



Class of '87 Newsletter

The Countdown Has Begun...

Our 25th Reunion is now less than three years away, and preparations are underway. This may seem like a long time off, but the 25th is arguably the biggest and best reunion that a Dartmouth class will have. For the first time since our 5th reunion in 1992, we will not be clustered with other classes, and we will meet on the actual year and not a year early!

Reunion co-chairs **Allison McDonald** and **Dan Wolfe** are already forming a team to start brainstorming for terrific reunion ideas. The class officers have been talking about developing a reunion theme that will encompass not only a logo and “catchphrase” to promote the reunion over the next few years, but also around which activities and events can be designed. If you have great ideas for a theme that might inspire many classmates to participate, let us know! Do you have a way with words? Do you have graphic design talent to turn our theme into a logo for mailings, t-shirts, etc? Do you have new ideas for reunion events that you’d really like to see? Join the team! There will even be some prizes for the best ideas. Some current suggestions include “The Greying of the Green,” “Oh, the Places We’ve Been,” and “Something that Rhymes with 2012.”

To join the fun, contact Allison (allisonmcd@gmail.com) and/or Dan (Daniel_wolfe@mindspring.com).

Meet the Inaugural Class of 1987 Scholar!

More than ten years after our class first began raising funds to support a scholarship fund at Dartmouth, we now have our first named scholar. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity, particularly over the past two years as we pushed to reach the threshold necessary to name our own scholar.

Elise Wilkes '12 from Phoenix, Arizona, is the Inaugural Class of 1987 Scholar. I had the opportunity to meet her recently when **Holly Taylor** and I (**Christen O'Connor**) invited her to join us for our very small 87th Day of the Year celebration in Hanover. She is a bright and engaging young woman, with wide-ranging academic interests and a passion for social justice. I hope some of you will have the opportunity to meet her in the coming years, at the very least to celebrate her graduation in 2012 when we are here for our 25th reunion.

Here is more about Elise in her own words:

“I am a member of the class of 2012 from Phoenix, Arizona. I am very grateful for my time at Dartmouth so far and look forward to another three years. In the fall, I devoted a significant amount of time to preparing for the November election (cont'd p.2)

Do YouRemember?

Do you remember the “Screw Your Brother” and “Screw Your Sister” parties back when we were on campus? For our Panhellenic friends, do you remember who you setup with whom? Some of those nights were wonderful, some were a disaster. It was the roll of the dice that made it exciting. Now is your chance to relive that experience of embarrassing your friends.

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through an internship for a senate campaign and through political organizations on campus. The campaign was exciting because it allowed me to see areas of New Hampshire beyond Hanover and experience the dynamics of a swing state.

In the fall I also became actively involved with the Amnesty International chapter at Dartmouth and have since helped plan a number of events and movie screenings as treasurer. Our most recent event was a trip to New York where we participated in several protests with other Amnesty International groups from nearby states.

In January I began an internship in the Earth Sciences department through the Women in Science Project (WISP). As an intern, I help with a geochemistry project in an ultra-clean laboratory and will present our findings at a poster symposium later this term. Largely because of WISP, I will have the opportunity to continue working in a chemistry lab at Arizona State University over the summer. Next year I plan to declare a major in either chemistry or government, but in the meantime I am enjoying classes in both subjects."

Editor Christen's note – The fundraising isn't over! We would like to continue to build this fund, so please continue to consider adding a gift to the '87 scholarship fund each year when you pay your class dues. This year we received over \$4,000 to supplement the fund – thank you!

Editor Amy Baker's note:

After our last newsletter came out, I got some really great feedback from many of you about the "Ways to Help a Friend Survive a Job Search" piece.

Phil McCune observed that we Dartmouth types tend to put a brave face on things (part of our competitive instincts, he suspects) and said that he thought it was good that I had shared my story because more colleagues out there might be willing to ask for or offer help. Naturally, Phil's commentary didn't extend to wanting to submit a green card on himself, except to say that he is doing well, the kids are great and his litigation job is interesting and stimulating.

Cory Mann sent a note that she thought the Ways to Help were pretty apropos, saying "I have been a freelance marketing consultant for 2 years now, which often feels an awful lot like unemployment!"

James Killmond also logged in, but declined to send an update on himself. All I can say is that he is alive and well and was struck by the article, and that his note to me was much appreciated. **Evan Marquit** wrote an email, too. Thank you Evan. My old friend **Janet Mailing Wittenburg** was quite modern and posted her note on my Facebook page; I was tickled pink. **Kirsten Dwyer Huber** chimed in with a nice comment (also a vote for paper newsletters), and probably would have let me include an update except that she had been on the front page of the newsletter before. **Paul Churchill** voted for a .pdf version of the newsletter, and despite my obvious digging for details, didn't send much in the way of an update. He too is alive and well and might share news soon.

I may have to resort to some more Unauthorized Green Cards if everyone stays so reticent.

In all seriousness though, it means the world to me that these newsletters are read. - AB



Class of 1987 ScholarClass of 1987 Scholar,
Elise Wilkes '12

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However, since we are older and more mature, the intent should be noble. We'd like to highlight the work some of our classmates are doing in the area of community service. Please submit ideas for articles about a job, a hobby, or even a one-time event that has impacted a classmate and the people around him/her. If you know details, please send them our way. But, if you just know sketchy rumors, send those as well - - we have some intrepid reporters willing to track down the story! Then, opening the newsletter will have the thrill of going on a first date! Keep watching the newsletter, the website (www.dartmouth87.org), and the Facebook Account (Dartmouth '87s) for more information.

