

Alma Matters



The Class of 1999 Newsletter

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Class News

In June 2004 **Alethea Smith** married Edward Varra in Dallas. **Shayna Rich** and Ellis Ford '00 both served as bridesmaids, and **Annette Gaynes** made it into town for the wedding. Alethea has a new daughter, Allison, and recently moved to Seattle to complete her internship in clinical psychology. Alethea reports that Shayna is in Maryland for medical school and is completing a MD/Ph.D. program.

Sue (Eastman) Baldwin and husband Tony Baldwin recently welcomed home a new addition to the family. Ella Baldwin was born April 13th, weighing in at 8 lbs., 4 ozs., and 21 inches. Mom, Dad, and baby are all healthy and happy. By the time Ella was 9 days old, she'd already been to her first soccer and baseball games.

For the past five years, **Christine (Shaner) Horning** and her husband, Luke, have called Leadville, Colorado home. In March, they welcomed their second daughter, Rose Margaret, into the world. Rose joins big sister, Adele, who is now a year and a half old.

Megan Phillips Drury married Philip Drury on November 20, 2004. The wedding party included a strong Dartmouth contingency: **Kelly (Johnson) Falquist**, Samantha Caldwell '98, **Kathleen deGuzman '99**, Christina (Maybaum) Casey '98, and **Erin Rewalt** (see photo, page 2). Philip is a rugby player from England who attended Exeter University and came to the States to work in Equity Capital Markets for Citigroup. The couple spends time in NYC, where Megan is graduating from NYU with her Masters in Art Therapy, and in their home in Millbrook, NY, where Megan continues to train and compete show jumping horses. They are expecting their first child in August.

By the time you receive this newsletter, class secretary **Tony Perry** will have married Ecaterina (Katya), who is originally from the Republic of Moldova (a small country that's between Romania and the Ukraine). Katya and Tony met last September and are both living in the UK, where Katya is studying for an Masters in European Union Integration at the University of Essex.

Ryan Calo is currently in Columbus, Ohio,



Alethea Smith's daughter, Allison. *Photo courtesy Alethea.*

where he is clerking for the Honorable R. Guy Cole, a federal appellate judge on the 6th Circuit. He graduated last May from the University of Michigan Law School, and after his clerkship ends, he and his girlfriend plan to head to San Francisco. Ryan and **Ben Seides** were groomsmen in Alok Pant '00s wedding this spring.

Atlanta continues to remain home for **Dave Dookeeram**, who has finished his MPH at Emory and worked at Emory Healthcare until March of this year. Last year he launched a healthcare consulting company, Hospital Medicine and has been running the practice full time since March. Dave is currently working on his doctorate at Medical University of South Carolina and rooms with **David Sussman**, who started working at the CDC last year. Dave also reports that Evette Robinson '00 joined Price WaterhouseCooper and is now also Atlanta-based as well.

Mike Novello and **Meg Funke** have moved to Houston, where Mike reportedly "gets to save the world (ok, not so much save, just make a small delay in catastrophe) by preaching the oxymoron of clean coal." The heat of Texas is offset somewhat by the ability to visit frequently with close friend **Chris Davilla**, who lives in Austin.

In May of last year **Dan Epstein** finished law school at Georgetown and then spent the summer

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getting ready for the California bar exam. After taking the bar, he spent nearly a month in Australia and New Zealand. (2005 was full of international travel, as he also visited Israel, Spain, and the Caribbean).

After flying back to the States from Australia last August, Dan almost immediately flew to New York,

where he was a groomsman in **Jake Halpern's** wedding to Tara Weinstein. **Matt Wrobel**, **Rob Winn** and his fiancé Mara Bishop Th '01, **David Kung** and his fiancé Andreea Gorbatei '03, **Matt Herman** '98 and his wife Lori, **Adi Herzberg** '00, **Greg Heltzer**, and **Jesse Travis** '00 were also in attendance. Jake and Tara are living in Manhattan Beach, CA, clerking for federal judges in the Central District of California.

Having to give up the traveling life in favor of a vacation, Dan headed back to California to start work in San Francisco, where he lived for a few years before law school. He's currently working in Palo Alto at Dechert LLP, doing intellectual property litigation. In addition to Rob and Mara, who also live in San Francisco, he regularly sees **Ben Hill** and **Margot Neebe**, who are living in Berkeley, where Ben is finishing up grad school and Margot is working for an advertising firm in San Francisco.

