

Alma Matters



The Class of 1999 Newsletter

April 2005

Class News

Compiled by Michelle Sweetser

In our last newsletter I noted that Ben and I were in the search for a house. I'm happy to report that it didn't take us too long to find one that we liked (and could afford!) and we close on our new home at the end of April. We'll probably be in it by the time you read this! Guess we'll be making Wisconsin our home for a while!

Sarah (Iversen) Ito has made Wisconsin her home as well. She and husband John just moved to Appleton, where he teaches music theory at Lawrence University after finishing his doctoral work at Columbia. Sarah is not currently employed, but is reportedly enjoying the Midwest very much.

Earlier this year, Sarah, along with **Joel** and **Hilary (Chenye) Stanton** with their son, Simon, checked out the Christo exhibition *The Gates* in Central Park with Josh '98 and **Jill (Perring) Papsdorf** and their son, Caleb. Sarah served as photographer, but the remainder of the group is pictured at right.

Chicago mini-reunion chair **Meg (Cashion) Lysy** reports that Kate Demling recently got engaged to Adam Hayes. Kate and Adam met in Colorado and plan to get married in Massachusetts this August. Apparently the couple is planning on an outrageous adventure for their honeymoon, although Meg didn't provide any details.

Meg also reports that she and **Dave Lysy** are moving to Washington, D.C. in July. Dave will have finished his M.A., M.Div and M.P.P. at the University of Chicago and Meg will have finished her MSEd at Northwestern. They will have their Newfoundland puppy "Moose" in tow with them (his named inspired by Mt. Moosilauke!). Dave will work for the Department of Homeland Security and Justice team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office and Meg will seek a job in education. Drop them a line if you are in town!

I was poking around the Dartmouth website a little bit this evening trying to locate some content for the newsletter (hint, hint), when I came across a new



Joel Stanton, (with son Simon on back), Josh Papsdorf, **Hilary Stanton**, and **Jill Papsdorf** with son Caleb, in Central Park.

article on the BuzzFlood website about classmate **Cate Mowell**. Cate's started her own company - Cate Mowell Communications, Inc. - with clients from the fashion, beauty, and lifestyle segment. Cate speaks frankly about her experiences in fashion since graduation and how she came to start her own business. To read the full article visit <http://buzzflood.org/index.php?itemid=2010>. And if you're wondering about BuzzFlood, it's a student-run organization "dedicated to telling personal stories about special things people at Dartmouth are doing everyday."

Those are all of the official updates I received this month, a rather paltry number. Please keep those updates coming - I know you're out there getting promotions, finding new jobs, switching careers, going back to school, buying houses, having kids, and the like. Write in to keep the rest of us posted!

A few months ago, I had a feeling I might be a little short on class news at some point, so I wrote to classmates whom the College listed as working in the medical and legal professions, asking them to let me

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Campus News Roundup

Compiled from campus news sources

Dartmouth Life reported in earlier this year that 12,615 high school seniors applied to be members of the Class of 2009, breaking the record of 11,855 for the Class of 2007. In the April 1 edition of *The Dartmouth*, staff reporter John Mitchell reported that the College's acceptance rate hit an all-time low of 16.8%, admitting 2,149 students.

A number of high level staffing changes will take place in the coming months.

- In March Provost Barry Scherr announced that Jeffrey H. James, the Executive Director of the Cunningham Dance Foundation, was named as the next Director of the Hopkins Center. James succeeds Lewis Crickard, who will leave the position on July 1.
- Joseph J. Helble, former Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Connecticut, will become the new dean of the Thayer School of Engineering this fall.
- Brian P. Kennedy will be the new Director of the Hood Museum of Art. Kennedy was formerly the Director of the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra and will begin at Dartmouth on July 1.

