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FROM THE EDITORS . . .

Happy Fall! We hope this Newsletter finds you and yours busy and happy. Compared with the bonanza of class messages in our June Newsletter, we have a more modest offering this time, but in many ways equally if not more important. Your class, its officers, and many, many others are mobilizing big time for our 25th reunion next June, which is less than nine months away! It is truly amazing that we are now the middle-aged class, but of course we're better looking, in better shape, and a ton more impressive than any class that preceded us! Or so we will always believe!

This Newsletter is full of important information to help you plan on joining us next June 17th to 20th in Hanover. We also include a current Class Directory to encourage you to call that person from your freshmen trip or hall who you haven't spoken to in many years, but you'd love to see at reunion. We're off to break every reunion attendance and participation record ever even contemplated, and we need you to join in! Today! So read on, and start planning for the big event. And drop us a line for the next Newsletter!

And remember, if you are reading this Newsletter in the black and white printed form that you received in the mail, please note that there is a color version on our website. Just go to the '79 homepage at <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>, click on the Newsletter link and read the color version of this Newsletter (okay, so there are no pictures in this one so color is less relevant, but the green borders and shading in the color version are nice nonetheless). You can also see an archive of past Newsletters on this same web page.

MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

Steve Schreiber (schreiber@arch.usf.edu): I continue to live in Tampa, with my wife Jane and daughter Kate. I am Dean of the School of Architecture and Community Design at the University of South Florida (since 2000). Our architecture students recently worked with the Ringling Museum on visions for their new facilities. I saw fellow architect/professor, **Chip Debelius**, at an architecture educators' meeting in March. And I recently have been in touch with **Stephen Wheeler**, who has accepted a job at my old school—the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning.

Dave Brown (dqb67@hotmail.com): I have resigned as President/CEO of the Greater Greenville, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and have accepted the position of President/CEO of the Greater Omaha, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce. I start the new position on October 1. Our son Gregory graduated from high school last spring and is in the process of applying to schools focused on film editing. Our youngest son Elijah is currently in the fourth grade.

Eileen Kain Szytko (eszypko@yahoo.com): In the small world "round the girdled earth" category, I recently noticed in the Class Notes that the last surviving member of the class of 1925, Radford C. Tanzer, M.D. passed away. Dr. Tanzer was a world renowned reconstructive plastic surgeon who developed a technique for ear reconstruction which I know about firsthand because my daughter Colleen (8) was born with aural microtia (her external ear did not form on one side). Colleen has finished 3 of 4 surgeries with Dr. Burt Brent in San Jose, CA, whose entire practice is ear reconstruction following techniques first developed by Dr. Tanzer. Can you believe I have time with four kids to read the 1925 Class Notes? Maybe I need to practice dentistry more than one day a week. Keep up the good work with the Newsletter (*okay, we had to leave this part in*). Hope to see many of you at the 25th.

Martha Spiers (marthas@co.clackamas.or.us): I am living in Portland Oregon, where the Spring comes in March while the East Coast is still under snow, working for a Community Mental Health Center, and managing a Psychiatric

Emergency & County EAP Service (putting to use my Masters in Social Work). I am happily ensconced with Brooke Gelfand (my domestic partner — for want of a better term), our daughter Ana Meng (age 6), and our cat George (age 9). I am still a devout feminist, and still ambivalent about the time I spent at Dartmouth. I am in touch with some of my former classmates, most notably several women who cannot bear to relive any part of their experience at Dartmouth, and have concealed their whereabouts. I know things there are better — I just graduated a nephew, but I understand their feelings. If I were to become reinvolved with the College, it would be in support of sexual and ethnic minority student organizations (I reserve my financial contributions for organizations like NARAL, Amnesty International and the Human Rights Campaign). Otherwise, relatively speaking, I have become fairly mainstream! I would love to hear from some of the folks I spent time with all those years ago... (no hecklers, please!)

Mike Kelly: Besides selling sports equipment and running events, I also coach my daughter's Little League Girls' Majors Fast Pitch Softball team, the Orange Juice Crushers. Orange Juice is a clothing store chain that caters to 8-14 year-old girls. I actually still play slo-pitch

softball, but unlike our days on the Green, beer is not mandatory during the game, only after! Speaking of sports....

