

# AlmaMatters

## THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



### CLASS NEWS—

We'll start out with the new Class of 1999 babies, welcome to you all!

**Christopher Rea**, his wife Julie Wang, and their son Peregrin (3), are delighted to announce the birth, on September 26, 2011, of Permenia Wang Tuozen Rea. The expanded Rea-Wang family will be spending 2012 in Canberra, Australia while Chris is on leave from teaching at the University of British Columbia and doing research as a postdoctoral fellow at the Australian National University Centre on China and the World.

**Nicole (Eftychiou) Post** is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Olivia Nicole, on June 7th, 2011. Her son, Bobby (3), is very excited to be a big brother. Nicole and her husband, Rob, are happy to be back in the Northeast where they are both working as attending physicians.



'Twas A Cold and Snowy Knight: A Medieval Carnival



Dartmouth Winter Carnival - February 6-9, 1997

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE WINTER CARNIVAL POSTERS FROM OUR TIME AT DARTMOUTH? THIS YEAR'S WINTER CARNIVAL RUNS FROM FEBRUARY 9TH-12TH.

**Elizabeth (Tripoli) Laughlin** and her husband, Eric, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Anja Tripoli Laughlin. Anja (pronounced like Anya), who was born on Thursday, December 29th, weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 20.75 inches. Anja joins big brother Calder in Minneapolis, though the Laughlins are moving to nearby Edina, Minnesota in March.

**Emily (Mulvoy) Kornegay** gave birth to twins Elinor and Caroline Kornegay on October 26th, 2011. Fellow '99 **Gretchen Saegh** will be the twins godmother at their baptism in January. Shortly after the girls were born, **Amanda (Norquest) Chan** visited Emily and her new family in Washington, D.C. Amanda recently started her PhD in Public Health. Emily shared the good news of some other '99

WINTER 2012

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow '99s –

Happy New Year! The Class of 1999 has an exciting year ahead! First off, in early April, we will celebrate the 99th day of the year! To tie in that day with the awesomeness of our class, we will hold mini-reunions in 13 cities across the ~~country~~ world! Boston, Hanover, New York City, Suburban New Jersey, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Miami, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and, our first international event ever, in London! We'll post the details on our class web site: [www.dartmouth.org/classes/99](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99), and on our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/22171972708/>. If you're not a member of our Facebook group, this is a perfect reason to join!

If you're not able to attend a mini-reunion, please take a few minutes and send a quick update on what you are doing ([dartmouth1999@gmail.com](mailto:dartmouth1999@gmail.com)) or post a message on our Facebook page. In our recent class survey many of you requested more news about classmates, but the only way we can share more news is if we hear from you!!!

In early spring, we will kick off planning for our 15th reunion in June 2013! Let us know if you are interested in being a part of the reunion! As we begin formulating reunion plans, please, please make sure the class has your correct e-mail address. To keep our costs low, our goal is to limit the number of paper mailings we send. For many of you, we still have your alumni e-mail address on file, which we know is flooded with SPAM. So e-mail us at [dartmouth1999@gmail.com](mailto:dartmouth1999@gmail.com) and we'll make sure you're on our list!

As 2012 begins, a reminder to please pay your class dues. **Many think the majority of dues is used for things like mini-reunions, but 63% of class dues is actually used to fund your subscription to the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine and our class newsletter, *Alma Matters*.** The next 32% funds a Tucker Foundation Fellow – a current Dartmouth student engaged in an international service project while on a leave term. The remaining 5% covers administrative expenses and mini- reunions.

At the same time you pay your class dues, you can also make a donation to the Dartmouth College Fund. Many of you have asked us to make it easier to pay your dues and donate to the DCF, and we're excited to make it easier for you to do both at once!

- 1) Visit our class web site: <http://dartmouth.org/classes/99/>
- 2) Click "Dues" at the top
- 3) Login with your Alumni E-mail Address and Password and
- 4) Select "Class Dues + Donation to DCF \$99" and click "add to card"

You'll be taken to a payment page, securely enter your credit card and that's it!

As always, if you have questions or ideas, please e-mail us at [dartmouth1999@gmail.com](mailto:dartmouth1999@gmail.com) or me directly at [jeffrebybfine@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrebybfine@gmail.com)

Jeff

P.S. One final plea to please, please send us your e-mail address to make sure you receive all of our updates!



