

Alma Matters



The Class of 1999 Newsletter

Holiday 2002

Give a Damn - Save Dartmouth Swimming

by Landis G. Fryer

Hey, folks! So many things to talk with you about, so little space! First things first, I hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday season. We all know that this is a season for giving, sharing and appreciating the things that make us happy. For many of us, this season is a time to spread joy to others and revel in the happiness and kindness of the human spirit. Some of you will get terrific things this season from loved ones and from friends. Now if any of you get an extra DVD player or PS2, please send it to me right away. I'll also take postdated checks, Paypal and any unused cellular phone minutes. If you are with AT&T, by the way, DO NOT ROAM! Forty-seven minutes cost me forty-three dollars when I was roaming in New Hampshire.

Anyway, I don't know about this "Holiday Season" thing anymore. Do you all remember when we were kids? I remember this time of the year meant I could make a list using my neatest penmanship and give it to my parents, who made sure Santa would get it in time for Christmas morn. My brother, sister and I would rush to the tree early (5am early—I could not IMAGINE getting up that early nowadays) to see an almost magical amount of toys for us to break by the next morning. Now the magic of Christmas is kinda gone. Is it that I'm too old? I get one gift a year, if I'm lucky. And my family loves to do gag gifts. You all know what I'm talking about—the "ohmigod-won't-it-be-funny-if-I-ruined-someone's-holiday-vacation-White Elephant" gift. One year, it was a pair of fuzzy chicken slippers. The next year it was a gawky, horribly ugly fake gold dollar store chain with a lionhead medallion. People, the medallion had red rhinestones for eyes. Boy, I loved that gift, I tell you! My cousin told me it was for me to get back to my "roots" in case I forgot where I was from (some of you will find that very funny) and it came in a brown paper bag no less. Everyone thinks it's funny to give Landis the gag gift. I don't. Except one time my family got together to get for one of my cousins about seven gifts with the black and white Dalmatian/Berkshire cow design, simply because we knew she hated it. She got a purse and some pants to match, among other things, all with the spotted design. I had to duck when she launched the cow-shaped salt and pepper shakers across the room.

As it turns out though, I almost always get a gag gift. Some of you might think, well if those are the gag gifts, what are the real gifts? I mean a "gag" gift is just that—it's for laughs and photo opportunities. My "real" gift should be in a box wrapped neatly somewhere. For the last three years, there has not been a real gift for me. So that hideous lionhead medallion on a fake gold chain WAS my Christmas gift. I cried. Hell, I'm crying now. Needless to say, I do not look

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Class News

by Michelle Sweetser

The bulk of the news this issue comes from New England. Want to see your region or friends represented? Send in your news – fill out the enclosed green card and drop it in the mail or send an e-mail to the class account: Class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org.

New England

Amy Stone Altizer attended Adrienne Wilson and David Wagner's wedding in August in Dallas, Texas. According to Amy, "the wedding was beautiful and the bride was beaming!" There were many Dartmouth alumni in attendance. **Maria-Angelica Martinez**, Erica Tower '98 and Amy served as bridesmaids. **Jennifer Blankenship**, **Leigh Eisenman**, and **Kristen Chartier** were in the House Party. Groomsmen included **Jon Lee**, **Doug Lee**, George Baker '00, **Justin Evans**, and **Jeff Munsie**. Other 99s in attendance included **Cori Meneley** and **Jennifer Kaye**. David and Adrienne now reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts were David continues to work for the same consulting firm and Adrienne is getting her Masters in education from Harvard.

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forward to Christmas morning like I used to. Humbug.

Let's see. . . I know that this is late, but it was really good seeing all of the folks that were there for Homecoming. The Young Alumni Wine and Cheese party was really neat, and there was a decent amount of folks there. I hope you all had a good time at the old stomping ground! For those of you who did not make it, you may be surprised to know that for the first time (in my memory of nine Homecomings) that it *snowed* during the parade and the Bonfire Friday night. Some older alums were saying that they had never seen snow on Homecoming before. It was a sight, folks, and it did not stop the 06s from running around the Bonfire partially nude (glasscutters, anyone?) In other Dartmouth news, the Swimming and Diving programs have been cut, which is B.S. The irony is that they still require all students to pass a swim test in order to graduate. I would try to rally our class to get some money together to help, but 99s have a horrible track record of giving. Most of us claim we are "broke," fewer of us give to the DCF or the Class Treasury, and we sit back and shout when things like this happen. Give a damn and give a dime! I always pay class dues and I gave \$20 dollars to Financial Aid not too long ago just because. I mean, I will have to skip out on about four Value Meals from Mickey D's, but my "belt of fat" could use the break.

