because you gave us a lot of content this time does not mean you can ask us for an increased pledge in your new role!*)

Just kidding! Ask and ye shall receive! I hope that goes for everyone else for the coming years' Alumni Fund drive! Just a plug for our co-head Class Agent! See below for the status of our fundraising efforts.)

Polly Ingraham: Some of you are probably old pro's (*apostrophe or no? got a dime?*) at moving. Not this girl. But moving we are, as my husband (Rob Hirschfeld '83) is to become the new rector (*wrecked her? damn near killed her!*) of Grace Church in Amherst MA. Not so far away from Storrs, CT but how, I ask you, are we to change allegiance from the Huskies to the Minutemen and women? Will have to return for games, of course. Speaking of which, I tried to squeeze the most out of UConn this summer by not only taking my oldest son back and forth to sport camps there but also taking myself to a beginners' Polo class. Cool, yo. Lotsa leather on those Argentine horses. Pretty frivolous doings for a clergy wife, you no doubt say. Say what you will, but if anybody knows anybody living with any gusto and with kids under 10 around Amherst (our town will be Shutesbury) I'd love to hear from you. (*and a big round of snaps for Polly as she has volunteered to be our Alumni Council Representative. See note at the end of this letter.*)

Fundraising Efforts (*Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Frawley Granowitz*)

We had a great fundraising year last year raising \$383,854 with a participation level of 52.2%. We completely trashed the old 22-yr out dollars raised record (approx. \$300K), and beat the old 22-year out participation record of 49% by 3 points. No small feats, particularly in a non-Reunion year! Just to dwell on this a bit more, we had more donors than any other Dartmouth class, with 505, and our participation percentage was the highest of any of the classes graduating in the last 30 years. The next closest class was 1976 (aided by a reunion year) at 51.5% and 1978 (non-reunion) at 50.97%. As you can see, keeping our position at the top boils down to 5 or 6 classmates in the end. (*Jeez, you should have seen the begging and bribing that went on to get the last few holdouts to come in to break the records. Burr had to give away more fruitcakes and they weren't even in the budget!*) This is also true of the total \$ category, albeit in a different way. So we ain't kidding when we say that every gift counts.

We need to thank in particular the following classmates (including ourselves, naturally) who acted in the role of Leadership Agents and politely asked certain classmates to give lots of money: **Colleen Sullivan Bartlett, Henry Geene, Jeff Boylan, Dave Costello, Ed Kania, Mike McCarthy, Bill Mitchell, Ernie Parizeau, Andy Schoder, Peggy Epstein Tanner, Charley Vieth, and Nancy Wilder.** We also would not have achieved our participation numbers without the help

of the following so-called Quick Callers who contacted classmates with the participation goal in mind: **Bill Mitchell, Brad Richardson, Colleen Sullivan Bartlett, Dave Philhower, Dave Wolf, Deborah Krieger Jennings, Jill Kshinka Blackmer, Jim Wasz, John Currier, Laurie Branch, Louisa Guthrie, Mark Lewis, Michelle Kane O'Donnell, Peggy Epstein Tanner, Russell Campion, and TJ Crane.** We would like to increase the number of Leadership Agents and Quick Callers, so please let us know if you are willing to make a few calls or send a few e-mails at some point this next year.

A high fundraising participation number does three things: (1) it bespeaks (*betcha haven't seen that word in a while*) of organization, (2) it illustrates our class' affection for Hanover and a recognition of the importance that the College played in our lives, and (3) it makes **Dave Celone** a happy guy. Dave is the Dartmouth fundraising point of contact for our Class. Dave is a major, major reason that during the last two years, while we were individually poorer as a result of his efforts, we could hold our heads high as a Class with the unrestricted giving records that we set. Since we voted Dave in as an adopted Class member (*Dave, where are your dues?*), it is only fair to hear a little more about this guy. By the way, Dave joins Ann Craig Hanson (a consistent dues payer—thank you, Ann), Laura Clement Funk, Michaela Clabber, and Lisa Magagnini-Marciso, our other adopted Class members according to Alumni Records.

Dave likes: playing ice hockey, sailboat racing (particularly down at Block Island), backcountry snowshoeing (makes the trek to the Dartmouth Grant on occasion), downhill skiing and camping in winter, hiking and camping in summer, and middle-distance running. Dave and his wife, Lisa, built a post and beam home in Thetford, VT where they've been living for 5 years. The Celone's have two children, daughter Camille who's almost 5 and son Lane who is almost 3. Both kids love the outdoors and both ski, skate, and swim these days. The kids are avid Dartmouth hockey fans and love to go to the games even though it takes them past their allotted bedtime. While having a strong business background, Dave is a graduate of Vermont Law School and occasionally does some volunteer work for them (having served as their Head of Fundraising), as well as for the local nursery school in Lyme, NH, and the local library in Thetford, VT.

