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THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



From left to right, Dave Lipman, Andy Hilton, Jamie Peschel, Margaret Angell (Harvard '98), Nate Fick, Austin Whitman, Dan Gestwick, and Mark Shahinian '98 at Nate's wedding last October in New York City.

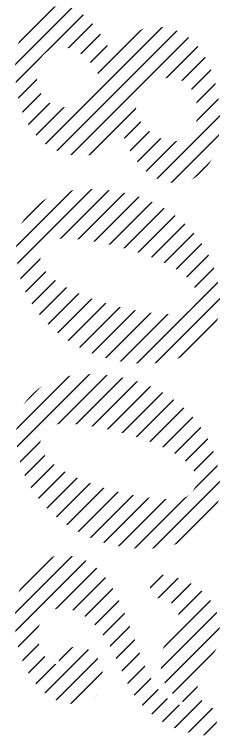
CLASS NEWS—Nate Fick married Margaret Angell (Harvard '98) at the Century Club in New York City on October 13, 2007. Fellow classmates who celebrated with Nate at his wedding included **Dave Lipman, Andy Hilton, Jamie Peschel, Austin Whitman, Dan Gestwick, Abigail Marsh, Craig Nerenberg,** and **Brad Davis.** Other alums in attendance included Mark Shahinian '98, Jeremy Joseph '00, and Craig Lund '02. Nate is currently finishing his degree at HBS and the Kennedy School. After graduation he and Margaret plan on moving to Washington DC.

Jason Whaley married Meredith Quinn (Harvard '99) on June 9, 2007 in Sierra Madre, CA. **Jarrold Tisdell, Josh Bandur, Dan Jordan, Jen Lawinski, Michael Bruno,** and Chad Sclove '97 attended Jason's wedding. Jason is currently an independent business and technology consultant in New York for financial services and media companies. Meredith works as a project

manager for Ithaka, a nonprofit organization in New York that advises other nonprofits on strategies for financing and managing growth.

Sarah (Halsell) Nutting and her husband Trent are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Casey Sharpe Nutting, on October 25, 2007. "She has brought so much happiness into our lives!" says Sarah.

Renai Rodney currently works as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. She lives in her hometown of Chicago. Renai tells us that **Juan Bell** and Brandi Kenner-Bell '98 just welcomed their first child Gavin Clarence Bell on February 24. Juan is about to graduate from business school at Chicago GSB. Brandi is at Northwestern Memorial Hospital finishing up the second year of her second residency, which is in dermatology (she finished her first in pediatrics a couple of years ago). After school Juan plans to hang out with Gavin for a month or so and then start his job at Kraft Foods.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



No matter where you live, the Class of 1999 will do its part to keep you in touch with Dartmouth and with all of your classmates.

But none of this can happen without the support of every member of the Class of 1999.

Remember to pay your class dues.

<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/dues.php>

Dear Classmates,

In late January, I was thrilled to read that Dartmouth announced a new financial aid initiative, including, amongst other things, the effective elimination of tuition expenses for students from families with annual incomes under \$75,000. And beginning immediately, Dartmouth is providing an additional scholarship of \$2,950 so that financial aid recipients in their junior year can pursue research, service, internships or other opportunities of their choosing, reducing the burden of their expected contribution to tuition costs and affording them more options for how they use their off terms.

Financial aid is an area that is particularly close to my heart, as I personally would not have been able to attend Dartmouth without the generous financial aid package I received. I paid my own way through Dartmouth, working long hours at Thayer to make both the earnings that the College expected I would contribute as well as the money that the College assumed would be contributed by my parents. It wasn't always easy and I know that my coursework suffered at times, but I managed and grew as a result of the experience. It's nice to know that students with backgrounds similar to mine who choose to enroll at Dartmouth now won't have to work those long hours unless they so choose.

The financial aid initiative certainly does not come without an expensive price tag. The College's website states that the initiative will require an additional \$10 million outlay per year and will be funded through a reallocation of resources and funds made available by a Trustee-approved increase in the distribution of the endowment.

