



Class of 87 Newsletter **LOGO**

Greetings, Fellow '87's-

When Kevin and I (Amy) started writing this newsletter, we swore up and down that we wouldn't let it be filled only with news about weddings, babies and promotions. Not that it was before, but the temptations are there. This newsletter I want to talk about some interesting departures from traditional career paths that I'm beginning to notice. I personally am in one of the more humbling phases of my own career (as in there isn't much of one at the moment) and it is making me realize how much we define ourselves, culturally, by what we do. So I have been particularly interested to see how some classmates have redefined their paths.

That being said, you are of course my captive audience, so you will be subject to a discreet and tasteful level of wedding recap (my own and others), and since people are, after all, having babies, they will get mentioned too. And guess what we have photos of? It's not of career choices that's for sure, so you'll see a few baby shots.

But our news isn't complete without your news- keep telling us your stories, and we'll keep sharing them around.

Sincerely,

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Ken Hedley, left and Paal Gisholt, about to storm the field. Phil McHune is in the rugby shirt behind

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87th Night Gatherings: Coming Soon to a City You Live In

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH!! Be there. And if you want to host one, contact **Deb Marchiony** at Deborah.Marchiony@FMR.COM

It was an absolute blast last year- we got people together who hadn't seen each other in years or in some cases had never even met. Plus, think of all the fresh news about each other you'll generate:) This will make you dear to a newsletter editor's heart...

Our class received a Special Recognition award at last Fall's Class Officers Weekend for our "87th Day of the Year" event. Here's the text of the citation:

"The Class of 1987 is well-known for its creativity so it was no surprise that they came up with a clever and innovative concept for mini-reunions. This fresh idea, which they hope other classes will adopt, involves holding mini class reunions around the country on the 87th day of the year – the number of days always equaling the Class's graduation year. This ensures that the date of each year's get-together is pre-determined. And the odds are that there will not be two classes celebrating on the same day! In its initial year, the 87th Day functions were held at 7 different sites and netted between two and eighteen total guests. Overall, forty-six classmates and their thirty-four guests attended 87th Day celebrations in **Boston, New York, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Denver, and San Francisco**. Everyone had a great time and plans are already underway for the 87th Day Parties of 2004. It is an honor to present the Class of 1987 with this Special Recognition Award for their imaginative approach to mini-reunions."

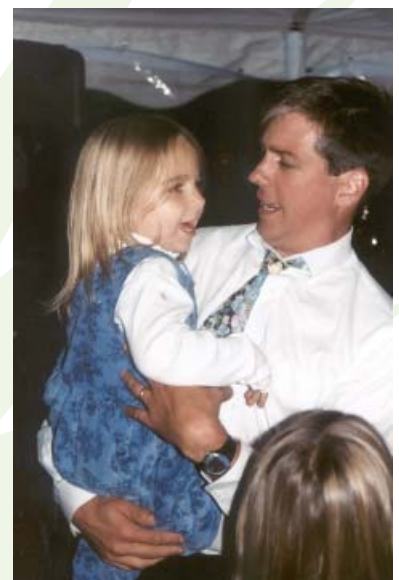
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Where are they now? Career choices of **Paal Gisholt & Ken Hedley**

Paal Gisholt

After graduation, Paal had one of those blue chip career paths- first working for a management consultant, getting into Harvard Business School (which he went to as a couple, with his wife Becky). After HBS, he went into Venture Capital. Yada yada yada. Next we know a silver haired Paal shows up at our 30th reunion taking credit for funding the next Yahoo?

(Seen here, dancing with his youngest daughter)



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Nope. Somewhere along the line, Paal and Becky are talking. Since HBS, she has pursued a traditional brand management path, juggling the parenting of their three girls and always staying close to her passion: riding. She is telling Paal about the difficulties in augmenting the feed for horses. You know those “Immunity boosts” we get in our Jamba Juice? The C Monster we buy in the supermarket? Well now that horse hay is grown differently, the grains and nutrients in them has changed. Horse owners are very careful about the vitamin supplements they give to their horses, but it’s tricky- the weight of the horse determines the right dosage, and it has to be administered in conjunction with regular feedings, which is often done by the stable and not by the owner.

Becky had this idea- what about pre-packaging the right series of supplements for a horse- and delivering it in an easy-to-add, easy-to-track packet? Paal was no stranger to good ideas, or to the means with which to fund them. They have since founded their own company, SmartPak Equine, and have long since left their traditional careers behind. Things have gone well- as Paal puts it “we’re no longer the Paal & Becky show- this is a serious going concern”. You should check them out- www.smartpakequine.com- and if you have any qualms about leaping into an entrepreneurial role, ask Paal what made him willing to take the plunge.