I noticed a recent *Sports Illustrated* had a list of the "Top 101 Most Influential Minorities in Sports." As with all such lists, there were some people left off that should have been included and some on the list that should not have been. Among those left out is **Pete Roby**, whose career in coaching and sports management has been exemplary. Despite this huge oversight, I did note two other Dartmouth athletes on the list with whom I was lucky enough to play: Reggie Williams '76 and Jimmie Lee Solomon '78, both football players at Dartmouth.

Reggie, probably the more famous of the two, was ranked No. 88, as Vice-President: Disney Sports Attractions. As a freshman, I had the thankless task of trying to block Reggie during practice when we ran the opponent's offense against the varsity defense. He was amazingly quick and strong, two of the reasons he was an All-Pro linebacker with the Bengals. Jimmie Lee, an excellent wide receiver, was actually ranked No. 9 as the Senior Vice-President: Baseball Operations for Major League Baseball. I do not know when Jimmie Lee made the switch from football to

BAGS' BRIEF (by President Bill Mitchell, william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org)

'79s At The Altar Again! Nope, this isn't a tale of summer weddings or anniversary celebrations in a church. For the second year in a row, the record setting Class of 1979 received the Honorable Mention recognition as the bridesmaid in the Class of the Year competition. Since winning this award in 1998 and 2001, we have been named runner-up two years in a row. Our recognition this year came from our sensational record setting year with DCF participation, including the highest percentage of classmates paying class dues for graduating classes since 1960; our Dartmouth Partners in Community Service initiative, recognized as the greatest contribution to a Class Project of any class in the category; our Midi Reunion with the 54's and 04's; the Pulitzer Prize-winning Newsletter; witty Dartmouth Alumni Magazine articles; and the best website going. We also received a Special Recognition award for our Midi-Reunion. It was quite a year, thanks to you and our classmates. Thanks to your support, your officers are honored to serve the class. Keep it up!

The mailing of this issue includes a special Directory of your classmates. It is offered in hopes that you reach out to touch electronically, telephonically, in writing or physically some of your friends from the College. We think what made our College experiences so special were you — our classmates. Take time to catch up with some friends and remember how good it feels when you get your invitation to the 25th reunion June 17-20, 2003. We will be crushing the Dartmouth record for reunion attendance set by the 78's and we want you to be part of the picture.

Deb Sortor Parnon writes elsewhere in the Newsletter about the reunion. Read up on the plans made, make your vacation plans now at work, and volunteer to help. **Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan** and **Gail Frawley Granowitz** thank our classmates for our record-setting DCF achievement this past year. We have marked our DCF contributors with an * in the Directory to honor those who helped set the all-time record for contributors in a single year. Thanks.

Don't forget your dues. Your dues payment supports our Class Project with Dartmouth Partners in Community Service and your website. If you haven't been to the website recently, pay it a visit at <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. Let us know where your kids are in College, and see the preliminary schedule for the reunion.

Finally, **Phil Odence** outlines our Mini Reunion plans to get warmed up for the big 25th. We have a November 1, 2003, bi-coastal shindig planned for Dartmouth-Harvard and Stanford-UCLA, thanks to **Phil** and **Paul Krupka**. Then we have a 79th day of the Year Party, planned on March 19, 2004. We need help for this. If you volunteer to help coordinate/host a party, I will send you a cool Class of 79 Fleece vest. (*Bill: I already have two of those!*) If you already have one, get one for one of your parents who helped fund College for you, your spouse who still puts up with your lies (*hidden hostility here?*), or your neighbor who wished they could have been in our Class. (*OK, I'll volunteer to get a third vest!*) Cheers! See you in June if not before. Cheers, Bill.

baseball, but obviously it was a great career move.

Reggie made a lasting impression, denting my brain on more than a few hits in practice, but I will always remember Jimmie Lee for a great catch he made in a critical situation against Holy Cross his senior year. We were down by 3 points with time running out, but were driving toward the HC goal. On a 3rd and long, Buddy (Teevens) dropped back and fired a bullet downfield. Jimmie Lee jumped up and literally ripped the ball out of the arms of the HC safety,

spun around and fell forward for the first down. It was a great example of determination that saved the day, as we went on to score the tying field goal on the drive. No one would ever question Jimmie Lee's desire to succeed after that catch.