Although I still write a check to the College each month towards my loan, I have also made it a point to contribute money each year to the Dartmouth College Fund, designating my gift primarily to financial aid, one of the five areas to which all alumni can designate their contributions. In our reunion year, I believe it is a particularly appropriate time to think about what was meaningful about our own Dartmouth experience and to make a contribution—whatever seems appropriate and is within our means—that allows current and future students to have that experience as well. If financial aid doesn't rouse you, consider contributing to something that does. Together, let's see what we can do!

Michelle

**Michelle Sweetser
Class of '99 President**

Nell (Helena) Shanahan married Adam Harris Schwartz (Brown '98) on December 31, 2007 in Wallingford, CT.

Jen Holden and **Lily Najarian** served as bridesmaids. **Paul Costello**, **Kate Maher** and her husband Matt Rothe, **Lindsay** and **Doug Morton**, and former Dean of Admissions Karl Furstenberg '67 and his wife Charlotte also attended the wedding. Nell is currently an ethics and religion instructor for juniors and seniors at the Brooklyn Friends School. She is also studying for a Master's degree in social work at Yeshiva University. Prior to Yeshiva she received a Master of Arts in religion from Yale Divinity School. Her husband Adam works as a managing director for First Manhattan Company.

Although **Julia (Henneberry) Sharma** loved teaching high school chemistry and physics and leading student eco-trips to Central America she is taking some time off to be with her 6-month-old son Reece. Julia and her husband Neal recently bought their first house and she is just thrilled about having the time and space to enjoy being a family (which includes two plott hounds they rescued a couple of years ago). Reece has already met several of his mom's classmates: **Alexis Starke**, **Mo McAleer**, and Michelle Lyle '01. Julia also tells us that **Ali (McKinley) Jefferson** and husband Brad '98 welcomed their first child on January 13th. Avery Apple Jefferson weighed 7 lbs 11.8 oz. and measured 19.5 inches at birth. Julia can't wait for Reece to meet Ali's daughter at reunion this June.

Please send class news to the editor using the enclosed green card or by email: 99news@alum.dartmouth.org



Above: Nell Shanahan with her husband Adam Schwartz at their wedding in Wallingford, CT.



Left top: Juan Bell and his son Gavin Clarence Bell.



Left bottom: Reece Marlin Sharma already has his heart set on Dartmouth. He plans on napping on the green when he is up in Hanover for mom's reunion.

REUNION RSVPS: ARE YOU ON THE LIST?

Here is a list of classmates who told us they plan to attend reunion in June: Pete Agnes, Sara Alexander, Jennifer Anderson, Suzanne Baldwin, Mihai Banulescu, Michelle Batt, Ben Bawden, Deborah Bender, Kate Berkeley, Akbar Bhaidani, Kate Botham, Heather Brandling-Bennett, Michael Bruno, Ridwan Budijono, Frank Cappello, Archana Carter, Andrew Cernota, Christopher Chang, Kristen Chartier, Elizabeth Serrill Chaytors, Ryan

Chaytors, Louisa Childs, Meiling Chong, Fatema Choudhury, Pauline Christo, Jennifer Collins, Michael Conway, Emily Copeland, Lauren Cornella, Eboni Dawkins, Wayne DeBeatham, Ann & Evan DeBord Smith, Christine DeLorenzo, Sarah Dinwoodey, Stephen Donahue, Dave Dookeeram, Danielle Downing, Courtney duBois, Grace Eboigbe, Cathleen Emery, Jeff Fine, Allison Fisch, Amy Foust, Meg Funke Novello, Phillipa Gage,