In a March memo, the Alumni Task Force of the Dartmouth Center on Addiction, Recovery, and Education (DCARE) announced that it seeks to "develop a forum of alumni in recovery and others whose lives have been affected by the addiction of family or friends," and whose possibilities might include "developing supporting relationships," "mentoring students, faculty and staff with substance use problems," and "generating ideas and programs that fulfill the mission of DCARE." If you are interested in learning more about DCARE or in getting involved, visit their website at www.dartmouth.edu/-dcare or contact Mary Batchelder at mary.batchelder@dartmouth.edu.

Class Makes Progress Towards Goals for Dartmouth College Fund Giving

Since our last publication, the class continues to make progress towards our Dartmouth College Fund goals. At the time of our last writing, 19.4% of classmates had contributed \$13,114. As of March 28, 21.7% of classmates had contributed or pledged for a total of \$15,213. We still have a ways to go to meet our participation goal of 35% and our financial goal of \$25,000.

Classmate Participation Progress



In late February, we were 55% of the way to our goal of 35% classmate participation. At the end of March, we are at 62% of our goal.

Classmate Contributions Progress



In late February, we were 52% of the way to our goal of \$25,000. At the end of March, we are at 61% of our goal.

Please consider making your contribution today! Any gift, no matter the size, can make a difference for a current student, and will help the class meet its participation goals. Donations can be made online at <https://www.dartmouthcollegefund.org/securefrm.htm>, or you can make a pledge at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/-alfund/pledge3.htm>. Pledges for fiscal year 2005 must be paid by June 30.

Adventures in Remodeling

By Liz French

At the end of 2004, I made the big jump – I finally bought my own house, after years of living in apartments. JD (Storn 'oi) and I were ready for our own place, and after having lived in an apartment with three cats (one over the stated limit), it was time to find a better arrangement. For those of you who knew me in college, I'm sure that you're not surprised that I was hiding an extra cat in my apartment - I nearly got kicked out of North Mass sophomore year for my first cat! There were extenuating circumstances this time, but that's another story all together.

We decided to buy a fixer-upper so that we could get more house and yard for the money. Luckily, we're both pretty handy. After much searching, we finally found a house that a) we liked, and b) we could afford. The whole offer/counter-offer process is quite stressful, plus throw in two holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas), and things get crazy. I was talking with my agent to try and work out last minute kinks as soon as I landed in Maryland to visit my parents for Christmas – what a headache. My Dad got quite a chuckle out of it all. I added an extra wrinkle into the mix by getting a new job in the middle of it (without telling my mortgage broker – I went to sign all the paper work, and she said “make sure you don't run up a lot of debt, quit your job, etc. until it gets recorded”. Oops!). The day we got the keys to the house, I was busy cleaning out my old office.

Once we moved in, the fun began! We had friends come over on New Year's Eve to help us move. Because we wanted everyone to stay and celebrate New Year's with us, we put half of our furniture and boxes in a shed on our property. Unfortunately, it got really cold and the ground froze – freezing the door closed. We weren't able to get into the shed for about a week. When we first moved in, we had a wood stove (that wasn't installed with the proper permits, so we had to remove it when the mortgage inspector came), and that was our only source of heat – the baseboard heat didn't work. Luckily we knew that, and had planned to have electricians come in and install forced air heater units. We didn't quite get around to that until February, though. There also wasn't a refrigerator, which wasn't a problem at first because it was cold enough to keep the food and alcohol outside.

The house next door was for sale at the same time (we looked at it, too), and JD met the former owner when he came by to clean it up. The guy offered us



The new home.

the refrigerator, since the new owner had his own appliances. A free refrigerator – you can't go wrong with that. There were a few problems, though, including the fact that they had wedged a 36" fridge into a 35" space, so we had to take the fridge apart to remove it, and the fact that we only had a 35" space to put it in. JD ended up removing the molding from the doorway by the fridge and cutting off part of the counter top (which we are planning to replace eventually anyways). Even after all of that, it took four of us to shove, hit, and push the fridge into place. Not to mention cleaning all mold out of it before we could use it! We also had to remove a light switch that was in the way. Luckily the light switch is attached to a motion-sensor light, so we can leave it permanently on.

