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The Class of 1999 Newsletter

Spring 2004

Class News

by Michelle Sweetser

Happy Spring, Class of 99! Change is in the air for a lot of classmates, including myself. I completed my masters program at the University of Michigan in December and accepted a position at Marquette University in Milwaukee as an archivist in the Special Collections and University Archives department. Ben's company is in the process of being acquired by Hewlett-Packard, so we'll both see paychecks from new employers soon. If you find yourself in the "Genuine American City," please look us up. We even have a quest bedroom!

Also in the Midwest, **Kevin Kalich** married Stacey Million on July 12, 2003 in Kansas City, Missouri. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas. Lukas "Lid Off" Cadil '00 and **Zach** "Slinky" **Lowe** '99 were in attendance at the wedding. Kevin reports that they went to a casino, played frolf (frisbee golf), and paint ball. Kevin currently teaches high school math in Hayti, Missouri, coaching basketball, sponsoring quiz bowl, and serving as the GEAR UP coordinator in his spare time. (GEAR UP is a program established to help underprivileged African-Americans get exposed to culture and educational opportunities they wouldn't otherwise know about or experience, as well as help expose them to information and preparation for going to college and beyond.)

Jeff Brabham will be making the move to Indianapolis this summer to begin his residency in radiation oncology at Indiana University. He graduates from the University of Florida with a MD-MBA next month.

East Coast

After a little more than a year living in Rome, Claire Heleniak has been living in New York, working in fashion. At the moment, she is working as a fashion editor on a new fashion and beauty magazine being developed by Gruner & Jahr. This fall, she plans to head to business school and good friend Sylvie Hogg '98 will replace her in her current position. Earlier this year, Claire and Louisa Childs met up with Candice Buckley in New Hampshire for a ski weekend, and a group of New Yorkers (including Louisa, Alex Barth, Allison Fisch, Regina Bienstock, Kristin Sadlon, and Amy Cram) gathered to hit the Pocono slopes in February.

Jay Liu is still in Hanover finishing his PhD in biochemistry at Dartmouth Medical School. He sent in a number of updates on other classmates: Wes Shelley was married a couple years ago to Christy Shackleford and they are in Virginia where Wes is working on his masters in clinical psychology. Rebecca Powell is finishing a stint for Teach for America in Seattle and will be heading to a teaching position hopefully also in Virginia. Finally, Jay reports, Edward Suh is currently in his second year at Tufts Medical School, and Michelle Lee is working for Abbot Labs in San Francisco.

Maybe Jay runs into **Toby Hays**, who is also in Hanover, now a third-year at Dartmouth Medical School. Toby plans to go into pediatrics, and possibly move back home to Denver for residency. While school keeps him busy, last year he found time to coach the Colby Sawyer College diving team. This year his only "real excitement" was playing in the national paddle tennis tournament with his dad (and, "no, it's not ping pong"). Mel Watts was in his med school class until she ditched to go to Brown. Toby reports that his old diving teammate, Courtney **duBois**, lives in the Hanover area (Sharon, VT) with her fiance, and works at Kimball Union Academy. Another diving alum, Claire (Swanson) Goldstein is moving to Denver with her husband, and Toby says he hopes they wait for him to get there. Also in Denver is **Evan Greene**, who just recently found out that she got into CSU Vet School. Toby also keeps in touch with Mike Hooper, who matched in internal medicine at Vanderbilt, in Nashville, and Hugh Lavery, who will be in Columbus, OH doing urology.

Toby also attended **Dave Moore** and **Katie Kirwan**'s wedding last summer. Apparently Katie's still at UVA Law, but Toby says Dave "has some fancy shmancy job, so they just bought a place in Washington, D.C." And speaking of lawyers, **Brian Mackinnon** is at Wash U in St. Louis. Toby suggests you look him up when you come back for the reunion; he lives in the gray apartments, which is "painfully embarrassing." You may not realize this now, Toby, but you may come to regret that offer. Just hope everyone makes the housing deadline!

