



Class of '87 Newsletter

**Are you coming to reunion?
Our “20th” is June 16-18, 2006.**

It is true that we have been trying to keep this reunion a giant secret, and the College has helped us out in that regard by not mailing things when we thought they would. But most of you will have gotten two mailings so far (in the wrong order, but what are a few details between friends?)

- The College letter with room reservations, etc
- The letter from me with confessions of a 5th Reunion crush and encouraging all of you on the fence to come to the Light Side.

Going stag? Not to worry, you will be in good company. I for one will be flying solo, and there will be many others. Worried about logistics? It can be done, trust me. Can't find your registration form? Not to worry. Thanks to our Webmaster Jock and our reunion treasurer Christen O'Connor, it couldn't be easier to register online.

<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/87/>

Go to our class website and follow the steps. I just did it myself and found it refreshingly simple. Too many things in our world are over engineered, but not this.

87th Night Mini Reunions



Boston's 87th Night Crew

The Boston “event” was low-key because the organizer broke her leg skiing in February and a lot of things have fallen through the cracks. If you want specifics about her injury, let me know.

We had a party of ten for dinner at Bertucci's Brick oven Pizzeria. **Christen O'Connor** and **Deb Marchiony** were the only 87s, but there were seven kids (!) and one 86 to help with the fun. A quick survey of the attendees found that the majority felt that dough was the highlight and the Hoodies were a close second. In contrast, the minority enjoyed the food, the wine and the conversation in no particular order.

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87th Night Mini-Reunions:

Early reports of last week's 87th night reunions affirmed that fun was had by all. (Now there's a surprise, since when did a newsletter report anyone having a rotten time in the company of their fellow classmates? Not likely.)

Yours truly is constantly amazed at how funny our classmates are. Were we really that clever back then? Or maybe we have just dropped all our adolescent posturing and that's made us funnier. I had the pleasure of meeting **Chris Baker** for the first time at the 87th night mini reunion. You'd think having shared a last name with him I might have crossed paths with him at least once before 2006, but that was not to be. Not even at our graduation, when the four Bakers were divided into two and each pair sat on opposite sides of the podium.

Anyway, Mike has been living in both San Francisco and Marin for years now, with his wife and two children (4 and 1) and he pretty much had me in stitches the entire evening. I wonder who else I never met who's funny? I know I think **Kevin Donovan** is hilarious (one person likened our last newsletter to "The Onion" and that's all Kevin's doing) and I hadn't met him until our 15th when I started writing newsletters with him.

Hey, I have an idea- why don't you come to our "20th" and I'll find out how funny you are?



The San Francisco Crew, from left to right:
**Carl Oman, '86, Feyna (de Clercq) Oman, Alex Cuthbert,
Chris Baker, Lauren Schwartz**

Lauren Schwartz, by the way, is engaged to be married a mere two weeks before our reunion and we all gave her fiancé Mel a strong dose of close scrutiny. He was a really good sport.

Lauren hasn't persuaded him that coming to a 20th reunion is a natural wrapping up point for a two week honeymoon, but I like to think that a fun 87th night might set the stage well for such a proposal.

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And if I can't persuade you to come to reunion, maybe **Scott Berry** can. He writes:

I hope to make it to reunion this year. I read your efforts with particular interest and a sense of identification, since I jumped in and rallied the organization of my (small) High School reunion at last minute in '03...

- Scott

But I digress. Back to the 87th night revelry in San Francisco... you'll have to forgive the slightly blurry photo, but **Mike Tanner** was there too, in rare form. **Chris Baker** said he was always afraid to write into the class notes because he thought he'd get a retroactive bill for all the years' worth of class dues he never paid.

Tanner of course fessed up that he'd never paid them either and we had to get a "Fellow Reprobate" photos of the two non class dues payers. I mean, 19 years is quite a record of ignoring the persuasive and compelling reasons to pay your class dues! They definitely deserve a photo.

Also at this event was **Alex Cuthbert**, who greatly objected to his photo in my last newsletter, claiming he was in no way sucking in his gut and in fact had been hard at the sit ups to make sure his next photo was even leaner and sleeker. He claims he has at last capitulated and gotten "a real job" for the first time since we graduated. I don't what else he thought he was doing all these years, but between the PhD and the startups, I thought he sounded pretty busy.