From Dave himself: "Life's busy but we're having a ball and I'm flattered that the Class of '79 chose me as one of its honorary members. You have a terrific class with classmates that have really done some very interesting and exciting things. I'm very proud to be a part of this group! I should have added that from the professional perspective the reason why I like being at Dartmouth Development so much is that it gives me the opportunity to, in my own meager way, help make higher education work. I also get the opportunity

to meet some of the most refreshing, bright, and talented people who roam this girdled earth!" ("And get to ask them for money", he should have added.)

So, if you call the Dartmouth Alumni Fund Office, feel free to chat with Dave. But it will probably cost you.

Tucker Intern Program (*Bill Mitchell*)

We had our June Board Meeting for Dartmouth Partners in Community Service last week (*love these email cut-outs don't you?*). Since it was the end of the year it provided some nice metrics for the program. The program raised \$53,000 in contributions and our class represented approximately 15% of the total. The '59s contribute the lion's share of this as individuals as they don't do it through the Class Dues program, but I think we were the second largest contributor. The Classes of '68 and '94 are also now participating. This improves the program's ability to grow the network and number of kids we can assist. We sponsored 42 interns during the year. Interns get approximately \$1,800 per term. Note that, magically, because of Dartmouth and Federal Grant money, approximately \$1.40 goes to students for every dollar we raised...pretty good for charitable overhead percentages huh?

The 2002 plan calls for sponsorship of 45 interns, of which 22 are already in place this summer. I think the goal of 45 may get crushed. Our Class needs to continue to build the Mentor/Sponsor network. We currently have five mentors teed up (including **Peggy Epstein Tanner's** spouse David Tanner), but we need to use the Newsletter (*check one off*), Dues, Reconnection program and website to build this network in our class. Please consider volunteering to be a sponsor/mentor if you work with a charitable organization and like the idea of getting a Dartmouth intern for a term, and usually for FREE. Please contact me (william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org) if you would like to volunteer for this experience.

This summer Marian Hodges Broun was a mentor for a '02 in Portland Oregon. The intern, Mary Cipollone will be writing about her experience in our next newsletter and will be at upcoming mini-reunions to let us know first hand about her experience. Marian's early report on the experience is that it has been refreshing to reconnect with the student experience at the College through the program.

Thanks for your support of this program through the Class Dues and Class Project initiatives.



Silly Class Stats, part 2 *(Phil Odence)*

Last issue you learned what states we all live in. Now here's some more little known stats to amaze your family and co-workers!

Most Common Cities/Towns Where You Can Find The Class of 1979...

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| New York | 37 | Seattle | 8 | Andover | 6 |
| San Francisco | 18 | Washington | 8 | Boston | 6 |
| Chicago | 12 | Arlington | 7 | Concord | 6 |
| Brooklyn | 10 | Dallas | 7 | Minneapolis | 6 |
| Anchorage | 8 | Houston | 7 | Princeton | 6 |
| Cambridge | 8 | Portland | 7 | Wayland | 6 |
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What we do...

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| Medical | 127 | Insurance | 16 |
| Legal | 107 | Investment Banking | 16 |
| Education - College University | 71 | Publishing | 16 |
| Investments | 44 | Real Estate | 13 |
| Home Manager | 41 | Creative Arts | 11 |
| Computers | 40 | Government - State | 11 |
| Consulting | 28 | Television/Movies | 10 |
| Education - Secondary | 25 | Financial Services | 9 |
| Banking | 24 | Petroleum | 8 |
| Manufacturing | 22 | Research | 8 |
| Government - Federal | 18 | | |

Most common classmate names...

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| David | 46 | Stephen | 20 | Bruce | 11 |
| John | 40 | Richard | 16 | Mary | 11 |
| Robert | 36 | Charles | 14 | Steven | 11 |
| John | 13 | Barbara | 8 | Linda | 6 |
| Karen | 12 | Deborah | 8 | Margaret | 6 |
| Anne | 11 | Carol | 7 | Thomas | 6 |
| Nancy | 11 | Catherine | 7 | William | 6 |

The Alma Mater by **Barbara L. Krieger** (excerpted from *Miraculously Built in Our Hearts: A Dartmouth Reader*, 1999, edited by Edward Connery Lathem and David M. Shribman.)