On to the next—do you all realize that we are halfway to our fifth year reunion? I don't know about you all, but I thought that I would have been doing so much more than I'm doing now. Some of you are off doing wonderful things and enjoying the world, and here I am, sitting in front of a computer, wondering why, if I was going to move south of Hanover, did I stop in Boston and not keep going. I mean I love Cambridge, and Boston is a neat town. It's just too cold (glasscutters anyone?). I shoulda followed Dave Altman to Georgia. He seems to be having a good time down there, and knowing him, he's probably still wearing shorts on the weekends. That weather must be nice.

On to the next—United Airlines declared bankruptcy not too long ago, and things for the airline industry are going to shake up. What's odd to me is that that the airline industry even operates, considering that it's never turned a profit. Ever. And I love United too. They go straight to the Chi from Manchester daily. They'll probably end that service and Southwest will gain the monopoly. But Southwest is a cool airline. In fact, I was on the plane with 16 other people once, and I always read the safety instruction card that is in the seat pocket in front of me. Clearly I have been on enough flights to not read the card, but it's either a habit or a superstition that I always have to read it. Really though, you never know that the nearest exit may be behind you. Anyway, I was reading the card as they were giving the safety routine, and the flight attendant saw me reading it. I guess he was surprised because after they were finished, he came by and said "Were you reading the safety instruction card?" "Yeah" I chuckled, since I thought it was kind of a silly that I still had the card in my hand looking at the freakishly content cartoon people bracing themselves in a crashing plane. "Well, I'll bring you a free beer or something!" "Thanks!" I said. So by simply reading the safety instruction card, I got free booze on a plane. And let me tell you all, if you have never had liquor (and I promise not to drink anymore) on a plane, try it. After one Heiny I was feeling *nice* (glasscutters, anyone?).

Ok, I'm running out of space and ideas. Quickly—no war in Iraq; don't buy a SUV; drink better water; have a merry season; save Dartmouth Swimming!

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Amy also notes that Leigh Eisenman, Jennifer Blankenship, and Cori Meneley are all newly engaged and planning their own weddings!

Speaking of Adrienne, she wrote in to tell of seeing a number of classmates in Hanover over Homecoming Weekend: **Scotty McConnaughey, Debbie Bender, Sara Zrike, Karen Yen, Cassie Miller, Roy Wildeman, Pam Smith, Jeff Munsie, Holly Smith, Kyle Roderick, Arthur Desrosiers, James Gallo, Meg Cashion, Dave Lycy, Dave Altman, Emily Csatari Poulin, Jon Lee, Doug Lee, Charles Gibson, John Muckle, Ed Lalanne, Cara Mathews, and Lindsay McOmber.**

James Gallo just completed his Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Fellowship at Dartmouth where he was working in the Development and Alumni Relations Offices and is now in the process of applying to business schools. During Homecoming Weekend, he also ran into lots of 99s, including Dave Altman, **Landis Fryer**, Arthur Desrosiers, Kyle Roderick, **Catherine Maxson**, Sara Zrike, Debbie Bender, and **Sean Taylor**. It was a cold weekend in Hanover and unfortunately the football team lost to Harvard. Landis is no longer in Hanover, but wishes he was still here. He's working at A Better Chance (ABC) as a program coordinator and is living with Kyle Roderick. Catherine Maxson is in her second year of law school at Boston College and is living with Sara Zrike, who is a teacher in the Boston area.

James also reports that **Fatema Choudhury** is back in New York working at the law firm of Gibson & Behman where she is a first year associate and that **Jorge Valcarcel** is a budding entrepreneur, starting an import business from Morocco with connections

he made during his FSP in Fez. And no, he's not importing anything illegal!

Dan Mielcarz and **Ann Sharfstein** were married in Hanover on August 10, 2002. Their ceremony was in Rollins Chapel with a reception at the Hanover Inn. That evening, the Baker bells played "Here Comes The Bride", as requested by Ann's mom! Their wedding party included Ann's sister Jenny Sharfstein '04 (maid of honor) and **Liz Kane, Reggie Soni, Pete Woodruff,** and **Dustin Rubenstein.**

Other Dartmouth folks in attendance included Ann's father, Howard Sharfstein '67, her uncle, Steven Sharfstein '64, **Scott Wagner**, Sara Zrike, **Adam Pearson**, Katy Weiss Rubenstein '00, Jessica Penchos '01, Matt Richards '01, Jim Peck '67 and Gerry Paul '66.