Drew Shagrin, who was also in last newsletter's photo, wasn't offended but wrote in with way more interesting updates than how trim his midriff was. He says "Life in France is never dull. Life as a stay at home dad was never dull either, but I've now become an entrepreneur, founding and managing mamanan.com, which imports and sells breastfeeding-related merchandise. (You should check out the site- the French really take fashion seriously and don't see any reason to give that up when they're nursing- very cool stuff.)

Okay, I digress.

The event was held at **Landon Gates'** house, shown here saying something truly naughty to **Laura Gasser** (I don't really know what he said but I'm assuming it's salacious because otherwise she wouldn't be laughing so hard.)



Successful Dues Dodgers
Chris Baker & Mike Tanner



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Okay, the best part about this newsletter is that the last newsletter produced lots of good dope. The one drawback of this abundance of Green Cards is the lack of photos- we apologize that the going will get a little less visual from here on out. But the dope is good. Keep reading and let it inspire you to send in your own green card to tell us what's up.

Jennifer Lane Hanlon

John ('87) and I are still in Austin, TX where we moved in '96 from Boston. We see a surprising number of classmates and alums come through. We had a weekend visit with **Briggs Ferguson** who came to a "Texas Excess" art party and ended up on Brilliant Magazine. Last August we attended **Al Dekin's** 40th birthday celebration in Vegas. **Jeff Schwartz** and others were there. John and Al had a "few" beers and reminisced about rugby. Last summer we had a fantastic week in Tuscany with four other '87 couples: **Bob Mitchell** and Karen, **Charlie Tritschler** and Dale, **Kurt Schneider** and Susan, **Doug Healy** and Jessica. In the tiny town of Montalcino we bumped into **Jim Benjamin** and **Jessica Schlossberg**. Small world. We were happy to get away on an adult week long trip after just having our third baby boy in four years. I don't necessarily recommend it, but it was like one long pregnancy. Tucker is now 4, Will is 3, and Jack is 1. We will be hauling them to reunion in June. Yea!

Susannah Drake

After 19 years of working for other designers, I decided to start my own practice in September. Dland studio (web site dlandstudio.com) is a multidisciplinary design practice in landscape architecture planning, architecture and planning. I have 3 great kids (Veronica, Charles, and Henry) and a wonderful husband Stephen Culhane (Princeton '86). We all live together in Brooklyn Heights where we enjoy playing squash and participate in neighborhood activities. We see **Jennifer Ketenele Reiney** and her husband Conrad on frequent trips back to the upper valley. Guess that's about all for now.

Scott Sandford

Not sure where the trail went cold... So I'll back up to moving to the UK. My wife Kendra and I moved to London in 1997. I worked as a fashion photographer until 2003 when we moved to Bath. At that time our eldest son was diagnosed with autism. Since then, we have applied ourselves exclusively to his development, to the point that he is now happily attending school with his brother. That has led me to embark on a PhD studying effective ways to transfer information and techniques from centers of excellence to distributed educational environments (Southampton University). We have three boys: Sebastian, Paris, and Harley... and if that wasn't enough, we're rebuilding our house (insane...)

Shanta Puchtler

Very happy as a quant at Numeric Investors in Kendall Square, Cambridge. Married to Sarah Lord in October 2003. Lots of travel since, including fishing and rock climbing trips to Nevada and Alaska. Recently bought a cabin in Newbury, Vermont, 40 minutes north of Hanover. Missing **Rob Shen '87** since he left Boston last year.

Melissa Wallshein Smith

I am a retired investment analyst – and have been since the birth of our first of three, Alexander, age 8. He was followed by Abby, age 6-1/2 and the latest (and last), Jamie, age 20 months. We all make our home in New Canaan, CT. My husband, Iain Smith, luckily works close by in Greenwich, CT.

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Robin Appleby

I've been living in the Netherlands for three years now, where I work as the high school principal at the American School of The Hague. Living in Amsterdam in Leiden allows lots of great opportunities for travel, although that's about to be curtailed by the June arrival of our first child! In March my partner, John Leavey of England and I, are getting married, so between work, wedding, and baby plans, 2005-06 is proving rather hectic. Unfortunately we won't make it to the reunion as no respectable airline would take me a week before my due date. Does this make me the oldest first-time mum in the class of '87?

[Amy's note- Nope. I have you beat by a few months. I'm due on October 5th☺ By the way, our reunion chair **Allison Bleyler McDonald** is due a week after me, so the two of us will be sporting quite les Bumpes at reunion. Congratulations, Robin!]