'87s Are Going Electronic!

We've come a long way since we bought our 128K Macs in the fall of 1984, but we're only just scratching the surface of what our class can do in the area of electronic communications. Thanks to the efforts of our electronic communications mavens, **Jenifer Soykan** and **Julie Hubble**, big plans are underway. Please spread the word!

- This is our first electronic-only newsletter. Due to the cost of printing and mailing paper newsletters, this may be the wave of the future. Let us know what you think! Don't worry, the next issue will be on paper again...
- We are working hard to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible for classmates, so that when we do communicate with the class electronically, we will reach as many people as possible. Send us the addresses you have for classmates...we won't share them with the College or anyone else. A free Class of '87 golf umbrella goes to the classmate who provides us with the most new addresses! Send them to Jen at jsoykan@cox.net or **Randy Morgan** at randy@morganlanguages.com.
- We're on Facebook, are you? If so, join the Dartmouth '87s group. We currently have 81 members and we're growing every day. Post your old Dartmouth photos, share reunion ideas, connect with classmates you've lost track of!

- Did you know our class website address has changed? Bookmark us at www.dartmouth87.org

It's Not Too Late!

You have until June 30 to make your gift to the 2009 Dartmouth College Fund. We know it's been a tough year for fundraising everywhere, and while almost all Dartmouth classes are off the pace a little bit, the 87s are further behind than we'd like to be. Though we might not make our aggressive dollar goal, reaching our goal of 50% participation is still within reach! Take just a moment and go to <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~alfund/> to make your gift online by Tuesday, June 30. The Class of 2009 has just shattered the senior class giving record with 96% participation...we ought to be able to do at least half that, right??

It's also not too late to pay your class dues for this year! We are just shy of breaking even for the year and need your support. Dues fund newsletters, the Alumni Magazine, and other class activities. This is also the primary way we collect support for our two class projects, the Class of 1987 Scholarship Fund, and Dartmouth Partners in Community Service. Go to the class website at www.DARTMOUTH87.org and pay your dues by June 30. Thank you!

Save the Date!

Homecoming Weekend this year is **October 23-25**. Please plan to join us in Hanover this year for parade-marching, bonfire-watching, and class mini-reunioning.

Watch the website for more details in early fall.

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Some Bona Fide Green Cards

From **Eric Overton:**

Was diagnosed in 2002 with an almost-always-fatal form of cancer but didn't die. Seems I have a few favorably mutated genes. Thanks Mom & Dad.

Had done 6 marathons at time of diagnosis. Clawed my way back and have done 7 since then. Am now a medical research specimen.

When I realized I was going to survive, I made a list of things I wanted to do with my second chance. One was get out of corporate America and start my own engineering design company- which my business partner and I just did (see www.dillotronics.com and read all about "Dillotronics"). We're now doing some really cool work in video systems, motion control and solar power.

The other thing on my "to do" list was "learn to fly". So I am learning to pilot sailplanes and I am building an experimental aircraft, which is now too big for the garage and has to move to the living room until I can find hangar space.

(Amy Baker's note- You know, I give you all this whole song and dance about how hard it is to be looking for a job, and then I read a tale like this. Kind of puts things in perspective...)

From **Carl Failmezger:**

As for myself, I am married to Lydia & have 2 boys, Richie (8) and Max (2). I am an attorney (my company is law-Mart, preparing discount legal documents) who still aspires to being a writer & painter.

I am a Cub Scout den leader and volunteer running the chess club in our local Boys & Girls Club.

I restored 9 old buildings (largest 12,000 sq ft) until deciding new construction was easier, so I am just finishing my practice mansion (4,250 sq ft + decks). Big Green Alums can visit us on river in middle of BFE.

Have traveled to 35 countries; going to Costa Rica in August.

(Amy Baker's note- Carl & I were on the same scholarship program in England the year before we got to Dartmouth. Communication between schools was relegated to shared pay phones in drafty stairwells where you would desperately plug in massive 10p coins and still barely get a conversation together. My friends took to calling Carl "Cementmixer" because his name was hard to understand over the phone. I can't resist including the first line of Carl's Green Card: "Hi, Bakes- Kudos on an excellent '87 Newsletter" Thanks, Cementmixer:) Hey, nice acronym there. Thanks for keeping this a G-rated newsletter.

From **David Hennessey:**

After a total of 20 years on Wall Street (the last 14 at Goldman Sachs) I decided it was time to move on to career #2. So, I left Goldman at the end of 2007 and, after taking about 8 months off, started my new life as a teacher (economics) and coach (hockey) at my high school Alma Mater, St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA. As of today (6/19/09) I can fortunately say I survived my first year in the classroom, and am now preparing to take on the challenge of teaching AP Economics next year. Family life is great with wife, Jackie, and 3 kids: Sara (17), Megan (14) and Daniel (11).

Tell Us What You Think!

We are curious to hear your impressions of the electronic newsletter. Use this as an excuse to tell us what is up (or down) and how you are.

All the best,

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