# The People Fantasy Football League

by **Melissa Nagare Kimura**

*The story of how several '99s (and a '98) have kept in touch through new jobs, kids, marriages, moving, etc. by forming an all-female fantasy football league.*



When I first heard guy friends and coworkers discussing “fantasy sports,” I pictured something akin to Dungeons and Dragons, but with baseball cards. That said, I really had no idea what to expect when I agreed to join an all-female, all-Dartmouth fantasy football league back in 2005. How does something like that come about? Well, take twelve Dartmouth girlfriends in various stages of tipsiness at a Dartmouth wedding who are looking to keep in touch and interact outside of nuptial events; subtract two friends who opted not to partake in the experiment; add some (frowned upon) help and support from husbands, brothers, boyfriends, etc.; and viola, the People Fantasy Football League was formed by Karen Ho Cobbett, Jennie Hume Orr, Ada Anon Hunter, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick, Marisa Howe, Catherine Strickler Gaul, Victoria Dahir Zak, Carolyn Wang, Julie Tallman Rhodes and me.

Now in the seventh consecutive season, the People Fantasy Football league has evolved in several ways. We have moved to the fraction-of-point system, hold live drafts, have a cash prize, sash and tiara for the winner, and generally try not to let team loyalties dictate our managerial decisions. Additionally, we moved from the more racy team names to naming our teams after our pets, and, most recently, to naming our teams after our children. This part of the league evolution cuts out certain avenues for smack talk as I find it easier to insult “Sinners Always Win” than the “Blind Side Brookes.”

Of course, as much as we have evolved, the things we love about our league carry on from year to year: points for return yards, the maximum number of players qualifying for the playoffs, Fightin Foolie as our commish, and funny and informative message boards and smack talking. We blitzed punch-drunken haiku while studying for finals during undergrad, why not smack talk haiku? And although outwardly unorthodox, we have had at least five pregnancy announcements and three, with a possible future fourth (wink, wink), engagement announcements.

So while the Ferocious Fluffies are in last place with a dismal 3-9-0 record, as much as I cringe when I check stat tracker and the standings, I still religiously set my roster and check the scores and match ups. This is our virtual homecoming, after all, and while we may not be together on the Green around the bonfire, in my heart, I feel as though we are.

**THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1999  
WHO TOOK OUR RECENT CLASS SURVEY!**

**WE KNOW IT WAS LONG, BUT YOUR INPUT WILL HELP THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE PLAN REUNION, CLASS ACTIVITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.  
FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS!!**

## THE CLASS of 1999 SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

### Help Honor Your Friends and Classmates!

**Do you know a Dartmouth '99 who has made it his or her life's work to change the world? How about a '99 who dedicates his or her spare time bettering the lives of others?**

**The Class of 1999 Executive Committee created the Spirit of Service Award to honor members of our class who have shown a passion and commitment for bettering the world around them. We are now seeking nominations for the 2012 award, and we need your help to recognize our fellow classmates whose contributions are often under-recognized.**

**Submit your nominations for the Spirit of Service Award by March 1, 2012. The award recipient must be a member of the Class of 1999, and a nominee's service may be in either a voluntary or professional capacity.**

**Nominee submissions should include a short biography, as well as descriptions of:**

**a) How the nominee demonstrates continuing commitment to community. The duration of the commitment and the extent to which it is under-recognized through other channels will also be considered.**

**b) Examples of the nominee's impact on his or her community, preferably supported by documentation such as letters of recommendation and/or select news clips from the public media. Please also include information about any organizations that may have benefited from the nominee's involvement, and whether or not those organizations have 501(c)(3) status.**

**The 2012 recipient(s) will be announced in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine Class Notes, in the Class of 1999 newsletter Alma Matters, and on the Class of 1999 web site.**

**If you have any questions, contact Danni Downing, Awards Committee Chair, at [danielle.downing075@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.downing075@gmail.com). Nominations may be e-mailed to her or submitted through the class web site ([https://dartmouth.org/classes/99/projects\\_spirit\\_award.php](https://dartmouth.org/classes/99/projects_spirit_award.php)).**

babies. **Catie Grimes** had daughter Riley on December 19th, 2011, and **Katy Keller Lewis** also had a baby girl on Christmas Day. And finally, earlier in the fall, **Beth Knowlton Schubert** had a son to join daughter Aurora (Rory).