Portland, Maine is now home to **Cuyler** (**Goodwin**) **Holden** , who sent in a green card reporting that she has started an animation and com-

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Dartmouth Relay For Life

This Spring, Dartmouth, with the support of the Tucker Foundation, the Athletic Department, Office of Residential Life, Conferences and Special Events, and Alumni Relations, will be holding a Relay for Life on Friday, May 21 at Memorial Field. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. The Relay will include members from all parts of the Dartmouth community, including students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Each team includes 8-15 people, including one person serving as team captain. Each member of the team raises money for the American Cancer Society, taking part in a combined effort to raise over \$50,000!

If you would like to join in the fun and form a team with other classmates or alumni, you need to register. Go online at

www.acsevents.org/relay/NHdartmouth

and click on "sign up here," and then "start a team." The rest takes care of itself in less than 3 minutes. Friends, family, and fellow alumni can then go to the website and join your team.

Gay & Lesbian Alumni Association to hold reunion

D-GALA, the Dartmouth College association for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender alumni/ae will hold its next All Class Reunion October 1–3 in Hanover. All lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender alumni/ae and their families are welcome to attend. The preliminary schedule of events includes a welcome reception, panels with students, faculty and administrators, campus tours, a gala dinner and a ceremony of remembrance.

Alumni/ae planning to attend are encouraged to book accommodations soon as the fall foliage season will likely be at its peak in early October. A link to local accommodations is included on the D-GALA web site. Alumni/ae interested in sponsorship opportunities or in helping plan the events, should contact reunion co-chairs Susi Kandel '00 (susi@alum.dartmouth.org) and Trevor Burgess '94 (trb72@aol.com).

For more information or to join D-GALA, visit www.dartmouth.org/affiliated/dgala.

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Spotlight on Iraq:

CPA Team Member Muhammad Hutasuhut and Fiance Cat McCarthy

In our last newsletter, I reported that **Muhammad Hutasuhut** was in Baghdad working with the Coalition Provisional Authority, while his fiance, **Catherine McCarthy**, attended law school in Virginia. Spotlight takes a few minutes to learn about progress in Iraq and how the couple handles the miles apart and the uncertainty of the situation.

How did you become involved with the Coalition Provisional Authority?

(Muhammad) As a foreign policy advisor to a Congressman, I had heard about opportunities to help in the reconstruction effort in Iraq from several colleagues at the Pentagon. Several months after major combat operations ceased on May 1, 2003, and after realizing that my Arabic language skills (honed at Dartmouth) could prove helpful, I decided to take the plunge and take up the offer to join the reconstruction team here in Baghdad.

You mentioned you are doing transportation reconstruction policy in Baghdad. What does this involve? What are the major challenges facing Iraq in terms of transportation?

(Muhammad) As you can imagine, transportation reconstruction is a difficult endeavor here. It is as if nothing changed since the 1970s, before Saddam started the wars abroad and ruined Iraq. Compounding the antiquated modes are the bureaucratic stateowned enterprises that hinder private-sector transportation growth, particularly in bus transport. Like Cold War-era Eastern Europe, everyone in Iraq fed off the government trough, with little incentive to produce quality transportation service.

Everything here is old and outdated. Wrecked ships at the port of Umm Qasr block commercial traffic, old Soviet planes are stuck on the tarmac at Baghdad's airport, and misaligned railway tracks are vestiges of another era, and are our daily challenges. Just removing this stuff is half the battle. And of course, the security situation makes life a little unpleasant. It's hard to do reconstruction with a flak jacket and helmet, or if the situation demands, to be disguised and still constantly watching over one's shoulder.

What does your typical work day look like?

(Muhammad) A morning staff meeting begins the day in the Palace. Thereafter, I usually head off to the Ministry of Transportation outside of the Green Zone (our home protected by the Coalition) to work with the Iraqis. By noon, I head back to the Palace to eat some chow, and usually stay to work on reports and such. For the remainder of the day into the night, the daily work challenges are the same: there are long-term plans to be revised, contracts to be re-

viewed, etc. Typically, I will listen to British Forces Radio (the American equivalent, Armed Forces Network, is a little too Top-40 for my taste)



as I work on the computer — assuming the blackouts don't leave the Palace dark, which they do frequently.