Anyway, I have not seen anything in Dartmouth publications about the honors these two outstanding alums have garnered, so I thought I would send it in. Anyone else in our class still involved in sports?...*(continued on page 6)*

NEWS FROM YOUR CLASS FUNDRAISING CO-CHAIRS *(by Burr Gray, Elyse Benson Allan and Gail Frawley Granowitz; burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org, elyse@bot.com, Ggranowitz@aol.com)*

Greetings. If you didn't read our letter last month from Hanover, here is a brief recap of last year's Class fundraising efforts. Our efforts, and those of other alumni, continue to be critical in making a Dartmouth education world-class. In summary, we raised \$442,963 (exceeding our goal of \$400,000) with 585 classmates (61%) participating (totally crushing our 53% participation goal).

Our Class set a number of Class and College records last year regarding participation. We set a new Dartmouth participation record for a class 24 years out with 61% of our classmates making a gift! The old record was 56%. We shattered the Dartmouth record for a class with the most donors in a Fund year — ever! The old record of 535 donors was set by the Class of '86 in FY 96. We had the highest participation rate of all classes through 39 years out (Class of 1964 and younger) from graduation! We broke our own Class record for the most classmates making a gift. Our old record here was 528 donors.

Our roles will shift slightly this year as a new group — the 25th Reunion Giving Committee Co-Chairs (**Michael Biondi, Lizanne Galbreath Megrue, Ernie Parizeau, and Peggy Epstein Tanner**) will handle the overall responsibility for fundraising in our 25th Reunion Year. The three of us (along with our Dartmouth contact Vicky Riley) will be responsible for the participation aspect. Given last year's incredible participation, we decided that the Class was capable of just about anything, including reaching 65% (*why not 79%?*) participation in its 25th Reunion year.

The 25th Reunion Giving Committee started off their year officially in July with a meeting in NYC at the offices of The Quadrangle Group thanks to **Peggy** and **David Tanner**. It was a great meeting with a whole host of people attending in person and via phone. Even **Jon Zehner** made the late night phone call to participate from England. The Committee Co-chairs have been actively recruiting Committee members for the past six months and, along with some of the earliest members, have successfully formed a Committee of 34 dedicated classmates. This doesn't mean they've completed their recruitment efforts (so you may still get a call), but it does mean that fall is arriving and the time to kick off the 25th Reunion Giving Campaign is upon us.

Committee members include: **Mike, Lizanne, Peggy, and Ernie**, as well as **Elyse Benson Allan, Dawn Hudson Beach, Russ Campion, John Carson, Dave Costello, Liz Deming Dauten, Gregg Engles, Jim Feuille, Steve Franklin, Gail Frawley Granowitz, Burr Gray, Pam Joyner, Ed Kania, Otho Kerr, David Kratz, Neal Luppescu, Mike McCarthy, Bill Mitchell, Steve Munger, Ellen Gomprecht Oppenheim, Ben Riley, John Saer, Luette Semmes, Bill Swenson, Elizabeth "Puddin'" Hauge Sword, Tim Taussig, Chip Vetter, Charlie Vieth, Nancy Wilder, and John Zehner**. For those of you who have an interest in being involved on the Committee (which will be meeting by conference call once per month) but have not yet received a call, please feel free to contact any of the Co-chairs or our new Dartmouth College Fund contact Michele Madore (michele.madore@dartmouth.edu). Michele, who successfully worked with the Classes of '77 and '78 to set new 25th reunion records, replaces our old contact and adopted classmate, **Dave Celone**, who goes to handle the fundraising for Tuck. Many thanks, Dave, for your efforts over these past years. Frankly, you raised our sights and showed our Class what it was capable of doing. We'll look for you in Hanover in June.

This is a year of great importance to the College and to our Class. This year counts big time. Those of us with major financial resources will be asked to demonstrate our support for the College with a large gift. Those of us with more modest resources will be asked to demonstrate our support for the College with a large gift. Hey, you see where we're going with this. (*We get it!*) Everyone has got to feel that this is the year they will stretch in appreciation for what Dartmouth was to us during our four years in Hanover, and what the education and institution have meant to us since then.