Painting has been an interesting challenge because one of our cats wants to be involved in *everything*. She happens to be all black, so the bright yellow and white paint that we've been using in the bathroom show up pretty clearly on her. For a while her whiskers were tipped with yellow, as was one ear, and she had stripes on her tail. She also had a big blob of drywall compound on her back the other day. The other two cats are smarter, and avoid us when we're painting.

Our black cat also wanted to help while we were fixing the toilet, and ended up sitting on my back, staring into the tank with us while we were trying to determine if it was finally sealed. *Beware* of toilets! All we wanted to do was replace the tank valve because the existing one was leaky and ancient. So we replaced it, but couldn't get it to seal. In the process of trying to get it to seal, we over-tightened the flexible pipe that attaches to the toilet, breaking the nut, we broke the

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Cancer Survivor Raises Money for Cause Close to Heart

Compiled by Michelle Sweetser

Classmate **Kyle Roderick** was first diagnosed with lymphoma in 1994 and came out of remission during the winter quarter of our freshman year at Dartmouth. After chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant, Kyle returned to Dartmouth, and has been recovering since 1996. To celebrate his 5-year cancer-free year (2001), Kyle signed up for a fundraising walk with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Since then he has participated in all of the walks. He currently works for a pharmaceutical company and recently bought a house just outside Boston. *Alma Matters* recently spent some time learning about Kyle's experience.

You were in remission until our freshman year at Dartmouth. At what point in the school year did this happen?

I came out of remission during the winter quarter. I got the flu and the lymph nodes in my neck didn't go down. They did a biopsy and realized that the cancer had returned.

You took a year off of school for treatment - chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. How did you make it through these treatments and decide to have the transplant (which I understand has fairly low odds for recovery)?

When I left Dartmouth, I had a bad course of chemo at first and went through several months visiting with many medical experts in Boston. Dana Farber Cancer Institute wanted me to have the transplant immediately. A doctor at New England Medical Center wanted more information and wanted to find a donor. A third expert from Nebraska told me not to do the transplant and gave me a 15-20% chance of surviving 2 years. In the end I spent several weeks in my dark basement bedroom agonizing over what to do. I realized that I couldn't live with this axe hanging over my head. It was no way to live.

You've participated in fundraising walks with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society since 2001. Can you tell me a little more about the walk and how you first became involved with that organization?

The Light The Night® Walk is the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening walk to raise awareness of blood cancers and funds for cures. Participants carry illuminated balloons to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer. Funds raised support the Society's mission: cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

I had this amazing experience one day when I left the hospital during the first few days of the bone marrow transplant. It was an important crystallization point in my life that each day is important. When my parents took the commuter train into the city to join me for the first walk, my mother handed me a penny. There is a story about 'pennies from heaven'. The angels throw them down to remind us that it's the little things that matter. My mother said the train they took was the same number as my grandfather's phone number (1062). She always told me that he was my guardian angel and this penny was from

him. He was saying I was going to be okay. I said, "Yeah, or Mom," while rolling my eyes. However, when I looked at the penny, it was from 1977 - when I was born. I don't know if I believe in that stuff, but it was moving at the time and I swear whenever I'm having a bad day, I find a penny to remind me that it's truly the little things that matter.

Last year you raised over \$8000 in the walk as a part of a team effort. How much have you raised since you began the walk?

Since 2001 our team has raised about \$23,000! It's amazing because over 75% of that money goes directly to patients and researchers on the cutting edge of new cures!

The walk this year is on September 29 in Boston. Do you do anything for the walk?

One of the best parts of the walk is that it's a little less than a mile so it's designed for both cancer survivors and friends and family. Survivors carry white balloons, supporters carry red balloons.

If classmates want to support your effort or participate in a walk in their area, where could they go to get more information?