I should add that throughout the day, much of our work involves administrative requirements, such as getting office supplies, organizing translators, or delivering my car for dispatch. It eats up our time pretty quickly. Also, CPA staffers generally work seven days a week, with a "holiday" on Friday morning — out of deference to Friday, the traditional Muslim holiday in the week.

As per my qualifications, I suppose my Arabic skills helped, along with transportation policy experience on the Hill. To be frank, though, nothing can really prepare a person for the unique challenges that Iraq poses. A can-do spirit and optimism for a better day are really the only qualities required around here. Thankfully, I see both in the faces of the thousands of Coalition soldiers and civilians here, from the world over. In fact, some of my closest colleagues here work for the Italian government and serve in the Dutch military. I also enjoy the company of the "New Europe" — the Poles and Czechs — who actually know something about what the Iraqis are going through now, transitioning from a statist economy to an emerging market.

How do you feel about Muhammad's involvement with the Coalition Provisional Authority?

(Cat) I am incredibly proud of him. Prior to the invasion of Iraq we spent a lot of time talking about "what if" and the opportunity to do something about changing the state of Middle Eastern affairs. I am a big believer in the power of democracy to provide stability and security to people who so desperately need it. Given Muhammad's experience growing up in the Middle East, his mastery of Arabic and studies at Dartmouth, there was no question that he should not go if the opportunity presented itself.

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Register online for reunion by **May 15** and save \$20/per-son

REGISTER!

Don't forget to let the Reunion Committee know that you plan to attend the reunion. While the early-bird registration deadline has passed, you still have time to get in at the regular reg-

istration rate by May 15 (\$185/person) and guarantee yourself a very hot reunion souvenir (as well as your own mention in all reunion materials). If you haven't already, register online at: http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/reunion/index.html.

GETTING THERE

We have partnered with United Airlines to offer airfare discounts to both Boston and Manchester for our fifth reunion. You will receive a 5% discount off the lowest available fare, and you will receive an additional 5% discount if you purchase your tickets at least 30 days in advance. To take advantage of the dis-



count, you should call United's Specialized Meetings Reservation Center at 1-800-521-4041 between 8 am and 10 pm EST and refer to the Meeting ID number 524AD. Mileage plus members receive full credit for miles flown to reunion.

If you're in Boston or are flying into Boston, look for info in your e-mail about Class of 1999 buses departing there.

PREPARE YOURSELF

For most of us, it's been a while since we've been in Hanover. To make the most of your reunion experience, and to impress classmates and significant others, take a few minutes to prepare yourself:

- Look over the Aegis, or at least the 'shmenu to put some names with faces that are deep in the memory;
- Review the words to the Alma Mater you know it'll be sung at least once during the weekend;
- Take a look at a campus map. Don't remember where Moore, Berry, and Whittmore are? They were all being built around the time we graduated.

The Best of Dartmouth June 18th-20th

This being the last newsletter prior to our reunion, we wanted to fill these pages with some last minute hints ar advice. As always, the most up-to-offormation and resources are available of we've only included highlights here. (Iten, the reunion website is: http://classes/99/reunion/index.html)

And just because this is the last news don't think that we're finished updat excitement. Look for more information

Don't forget to save the enclosed green want to send it in after you run into pe since graduation at the reunion. Or s an e-mail to the class account (class.of.19

WHAT TO BRING

We'll put together a more complete li later date, but here's a brief list of thing ing of bringing along:

- Swimsuit or trunks for playing in the
- Hiking boots for the optional trip to I
- A question or two for the session with F
- Your artwork for the artists' receptio in advance)
- A nice outfit for the formal dinner
- Camera and film (or a digital)
- Extra towel (while one comes with trental, they're known for being small)



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PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES

A number of College-organized events require separate registration. By the time you receive this, you should already have submitted your housing application to stay in the dorm during reunion (due April 19). Other deadlines for separate activities are approaching.