Looking forward to the big party in Hanover June 17-20, 2004. Elyse, Gail & Burr

25TH REUNION UPDATE (by Debbie Sorter Parnon, 25th Reunion Planning Chair; dcsp1@aol.com)

October 2003!! Our 25th reunion is now less than a year away (**June 17 – 20, 2004**) and the planning has swung into high gear. We have an incredible reunion committee! Many classmates have graciously volunteered to coordinate different events throughout the weekend. All of which will fit together to result in a fantastic weekend of fun, reconnecting and reveling with old friends. The theme of our reunion is "*Homecoming: Rekindle the Spirit*"

A few positions remain open if you'd like to be a part of this dynamic committee. Here's our reunion wish list:

- We need someone to coordinate the Thursday night program and the Saturday family lunch (Dartmouth Skiway? Memorial Field? Chase Field? Frat Row?).
- Care to take a shift at the registration table? Know who's coming and be the first to greet all those classmates you wouldn't recognize if you didn't have the class list in front of you! **Michelle Lavigne** and **Dave Wilson** are actively recruiting people for their registration committee and would love to hear from you.
- Impressed by the electronic live connection **Adam Samuels**, **Mike McCoy** and others made possible at our 20th reunion? Lend your ideas and expertise to enhance the electronic coverage of this reunion.
- How about sharing your party planning tips with **Peter Greulich** (Receptions) and **Phil Odence** (Beverage Guy) in developing our class tent activities?
- Love to speak before a friendly crowd? We are conducting an executive search for a Master of Ceremonies to add a little human interest to our evening festivities.

Inquiries can be sent to: DCsp1@aol.com. If you've got the time, we've got the job!

So be proactive and:

- Mark the reunion dates on your calendar now while you are thinking about it.
- Update your email, US Mail and phone number with us and/or alumni records. (Email updates with michael@riyalty.com still raise \$110 for the DCF through the Feuille/Mitchell Challenge.)
- Encourage your friends to do #2 if you have a hunch we don't have current info for them.
- Contact the person whose committee you'd like to serve on and volunteer to help.
- Look for the first official reunion letter due in October, return the green card with the "Yes, I will be attending" box checked.

Here's a peek at who's on the reunion planning committee:

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| Treasurer: | Laurie Laidlaw Roulston |
| Registration: | Michelle Lavigne, Dave Wilson |
| Webmaster: | Mike McCoy |
| Electronic Support: | Adam Samuels |
| Calling Network: | Margot Schaaf Barker, Bill Mitchell, Dave Philhower |
| Souvenirs: | Kim Donovan Henley |
| Reunion Book: | Jeff Boylan, Linda Button |
| Thursday PM Program: | <i>Still looking for a volunteer</i> |
| Friday AM Program: | Jim Cioban, Polly Ingraham |
| Friday Family Picnic: | Jan Smedley |
| Receptions Coordinator: | Peter Greulich |
| Beverage Coordinator: | Phil Odence |
| Friday Dinner: | Gail Frawley Granowitz |
| Golf Outing: | Joe Henley. |
| Saturday Lunch: | <i>Still looking for a volunteer</i> |
| Soccer Game: | Dave Wilson |
| Saturday Dinner: | Nancy Schwartzman Malmquist |
| Sunday Breakfast: | Darcy Prendeville Lawes. |
| Memorial Service: | Van Venable King. |

Forward any comments, questions, ideas or suggestions to any of us or to me, **Debbie Sorter Parnon**, at dcsp1@aol.com. We encourage you to participate in whatever capacity: our 25th reunion by the '79's for the '79's.

25th Reunion Poll: Even if you can't volunteer right now for Reunion planning, everyone please go to the class website and respond to our Reunion poll about your plans and desires. Go to the Class of '79 website at <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/> and click the link at the top of the home page for the Reunion poll. It's easy and quick so do it today!

Class Book: Also, look for an upcoming e-mail that asks you questions, serious and funny, about your life since Dartmouth. We're trying to include as many people as possible in our '79 Class Book and we'd love your response! Thanks.

REPORT ON 186TH ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING (by Polly Ingraham; pmingraham@myexcel.com)

Here I am, your “Ambassador for Dartmouth” (so say the College administrators) reporting on yet another round of Alumni Council meetings. Hmm... there were a whole lot of meetings even though they call it “Meeting” singular. Once again, other classmates there were Prez **Bill Mitchell** himself, **Carey Fiertz**, **Phil Odence** and **Da’aga Hill**. But I have to write the report!

Show Me the Money. Many of you (the ones who haven’t already) are probably about to write that check to the Dartmouth College Fund, and it’s a mighty good thing, because the DCF NEEDS YOU! It’s no secret that a decline in endowment income during the past few years has put more pressure on the Fund to deliver revenue to cover all those fixed expenses. There is tremendous need to maintain our financial aid funding and faculty salaries as well as to address the dire need for more living space for students. More on this whole financial landscape later; for now, it’s most important for you to know that PARTICIPATION is key (or should that be “green key?”) Search your various pockets, search your souls if you must, but please find your way to the land of commitment. The overall rate of 40% alumni participation is not all that it can be, so sign yourselves up.