Jessica Kelley Garrett, Katie Garrett, Annette Gaynes, Sarah Germana, Charles Gibson, Laura Gibson, Lauren Brenner Goody, Todd Griset, Adam Groff, Benjamin Guaraldi, Graham Gunst, Nicci (Rinaldi) Hafer, Jakob Halpern, Taylor Hamra, Cynthia Anderson Hansen, Katherine Hearey, Kathryn Hertzmark, Benjamin Hill, Andrew Hilton, Mia Hockett, Chris Holden, Jennifer Holden, Karen Hung Raghavan, Muhammad Hutasuhut, Robert Isaacs, Sarah Ito, Eric Jenkins, Nini Johnston, Healy Jones, James Kaiser, James Dylan Karczewski, Caroline Kaufmann, Rachna Kaul, Katy Keller, Seth Kelly, Aman Khapoya, Carrie & Sean Kisker, Evan Koch, Kendra Kosko, Sheryl Koval Garko, David Kung, Ed Lalanne, Jennifer Lawinski, Douglas Lee, Stephen Lee, Sean Levy, Barbara Linen, Adam Looney, Joanne Loring, Emily Loudon Sands, Elizabeth (Davis) & Charlie Lozner, Meg Lysy, David Maher, Shana Maldonado, Kyle Marchesseault, Maureen McAleer, Catherine McCarthy Hutasuhut, David McCarthy, Scotty McConnaughey, Erin Moodie, Augustus Moore, Katie Moore, Rex Morey, Hannah Morris, Lindsay & Doug Morton, John Muckle, Jeff & Holly Munsie, Tully Murphy, Melissa Nagare, Veysel Naranjo, Andra Winokur Newman, Sarah Halsell Nutting, Jennifer Parkinson, Tara Pennington, Courtney & Jamie Peschel, Noreen and James Pfenhauer, Catherine Pieroni, Laura Poplawski, Rebecca Powell, Dhruv Prasad, David Rapson, Jamie Reigle, Damali Rhatt, Julie Rhodes, Jacqueline Rioux, David Risk, Erica Rivinoja, Jonathan Rivinus, Kyle Roderick, Kyle Rogers, Dustin Rubenstein, Emily Ruiz, Gretchen Saegh, Susan and Dave Sagebiel Fox, Brian Salazar, Emily Schopick, Leslie Kinsey Segal, Nell Shanahan Schwartz, Ann Sharfstein, Julz and Neal Sharma (Henneberry), Ted Shen, Duncan Simmons, Julie Sloane, Todd Spanish, Joel and Hilary Stanton, Jeff Steeves, Claire Swanson, Erik Tanouye, Sean Taylor, Noel Tripp, Sarah Tsiaras, Jorge Valcarcel, Jennifer van der Kwast, Alethea Varra, Bradley Verber, Kaitlin Verber, Adrienne Wagner, David Wagner, Scott Wagner, Elisabeth Walsh Wasserman, Evan Walsh, Christopher Warren, Muffy and Tim Werner, Austin Whitman, Katherine Willets, Rob Winn, Willy Wong, Matthew Wrobel

—compiled as of March 7, 2008

IT'S TIME TO COME HOME!

At first blush, it is with some irony that I have been asked to write an article urging class participation in our upcoming reunion since I was one of the 65% of classmates who did not attend our 5th reunion. However, I have regretted that decision ever since. I vaguely remember that the reasons I did not attend had to do with graduate school exams and travel cost. Looking back, neither of these reasons seems sufficient to alleviate the regret I still feel having missed this milestone event. Word of caution: don't end up like me feeling even more regret after missing our 10 year celebration!

The more people who attend reunion, the better the weekend will be for everyone. It's obviously a thrill to see your good friends back on campus again, but won't it also be good to see that someone you marginally knew from your dorm, Sanborn library or your freshman seminar? These chance meetings of the people you least expect (and sometimes hardly remember) can be rewarding and can spark new relationships. You can take a look at everyone who has registered thus far by visiting www.dartmouth10threunion.info.