While many of us have given up the long travels for something that pays the bills, other classmates have turned travel into their paying job. A little birdie reported that **James Kaiser** was at the Winter Olympics in Turin, working as a photographer for Yahoo! Sports, and a little detective



Megan Phillips Drury and Phillip Drury's wedding party included (L-R) **Kelly (Johnson) Fallquist**, Samantha Caldwell '98, **Kathleen deGuzman '99**, Christina (Maybaum) Casey '98, and **Erin Rewalt**. Photo courtesy Megan.

work (relying heavily on Google) turned up his personal website (www.jameskaiser.com) with information about his books and travels. Incidentally, his book *Grand Canyon: The Complete Guide* won the Benjamin Franklin Award for Best Full-Color Travel Guide and the Independent Publisher Award for Best Travel Guide in 2005.

Austin Whitman is at the end of his second year in a 3-year joint master's degree program in business and environmental management at Yale. Austin says that it's a great program that covers the fundamentals of the MBA as well as much of the landscape around environmental strategy, policy-making, and science. He worked last summer at an environmental NGO in San Francisco, and when he wrote was narrowing down his options for this summer's internship. He did some traveling in Guatemala in January and spent spring break (early March) in Hawaii on the Big Island, working on a research project that involved conducting a baseline energy systems analysis and a material flow analysis of the island. Ultimately, working with people in government and non-government roles to identify opportunities to improve materials efficiency and energy use is Austin's goal.

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.

Summary Minutes Class Executive Committee Meetings

The Class of 1999 Executive Committee is your peer alumni conduit. The EC welcomes input and ideas for services to our classmates; email us at Class.of.99@alum.dartmouth.org. Following are abbreviated minutes of the two most recent meetings of the EC.

January 29

- General discussion about communications. The EC would like to make its activities as transparent and accessible as possible. Options discussed included a quarterly e-mail president's note to the class, posting minutes from EC calls on the website and in the newsletter, soliciting feedback through the class web page.

- Our class currently leads all classes in number of donors from the classes of '97 to '05, and compared to last year, our class is \$4,500 ahead of where we were in donations.

- Dues participation was lower than usual last year. A volunteer dues committee was formed.

- Classmates with children have indicated that we could better serve them; the EC will include parents and families in planning for targeted events and special activities at reunion.

- Dave Dookeeram volunteered to spearhead the class project effort, which is currently sponsorship of a Class of 1999 student fellowship through the Tucker Foundation.

- Some of our mini-reunion chairs have moved out of the areas for which they originally planned events. We welcome additional volunteers who can help us plan events in areas with concentrations of '99s.

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- To date 235 classmates have paid their dues and 139 have contributed to the project contributions (online as of 3/27 and mail-ins as of 3/1). The participation goal is still 35% for dues and 20% for the project. Subcommittee members wrote messages and contacted classmates to encourage participation.

- Class project update: to date we have \$2,620 in donations. The subcommittee would like to have these funds raised by the end of the fiscal year and will encourage classmates to contribute. Discussion ensued about whether to continue the project in coming years or to explore the possibility of changing to another College-approved project, or to continue with the Tucker Fellowship and add on additional projects. The committee is asking classmates for input in terms of projects they would like to see the Class of 1999 support.

- DCF update: to date the class is 85% of our goal of \$30,000. Our class has raised more than any peer class going back to 1996.

- The class will continue to publish five issues of Alma Matters per year in an effort to maintain communication between class-

mates; most peer classes publish just one or two each year. Ideas for feature articles are welcomed.

- Committee members volunteered to put together a mini-reunion spring/early summer in Portland, ME; Portland, OR; NYC; Atlanta; Charlotte, NC; Chicago; London. Events will be hosted in conjunction with either the local Dartmouth club or the '97s and '98s in joint efforts leading up to our 10th reunion together. The committee still needs volunteers from the class who would like to plan events.

- A communications subcommittee was formed.

- Continued discussion of the development of new initiatives for classmates who have children; a count of classmates with children was made.

- Our next reunion is just over two years away!

Are you an entrepreneur?

In an upcoming issue of the newsletter, we are planning a piece about entrepreneurship within the Class of 1999. If you would like to be included, please write to the class account at Class.of.99@alum.dartmouth.org with the subject "99 Entrepreneurs" by July 31 and we'll include you in the upcoming article.



Looking to make a difference in the life of a Dartmouth student?

Consider contributing to the Class of '99 project to fund a Tucker Fellowship. Visit

<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/projects.shtml> for info and to make your gift.

'99 Mini-Reunions!

Watch your e-mail for details about summer mini-reunions planned in these locations:

Atlanta
Charlotte
Chicago
London
New York City
Portland, ME
Portland, OR

Honor Roll of Class Dues Payers

A special thanks go out to the following classmates who have paid their dues via mail or online since the last newsletter went to press. Those names that are asterisked have contributed to the class project as well. For the most up-to-date listing of contributors, visit the class website at <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/>. The class executive committee uses class dues to fund your subscription to the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, the class newsletter Alma Matters, for mini-reunions, and for other class activities. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues by the end of our class' fiscal year, **June 30**.

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