The College is now in the “quiet phase” (do you remember much quiet anywhere?) of a \$1.3 billion campaign. Please, by all means, feel free to step up and bite off a hunk of that figure. You don’t need to wait until all the noise starts in ’04. The list of “Campaign Priorities” is two pages, single-spaced.

Yes, Research and Teaching Do Go Together. Probably the hottest topic of the weekend came from the usually stodgy sounding old academic term — “research.” While some of us (no names, please) might have been satisfied with learning in classrooms and libraries — but wait, that leaves out the people who didn’t frequent those places — an increasing number of students now are arriving on campus expecting to do research alongside faculty, and we’re not just talking about the sciences here. Who do they think they are, anyway, smarter than we were? In May we had presentations from several prominent faculty members who spoke about how exciting it is for them to involve undergraduates in their original research, and what amazing contributions students are making. One student went to New Guinea and got the first data EVER on an “endangered” language. There is, apparently a whole thrust towards increasing interdisciplinary learning, breaking down barriers between fields and collaborating more with the graduate schools.

Speaking of hot topics, Dartmouth itself is clearly very high on the hot list in terms of admissions. It’s been a banner year, with a big increase in applications and more diversity than ever.

Amendments to the Constitution of the Dartmouth Alumni Association. In a nutshell (and with thanks to my fellow councilor Bob Conn for his summary):

- The number of trustee candidates put forth by the Council will be reduced from three to two;
- The number of Council members elected by the alumni at large will be reduced from 21 to 18; and
- Up to ten representatives will be elected by officially recognized affiliated groups including at least one each from the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association, the Asian Pacific American Alumni Association, the Dartmouth Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association and the Native American Alumni Association.

Trustee and Council Elections. John Donahue ’82 received the most alumni votes for trustee. He will be joined on the board by Brad Evans ’64, who was named a charter trustee. The Council elected Bill Dean ’89 to succeed Noel Fidel ’66 as its president.

Go Green Go. Wanted to make sure that you know that the women’s hockey team made it ALL THE WAY to the NCAA Final Four in Minnesota this year. (Some of us non-prep school players remember learning to skate backwards in the beginning.) Both men’s and women’s lacrosse teams were Ivy Tri-Champs, and the men’s soccer team was Ivy Co-Champ. Now that the swimming/diving crisis has calmed for the time being, there’s more chance to be concerned about the records of both the football and basketball (men’s) teams. AS IF you don’t already have enough on your minds.

A Little Intellect Before Your Football? You no doubt have Dartmouth’s home football game dates on your fridge, right? Well, now there’s another reason to come back a little earlier for each one: faculty members will be presenting 9 a.m. Saturday morning talks — probably at the Hanover Inn — on an array of timely topics especially for alumni (and their interested family members). Sponsored by the Alumni Continuing Education Committee (of which I am proud to be Chair) (*nice job Polly!*), this new program will no doubt be a winner. Look for the sessions on: October 4th (Penn), October 25th (Columbia/Homecoming), Nov. 8th (Cornell) and Nov. 22 (Princeton). Let’s make sure there are some people under 50 in the room, OK (*unfortunately, we won’t be able to say this for too much longer!*)?

Something to Talk About. If I am really to be your “ambassador,” I need to know what’s on your minds. No, I don’t mean about ALL your problems, just about what you think about your alma mater and its mission. This is a two way street, partners. By all means write to Debbie about reunion matters and Ben and Jim about your lives (*You can leave out most of the major life problem items from the Newsletter submissions, too. This is an “up” publication!*), but write to me about everything else. Next time I’ll fill you in on the new intellectual offerings my committee, Alumni Education, is cooking up.

(continued from page 3)...Adds Prez Bags: But Belly, what about numero 24 on the *Sports Illustrated* list — our own classmate (and my across the hallmate Freshman year) **Kery Davis**? As described by *SI*, “the man picks fights all day. Two years ago, Davis became [HBO's] boxing czar, making him one of the most powerful figures in the sport, which relies on HBO for much-needed exposure. His network's fight stable includes Vernon Forrest, Oscar De La Hoya (No. 63), Sugar Shane Mosely and, most important, Roy Jones Jr. (No. 70).” Another '79 in the big leagues!