They can go to www.lightthenight.org or e-mail me directly. The walk takes place right after work in downtown Boston. I'd love for anyone interested to join our team. Classmates can go to lightthenight.org and sign up for my team (my name is in a drop down box), or they can also send donations to me at 61 Winthrop Street Quincy, MA 02169

care of: the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

You now work for a pharmaceutical company, assisting doctors in treating their patients. Do you think that your personal experience with lymphoma has made you more successful in your current work? How so?

Being able to maintain the perspective of the patient has certainly helped to balance my understanding of the relationships between different facets of the health care industry. I think physicians can sense how much I care for the role that doctors can play in the effective treatment of their patients. It's really one of the best tools they have to do their jobs.

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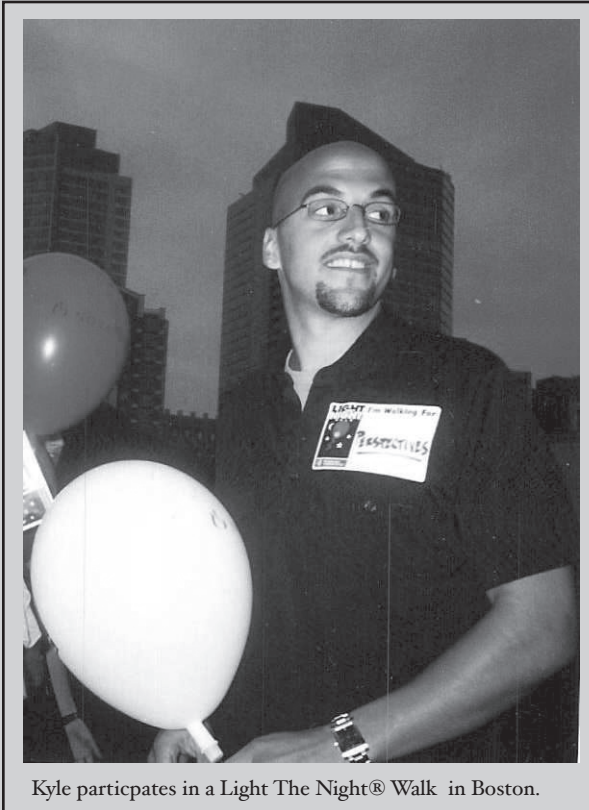
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Kyle participates in a Light The Night® Walk in Boston.

Had you anticipated doing this type of work at the time we matriculated at Dartmouth? Or do you think that your experience with lymphoma steered you in that direction?

I think that when corporate recruiting arrived in Hanover, I got swept up in the idea of working for a consulting company like so many of our classmates. After being laid off at 22, my friend and then-roommate, Rex Morey, suggested pharmaceutical sales based on my personality and medical history. He put me in touch with a friend of his in the industry and here I am.

Many of us encounter people battling various forms of cancer in our daily lives and may feel a certain level of discomfort about our interactions or in how we can be supportive of these individuals. Do you have any recommendations on how we can be supportive of cancer patients?

Great question! YES - please, please just don't distance yourself. Even if you don't feel comfortable asking about how treatments are going, keep your loved ones up to date with the normal crap we always talk about. Sometimes people who have cancer (or any other life threatening illness) just want to feel normal around their friends. They are poked, prodded, stuck, and treated so differently in the hospital - sometimes it's nice just to sit closely with a friend and laugh and forget about the cancer.

Do you know of another profile-worthy classmate? Or perhaps you want to nominate yourself? Don't be shy! Drop an e-mail to the class account at: Class.of.99@alum.dartmouth.org, and we'll consider your suggestion for an upcoming issue of Alma Matters.

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know what they are up to. Following are the updates I received at the time.

Classmates in the Medical Profession

Chloe Rowe graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School in 2003, and is currently in her second year of a pediatrics residency at Children's Memorial Hospital/Northwestern University in Chicago. She is in the midst of deciding whether she will be doing a pediatric endocrinology fellowship or practicing general pediatrics after she finishes residency.

Classmate **Muffy Davis** is also a second-year pediatric resident, in residency at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center.