Dan and Ann are living in Arlington,

MA and reportedly, "loving married life." Ann enjoys her new job as a first grade teacher/early elementary reading specialist at a public school in Arlington and Dan is still busy with his biotech job at Antigenics.

Providing an update on a number of classmates in Boston is **Kate Botham**, who reports: **Dave Sussman** is currently studying international policy at the Fletcher School, **Scott Braman** is working as a free-lance documentary producer, **Andrew Ferrone** is a bona fide engineer, **Nader Akhnoukh** started his own computer software company, **Allison Sands** is saving the world and fundraising for a cutting-edge inner-city middle school, **Leslie Kinsey** teachers Herman Melville and Don Delillo to high school boys, and **Marti Devereaux** is designing and marketing a brand-new AMC lodge in the Whites. Kate is building bridges between Harvard University and indigenous grassroots leaders from around the world.



Photo courtesy Jillian Gronski

A group of '99s at a recent alumni event in Boston. Front row (L-R): Brian Salazar, Kyle Roderick, Rex Morey, Nahoko Kawakyu. Back row: Landis Fryer, David Wagner, Adrienne Wilson Wagner, Kristen Chartier, Debbie Bender, Jeff Munsie, James Gallo, and Mike Ho.

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Jasmine Elwick is a first year law student at Yale, and I received a green card from Taiwan, where **Josephine Huang's** mother returned it, reporting that Josie is working as a journalist in Portland, Maine.

Mid-Atlantic and South

Courtney duBois is living in Mercersburg, PA as the assistant director of admissions at Mercersburg Academy. She enjoys living in the dorms, where she serves as an advisor to students and a coach for diving and lacrosse. Courtney reports that **Emily Atkinson** is well and doing similar work at St. Andrews School in Delaware, where she recently visited her.

After graduation, **Jean Saunders** moved to San Francisco for Gap Inc. corporate management program and was hired to run a global production department in Banana Republic's Women's Division. She missed the east coast and took time off to spend time with friends and family at home in Charleston, SC. She started law school at the University of South Carolina this fall and loves it. Earlier this year she visited **Kelsey Bostwick**, **Alyce Erdekian**, and **Ram Murali** during several visits to New York City.

Matt Stenbridge was married to Kirsten Anderson, a graduate from Pacific Lutheran University, on August 17th in Minneapolis, MN. **Chris Warren** was his best man. **Alex Porcaro**, **Kevin Gallagher**, **Matthew Clendenny**, **Jason Albertson**, **Jon Heaton**, and **Rob Isaacs** were also in attendance. Matt has been in DC almost 2 years and works for Greenpeace coordinating an intensive, 18-month training program for new campaigners. Kirsten works for the political arm of Lutheran World Relief.

Matt reports that Chris Warren is back in school at Georgetown getting a dual masters in English and modern performing arts with an emphasis on dance interpretations of Shakespeare, and that Alex Porcaro is still in San Francisco where last he heard Alex was working at the public radio station, KQED, as their online editor, and has started to take evening classes in massage therapy.

In April, **Sara Bauer** married Chris Alexander

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Spotlight: Pa

By Michelle Sweetser

After Dartmouth, Pauline Christo entered law school at Boston College Law School. She graduated cum laude in May 2002 and studied for the New York State bar exam. She earned a Fulbright Fellowship and has been in Athens, Greece since September. I recently spoke with Pauline about her experience.

How did you decide to pursue a Fulbright?

I decided to pursue a Fulbright because it permits me both to live outside the United States for an extended period of time and to pursue an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law. I decided that I wanted to pursue an interdisciplinary approach to legal research after working with Professor Yen. Although Professor Yen's specialty, intellectual property, seems at first to have nothing to do with international law, his approach of looking at how law affects individuals and firms, often in unintended ways, inspired me to examine the Lausanne Convention from the perspective of those forced from their ancestral lands.

What are you researching as a part of the Fulbright?

I am researching refugee narratives of people forcibly displaced from their ancestral lands as a result of the Lausanne Convention, a treaty that imposed a compulsory population exchange between Greece and Turkey in 1923. In particular, I will be using the large oral history archive available at the Centre for Asia Minor Studies in Athens, as well as examining memoirs, poetry, and song lyrics describing the refugee experience.