*Editors: Although maybe not ranked, there's bound to be a ton of other '79 sports luminaries. For example, there's our class secretary, **Tim Ehram**, who we believe is still refereeing collegiate and professional soccer games, and needs to pass unbelievable endurance tests to qualify. As reported in our last Newsletter, **Donna Smyers** is a ranked triathlon in her age group. And of course, the number 1 collegiate coach: **Buddy Teevens**. Drop us a line for the next Newsletter about other '79's still active in professional, collegiate or other organized sports (other than the rest of us weekend warriors!)*

THE '79 NEWS BAG

The March 2003 issue of *Inc.* magazine features an amazing cover story on our classmate, **Paul Centenari**. The story details Paul's success with Atlas Container Corp., and features a picture of Paul and his brother/partner Peter on the cover. Paul and Peter bought Atlas in 1988, after a stint running an investment bank (Harvard West) specializing in financing low-cost housing in Denver. Though going through near bankruptcy, they have bounced back to become very successful in a totally cut-throat business. The focus of the article is their “open-book” management style and Paul's unique approach to employee relations. A very interesting read.

Turns out that they hired **Buddy Teeven's** younger brother, Shaun ('82?), to run a recently acquired plant. **Mike Kelly** enlightens us that Buddy and Paul were very close while at Dartmouth and kept everyone entertained with their nightly “basement boxing” at Beta. Mike adds that the only shortcoming in the article was its failure to ask Paul about his Chinatown wrestling exhibition and his target artistry at Casablanca's in Harvard Square. Maybe Paul will explain.... (*Better yet, let's have **Kery Davis** promote an exhibition for next June: Buddy meets Centa: 25 years later!*)

Dave Philhower (dave.philhower@yellowcorp.com) sent

us a link to a web page (<http://www.lbmwlaw.com/whitney.htm>) showing that **Chris Whitney** (cwhitney@lbmwlaw.com) has his name on the door of a law firm, Little Bulman Medeiros & Whitney in Providence and Boston. Chris was graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1983 and has focused on sophisticated commercial trial work and other alternative means of dispute resolution. Chris joined his new firm in 1999 after having spent the previous 16 years at another Providence law firm.

Did you see the wonderful article about **Kellen Haak** in the September/October 2003 *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*? Kellen is the Collections Manager for Dartmouth's Hood Museum. (*Do we have any other classmates currently in the employ of Dartmouth?*) Turns out that Kellen obtained a grant to encourage representatives of Native American tribes to view the College's extensive collection of Native American artifacts in an attempt to return them to their original owners. Matthew Fred, a Tlingit elder from Angoon, Alaska, made the trek to Hanover and recognized a yellow tunic as a Chilkat funerary robe used by the Kootznoowoo tribe to honor their dead. When the tribe divided, the tunic also was divided, with each part of the tribe maintaining one-half.

MINI-REUNION REPORT (by **Phil Oden**; phil.odence@alum.dartmouth.org)

Mark your calendars for two transcontinental Mini-Reunion events:

Saturday, November 1, 2003: Tailgates at Harvard and Stanford — Celebrate All Saints Day with your ol' classmates in Cambridge or Palo Alto. We'll start late morning tailgates almost simultaneously (if you don't count the time change) before the Big Green/Johns showdown, and **Buddy's** (*off to a good start this year*) big one against the Bruins from down LA way. You'll be hearing details from me and my Bay Area Deputy (or BAD) Mini Reunion Associate, **Pablo Krupka**, via email as the date approaches, but the rough plan is: Get close, call a cell phone, find the right SUV, then eat, drink and make merry. No, you don't have to go to the game; who goes to football games anymore? And yes, of course it's OK to leave your kids soccer game early (*unless you are the coach and it's a playoff game!*).

Friday, March 19, 2004: *Yes, the 79th day of our 25th year out (do the math, baby)!* We'll be launching another nationwide, 79 intergalactic extravaganza. My regional staff will be organizing parties in over 5 locations or less. If you'd like to help organize, you can drop me an email ASAP at phil.odence@alum.dartmouth.org. (Pssst..please, please don't respond; I've got \$20 going with Mitchell that absolutely no one will read this gibberish let alone respond to my solicitation for help. Repeat, please do not pitch in and help out me and your class (and by extension the whole of humankind) even though you know it's the right thing to do and will be incurably guilt ridden if you don't. Forget civic responsibility think about yourself. Think locally, act...shamefully. Thanks, Phil.)