On March 31, 1887, Henry M. Baker, Class of 1863, wrote to Prof. John Lord King submitting "a general plan for prizes which," he said, "I hope to secure a very acceptable Dartmouth Song." Then, toward the end of April, Baker dispatched to the College his check in the amount of two hundred dollars, intended to cover, as he declared, "two prizes of \$100 each." The projected competition, according to a still-surviving outline of its terms, was "to be announced on or before Commencement 1887" and would involve one prize rewarding "the best original music" and another "the best original words" for the desired song. Eligible to participate in the contest would be "all undergraduates and alumni of the College."

It was not until more than eight years later that the prize for suitable lyrics was finally bestowed. In September of 1896, Baker wrote to President William Jewett Tucker: "Having been advised that the Committee of award on the prizes offered by me for a distinctively Dartmouth song have awarded the prize for the words of the song to Mr. Richard Hovey of the Class of 1885 and have rejected all the music submitted; after careful consideration, I suggest that the terms of the competition be enlarged so as to permit composers everywhere to compete for the remaining prize to the end that the best possible music be secured and the heart of every Dartmouth man be made glad." In addition to garnering the prize established by Henry M. Baker, Richard Hovey, who by 1896 was already well established as a poet and man of letters, had received another award for this same composition (initially called simply "Dartmouth Song"). Edwin O.

Grover, Class of 1894, states in a letter published in the October 1931 number of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine: "... The poem was written at the suggestion of a member of the Dartmouth Lunch Club of Boston, which offered a prize for the best poem about Dartmouth. Some months later the poem won a \$100 prize offered by Henry M. Baker ... for the best poem suitable for a Dartmouth song." Grover went on to declare, "I had the pleasure of first publishing 'Men of Dartmouth' in the June 1894 issue of the Dartmouth Literary Monthly, of which I was editor." Dated "Boston, Easter Day 1894," a manuscript of the Hovey poem (two of its three stanzas carrying crossings-out and verbal emendations) is now preserved within the College Archives.

Grover's June 1894 publication of the text in the Literary Monthly contains - either because of his not having the original manuscript or by some undocumented discussion with the poet - a few minor divergences from the Easter Day 1894 manuscript. For example, the final two lines of the first verse read, as printed, "And the granite of New Hampshire / In their muscles and brains." Whereas this passage in Hovey's manuscript has "muscle," singular - which indeed does change the meaning somewhat. And in the third verse, where the printed version reads "Men of Dartmouth, set a watch," Hovey's manuscript has "keep a watch." Certainly neither of these were substantive alterations, but they constituted, at any rate, ones that were to persist over the years that followed.

Whatever the wording, the Richard Hovey poem appeared to have no trouble in winning wide approval. On the other hand, the securing of a suitable and enduring musical setting would prove to take many years, and involve many different composers. Among those who tried their hands at setting music to "Men of Dartmouth" were Addison F. Andrews 1878 (whose version appears in the first edition of Dartmouth Songs, published in 1898); Frederic Field Bullard; Marie Wurm (who set a number of Hovey's poems to music); Charles H. Morse (Dartmouth music professor, whose version was sung at the laying of the cornerstone of Webster Hall in 1901); and Louis P. Benezet 1899 (whose setting was performed in 1904 when the cornerstone was laid for the rebuilding of Dartmouth Hall).

In 1908, Ernest Martin Hopkins, then secretary to President William Jewett Tucker, approached Harry R Wellman, 1907, who was at that period serving as Secretary of the College Club in Hanover, and asked him to attempt a new musical setting for Hovey's poem. Prof. Paul R. Zeller (director of the Dartmouth Glee Club 1947-79) in his 1950 reminiscence, provided more than forty years later, of what ensued: "I went to my room, sat down at the piano, fastened the poem to the music rack and went at it. The first few lines went fairly easy, since they lent themselves to broad, Homeric chord treatment. In fact, up to the phrase 'with a will' - it wrote itself.

Then Mr. Hovey had changed his meter beginning with 'For the Sons' and I was left swinging on the stool! Not being a trained musician or even a musician, I didn't know what to do. So I kept fooling around doing one phrase at a time, until I had completed the changed meter. It sounded terrible to me; it didn't make sense. So to cover it up, I wound up the last few measures as I had started, with broad, full chord structure. It wasn't until 30 years later when I was introduced by the head of the Music Department to a real composer, that I learned that 'the treatment of the recitative was nothing short of genius!'"