How did you become interested in that topic?

I had two fortuitous meetings in college that in retrospect served as the inspiration. In September of my sophomore year, I met a Greek-American whose grandmother was born in Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey). He would often talk about the stories she told him about her experiences as a refugee in Athens af-

Pauline Christo - Fulbright Scholar

ter she was forced to leave her ancestral home. Then, while I was visiting Turkey later that same year, my tour guide there told me that his grandmother often reminisced about her home in Crete before “The Exchange” forced her to leave. I later learned that “The Exchange” referred to the compulsory exchange of Muslim and Christian populations between Greece and Turkey imposed by the 1923 Lausanne Convention.

What is it like living in Greece? Have you met any Dartmouth alumni in Europe?

Living in Greece, particularly Athens, is both wonderful and terrible to be honest. The wonderful parts are the weather, the food, and the seemingly infinite number of museums, galleries, and cafes. As someone who has lived almost her entire life in the north-east, it is amazing to be able to sit outside and drink coffee in mid-December. Of course, Greece isn't the Bahamas and outdoor heaters are needed to make this possible, but still it is wonderful. The terrible part is the constant construction as Athens prepares for the 2004 Olympics and as a result of that the almost neverending traffic. It is an exciting time to be living here, particularly for someone interested in international law, with Greece acquiring the EU presidency in January, the recent introduction of the Euro last January, and the current negotiations relating to Cyprus. I have met one Dartmouth alum and two Tuck alums while here. The Dartmouth alum is now an economics professor at the University of La Verne in Athens and I met him at a college fair that was hosted by the Fulbright Commission in Greece. As for the Tuck alums, it turns out they are a couple. I ran into the husband at the supermarket where I stopped to talk to him when I saw his Tuck tee-shirt. I met his wife at the Center where I take Greek lessons. At some point, she mentioned she went to business school in New Hampshire and the Dartmouth Connection was made.

Any advice for classmates interested in research opportunities or thinking about living abroad for an extended period of time?

As for advice, I would suggest taking any chance that is available to live and work abroad. I have learned far more than I ever expected and I have gained an understanding of Greece living here that I could not have gained being here just for a vacation. On the other hand, I do not know about other countries, but it is far more difficult to conduct research in Greece than in the United States. Library facilities, where available, are limited both in the materials they have and the hours they are open to the public. Also, in the cases where extensive archives are available, they are not organized in a manner to make them easily accessible to the researcher, particularly a foreign researcher. Even with these difficulties, overall my experience has been quite pleasant.



What do you see yourself doing at the conclusion of the fellowship?

When I received my Fulbright, the law firm I worked at as a Summer Associate in 2001, Seward & Kissel, graciously agreed to defer my start date to September 2003. Thus, I will be returning to work for them as a full time associate. In my free time, I will be working on transforming the material I have uncovered during my research into publishable form.

For additional information Pauline Christo can be reached via email at Pauline.Christo.99@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG. If you know of other classmates who are doing work that would make a great profile, please let editor Michelle Sweetser know by sending her an e-mail at Class.of.1999@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG.

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(Georgetown '98) in Charlotte, NC, where they have been living with their son, Kevin, for the past two years. **Stephanie Nearpass**, college roommate extraordinaire, was one of Sara's bridesmaids. After the wedding, Chris took Sara on a surprise honeymoon to Jamaica where they had their own villa with a private beach, cook, housekeeper, gardener, and driver. Sara says the spoiling was great! Upon returning to reality, the couple made the decision to make an addition to the family and are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of their second son in February.

Sara quit her job and started working at Addison Whitney, a branding consultancy firm in Charlotte, as a Name Development Coordinator, where she gets to name new products, companies, pharmaceuticals, and the like.

Erik Tanouye co-wrote and is currently starring in an off-Broadway comedic play called Red Christmas (redchristmas.stomping-ground.net). Roommate and alphabetically adjacent Dartmouth graduate Sean Taylor is also a cast member. In addition, the duo are performing together around New York City as part of the improv comedy troupe Stomping Ground (www.stomping-ground.net). If you plan on being in the area, drop them an email and plan to attend a show or two.