Over the years, both portions of the tunic were lost to the tribe. Then, in 1959, one half of the tunic was donated to Dartmouth. After Mr. Fred identified Dartmouth's portion of the tunic, Kellen traveled to Angoon in November 2002, and presented it to the tribe during a traditional potlach ceremony, held in honor of Mr. Fred who had passed away. As quoted in the *Alumni Magazine*, the Tlingit credited "the return of the Dartmouth tunic (the location of the second tunic remains unknown) and other cultural items from across the country [with] launching a resurgence of Tlingit pride. 'Our little community is beginning to thrive again,'" said one of the members. Thanks in part to our Kellen. Nice work.

Unfortunately, our own **Elyse Benson Allan** was not elected to the Dartmouth Board of Trustees in the recent election. Nonetheless, it was a great honor that Elyse was one of three nominees for this election.

Alistair Jessiman's son, Hugh Jessiman, was a first round draft pick in this summer's NHL draft at the tender age of

19. Hugh was picked 12th overall by the New York Rangers, becoming the first Dartmouth player in history to be selected in the first round of the NHL draft. *USA Today* described Hugh as having "sharp ice vision and talented hands around the net." He was the top rated ECAC player in the pre-draft scouting reports. In his freshman year at Dartmouth this past season, Hugh was ECAC and Ivy League rookie of the year for the and was named to the "Inside College Hockey All-Rookie Team." Hugh has already been selected to the pre-season all-ECAC team for next season. In addition to his father, Alistair, Hugh's grandfather and great-grandfather all attended Dartmouth. Enough about Hugh. Alistair (ajessiman@wmze.com) is Chairman & CEO of Wallace & MacKenzie, a Darien, CT firm which specializes in helping leading financial institutions establish and manage their own networks of independent financial advisors.

Bill Mitchell (WHMitchell@viewpoint.com) took another job, this time as CFO of Viewpoint Corporation (NASDAQ: VWPT) in New York. Bill still commutes from Hanover.

DPCS MENTOR PROGRAM UPDATE

As everyone should know by now, the '79 Class Project, which you voted to support at our last Reunion and which you fund through your voluntary additional Class Dues contribution, is sponsorship of interns in the Dartmouth Partners in Community Service program put together by the Tucker Foundation. In addition to helping to fund the program, '79s across the country act as mentors to the students participating in these programs.

The Class of '79 sponsored two DPCS interns (mentees) in San Francisco during the Winter 2003 term. Roselinde Kaiser '04 worked at the San Francisco General Hospital and lived in the home of and was mentored by **Laura Robertson** during her stay in SF. Leigh Heeter '04 worked at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

The following is an extract of the paper Roselinde Kaiser '04 (Roselinde.Kaiser@Dartmouth.edu), wrote about her experience as a DPCS Intern:

"...The people that I will miss most of all, who I still keep in touch with and look forward to seeing in the future, are the members of the amazing family that I lived with in San Francisco. I was an intimidated and somewhat homesick kid getting off the plane, missing my parents and my friends already; the **Robertsons** welcomed me into their home with open arms and made me a part of their family. **Laura**, a member of the (*great*) Dartmouth class of 1979, is an intelligent and warm woman who was eager to include me in her home, teach me about the city, and give me cultural opportunities that I never could have had without her. She brought me to an extremely exclusive panel discussion with leading members of the UCSF psychology department, told me about all the best restaurants in town, and advised me on transportation, city safety, and where the prettiest tracks to run through the Presidio are. I made full use of her extensive library, and above all enjoyed the long conversations we had about literature, psychology,

Dartmouth, music, and many other topics. I am so lucky that I was welcomed into the city by a family, and not a cold lonely apartment. I quickly made fast friends with Alex, age 8, and Danielle, age 14, and had the luxury of being an older sibling for the first time. Danielle and I discussed neo-punk rock and what it is like to be in college. She came to me about advice on friends and cliques and surviving middle school in general. She is a sweet, smart, and artistic girl who I hope always to be close with. Alex taught me all about reptiles, dinosaurs, and fossils (yes, I can honestly say that I learned a lot from him on these subjects, despite my fifteen years of education!) and even let me hold his spotted leopard gecko several times. I helped him with homework and read him at bedtime all the R. Dahl stories that I loved as a child. I will miss that so much here at college. Alex even invited me to his school for "Grandparents and Special Friends Day" on Valentine's, and not only made me a huge lacy valentine but also proudly told the class that I was his good friend from New Hampshire. I still have the pictures from that day hanging in my room in Hanover."