The activities on tap for the weekend are meant to appeal to the needs and wants of the different life-stages of our class. For those of us who want to let loose and party, there will be plenty of drinking (of course, non alcoholic as well) and dancing. Our class has also organized a wine-tasting event which will be a great way to socialize while sipping fantastic wines. For those of us who have children (congratulations!) there will be family-themed activities, such as a moon-bounce, ball-pit and giant slide. For those of us who want a taste of the great outdoors and feel the urge to get back to our freshman trip roots, there will be DOC planned activities on campus and at Moosilauke. You can check out the full listing of activities on our class reunion website. The Reunion Committee has worked hard to plan a wide range of activities that hopefully will appeal to everyone.

One of the best ways to drum up interest and enthusiasm for our upcoming reunion is to start talking about it. Encourage any Big Green alum in your life from the classes of 1999, 1998 or 1997 to attend and register at www.dartmouth10threunion.info. By spreading the excitement, we can make our 10th reunion a fun and inclusive experience. Don't forget: it's "Time to Come Home." I, for one, will be there to say hello and welcome you back.

Meg Lysy
Reunion Committee

10TH REUNION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th 2008

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	**DOC day trip to Moosilauke (\$)
10:30 am – 11:30 pm	**Tour of Dartmouth Broadcasting Facilities
10:30 am – 11:30 pm	**Garden Walk at President's House
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	*Golf outing at the Hanover Country Club (\$)
1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	*Reunion registration at Sphinx tent
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	**Architectural Walking Tour
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**Outdoor Adventures (\$)
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**Academic Open Houses
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	'99 Wine tasting at Collis Common Ground (\$)
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	*Welcome Dinner at Alumni Gym tent
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm	*Family movie night on the side of Blunt Alumni Center (rain location: Collis Common Ground)
9:30 pm – 1:00 am	*DJ Lou at Alumni Gym Tent
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	**Stargazing at the observatory
10:00 pm – 1:00 am	*Late night at Alumni Gym tent

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am	**Breakfast at Thayer Dining Hall (\$)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	*Memorial service at Rollins Chapel
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	**DOC day trip to Moosilauke (\$)
10:00 am – 10:30 am	'99 Class Meeting, Wilder 104
10:30 am – 11:30 am	**President's speech at 105 Dartmouth
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	*BBQ lunch at the Boathouse (rain location: Thompson Arena)
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	*Moonbounces/slides at the Boathouse (rain location: Thompson Arena)
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	**Walking tour of campus
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Spirit of '99 Reception at Novack Cafe
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	**DGALA Faculty Presentations
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**Reunion meetings with affinity groups
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	'99 Class cocktails on the Brace Patio
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	'99 Class dinner at West Gym
9:30 pm – 1:00 am	*DJ Lou at Alumni Gym Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th 2008

10:00 am – 11:30 am	*10th Reunion Sendoff Brunch at Thayer Dining Hall
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Get the most up-to-date reunion schedule at: <http://www.dartmouth10threunion.info>

For '99s with children: Toddler program (4–8 Friday, 10–12 and 2–8 on Saturday)

*Events open to all members of the Classes of '97, '98, '99

**Events open to all reunion classes

'99 CLASS CONSTITUTION

Unable to attend reunion in Hanover? Want to participate in the election of new class leadership? Well, unfortunately, under the current constitutional guidelines, you must be physically present at the class meeting in Hanover to participate in the election. And if we can't get ten percent of the living members of our class to attend the class meeting during reunion weekend, we can't conduct class business. We'll have to wait until next time.

But wait. The Executive Committee (EC) would like to change that. The ways in which we can conduct our business have changed over time and we recognize that technologies are available to us now that were not readily available at the time we adopted and passed our class constitution.

The EC closely examined our class constitution and has proposed a set of revisions that we believe will allow more classmates to actively participate in the governance of the class. Our main goal was to propose changes that would accommodate proxy voting, but we felt there were some other changes warranted at the same time.