New homeowners **Ben Bawden** and **Alli Brugg Bawden** purchased their first real estate in the DC suburb of Kensington, MD, and are adjusting to life outside the city. Most Monday evenings, they have hosted football parties, where they see fellow 99s: **Chris Chang**, **Bethany Crenshaw**, **Seth Kelly**, **Mike Conway**, and **Chris Warren**, plus **Tim Reynolds '00**. Alli has enrolled in the graduate program at Ameri-

can University, where she is getting her Masters in Public Administration.

Rupa Mukherjee is a third year medical student at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. While she is enjoying the program, Rupa says she's "basically living at the hospital right now!"

West

Portland is now home to **Liz French** and her boyfriend, J.D. Storm '01, who moved there in May. Liz got a temp job in July, and on Halloween, the company offered her a regular position. She is doing natural resource management, including wetland delineations, site investigations and stormwater management. J.D. is going to be on the ski patrol this winter at the Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, and Liz will likely work there part-time as a snowboard instructor. **Kate Turpin**, Liz's roommate for her MEM year at Thayer, moved out to Portland a week before she did, and Liz sees her on a

regular basis. Kate currently is working as a mechanical engineer.

Alexis Buntun reports that she is advancing to candidacy for her PhD in anthropology at UCLA.



Photo courtesy Sara Alexander
Sara Bauer Alexander, her husband, Chris Alexander, and their son Kevin, on Sara's wedding day in April.

Program in 2003 for Young Alumni: NYC, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO

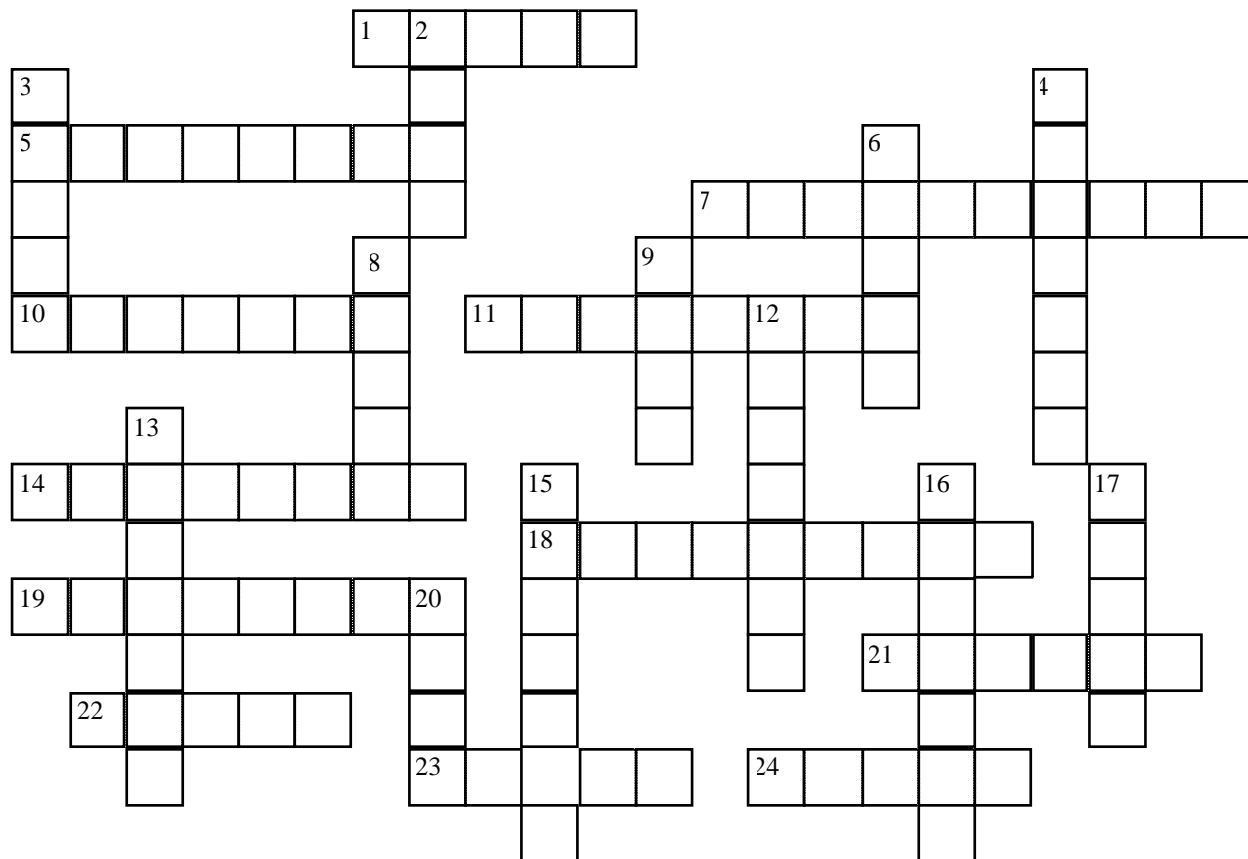
In today's uncertain economy, it can appear unclear to many college graduates how best to establish a successful career path. Indeed, as former Labor Secretary Robert Reich (D'68) famously predicted, for most young alumni the prospect of having multiple careers in a lifetime is the new realism. Fortunately, a response has begun to emerge that provides hope. There is growing recognition that entrepreneurial behavior brings significant benefits to anyone's career path.