The Wellman setting was sung at Commencement in 1910, a tradition that has continued with few exceptions - including 1942, when "Dartmouth Undying" was sung, and during the years of World War II, when there were no Commencement exercises - from that time onward. From the time of the Wellman composition, the only serious competitor of "Men of Dartmouth" for the role of Alma Mater was one the words of which begin:

Come, fellows let us raise a song,
And sing it loud and clear;
Our Alma Mater is our theme,
Old Dartmouth, loved and dear.
Dartmouth! Dartmouth! challenge thus we fling!

Dartmouth! Dartmouth! Hear the echoes ring. (*I think it's good they flung this one!*)

Of this Professor Zeller has written: "In the fall of 1891, W. B. Segur '92 set out to satisfy the Glee Club's need for a distinctive Dartmouth song to use as a finale for its programs. He wrote the lyrics for 'Come, Fellows Let Us Raise a Song,' and together with Guy W. Cox '93, Glee Club pianist, worked out a tune for it. Known as 'The Dartmouth Song' it was the College's first Alma Mater and held this position until 'Men of Dartmouth' superseded it...."

A vote of the senior class in 1918 indicated a preference for "Men of Dartmouth," and in 1926, with the urging of President Hopkins, it officially became the College's Alma Mater. In a whimsical letter published in the November 15, 1926 edition of The Dartmouth, Mr. Hopkins said, in part: "... It has been said that the secret of good administration is to decide quickly, and sometimes right. On this particular matter, however, I have been so solicitous not to aid and abet any lurking sentiment that might be existent somewhere in behalf of the old song that I have tried to school myself to a complete neutrality of feeling. The contention at the present time, however, has so definitely appealed to my desire to see a change that with all the risks of doing so, I am impelled to state my position. "Personally, I can see no argument for the use of the old Alma Mater song as compared with 'Men of Dartmouth' for any occasion which demands an expression of worthy College feeling. My antipathy to the older song began nearly

30 years ago with my first enrollment in the College, and has consistently held ever since, with only this difference, that for the last two decades we have had an alternative in "Men of Dartmouth," set to appropriate music, which we did not have before." "I have sometimes reflected in more recent years that perhaps the older song had a use in that it made defeat in athletic competitions more terrible than it would otherwise have had to be in anticipation of necessity of singing the older song...." "I am not as enthusiastic as many of the undergraduates of the present day for the overthrowing of all tradition and the eliminating of all color and dramatic fire and pungent atmosphere from College life. When, however, the undergraduates of the present College turn on the administration of a half a decade or so hence, and urge the restoration of many of those things for whose elimination they have been largely responsible, it would be a source of immense satisfaction to me if amidst the much harmful violence which has been done to tradition, it should be found that so worthy a purpose had been achieved as the obliteration of a song wholly inadequate to and unworthy of the College in whose behalf it had been presumably sung from time to time."

Nearly half a century later, in 1972, responding to the co-education decision of the Board of Trustees, Dartmouth admitted its first class to include women. President John Kemeny opened the College that year by addressing the "men and women of Dartmouth," and closed the Convocation ceremony with the singing of "Dartmouth Undying." Kemeny's decision to substitute "Dartmouth Undying" for "Men of Dartmouth" was of course made out of sensitivity to the presence of women in the new entering class, and was arrived at by the President with the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. It did not, however, meet with the full approval of the student body. After Convocation, The Dartmouth decided to poll the women for their feelings about the College's decidedly male-oriented Alma Mater. Although few of the women responded to the questionnaire, the majority of those who did favored retaining the Hovey lyrics. (As one respondent noted, "If men want to sing about rocks in their heads, it's fine with me.") The Trustees took the survey results into consideration at their October meeting and voted to retain "Men of Dartmouth" as the Alma Mater.

The issue of a gender-inclusive College song arose again in 1980 when Cobra, a women's senior society, composed an additional verse for "Men of Dartmouth." The verse, placed between verses one and three of the original version (Hovey's second verse had been rarely sung, except in time of war or at memorial services), was introduced at Commencement exercises that year – the one and only time that the Cobra verse appeared in a Commencement program.

Several years passed before serious consideration of revising the Alma Mater would be revisited. Then, in its May 1986 report, the Council on Diversity offered this recommendation: "Because 'Men of Dartmouth' is an inappropriate school

song for a coeducational institution, the College community should explore three possible ways to address the situation: a.) through modification of the present language and/or the creation of wholly new verses to replace the old ones; b.) through the substitution of another traditional Dartmouth song that is not sex-specific; or c.) through the creation of a wholly new song...." The report also suggested that until such changes could be made, only other traditional Dartmouth songs be sung at formal College functions. The Council's report was issued too late in the spring to have much impact on the 1986 graduation exercises, and accounts of Commencement that year do not indicate that there was any significant protest over the inclusion of the traditional version of "Men of Dartmouth" in the printed program. This would be, however, the original song's last solo appearance in that publication.