Richard Middleburg

Richard Middleburg and his wife Kellie live in San Diego, CA with their two children Nicholas (3-1/2) and Christopher (11 months). Richard started his consulting business last year helping start-ups to mid-stage companies with accounting/finance and performance issues. Kellie is an elementary school teacher working with special needs children at the local school district. Both Nicholas and Christopher are growing up fast and Richard and Kellie are getting used to the inevitable "chauffeuring" for the next 18 years or so. That's why it is important to live close to the center of action! Currently renting, the whole family looks forward to acquiring a new house in 2006 or maybe 2007 depending on the market which is slowly cooling off. Looking forward to making contact with other '87's in the area.

Esther Schrader

My husband Nick Anderson Stanford '88) and I welcomed our son, Nathaniel Perry Schrader, into the world 10 months ago (3/8/05) and have been having a ball with Nathaniel and his older sisters,

Emily, 5, and Rebecca, 7, ever since. I left the Washington bureau for the Los Angeles Times to stay home with the kids, and have been blessed out ever since I did. Nick also left the Times, and has taken up residence as an education reporter at the Washington Post, settling us further into our life here in the Washington area, and cementing our ties to a region we love. Our daughter Rebecca has been obsessed with Native American culture since we happened upon the Dartmouth pow-wow two years ago. She knows every Indian nation in the Americas, leaving us admiring and speechless. All in all, it has been a marvelous year.

Charles R. Wilson

Suddenly I feel like an adult... 17 years with my life partner, Marcus Silvi (Williams '83) teaching for 13 years, researcher in literacy studies at U.C. Berkeley for 3 years, now I'm the principal at Highland Elementary in Oakland, CA. We're struggling to come out of our own "No Child Left Behind" sanctions, but we're fighting to the top each day! Next year, Principal of a new small school in Oakland (90% free and reduced lunch, 75% English language learners) Fred T. Korematsu Discovery Academy. Contact me if you want to join in our vision!

Kathy Foley Giorgio

Still at Middlebury College, in my 9th year, as associate Dean of Student Affairs & Director of International Student & Scholar Services. Married to Michael Giorgio for 10 years this year & have two active boys (5 1/2 and 2 1/2 years old). Continue to stay in touch with **Beth O'Connor**, **Wendy Helm Brennan** and **Eve Stacey**. De to work trips to Seattle, I was able to see Eve and her husband and 3 kids two times in 2005! Things are going well for all of us.

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Paul Churchill

I've been in Europe for the last 12 years, having moved here in 1994 after meeting my Austrian wife at the University of Michigan (where I got my MBA). I had originally figured moving to Vienna would make for an interesting couple of years, and over a decade later I'm still over this way! There have been stops along the way: after 6 years in Vienna, we spent 2 1/2 years in Geneva, Switzerland and then a year in Frankfurt, Germany, before moving to Cambridge, England in 2003. The first series of moves were courtesy of Procter & Gamble, and the time in Cambridge has been with Campbell's Soup.

Over that time I've visited over 20 European countries, which has been a wonderful experience. And, in Geneva I was on a global strategic planning team and quickly became "the Asia guy." So, I got to travel to Manila, Bangkok, Shanghai, Beijing, Nanjing, and Osaka while living in Geneva (which wasn't a bad set up).



Paul Churchill and his wife Elisabeth

I've got two boys, Patrick (aged 7) and Alex (aged 5), who are growing up bilingual. Little did I realize when I went on my LSA Mainz program back in 1985 that I would be putting my German to daily use!

We recently got together in Oxford with **Wendy Becker** and **Paul Christensen**, and their respective families, which made for a fun mini-reunion. If anyone is passing through Cambridge, feel free to get in touch (pr_churchill@hotmail.com). A hot bowl of soup is guaranteed!

Emil Chynn

Emil Chynn '87 and his LASIK Center in NYC held a raffle for a free LASIK, where all proceeds (\$2000) went to the Salvation Army to fund their rescue efforts after Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Chynn has also raised several thousand dollars for the Dartmouth Club of NY this way. If you or anyone you know would like a free LASIK to auction/raffle off to support your recognized charity, please contact him through his website, www.IWANT2020.com and he will be happy to donate!

And speaking of Emil... he performed LASIK laser vision correction on fellow Germany Mainz LSA classmate **Eric Schmidt** '87 in 2001. Now Eric is seeing 20/20 and going strong as In-house Counsel at GE Capital.

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Eric Schmidt corroborates the story:

I am now living in Chicago with my wife Lisa, and as Emil notes, working for GE Capital as in-house Counsel.