We invite you and other young Dartmouth alumni for a special event to learn more about how you can become more entrepreneurial, regardless of your particular career path, and learn more about the entrepreneurial eco-system in Hanover. This event also provides an opportunity to hear from a panel range of Dartmouth entrepreneurs, and meet other young alumni interested in realizing value in a wide variety of endeavors by being more entrepreneurial. Co-sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and Venture Initiatives, this program is open to all Dartmouth alumni who graduated in the past ten years. The fee for the program will be \$10, and includes a cocktail reception to follow the program. Stay tuned to - www.dartmouth.org - for more details coming soon...

Take a Break II

by Jeffrey Fine

Take a break this holiday season and test your memory about our years in Hanover!



Across

- 1. New Hampshire and Vermont rivalry over this sweet food, with 23 across
- 5. Ben & Jerry's
- 7. Number we associate with 4 down
- 10. Pop 9,530
- 11. February tradition
- 14. Favorite golf course activity
- 18. Signature missing ingredient
- 19. Road trip tradition to the North
- 21. Tourists come to campus to peep these
- 22. Not our mascot
- 23. see 1 across
- 24. Primary use of computers

Down

- 2. This newsletter, with 15 down
- 3. June 2004, with 13 down
- 4. Homecoming tradition
- 6. see 17 down
- 8. Our color
- 9. 11 across icon's material
- 12. other side of the Connecticut
- 13. see 3 down
- 15. see 2 down
- 16. Vox Clamantis here
- 17. The Alma Mater, the Beatles, and Jeopardy, with 6 down
- 20. Home of pies and rice crispy treats

Upcoming Dartmouth Events

-----**Winter Carnival** - Fri. Feb. 7 – Sunday, Feb. 9 -----

Alumni Club Seminars (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/alumni/cont-ed/seminars/index.html>)

Princeton NJ – Sat., January 18 - Corporate Ethics.

Hanover, NH – Sat., January 25 - Revolutions and Instability Abroad: When Should the U.S. Intervene?

New York City – Sat., February 8 - Murder in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island Too: A History of Crime Fiction in New York

Chicago – Sat., March 1 -Facing Mecca

Minneapolis – Sat., March 1- TBA

Washington, D.C. – Sat., March 29 - Facing Mecca

Los Angeles – Sat., April 5 or 19 - TBA

Dallas– Sat., April 12 - Art and the American West

Silicon Valley – TBA - Athletics and Liberal Arts Education

Be sure to check out the Alumni Relations website for a list of speakers and more Alumni Club seminars!

Athletic Schedule (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/athletics/>)

Men's Basketball @ Harvard – Sat., Jan. 4, 2003

Men's Ice Hockey @ Vermont – Sat., Jan 4, 2003

Women's Basketball @ Harvard – Sat., Jan 11, 2003

Men's Ice Hockey @ Princeton – Fri., Jan. 31, 2003

Men's Basketball @ Penn – Fri., Jan. 31, 2003

Men's Ice Hockey @ Yale – Sat., Feb. 1, 2003

Men's Basketball @ Princeton – Sat., Feb. 1, 2003

Women's Ice Hockey @ Harvard – Fri., Feb. 7, 2003

Men's Basketball @ Yale – Fri., Feb. 7, 2003

Women's Ice Hockey @ Brown – Sat., Feb. 8, 2003

Men's Basketball @ Brown – Sat., Feb. 8, 2003

Women's Basketball @ Columbia – Sat., Feb. 15, 2003

Women's Basketball @ Princeton – Fri., Feb. 21, 2003

Men's Basketball @ Columbia – Fri., March 28, 2003

Women's Basketball @ Brown – Fri., March 7 2003