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## THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



**CHICAGO MINI-REUNION:** Clockwise from top row, Kallie Willets, Jeff Fine, Landis Fryer, Juan Bell, Michelle Sweetser, Chloe Rowe, Gretchen Saegh.

**CLASS NEWS—Chris and Wendy (Soutsos) Holden** welcomed their first son into the world on February 26, 2007. Parker David Holden weighed 8 lbs 3 ozs and was 21 ¼ inches long. The family is doing great. Chris continues to work in finance for CZE Castle Integration, while Wendy is taking some time off from teaching to be with Parker. She will continue to keep busy by coaching ice hockey (as if being a mom isn't enough).

**Alice (Nelson) Herlihy** and Dan Herlihy '00 welcomed their son Charles Nelson Herlihy on January 28, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs 6 ozs. The family lives in Richmond, VA, where Alice is in her 2nd year of an internal medicine residency. **Katie Catapano** and **Clancy Broxton** just made a trip from DC to meet him. Alice recently spotted **Travis Gardener** shaving his head to raise money for kids with cancer on "Saint Baldricks Day."

**Michelle (Ott) Batt** and her husband Bob (Thayer '00 Tuck '04) welcomed their

first child, daughter Annika, on February 26, 2007. The family is doing well and continues to reside in Hanover, NH. Michelle resigned her job as Assistant Director of the MEM Program at Thayer School to be home with Annika. She misses working with students, faculty, and alumni at Thayer School but is enjoying her new role as a mom.

**Emily (Csatari) Poulin** and Randall Poulin '97 welcomed their daughter Maggie on September 24, 2006. The Poulins have lived in Fairfax, VA for the last five years.

**Brooks Foster** got engaged in March to Brenna Tanzosh. His environmental law and civil litigation practice is keeping him busy. When he has a spare moment, he enjoys kayaking, playing sax in a rock band, and spending time with Brenna and their dogs, Buddy and Bo. He is going scuba diving in Cozumel in June with **Dave** and **Meg Lysy**.

**Jessica Baldwin** is about to take on a new role managing special education at City

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Classmates,

It's hard to believe it, but by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have less than one year until our 10th reunion. Mark your calendars for **JUNE 13-15, 2008** and plan to join us in Hanover for a fabulous reunion. I am very happy to announce that Jeff Fine has agreed to serve as one of our 10th reunion co-chairs. Jeff served with me in chairing the 5th reunion, and I am certain that the reunion committee will benefit from his knowledge and experience. I am still working to identify a co-chair for reunion and hope to report on that soon. Many of you have already volunteered to serve on the reunion committee, and I am certain that with the efforts of all of our volunteers, it will be a fun and memorable weekend. Look for a more comprehensive update from Jeff elsewhere in this issue.

In the past two years, many of you have made an additional contribution to our class project—a Tucker Fellowship—at the same that you paid your class dues. Thanks to those of you who made possible our funding of Johann Maradey, who worked with World Wide Humanitarian Aid in Ghana. Through your contributions, we have also raised enough funds to support another Tucker Fellow this fall. I hope you will continue to contribute to this project, which allows a current Dartmouth student to engage in service learning, community service and personal growth.

While your direct contributions will remain the main source of funding for class projects benefiting current Dartmouth students, the Executive Committee realizes that there are other creative ways that our class can raise funds for our philanthropic efforts with little work on our part. We have decided to join the affiliate programs of several major companies with which you probably already conduct business. A commission on the transactions you make with these corporate sponsors will flow directly to the Class and is specifically earmarked to benefit our Tucker Fellowship project.

There's no cost to you—simply visit the class website the next time you plan to purchase books; secure sports or concert tickets; find a previously owned or new item via auction; or make travel arrangements. With a simple click from our class webpage (<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/>), you can quickly make your purchase through these companies—just as you normally would—while also benefiting current Dartmouth students.

It's a simple way to make a difference for Dartmouth students with little effort on your part. I encourage you to try it out!