Emil's LASIK surgery on me was "wunderbar", but better story about me would probably be that one of the perks of moving to Chicago is that my wife Lisa was lucky enough to get on the Oprah Winfrey show recently, as part of a makeover show. It was definitely a Willie Wonka Chocolate Factory experience for her ;)

[Editor's note: This whole exchange led to an amusing flurry of emails where Emil and Eric actually used the word "bonehead" for mistaking me for **Cathy Baker** (or was it Christine? The other Ms. Baker was apparently blond and whole lot of fun) who was also on their LSA in Mainz. In how many peer groups can you use the word "bonehead" without any apparent irony? It brought me right back.]

Sean Abbott

This was to be just-a-jot. Now I see that a numbering system might help.

1) I had drinks with **Joe Jiampietro** last night and rec'd from him a firmer commitment to 16-18. (I can't imagine that you are not fed-up already with jokes about the numbers "19" & "20.") I say "firmer" only because Joe is the hardest-working guy I know and he is, more often than not, Suddenly Elsewhere. So, please, don't quote me. Up to Joe to RSVP. As to 16-18, short another Oprah Eruption in the publishing industry, I plan to be there.

2) I recall your call for note of Good Works, other than making babies, enriching the second-wedding industry, etc. I nominate **Dave Havlick**, who has written a V.I.B. (Very Important Book), NO PLACE DISTANT - the SILENT SPRING of the so-called Great American Highway:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1559638451/102-9943444-3025705?v=glance&n=283155>

3) I have photos of '87s (all flattering) that go back to Homecoming '83. Plus a bunch of quite-nice pictures of 5th Reunion that I took and that either **Liza Ryan** or **Greer Goodman** took. I have these in a slideshow and could transfer that to you or one of your deputies, having rec'd OK from whoever took the pics I did not take. It is a nice story, quintessential Dartmouth, but my pics don't tell it fully.

4) Finally, I tried to send **Kim Jacobs** a note at what I had for a last-known email address and it bounced-back. I think she might be the person to give me some advice on certain aspects of a Good Work for which I... volunteered (OK, I was drafted).

[Editor's note: In the end, it sounded like Sean really wanted to get back in touch with Greer, Liza and Kim. I vote we get Sean to help with a slide show that we can all watch while we're waiting for food on Saturday night at the reunion, does anyone want to help me persuade him?]

Pam Haering Freer

Randy and our 4 year old twins will be joining me at reunion. Last time I was unable to fly because I was pregnant with the girls (and I was even reunion giving co-chair!) Really looking forward to sharing our very special school with my daughters and seeing dear friends.

Shana Hopperstead

I will graduate with an MBA from Westminster College (Salt Lake City Utah) in June 2006. It's been a great journey and learning experience but I will be glad to be done after 2 ½ years straight! My husband, Ross Di Caprio and I still work for General Electric. Children Jessica (7) and Ross, Jr. (6) enjoy soccer and skiing.

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Kelly Bonnevie

I live in Boston with my partner, Karen Kaufman '86 and our two kids, Matt, 6 and Abigail, 3. I have a law practice in Newton called Wilson, Marino, and Bonnevie where I practice residential real estate and employment law. We spend a lot of time at Newfound Lake in NH during the summer and enjoyed showing the kids Hanover which is about an hour away. In May 2004 Karen and I were able to get legally married after 13 years and two kids and that was fantastic – all of us on the same family health insurance plan for once! I am in touch with **Susan Jarvis** who teaches art in VT and has two gorgeous twins, James and Isabel. **Argie Erdrich** is married to a fellow doctor and has 3 beautiful children. She lives in North Dakota and has raised \$ for Safe Passage, and group that helps children in Guatemala. **Susan Kingsland** is a social worker in NYC working with the homeless. I am going to try to make it to reunion and would love to see everyone! Best, Kelly.

Tom Palisi

I'm happy to report that I've finally seen some old friends and classmates this year. Several months ago, I stopped by **Evan Azriliant's** office in NYC, when I was in town for a meeting. I've been a partner for two years at an intellectual property firm in Westfield, NJ (Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz, and Mentlik LLC). I'm amazed that I've been out of NYC for nine years (and out of a laboratory for 12!) I digress... I next had meetings in Cambridge, MA, so I made sure I contacted **Aaron Deykin** ('87) and Joe LaFerrera ('88). We spent a few hours having dinner and drinks at the Cheesecake Factory. After an hour or so we realized we were talking about children, spouses, pets, and the wonders of minivans! Yes it's come to that... Looking forward to seeing everyone in Hanover in June. We'll be leaving from there for a much needed vacation in Italy.