And what would this column be without some wedding news!

**Scotty McConnaughey** writes that she was having a wonderful trip to France in September 2011 even before she and her boyfriend, Arjun Garikipati, got to Menerbes. But while there, while the sun was setting over the mountains, and with a glass of rose in hand, she felt it couldn't get any better, until Arjun proposed. Scotty is planning a July 2012 wedding!

Fellow 99's have also changed careers and achieved a lot of success at work!

**Danica Lo** left the New York Post, where she was a fashion columnist from 2004 to 2010, and joined the Curbed Network as the launch editor of Racked National, the national arm of fashion and retail news site Racked.com. This past October, Danica joined Glamour as the Senior Online Fashion and Beauty Editor.

**Katie O'Connor** is manager of the Chicago Regional Recruitment Office of the Peace Corps. She was named manager after starting in the office as a recruiter and then being promoted to recruitment coordinator. Katie served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua from 1999 through 2001, helping teachers integrate environmental education into their curriculum.

**Wendy Skelton** writes that she is currently in Boston working as a Physician Assistant for a nonprofit group that provides primary care to people with severe physical disabilities. Wendy's wife, Sarah Hayes-Skelton 2001, started a tenure track faculty position at UMass Boston in the clinical psychology department in the Fall of 2011. The couple celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in June, and they just purchased their first home in Roslindale, MA.

**Tood Griset** was recently named a partner at the law firm Preti Flaherty in Augusta Maine. Tood practices with the firms Energy and Climate Strategy Groups, helping clients ranging from developers of energy products to industrial and commercial energy consumers. Tood authors the "Energy Policy Update" blog (<http://energypolicyupdate.blogspot.com>), has been published in a peer-reviewed law journal on renewable ocn energy and his writings appear regularly in publications including the *Offshore Wind Wire* and *Electric Light & Power*.

## 99th Day Celebrations!

Come one, come all, to celebrate the 99th day of the year with members of the GREAT Class of 1999!

Mini-Reunions will be held in the following cities on Thursday, April 12th through Sunday April 15th, so keep those dates free and check your inboxes and the class website for details (you got us, it may not be *exactly* the 99th day of the year...)

**Boston**

**Chicago**

**Washington, D.C.**

**Denver**

**Hanover**

**London**

**Los Angeles**

**Miami**

**New York**

**Philadelphia**

**San Francisco**

**Seattle**

**Northern/Suburban New Jersey**



DANIELLE BUCZEK, JEFF FINE, MEG LYSY AND DAVE DOOKEERAM CELEBRATE JEFF'S YOUNG ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AT CLASS OFFICER'S WEEKEND LAST FALL.

# ALUMNI GOVERNANCE UPDATE

In the next couple of months, various issues of alumni governance, detailed in the boxes on this page, will affect the members of the Class of 1999. Association of Alumni, Board of Trustees, Alumni Council: the role of all these various groups can sometimes be confusing. On the opposite page we have included a flowchart provided by the Office of Alumni Relations (<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/council/resourcesforalumni>) to explain what each group is responsible for, and how they interact with one another. We hope you find it useful. We also hope that you get involved, vote where applicable, and share your thoughts with the various representatives on issues currently affecting Dartmouth.

## **Board of Trustee, Association of Alumni Executive Committee Elections**

This spring, Dartmouth alumni will be asked to nominate three new alumni trustees to the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees. At the same time, they will also be asked to elect a slate of officers and members of the executive committee for the Association of Alumni.

The Dartmouth Alumni Council has nominated three candidates, one for each open space: Richard H. Kimball '78, Ben Wilson '73, and fellow member of the Class of 1999, Nathaniel Fick. Nate is the first member of our class to be nominated for a Trustee position by the Dartmouth Alumni Council, and, if elected, would be the youngest Trustee on the Board. On the date this edition of *AlmaMatters* went to press, no petition candidates had as of yet been announced, and the deadline for submission of such candidates is February 9th, 2012.