The main changes put forth in the proposal:

- Make allowances for proxy voting so that those eligible to vote do not have to be physically present at a class meeting in Hanover to participate;
- Require that business items for class meetings must be submitted 30 days prior to the meeting, so that the EC can inform classmates of issues and collect proxy votes, if necessary;
- Reduce quorum for a business meeting from one-tenth of the living members of the class to one-tenth of the dues-paying members of the class, a more achievable number;
- Allow classmates to directly elect our Alumni Council representative (the representative is currently appointed by the president);
- Include the Webmaster as an official officer of the class;
- Opt adopted classmates out of annual dues solicitations, unless they request otherwise.
- More minor changes include changes to include more gender-neutral language (such as to "chair" rather than "chairman") and a change in the class year to put us in conformance with current practice as required by the College (July 1 to June 30).

A complete copy of the proposed changes is available on the class website. Please take the time to look it over and, most importantly, attend the class meeting in Hanover on June 14 to vote on the document! If you can't make it to Hanover to participate, tell your friends who will be there that these changes are important to you.

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CLASS OFFICERS

Would you like to be more involved with class affairs? Do you have ideas about programs and services that you think classmates would enjoy? Now's your chance to get involved: the Class of 1999 is looking for volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee and as officers of the class. Nominating committee members Meg Cashion Lysy, Holly Smith Munsie and Jonah Sonnenborn would love to hear from you if you are interested in serving or if you have any questions about roles, responsibilities, or process.

IVY SPORT

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that we are now an official affiliate of Ivysport.com, a company that, in partnership with the Council of Ivy Group Presidents, was established to capture the rich tradition of the Ivy League in a line of current, classic and distinguished clothing.

All monies raised through our affiliations with corporate programs—Amazon, eBay, StubHub, and Travelocity in addition to Ivysport—have been earmarked by the Executive Committee solely for use in the Class Project Fund. The Class Project Fund currently supports Tucker Fellowships for current students performing a quarter of community service abroad and a Memorial Book program, which allows the class to tangibly keep alive the memories of our departed classmates through the purchase of a book at the Dartmouth Library that carries a special nameplate bearing the name of the classmate being honored.

If your Dartmouth apparel has seen better days, or if you are looking to outfit a new child, your purchases through Ivysport can help a worthy cause. Visit the Class of 1999 website at <https://dartmouth.org/classes/99/> and click on the link to Ivysport. This step is vital so that we can receive credit for your purchases and so that Ivysport directs earnings to our class.

CLOSE-UP: RENAI RODNEY



Renai Rodney received the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Award, an honor given to members of the Dartmouth and Upper Valley community who have contributed significantly to social justice, peace, civil rights, education, public health, or environmental justice.

Renai laid the foundation for her career in public service during her tenure at Dartmouth. As an undergraduate she created and coordinated the Afro-American Society's community service projects and co-chaired Dartmouth Community Services' North Country Weekend, which brought groups of urban youth to the Upper Valley for three-day visits. Renai also participated in the Oxbow 7th & 8th Grade Mentoring Program, advising adolescent girls on issues concerning study habits, ethics, diet, and self-esteem.

After graduating from Dartmouth with a degree in government, Renai coordinated and launched the Tucker Foundation's pilot internship program and partnership with the Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Newark, New Jersey (BGCN). During her post-graduate summer, she worked with the BGCN supervising its Dartmouth student volunteers and serving as a teaching assistant in the language arts. Renai went on to the Northwestern University School of Law, where she served as a law review editor and worked in the Bluhm Legal Clinic representing unlawfully evicted tenants. After earning her J.D., she continued to work in the field of housing law as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. Upon completing her fellowship, Renai served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ann Claire Williams of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In the fall of 2007, she joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, where she works investigating and prosecuting a broad range of criminal matters.

In addition to her legal pursuits, Renai volunteers with Voices International, a non-profit organization that she co-founded. Voices International carries out its mission to promote and sustain the economic and social well-being of people of color through education, cultural awareness, and advocacy by operating a mentoring project for adolescent girls in Chicago's Englewood community.

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