These activities include the College's Outdoor Adventures program,

which provides activities such as horseback riding, mountain biking, white water rafting, canoeing/kayaking, and the Reunion Run. The Moosilauke Mountain is a day trip/overnight, featuring a trip to the Ravine Lodge and a (optional) hike up Moosilauke and/or dinner with the lodge crew and an evening in the lodge (deadline June 1).

Forms and additional information about these activities can be found on the reunion website at:

http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/re-union/weekend/schedule.html.

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PRACTICE YOUR KARAOKE

Will DJ Lou Fucci play any of the best songs of 1999 at the party Friday night? Does anyone even remember what the top songs were for that year? Here are the top 10, conveniently placed in the corner so you can rip it out, put it in your wallet and sound knowledgable when the topic comes up at the reunion party. And don't forget to practice all those words for the karaoke contest.

- 1. Believe Cher
- 2. No Scrubs TLC
- 3. Angel of Mind Monica
- 4. Heartbreak Hotel Whitney Houston
- 5. ...Baby One More Time Britney Spears
- 6. Kiss Me Sixpence None the Richer
- 7. Genie in a Bottle Christina Aguilera
- 8. Every Morning Sugar Ray
- 9. Nobody's Supposed to Be Here Deborah Cox
- 10. Livin' La Vida Loca Ricky Martin

Learn more about other reunion events online at: http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/reunion/index.html.



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puter-generated special effects company called Curly Maple Studios.

After spending four years in LA, **Taylor Hamra** moved to New York City last summer to write for the sitcom "Hope & Faith."

Also living in New York City are **Kathy** (**Huang**) and **Max Knight**, who married at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in 2002. Max currently works for Yahoo! HotJobs as a Strategic Account Manager / Product Designer, and in his spare time, moonlights as a home theater designer. Kathy is a freelance marketer, currently working for Fast Company. When she's not marketing, Kathy is working to expand her portfolio of paintings and murals.

Melissa Kho is now finishing her third year at Benajmin N. Cardozo School of Law in Manhattan. In September, she will join Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP in Armonk, NY as an associate. Melissa reports that Henry Chen wed Helen Chen '01 on June 14, 2003, near Pasadena, California, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony. In attendance were lots of Dartmouth alumni, including Ridwan Budijono, Gordon Fu, Michelle Lee, Swee Ching Lim, Ed Suh, Willy Wong, and Melissa.

Recently returned from a six-month "excursion" around Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific is **Kristin Garro**, who graduated in 2000 and lived and worked in Manhattan for three years before the excursion. Over the course of the trip, she did a lot of surfing, kayaking, hiking, camping, and drinking. Having recently returned stateside in February, she is uncertain what the future holds. At the time she wrote, Kristin was getting ready to go to the wedding of Katie Tyler '00 and Eric Walania '98.

Also traveling this spring was **Cat McCarthy**, who just got back from Jordan, where she met up with **Muhammad Hutasuhut**, her fiance. The couple spent a week hiking in the desert and snorkeling down on the Red Sea, where they saw their first sea snake. Before heading down to Jordan, Cat spent some time with **Jen Anderson**, who is back from London and is now working in DC.

Shaunda Miles writes that it is now official - "Dartmouth has taken over the Yale School of Drama!" Shaunda is producing in her final year of the management program and sees a number of other Dartmouth grads in the student population, including Jeff Withers '02, Jim Noonan '01, Christine Mok '02, Jennifer Moeller '98, Alexis McGuinness '03, and Nathaniel Wells '00. On April 21, Brenda Withers '00 and Mindy Kaling '01 will perform their NY/LA hit "Matt and Ben" at the Yale School of Drama as part of the special events series. If you want to check it out, tix are available at www.yalerep.org.

West Coast

After racing and training as a cross-country ski racer (including participation in the US World Championship team in Finland in 2001 and the Olympic Games in 2002), **Barb Jones** enrolled in medical

school and is currently a second-year student at the University of Washington in Seattle. Unfortunately, studying for exams will keep Barb from being able to attend our 5th reunion in June.