Laura Kennedy

Have recently moved to Sun Valley, ID to take a position as Elementary Director of the Community School. Love the lifestyle and school. In a coincidental move, my college roommate for almost all 4 years, **Shannon Finnegan**, is moving here this July with her husband Mike Burchmore and 3 great kids: Tara, Tess & Aidan. They bought a house last fall which they are letting me live in until they move. See **Debbi (Jayne) Seaver** and her family a lot since they are nearby in Park City.

Had an amazing group 40th b' day celebration last May in New Orleans for JazzFest with a huge group of Dartmouth alums - Shannon & Mike, Debbi & Jim, **Dave Foster**, **Stephanie Mullins**, **Mike McGinn** & wife Debbie, **Liza (Rebetz) MacKinnon** & husband Dan, **Mary (Smyers) Kaufman** & husband Seth. All doing well!

Maury Lawrence Stephan

The past year has been full of fun & surprises. My husband John, and I took our 2 boys Oliver & Carter (ages 5 1/2 & 2 1/2) to Costa Rica for 7 weeks. We practiced our Spanish & spent a lot of time at the beach, visited the Cloud Forests and soaking up the culture.

In August our daughter Angela Rose was born. I am now blessed with 3 lovely children, but challenged by the "zone defense" theory. Any one have any good parenting insights?

Catherine Welch Dinauer

After 14 years in the D.C. Area, my husband, Phil & I moved to Guilford, CT with our 3 kids (Kate, age 7; Claire, age 6; and William, age 4.) I am a very part-time pediatric endocrinologist, working at Yale one day a week.

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Joyce Han Gardner

Life is good but always busy. I am a realtor with Keller Williams Realty. Blessed to be one of the top agents in the area and nationally with close to 100% repeat & referral business. Husband, Randy, is a commissioned officer & engineer with the US Public Health Service. Two children – Amanda (9) and Randall (7) - are great. Always seem to be taking them to karate, piano lessons, scouts, or baseball. Hope all are well. Would love to hear from: **Becky Collins, Michelle Cloutier, Linda Duva, Tim Parker**, or Lisa Richardson '86. **Garrett Hornsby** is doing well working as a VP of Citibank.

H. Randall Morgan, Jr.

After 17 years I sold my language services firm and gave my farewell speech to a staff of 90. I'm giving myself a year to start a new venture while I take the opportunity to travel and spend time with Lynn and our 3 kids (including 9 month old Kate).

Debbi Jayne Seaver

I spent a great weekend in Sun Valley (at the home of **Shannon Finnegan**- tho' she wasn't there) with **Laura Kennedy** and **Stephanie Mullins**. We had a blast, skiing fresh powder and catching up. **John Flaherty** has started his own adventure travel company- Central Coast Outdoors- check it out online!

Stephanie (Taylor) Song

We welcomed son #2, Matthew William Song, on December 28th, 2005. he joins big brother Eric Douglas Song, 21 months old at the time Mathew was born. [Editor's note: This might explain why Stephanie put herself down as a 'maybe' for reunion.]

Also in the "maybe" category of reunion attendees, **Kerry Mullett Strom** writes to say she welcomed Eleanor Oona Strom into the world on November 12, 2004.

Okay, so those are all the Green cards from this round. Send us more.

And... **COME TO REUNION**. You'll be glad you did and it will be worth all the obstacles you overcame to do it.

See you all soon-
Amy

(amy.baker.87@alum.dartmouth.org)

Looking for a few good officers...

Every 5 years, we choose a new slate of Class Officers to serve for the next five years. We are encouraging all candidates with an interest in any of the following roles to contact me (amy.baker.87@alum.dartmouth.org)

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary (writes the class notes)

Co-Newsletter Editor (I'd like to stay as one of the editors and am looking for a side-kick)

Mini-Reunion Chair

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**Send us your Green Card and let us know
if you plan to attend our 20th Reunion
(June 16-18th, 2006)**



Have you ever read "Eats, Shoots and Leaves"? The author encourages us to take up the cause and literally take up the pen when we see egregious grammatical errors in public. I just couldn't resist this one while waiting in a lift line at Alpine Meadows.

Anonymous Dartmouth English major cuts loose with a dry erase marker, Lake Tahoe, CA. February, 2006