Michelle Sweester  
Class of '99 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 dues before June 30th!**

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

Collegiate PCS in Washington, DC, where she has been teaching mathematics and science.

**Liz Cullen** is going to China this summer in between the first and second year of her Master's degree program in international affairs at Columbia University.

**Healy Jones** married Michelle Shinn (University of Texas '00) at the Philadelphia Zoo on April 21st, 2007. They are currently both completing their MBA at Wharton and will graduate in May of 2007. Dartmouth folks who attended included: **Erik Berg, George Braun, Lee Bronsick, Ian Campbell, Alexa Hanke, Eugene Kim, Mike Lepene, Alton Lo, Blair Schmicker, Duncan Simmons, David Smith '98, Ruth Douzinas '98, Andy Lewis '00, Eric Wagner '00, Farouk Ladha '96.**

**Kate Demling** lives out in Boulder, CO with her husband Adam Hayes and their dog and cat. Kate and Adam Hayes got married in Marblehead, MA on August 14, 2005. The couple met out in Boulder, CO. **Karen Yen** and **Nicole Matthias** had attended the wedding. Adam is a Human Anatomy Instructor at Colorado University and Kate is the director of a program for teenage mothers who want to continue high school and graduate. She received her Masters in Social Work from the University of Denver after skiing in Vail for 2 years after college. Kate and Adam continue to be die-hard Red Sox and Pats fans and return to Boston every summer for a couple games.

**Kevin Findlan** recently flew out to Johannesburg, South Africa to visit fellow classmate **Jen Chon**, who currently works there as a consultant. Jen maintains her connection to the College by conducting alumni interviews with prospective students.

**Scotty McConnaughey** recently returned from South Africa, where she traveled with **Claire Riley**. At the end of their trip they attended the wedding of **Risana Zitha** and Nobantu Mbeki in the beautiful Drakensburg mountains. Also in attendance were **Jonah Sonnenborn, Jay Gracileri, Lauren Goody, Don Philibert, Scott Milne, and Christen Bateson.**

**Matthew Clendenny** proposed to his girlfriend, Clare Morgan, while visiting her family in Sydney, Australia last Christmas. She was kind enough to say yes. They first met five years earlier when Clare was in New York City on business. The two became



Left: Healy Jones and his wife Michelle Shinn at their wedding in Philadelphia, PA.

Below: Kate Demling and her husband Adam Hayes at their wedding in Marblehead, MA.



far-flung correspondents and friends, but two years later, when Clare moved from Sydney to New York to pursue a Masters at Columbia University, they began dating. Their wedding is scheduled for December 2007 in Sydney. Until then, Clare and Matthew are at home in New York, where they work in consulting and finance, respectively.

Jenn and **Graham Gunst** have happily purchased a home in Graham's hometown of Kentfield, CA. Jenn continues to lead the public's opinion with her work at Hill & Knowlton. Graham meanwhile is molding the minds of consumers with his work in one-to-one marketing at Nimblefish. They enjoyed seeing **Scottie J** out West during his interview process and can't wait for him to come back to the Bay Area when he graduates from HBS this spring.

*Remember to send us your news updates for upcoming issues of the class newsletter! Either use the green reply card or email the editor at [99news@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:99news@alum.dartmouth.org).*

# OUR 10TH REUNION

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 13 – 15, 2008

A year from now, we will be gathering in Hanover to celebrate our 10th reunion. It promises to be a very exciting weekend! For this reunion (and our next two), we will be joined by the classes of 1997 and 1998. The majority of the meals and events will be for members of all three classes. There will also be a few '99 only events. We have started planning many great events, and a preliminary schedule will be coming out soon. There will be great entertainment, meals, panels, receptions, special events, and much, much more. We are also planning some programs for our classmates with children. The reunion will begin late Friday afternoon and end around noon on Sunday. While the campus has changed with new buildings going up (and coming down...the "Shower Tower" is now a pile of dirt...), Dartmouth is still a very special place. We had a great time at the 5th reunion with amazing turnout. Our 10th reunion promises to be a special weekend as well.