Alumni will receive one ballot with two sections. Please complete both. Voting will begin on March 14th and continue through April 11th, and can be done with paper ballot or online, with a password that will be e-mailed and mailed to you. For information on the candidates and more details on voting please visit [www.voxthevote.org](http://www.voxthevote.org).

## **We Need Nominations for the Class of 1999 Alumni Council Representative by February 27, 2012**

The term of our current Alumni Council Representative, Jennifer Kaye Argenti, ends on June 30, 2012. The Class of 1999 Executive Committee is now seeking nominations for the Class of 1999's representative to the Dartmouth Alumni Council for the 2012-2015 term (starting on July 1, 2012). The elected representative will serve a three-year term and attend two meetings each year in Hanover, usually held in early December and mid-May. Councilors are responsible for the cost of their travel both to and from Hanover, but the Office of Alumni Relations provides overnight accommodations and most meals while Councilors are in Hanover.

The Alumni Council is like the senate of the Dartmouth alumni body. The mission of the Council is to *sustain a fully informed, representative, and engaged exchange of information and sentiment between alumni and their College, and to enhance and inspire alumni involvement that furthers the mission of the College.*

**Vacancies on the Alumni Council are filled on the basis of nominating the very best Dartmouth citizen who will add strength to the important work of the council.**

Qualifications include:

1. Outstanding achievement and/or special qualifications;
2. Demonstrated active interest in Dartmouth;
3. Availability to attend meetings;
4. Ability to represent legitimate interests of alumni and to effectively report back to constituents on council work.

For more information about Dartmouth's Alumni Council please refer to: <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/council>

**Please send nominations by e-mail ([dartmouth1999@gmail.com](mailto:dartmouth1999@gmail.com)) by February 27th, 2012. Self-nominations should include a 200 word statement of interest for the position.**

Regardless of the number of nominations received, the Class will hold an online election to select the Class of 1999 Alumni Council Representative.

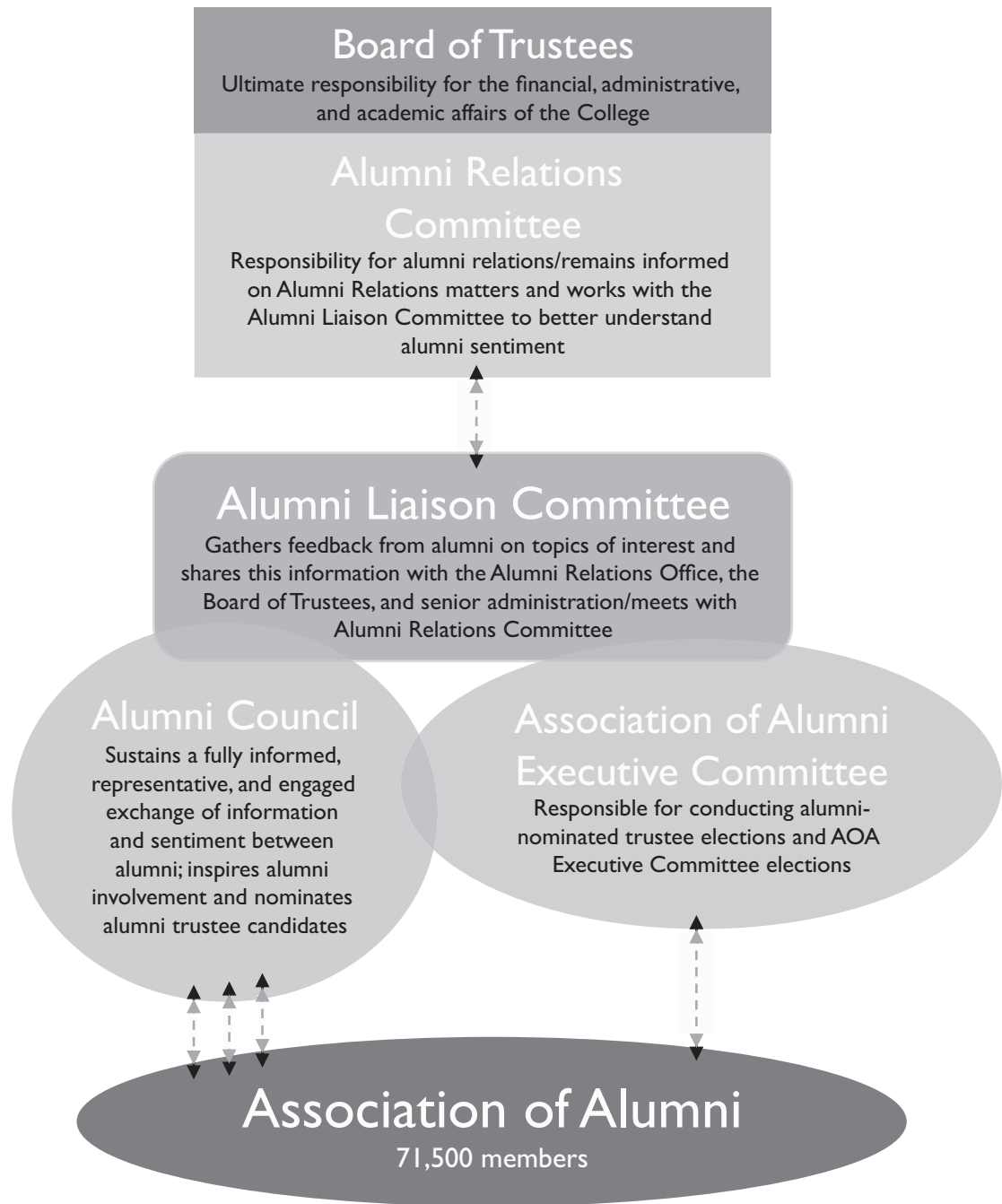
If you have any questions about the duties of the Alumni Council representative please contact Jennifer Kaye Argenti (our current representative) at [jkargenti@gmail.com](mailto:jkargenti@gmail.com).