Jen Eaton graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in 2003 and is now in her second year of residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Jen is interested in possibly doing a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology after residency, and at the time that she wrote, she was doing research work in a lab, studying ovarian aging. Jen's husband Sam also graduated from Columbia and has been doing pediatric urology research since then and is applying to urology residency programs.

The final doctor who wrote in with an update was **Sarah Kelmenson**, who also graduated from medical school in 2003. Sarah completed her training at the University of Pennsylvania and is currently in her second year of residency at Rhode Island Hospital, in Providence, where she is training in emergency medicine.

There must be some males from our class who are practicing medicine, but I didn't hear from them. If this is you - take a much needed break from residency and drop us a line!

Classmates in the Legal Profession

Brooks Foster in getting settled in Portland, Oregon, where he has a job as an associate at Rycewicz & Chenoweth, a civil litigation firm. He continues to kayak as much as possible, and now plays saxophone in a rock band called "Miracle Grow." In his remaining time, he's learning how to salsa dance and spends time with his dog, Buddy.

After graduating from Northwestern Law School in the spring of 2002, **Beth Westman Gaus** had a two-year clerkship in the staff attorney's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. During this clerkship, she worked with the

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various judges on the Seventh Circuit and spent a year working in the Seventh Circuit's motions unit. She is currently an associate in the product liability and mass torts litigation group of the Chicago office of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood.

When she wrote last fall, **Melanie Popper** had just finished law school at U.C. Hastings and was awaiting bar results while working at a small civil rights firm in Oakland. She plans to specialize in race and sex discrimination and police misconduct, and would like to assist pro per litigants in representing themselves more effectively. In her spare time, she practices spinning reggae and hip-hip records and doing Bikram yoga.

Last spring, **Jeff Loeb** graduated from Harvard Law School where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard International Law Journal. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in November and is now a corporate associate in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Michael Vasiliadis is currently working in Washington, DC as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuting criminal tax and other white collar

cases.

Also in DC is **Nick Levin**, who works for Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw as an appellate litigator, specializing in antitrust and punitive damages cases. He has taught classes in antitrust at George Mason Law School and statutory interpretation at University of Arkansas Little Rock Law School and has publications regarding the same.

Sheryl Koval is a second-year attorney at Goodwin Procter in Boston. So far, her practice has focused on land use, patent, trademark, products liability and some white collar crime. She is also heavily involved with the Citizens Schools/Discovering Justice pro bono mock trial program for 7th graders.

Chris Nybo continues to work for the law firm of Vedder Price, where he represents employers in all aspects of equal employment opportunity, wrongful discharge, and labor relations litigation before federal and state courts and various federal, state and local administrative agencies. Also, as a member of the DuPage County Zoning Board of Appeals, he has had some experience with land use issues in suburban Chicago.

Finally, working as a registered patent attorney and practicing with Maine & Asmus in Nashua, New Hampshire, is **Andrew Cernota**. The practice is focused on intellectual property, and more particularly patent, trademark, and copyright prosecution (that is, they apply for patents, trademark registrations, and copyright registrations on behalf of their clients) and litigation support. So, if any classmates have any great new ideas, I'm sure Andrew would be happy to talk with them! The firm's recent research efforts into historic patents lost in the 1836 fire at the USPTO have recently been profiled in the *New York Times*, the *Union Leader*, the *New Hampshire Business Review*, and *Dartmouth Life*. Outside the office, Andrew serves on the Nashua Cable Television Advisory Board, and is in his first term as a ward selectman.