I am very excited to be serving as one of our class's reunion chairs. I am grateful to Michelle and the Executive Committee for asking me to serve in this position. It is a true honor. A large event such as our reunion would not be possible if not for the involvement and commitment of the Reunion Committee. Over twenty members of our class have volunteered to serve on the committee. The members of the committee bring a myriad of perspectives and experiences to the planning process. We have members both from inside and outside of the Executive Committee, a few who served on our 5th reunion committee and many who did not. Committee members include parents, people who have worked in event planning and catering, people who work in marketing and communications, people from all over the country, and people who want to help us plan the best reunion possible! I am grateful for everyone's willingness to help and very excited to be working with all of the members of the committee.

As we begin planning, one thing that would be very helpful is for you to update your email address with us. We have heard from many of you that you no longer check your alumni account because of SPAM. If you have stopped receiving our email updates or would prefer they go to a different address, please drop us a note at [class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org). Email will be one of our primary means of communication (and our timeliest), so please make sure we have your up-to-date info.

I look forward to seeing you next June 13-15 in Hanover at our tenth reunion. Mark your calendars now. It promises to be a great weekend.

All the best,

Jeff Fine  
Tenth Reunion Co-Chair

## LET'S GET LINKEDIN!

**The Class of 1999 recently formed a LinkedIn Group. LinkedIn is a leading professional networking website with over 9 million members. It focuses on career connections, job and consulting opportunities, and referrals. The Class of '99 group allows members of the group to network with each other and share professional connections and business contacts. Visit their website at**

**<http://www.Linkedin.com> to join or to get more information about the site.**

**If you are already a member of LinkedIn and would like to join the Class of '99 LinkedIn Group, please access the group invitation at: <http://snipurl.com/1t6d> .**

**If you have questions about the LinkedIn Group, please email us at [class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org) .**

## CLASS OF 1999 DUES PAYEES March – April 2007

*\*Indicates classmate also contributed to the class project*

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# CLASS OF 1999 SURVEY REPORT

BY MICHELLE SWEETSER

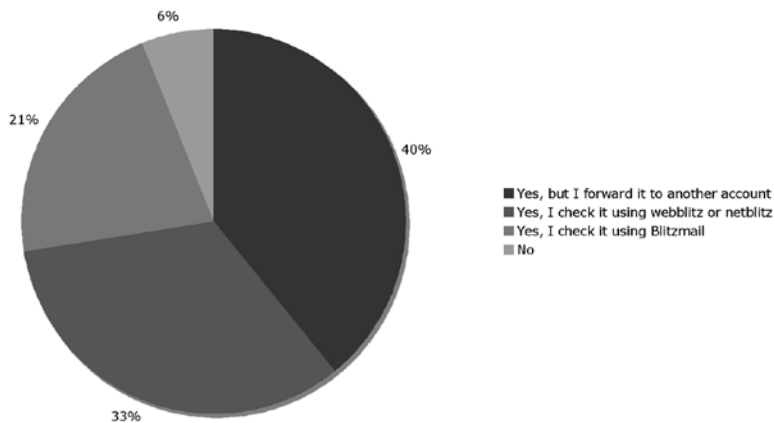
In late January and early February, 245 of the 997 classmates (24.5%) for whom we had valid e-mail addresses completed an online class survey created by the class Executive Committee. We created this survey because we wanted to better inform ourselves about how our current activities are perceived and how we can better serve you in the future. Our efforts are to benefit you, the Class of 1999 and the College community at large. We want to ensure that we maximize our time and money, and provide services that are both meaningful and desirable.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the survey! We appreciate your frank assessment of our efforts. As the Executive Committee begins the planning process for the next fiscal year, we will take your opinions into account as we set our direction for the class. While we had a relatively high response rate of 24.5%, we recognize that it may not be entirely representative and was most likely answered by those classmates who are at either end of the spectrum: extremely pleased or extremely dissatisfied with the direction of the class.