Convocation in September of 1986 was another story. Protest fliers, as well as active protest at the ceremony itself, evidenced an increasing desire for change in the College's official song. In response, President David T. McLaughlin requested the creation of a committee, formed from the Student Assembly and the Alumni Council, to investigate the Alma Mater issue. Despite results of their own poll, which showed that sixty-one percent of the students supported retention of the original song and lyrics, the Committee on the Alma Mater recommended revision of the original verses. Still under the title "Men of Dartmouth," both the traditional version and a revised set of lyrics (offered by the senior class executive council) appeared in the 1987 Commencement program. The Dartmouth community was invited to join in singing either of the two versions presented. (*I'm sure the dueling verses sounded really great!*) Another year would pass before the lyrics as they are sung today would make their official appearance. Worked on by Prof. Charles Hamm, Lynne Gaudet, '81, Douglas Wheeler, '59, Caroline Luft, '89, and Dean Edward Shanahan, the new version provided eight changes to Hovey's original poem. On May 28, 1988, President James Freedman announced these changes to the College, and in the Commencement program that year, the new version, and only the new version, was printed. The title? Simply "Alma Mater".

Dear old Dartmouth, give a rouse
For the college on the hill!
For the Lone Pine above her,
And the loyal ones who love her,
Give a rouse, give a rouse, with a will!
For the sons of old Dartmouth,
For the daughters of Dartmouth.
Though 'round the girdled earth they roam,
Her spell on them remains;
They have the still North in their hearts,
The hill-winds in their veins,
And the granite of New Hampshire
In their muscles and their brains.

Dear old Dartmouth, set a watch
 Lest the old traditions fail!
 Stand as sister stands by brother!
 Dare a deed for the old Mother!
 Greet the world, from the hills, with a hail!
 For the sons of old Dartmouth,
 For the daughters of Dartmouth.
 Around the world they keep for her
 Their old undying faith;
 They have the still North in their hearts,
 The hill-winds in their veins,
 And the granite of New Hampshire
 In their muscles and their brains.

(ed. note: I'll bet this was way more than you ever wanted to know about our beloved Alma Mater! But think, in this story, we're almost ancient history!)

Alumni Council

For the last several years, the Classes of '79 and '80 have shared one representative spot on the Alumni Council. Parker Small '80 has served as our representative for the past two years. Now it is our turn. We are very pleased that **Polly Ingraham** has agreed to serve as the '79 and '80 representative for the next two years. Since Polly and **Debbie Sorter Parnon**, our 25th Reunion Chairperson, live near each other and see each other frequently, our Reunion planning efforts will benefit from a constant flow of information from Polly about various goings-on at the College and the Alumni Council.

Zeta Psi Situation

Many of you probably heard about the hot water that the Zeta Psi fraternity got into this past spring regarding a house newsletter (*long time ago, but our last newsletter came out in February*). We won't get into the details here, but for those interesting in learning more about the situation and the College's response, go to the web and check out the following sites:

For press about the situation, see <http://www.thedartmouth.com/article.php?aid=200104180101> and http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/128/nation/Dartmouth_president_under_fire+.shtml

In addition, there are four documents available from the College including a letter from President James Wright, a letter from James Larimore, Dean of the College, a press release and an update on the Student Life Initiative at Dartmouth. The web address is <http://www.dartmouth.edu/alumni/>. The documents will be listed under the evolving "NEW!" button on the right side of the page. The two letters and press release can be reached through the "Zeta Psi Update" link and the SLI update through the "SLI Update" link.

Pay Your Class Dues!

Arriving shortly in your mailbox, right alongside that Tax refund check, will be your annual Class Dues request. Our Class support the Class Project, Memorial Book program, Mini-Reunions and pay off the Fruitcake debt from the Gray administration. Use that refund for your tax deductible dues...it'll be like getting a refund twice.

Check Out The Class Website!

According to President Mitchell, "It really kicks butt — just look at the nearby sites for the 80's and 81's — and it's a great way to reconnect with classmates." 590 separate email addresses on the site. Is yours there? Please add it if it isn't so others can reconnect with you. Thanks to current webmeister Mike McCoy.

Send Us More News!

Finally, please take the time today to submit something about yourself for our next Newsletter or we will make up something much worse! Either fill out the attached green card and send it in, or, better yet, 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 go to Jim and Ben (and we won't even have to re-type it!). Thanks and submit something to us soon! VICID.

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