*Have news to report from your corner of the world? Drop an e-mail to the class account at: Class.of.99@alum.dartmouth.org, and we'll include your news in an upcoming issue of *Alma Matters*.*

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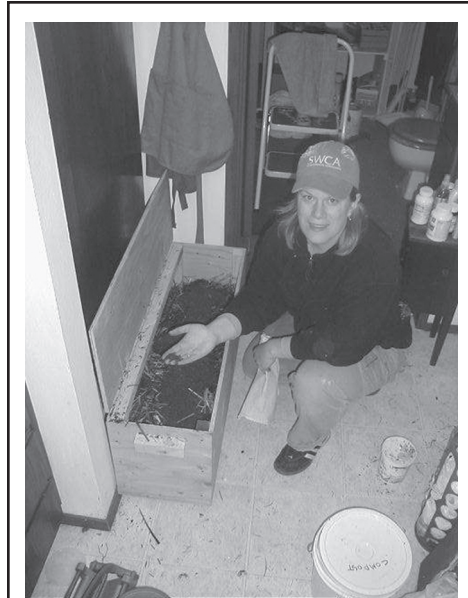
bolt that holds the tank to the toilet, we broke off the water shutoff valve at the wall, and we broke the bowl seal. Eventually we did get it all to work, but not without a fair amount of cussing, throwing things, and getting yellow paint on everything (except the wall, which then needed to be repainted).

Our big project, which we still haven't really tackled yet, is insulating the house. There is a relatively new roof on the house, and it looks like when they put it on, they never bothered to finish the ceiling and walls. Since our house is partially an A-frame, that's a lot of surface area that isn't insulated and that has exposed studs. We've been having unusually warm and dry weather this year, so it hasn't been a problem yet, but I would like it to get done before next winter. In order to do the insulation and wall facing, we need to first finish wiring the house for phone, cable, and DSL, we need to plane the studs (they appear to be rough hewn cedar, and we found out the hard way that they aren't level),

and then we need to buy, stain, and seal pine tongue and groove boards. Every project seems to spawn ten more, and we haven't even begun to start on the yard, sheds, and outside of the house!

But it really is all worth it. We've been keeping a digital photo record of our progress, to encourage ourselves when we get overwhelmed. It is amazing what a little paint and drywall can do for a room. Plus we don't have to worry about people complaining if we decide to hang a picture at 10 pm, or about having three cats. I'm thinking about getting a puppy, but I know that I need to wait until the house is more finished. For now, I guess that the house is our puppy.

If you're ever out in Oregon and want to visit Mount Hood, stop by, and see what projects we are still working on!



Liz with her "worm bin." The worms eat the kitchen waste, turning it into compost (they had too much kitchen waste and not enough yard waste for a normal compost pile).

Liz French is a member of the class executive committee. She and Kate Turpin currently serve as Young Alumni chairs of the Dartmouth Club of Oregon. You can catch up with Liz by writing her at her alumni account, or she'd love to see classmates in the area at one of the club's events (on the second Wednesday of the month).

Decorating with Dartmouth



DartmouthImages.com

Perhaps you've moved into a new home and the walls are glaringly empty. If you want to evoke a sense of Dartmouth nostalgia in your new place, you can choose from a variety of historic images, including Winter carnival posters, from DartmouthImages.com (<http://dartmouth.publishedphotos.net/Default.aspx>).

'Tis the season for spring cleaning, and maybe you want to

redo the wallpaper — on your computer. If so, you may be interested in a new service provided by the Dartmouth College Fund. In conjunction with the calendars they sent out to us last fall, they are now offering a monthly downloadable wallpaper. To obtain the download and a reminder monthly for



the remainder of 2005, register at: <http://www.dartmouthcollegefund.org/wallpaper/signup.htm>.

Upcoming '99 Mini-Reunions

April

23 Hanover is officially in mud season, but that's no excuse to avoid a party. Strap on your boots and join us...

7 p.m.

Zins (in the Hanover Inn)

Drinks on the class!

Friends, partners, parents, kids?

All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Damali Rhett
or Rex Morey.

May

6 THE MFA IN BOSTON
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ADMISSION GETS YOU COCKTAILS,
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FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT MELISSA MAGGIO.

May

8 Pretend you're back in the Green Mountains and come out for a Sunday morning hike (okay... walk) in the Chicago Forest Preserves.

10 a.m.

A BBQ lunch will follow.

E-mail Meg Lysy (at m.cashion on our alumni accounts) if you are interested.