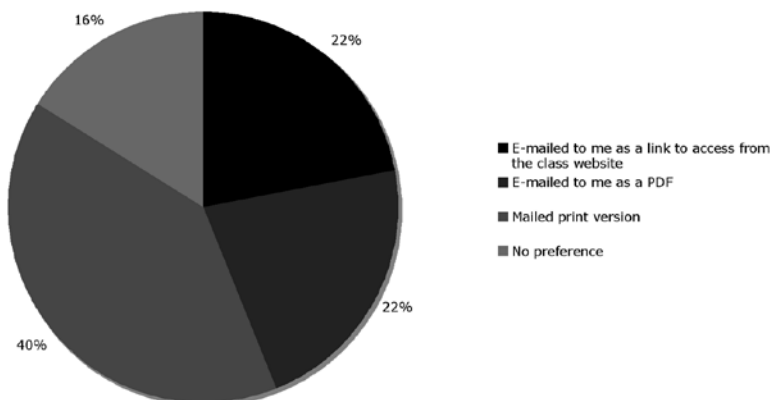
We've included a brief overview of the survey results on this and the following page. A slightly expanded version is available for download from the class website.

Many thanks to the Class Survey Committee—Dave Dookeeram, Kevin Findlan, Jeff Fine, Rex Morey, and Tony Perry—for their assistance in preparing the survey and analyzing the data. And thanks again to those classmates who shared their opinions with us.

Do you still use your Dartmouth alumni e-mail account? (Check all that apply.)



Would you prefer to receive your newsletter electronically or via the mail?



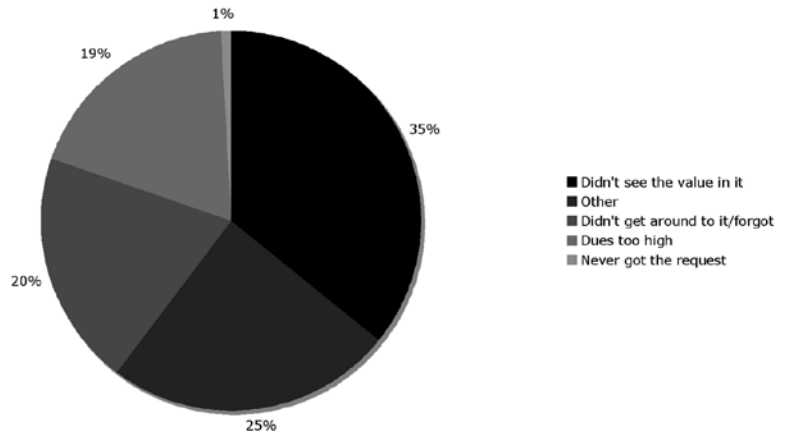
## COMMUNICATIONS

- More than 95% of respondents receive and read our paper newsletters, the most effective means of communication with our classmates.
- 44% of respondents want an emailed link or PDF version of the newsletter, 40% want a print version only.
- Visits to the class website are primarily driven by emails. Nearly half of respondents didn't know a class website existed or have never been to it.
- Monthly or quarterly e-mails from the class executive committee are preferred by survey respondents.
- 80% of respondents have HTML-enabled email functionality; only 25% actually use the Blitzmail application. The majority check this e-mail source daily.

**CLASS DUES**

- The mailed Dues Letter (65%) and the e-mailed letter (40%) were the top two communications that prompted classmates to pay their dues (people could select more than one).
- The main reason people did not pay their dues was they did not see the value (45%). Several write-in responses indicated classmates did not know how their dues were used. 58% said they would be more likely to pay if they had more information about how their dues were spent.

What is the primary reason you did not pay dues for one or more years? (Check all that apply.)