Ken Hedley

Ken Hedley had his own career going. He had put in his time in commercial banking before going to business school at Kellogg, and after that hopped on the Ernst & Young bandwagon. There he did quite well- he was thorough, knew what he was doing and showed an early knack for getting clients to sign up for more consulting. He didn’t get bogged down in the politics and he enjoyed the work. Things looked really rosy.

Of course as time went by the industry changed- mergers and the subsequent layoffs made everyone’s life seem more precarious. At some point along the way, Ken noticed that he and all his colleagues were putting more energy into staying on the bus than to their own clients- whose fees presumably drove the bus. He decided it was silly, and got himself on the next wave out.

In no small part due to Ken’s wife Kristi, who works with the CEO of a hospital, Ken went into consulting in the health industry. Starting with a project at his wife’s hospital, he initiated a traditional process management project- specifically looking for inefficiencies.



Ken with his wife Kristi- not looking nearly as pregnant as she was at the time!

His first week he literally followed a patient around as he went through pre-op, the operation, and post op. He was amused and relieved to see that they drew on the leg that was supposed to be operated on, but noticed all sorts of extra steps along the way (no pun intended) that didn’t make sense.

That project started over a year ago, and naturally led to a full time job. Ken hasn’t looked back either and finds the work really rewarding. On a separate note, he and Kristi just welcomed their second daughter, Olivia, on December 9th.

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John McCright

My wife, Sarah Pope, delivered our second child on May 9 past. Sophie Eden Pope McCright is a lovely charming little girl, very dear to everyone she touches. Thankfully, her older sister Emma, who recently turned two, has shown pretty much no jealousy or sibling rivalry. Emma loves to pat Sophie's head and wedge a pacifier into her little mouth. I credit the Mr. Rogers book on having a baby sibling for at least some of Emma's maturity.

By the way, I'm working as an editor.
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Paul Christensen

After nearly ten years in Cleveland, my wife and I, along with our two kids Katie (age 6) and Caroline (age 3), are moving to London. I will be launching a new development finance company called ShoreCap International which will be investing in banks throughout Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. ShoreCap was created by my employer, ShoreBank Corporation, based in Chicago, and has financial support from the International Finance Corporation, World Bank, Ford Foundation and others. My wife, Jennifer, will work for the London office of McKinsey & Co.

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Tino Sellitto

Still in Boston. I keep up with **Laurie Lopes** who is in providence RI in her new house! My son turns 5 in September and starts kindergarten this year.

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Danielle de Clercq has come through her chemo with flying colors and her hair has all grown back. But she was probably the coolest looking bald woman since Sinead O'Connor: (check it out)



Esther Schrader

I returned to Hanover this Spring for the first time since graduation- this time as the "editor in residence" (of all things!) at the daily D, where I'd spent much of my time as a student, and where I got my start in journalism. As the Pentagon correspondent for the LA Times these days, I feel very far away from those days (and nights) of putting out a college newspaper. So it was very meaningful for me to be helping to do just that for a few days. In my free time, my husband Nick Anderson, and I showed our daughters (2 & 4) my old haunts (except for Frat Row!). But what they liked best was the Dartmouth Pow Wow which we happened upon. The visit left all of us feeling very warmly about Dartmouth and grateful for our hosts at the D.

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Karen Hill

My husband, Jeff Hilyard (Harvard '92) and I left NYC in June 2002 after a year long search across the southeast and Midwest for the perfect small college town where we could find work life balance. Our quest led us to Danville, KY- a Norman Rockwell, Main St USA kind of place that is home to Centre College. Life here couldn't be more wonderful! Our daughter, Vivian Augusta, is 17 months old and we just completed phase one of our renovation of a 113 year old home in the heart of downtown.

I've become part owner of the Idea Farm (www.theideafarm.net) an international strategic marketing firm based here, and my husband's start-up (www.patriotgreetings.com) is finding lots of success as the only company to sell military themed greeting cards on bases worldwide. It's been an amazing first year here and we owe a lot to the people we've met and friendships we've made to a couple of Dartmouth grads who happen to live here too and who graciously introduced us around.

To anyone contemplating a move made solely for reasons of lifestyle, we say go for it!
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Vivian Augusta Hilyard



Tayrn Gude

I've been on active duty with the Marine Corp since September 24, 2001. My original assignment in Quantico was to mobilize the other reservists for Special Operations and Central Commands. It was a good and challenging assignment although I did worry that I was sending some of them into harm's way. Since May, 2003, I've worked in the Marine Corp's Office of Legislative Affairs. I review all congressional inquiries and respond to members of Congress on behalf of our Commandant. I also prepare our witnesses for testimony before defense related congressional committees. On Tuesday and Fridays May-August I spend my evenings socializing with members of congress at Marine Corps functions. I come up for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in January so hopefully all my schmoozing pays off.