For any questions about the nominating committee or election process, please contact Michelle Sweetser ([msweetser@gmail.com](mailto:msweetser@gmail.com)) or Dave Dookeeram ([ddookeeram@gmail.com](mailto:ddookeeram@gmail.com)).

# Dartmouth Alumni Leadership

## Flow Chart

### Functions



**Board of Trustees:** 26 Members

**Alumni Relations Committee:** 6 Trustee Members

**Alumni Liaison Committee:** 12 Members (alumni council president, past president, president-elect, Association of Alumni current and past 2 presidents, Alumni Councilors (3), Association of Alumni members (3))

**Association of Alumni Executive Committee:** 11 Members (President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 7 Committee Members)

**Alumni Council:** 125 Members (President, President-elect, Executive Committee (Committee Chairs), Representatives (Class, Clubs/Regions, Affiliated Groups, Undergraduates, Faculty, Professional Schools, Graduate Programs, DEDs, AoA))

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
BLUNT ALUMNI CENTER  
HANOVER, NH 03755-3590

NONPROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
DARTMOUTH  
COLLEGE

**Class of 1999  
Executive Committee**

**PRESIDENT**

Jeff Fine

**VICE PRESIDENT AND  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Catherine Pieroni

**SECRETARY**

Tony Perry

**TREASURER**

Michelle Sweetser

**WEBMASTER**

Danielle Buczek

**MINI-REUNION CHAIR**

Meg Cashion Lysy

**CLASS PROJECT CHAIR**

Dave Dookeeram

**HEAD AGENTS**

Adrienne Wagner

Kathleen de Guzman

**ALUMNI COUNCIL**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Jennifer Argenti

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Sara Alexander

Pauline Christo

Danielle Downing

Kevin Findlan

Catherine Hutashuhut

Karen Mangold

Holly Smith Munise

Jeff Munsie

Mike Novello

Damali Rhett

Sara Zrike

**Would You Like To Get Involved?**

In our recent class survey, several members of the Class of 1999 were interested in getting more involved as Dartmouth alumni. If you would like to be an alumni interviewer, more involved in your local Dartmouth club, or participate in any other way, please let us know and we will put you in touch with the right people. E-mail the class account at [dartmouth1999@gmail.com](mailto:dartmouth1999@gmail.com)!!!

**[HTTP://WWW.DARTMOUTH.ORG/CLASSES/99](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99)**