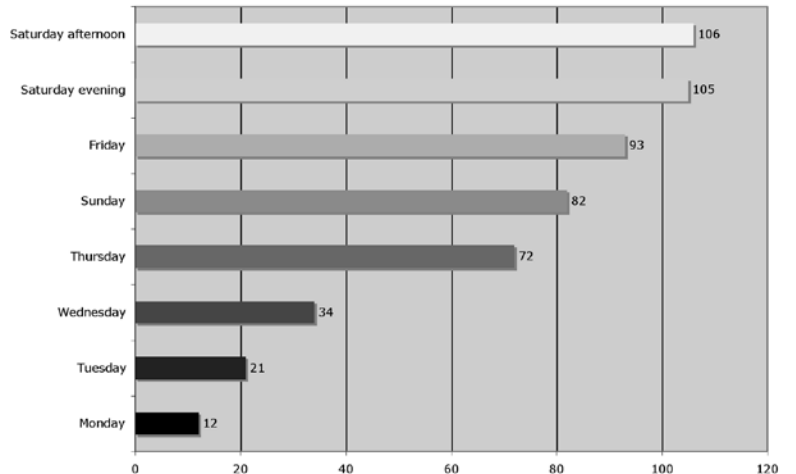
**CLASS PROJECTS**

- In terms of class projects to raise funds for Dartmouth, Financial Aid (65% as first choice, 81% as first or second choice) was the most supported option. Community Service was second (21% as first choice, 53% as first or second choice). Academic awards was a distant third (7% as first, 30% as first or second)

**MINI-REUNIONS**

- 28% of respondents have attended mini-reunions since graduation, with New York City (31%) and Boston (29%) being the top locations amongst those who attended mini-reunions. A full 72% of respondents have not attended mini-reunions.
- If there were a charge for mini-reunions, respondents indicated they'd be most likely to pay between \$20 and \$30 to attend.
- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are the best days to hold mini-reunions.

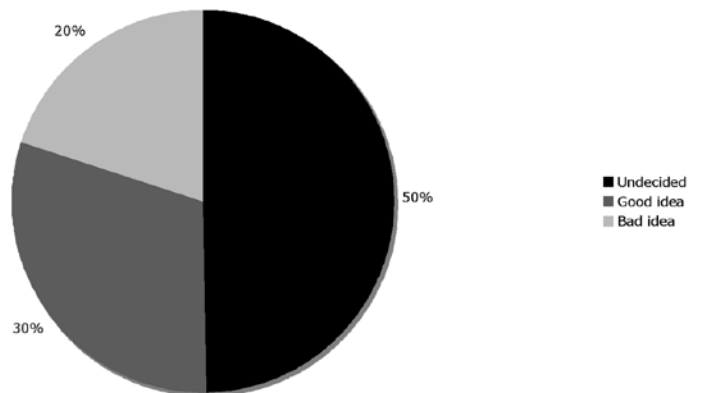
What are the best days to hold a class mini-reunion? (Check all that apply.)



**REUNION**

- The majority of respondents (65%) indicated they planned to attend reunion in June 2008.
- Respondents overwhelmingly state that they would most likely be persuaded to attend our 10th reunion by the attendance list: the number of other classmates and friends who will be in attendance (53%). Cost, the next most persuasive factor, was cited 12 times.

How do you feel about the Class of '99 establishing an awards program of some sort?



**AWARDS**

- Respondents appear to be ambivalent about the creation of an award to recognize classmates (50% undecided). If we were to create an award, respondents prefer that we recognize community service in general.

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# TURNING 30 MINI-REUNIONS

**LOS ANGELES:** (1) Arthur Desrosiers, Neelu Jain, Melissa Nagare, Arthur's guest, Amir Nahai

**CHARLOTTE:** (2) Melissa Rikard, Todd Spanish, Audra Spanish, Bo Hinton

**BOSTON:** (3) Emily Schopick, Jeff Munsie, Holly Smith Munsie, John Muckle (4) David Lipman, Matt Garvey, Allison Lee (5) Jennifer Holden, Liz Castellani, Emily Schopick (6) Paul Costello, Sara Zrike

**NEW YORK:** (7) (8) Jon Hummel, Travis Buono, Hai Gi Li, Catie Grimes, Mike Ho, and others.

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