"Another key contributor to my time in San Francisco, a resource on whom I knew I could depend, was my official Alumni Mentor, Bill Sweet. Bill is an amazing man who lives a full and rewarding life; despite being retired, I believe the man has more commitments and a busier schedule than most CEOs! The Sweets were instrumental in making me comfortable in the city simply by being there as a support system in the absence of my parents. Before even voyaging to the west coast, Bill put my parents at ease by explaining the city, sending me maps, and giving guidelines on SF life from safety precautions to clothing advice appropriate to the climate. Once in the city, I was happy to know that I could always call the Sweets in case of an emergency, and I was a much braver visitor with the knowledge that I had people to depend on. On one occasion, I traveled to their home in Tiburon for dinner, and

I must say that despite all the fine dining in the city, I never had a better meal. I can never thank the Sweets and the Robertsons enough for their overwhelming hospitality.”

“Leaving San Francisco was difficult; I miss my job, and even more I miss the people with whom I formed such close bonds. These people were warm and caring and inspiring to me as a woman, a student, and a believer in community service. While it is good to be on campus, to see my friends and get back into the challenging academic environment, I will always hold a corner of my heart for San Francisco — and I hope that I have the opportunity to go back soon.”

With that kind of experience, don't you want to sponsor a DPCS intern in the future? Here's what **Laura Robertson** had to say about her experience as Roselinde's mentor:

“Having been inspired by other classmates' accounts of mentoring a Tucker Foundation intern, I volunteered for the program last winter. Usually a mentor helps an intern get settled, orients them in the community and takes them to dinner once or twice. I went a few steps further and would highly encourage others to do the same. Rosi Kaiser '04 worked at the Trauma Foundation in San Francisco and lived with us for the winter term. Many cities that have exciting internships have prohibitive housing costs that preclude potential interns from participating in worthwhile programs. The Tucker Foundation provides a stipend that may not cover housing and transportation costs for the 10-week period. Furthermore, finding temporary housing is time-consuming, particularly from a distance. When I was a

medical student and resident, I forfeited two internships because of difficulties securing housing. I hoped to spare someone else that loss of opportunity. Since we had an extra room, I offered housing to an intern in San Francisco.”

“It was a great experience for my children to see Rosi actively involved in community service, lobbying for car safety, participating in Public Service Announcements and organizing press conferences for safety legislation. Her primary project involved improving children's safety in and around cars. One PSA supported by the Trauma Foundation showed an entire pre-school class of 25-30 children standing in the blind spot of a Chevrolet SUV. She also helped lobby the California legislature for support of gun control and violence prevention programs. Such topics enlivened our dinner conversations and broadened my children's awareness of the community. More importantly, we all enjoyed having an enthusiastic, bright, engaged student as a part of the family.”

“The Tucker Foundation provides a wide array of internships across the country. I hope that more '79s will participate in the mentoring program. Call or e-mail me if you have any questions: Lrobertson2000@aol.com (415) 440-9922.”

Laura found out about the program as you did: reading this Newsletter. Then she got on her e-mail and volunteered! If you are interested in being a DPCS mentor, please e-mail **Bill Mitchell** at WHMitchell@viewpoint.com or william.h.mitchell.79@alum.dartmouth.org.

PAY YOUR DUES! (by *Secretary Laurie Laidlaw Roulston* (laurie@townsendgroup.com))

Watch the mail for your 2003/2004 request for class dues. Last year our Class had the highest percentage of members who paid class dues of any class graduating in the last forty years! Your participation this year will ensure a great start to our 25th Reunion. So, please pay your dues promptly! And while you are writing that check, please also consider a donation to our Class project, the Tucker Internships.

SEND US MORE NEWS! AND PICTURES!

And finally, our usual plea: If news about you is not in this edition of the Newsletter (which it's likely not), 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 give us an update from the '79 website. Simply go to <http://www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/79/>. Click on “Newsletter”, then on the Newsletter page, click on “Tell us what you've been doing.” 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 the pictures we have included in recent Newsletters. We don't have any to print for you this time but we'd love to get more for future editions! 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 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.

Have a great fall and we'll see you next June in Hanover!