On the fun side, I've become an avid runner, having just competed in the Army 10 Mile race in October. I also earned a tan belt in Martial Arts from the Corps and a gold stripe belt in Tae Kwan Do. (gudetl@hqmc.usmc.mil)

Craig Budner:

Things are great here. My wife, Dawn, and I just had our 3rd child — and our first girl — Lily Ann Budner. She's adorable. Unlike the rest of the crew, I haven't made a career change since I left law school. I have practiced law at Hughes Luce in Dallas since 1990. I specialize in business fraud litigation. I keep in touch with **Evan Azriliant**, **Tom Palisi** and **Chrissy Mahoney**, among others from our class. All are doing great. Just saw Chrissy's new baby Mara. She's beautiful.

Hope you are doing well. (budnerc@hughesluce.com)

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John Flaherty

I haven't been in contact with the Class for ages, but the last newsletter with the picture of **Kent Hoxsey** brought back so many memories, I thought I'd shoot you an email.

My wife, Virginia (UCSB, Class of 1985) and I live in San Luis Obispo County, only a 4 hour drive south of the Bay Area. In January 2003 we adopted a 14 month old girl from China. Her name is Kinley and she LOVES her new life in CA. This is our first child. Virginia and I have been working for a large active travel company named Backroads (based in Berkeley) since 1991, but we recently decided to bust out on our own and have started a local outdoors company here in San Luis Obispo called Central Coast Outdoors. We do bike, hike, multi-sport and bird watching trips. Check us out at www.centralcoastoutdoors.com. Between a new company and a new kid, our lives are pretty busy these days!

I've attached a photo of me and Kinley at a party. I've got a beer in my hand and a funny look on my face, so you know things haven't actually changed all that much with me. J (jfflaherty@charter.net)

Amy's note: true to "small world" fashion, John and I both know a woman named Jen Fox well. According to John, "She has led trips with my brother Mike and with my wife Virginia. In fact, Jen and Virginia led a trip together than ended on 9/11/01. Jen is also in touch with **Andrew McAllister** and actually hooked the two of us back together via email."

Alex Terry

AT had the ride of a lifetime during the dot com era- he was an early player at a company that built the largest Voice over IP network of its day. When a deal between them and Microsoft got fumbled (AT graciously doesn't lay blame only on Microsoft, saying both sides had the wrong people working on it) AT watched four years of work get reduced to a sale of intellectual property. It was enough to send the founder on a year long sabbatical, one that involved lots of contemplation. AT dusted himself off, looked at it pragmatically, and parlayed his expertise into a role as COO of a small division of AOL called "AOL by Phone". You'll notice his typical style- modest, but intense. And you'll see him in a lot of airports.



John Flaherty & daughter Kinley



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Janet Mailing

We gave my son Ryan (now 6) a tour of the Dartmouth campus while visiting some friends who live in Lebanon. Of course at the same time we were describing to him all the freedoms of college (and none of the work) and he thought Dartmouth sounded like a great place to go (to Eric's chagrin) (Amy's note- her husband is a big Michigan Fan).

I am doing well, enjoying the balance between work and family. Work is hopping and our company is growing. I am enjoying watching Ryan play soccer and basketball. I am no longer singing in the choral society, but have kept up my violin lessons, and I'm hoping to join an orchestra some day!

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Ben Corson

Ben Corson and his bride, Stephanie Upp, at their wedding in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada this September. As he put it "What a busy summer/fall wedding schedule this year! I guess there's lots of us older folks who didn't want to wait until NEXT summer."



Kevin Donovan

Amy's note: Unwittingly, Kevin gave us a hilarious insight into his alter ego- behind that easy going affable exterior lies another side. He was telling me about how he had gotten all steamed up at a colleague, and says:

I should have just ignored it until things quieted down. But I gave in to temptation. The Quakers wouldn't approve (please don't tell them or they will make me go to the Peace Table - my youngest who just started at the Friends School spent time in each of his first three days at the Peace Table - now I wonder where he gets that).

Evan Marquit

Evan & Laura Marquit welcomed their first child this fall, daughter Sadie. A true child of Evan's, she has the most ingenious Gore-Tex gear that goes over her baby Bjorn that I've ever seen. Evan is still trucking away at Intuit but the commute is getting to him. Despite the fine Dartmouth Green ride he pilots.

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A Match Made In... well, on a boat.

A little over a year ago I was sitting in a conference room, facing a deeply apologetic HR rep who was explaining that after several deep rounds of layoffs it was my turn to “take the package”. I was bracing myself, trying to keep a brave face on it all when literally in my head I heard the words “I could go SAILING!”

Expecting outward displays of grief, the HR Lady (and we all know it’s not over until the HR Lady sings) was somewhat surprised to see me brighten and say “Really? Tell me more.” So I decided to turn my severance into a sailing sabbatical, and put the word out there that I was an experienced sailor looking to crew on some boat deliveries. Not much later I got a call from a guy who said he had a boat in Malaysia and needed help getting it up to Thailand. Was I interested? Well yes, you could say that the itinerary sounded interesting, so he invited me to fly down to San Diego and race for a weekend. He would see how good a sailor I was, I could see what a skipper he was.

When I got to San Diego (from San Francisco) it was immediately clear that the guy was well intentioned but entirely tiresome, with some element of creep added in. Not ideal company for a month at tight quarters. I probably would have had to push him off the boat. However, it had sounded good and the sailing was fun so I considered my time well spent.

Little did I know. On THAT boat was my future husband, Skip (okay, don’t laugh). He and I hit it off immediately, exchanging stories about our New England roots and sailing adventures. So when I eventually did find a great captain- and sailed with him to, around and back from the Caribbean- I made sure to stay in touch with Skip. In fact, one of my most welcome contributions to the boat was to get its email hooked up through its satellite phone. The captain got better weather data real time, I got to keep in touch with Skip.

By the time I got off the boat last year for New Year’s, we knew something was up. By June, I had moved to San Diego and we were engaged, with the wedding (which was an absolute ball) following in October. What a year! When you know, you go, I always say. And I have learned it could happen at ANY time.

It’s been great with a few exceptions- it was really hard to leave my beloved San Francisco, and the combination of a tough economy and a new city has set my job search back considerably. I am now working as a sailing instructor (which is a year round job in San Diego) until the tech sector gets going again. And truly, I wouldn’t trade any of the past year in- not the sailing, not the husband. But I sure hope in a future newsletter soon there is news of a job in my field!



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Lizzie O'Connell Burn

Lizzie now has three girls- Eloise, Sarah & Cordelia- the final one being born right before she moved back to the States from Singapore. She's amazed at how hectic three children in a row can make things, but as usual, she has things totally under control. She had resisted, but finally gave up working at PepsiCo when Cordelia came along.



Lizzie O'Connell Burn & Sara Dann Cina

Sara Dann Cina

Sara Dann Cina also has three children- Alexandra, Tucker and Isabella. She's seen here with her youngest one, Bella, hiking near Hanover. As a child psychiatrist, she has always had to juggle children and career (at one point, studying for the boards at her neighbor's guest house, sneaking back in just to nurse and then going back out to study.) Her current balance is to spend one day a week prescribing medication, overseeing cases that psychologists manage.



Jock & Allison (Bleyler) McDonald

Although I don't have any photographs, I was an eye witness to this one so I know it was a gracious and lovely affair. Held in Norwich with the reception in Lyme, it was a little like old home week. Many Dartmouth types (naturally, between the two of them there's a lot of Green blood running through those veins) great weather, good food. And you couldn't beat the location!

Tom Fiddamin's children at on the shores of Washington State: Ansel, left, and Cade.



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PS **Lisa Damon** would like to congratulate our ten dues-paying classmates who won Dartmouth umbrellas in the drawing. But I didn't give her enough lead-time to get me the names to print here, so you'll have to see them next time.

On the subject of dues... our last newsletter brought one classmate into the fold who hadn't paid dues since we graduated and was about to get chopped from the subscription block. If you're on the fence about paying them- consider it! Our class needs to money since the Alumni magazine costs have skyrocketed.

A sampling of the Dartmouth Grads at my wedding (the table is missing a table cloth because it got lit on fire by accident. Surprisingly, we didn't get charged) Back row: Mark Inkster, '85, John Pruitt, ~'77, Duke Winsor, '43, Rob Stewart, '90, Jose Soriano '82, Allison Bleyler McDonald, '87, Alex Terry, '87, Ken Hedley, '87, Paal Gisholt, 87, Jock McDonald, 87. Front row: Mary Flounders Green, '88, Sara Dann Cina, '87, Lizzie O'Connell Burn, '87, Amy Baker (me), '87, Kate Harris Thut, '87