Zach Smith is currently at UCLA and living in Brentwood, California, where he is finishing his final year of medical school. He graduates in June, and then will start residency (seven more years!!) in neurosurgery at the UCLA Medical Center. Zach reports that Navrose Grewal will graduate with him in June and will then go into general surgery, although he was still waiting to find out where. As the medical students have most of fourth year spring off, Zach planned a trip to do some World War II wreck dives in the Marshall Islands.

Maybe while Zach's on vacation he can catch up with Jenny Holland, who has been living and working in the Marshall Islands since graduation. She actually lives on the US Army Kwajalein Atoll and works for a government contractor as a tech writer. According to Jenny, a few other Dartmouth grads are also in the Marshall Islands, including Amber Morse '97,Laura Burt '02, and a newcomer to the island, Josh Adams '97. Jenny says the group is "very isolated here, but there is never a lack of activities, between diving, surfing, wakeboarding, community activities, exploring other islands, and work." She has also done some traveling to Pohnpei, Australia and New Zealand since graduation and hope to do more in the next year or so. Her travel plans include a trip to reunion in June, where she hopes to reconnect with a lot of classmates.

Babies

We've now been out of school long enough that we're experiencing a bit of a baby boom, and I think this newsletter deserves a separate section in class news for this purpose. Please continue to send news and photos!

Amy Gately and her husband Tom are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Gregory James Gately, born March 25, 2003. The couple lives in Winter Park, FL.

Jay Liu also reports that **Jim** and **Emily Angehr** were blessed the birth of Josiah William Angehr in the fall of last year. The couple resides in Philadelphia, where Jim has recently finished his Masters of Divinity at Westminster Theological Seminary.

Hilary (Cheyne) and Joel Stanton are proud to announce that they recently gave birth to a little baby boy. Named Simon Xavier Stanton, he was born on February 11, 2004, entering the world weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and 20.5 inches long. The delivery went very smoothly and everyone is doing well. They are still living in Boston where Joel continues to work as a strategy consultant at Dove Consulting. Hilary is taking a long break from being a kindergarten teacher to be a stay-at-home mom for an indefinite period, and to do some software development on the side. They can't wait to introduce Simon to everyone at reunion!

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How do you handle the uncertainty of your (Muhammad's) safety and all of the bombings?

(Muhammad) A watchful eye is the most important requirement. That, and maintaining a low pro-

file. Nothing is more important than blending in, and avoiding being seen as a target. When driving around, it is imperative to alter routes.

Personally speaking, security affects everything we do here, and it takes a toll. Even when Saddam was captured, I felt a little uneasy, given the amount of bullets flying everywhere as a result of celebratory gunfire. The bullets do come down!

(Cat) I have twin faiths that help me handle the challenges that Muhammad is facing in Baghdad. First, I have a great deal of faith in God. Knowing that no one can ever control their environment completely, I have found that you have to surrender that uncertainty to grace. Secondly, I have a great deal of faith in Muhammad's judgment on any given situation.

What is it really like there?

(Muhammad) The Iraqi people are the bravest people I have met. Their faces show their age and collective experience, having survived it all. Everyone — the Sunnis, Shiites, and Kurds — has been through hell and back. There's a sense of exhaustion here, though tinged with cautious optimism. They are no doubt scared about the future, particularly about the dissolution of the CPA in July. But as it dawns on them that American soldiers will still remain, many feel a little assuaged. Perhaps more daunting for them is the prospect of self-governance, and whether they can succeed at it.

How do you and Cat deal with the miles separating you and the uncertainty of the future?

(Muhammad) Well, we deal with it through email and the occasional telephone call through the military DSN system and closed MCI network here. It's nice that these twenty-first century communication amenities are available; it certainly makes what we do here a little closer to home. It also makes war and living in a combat zone a little bit surreal, particularly when a mortar round lands less than a mile away while I'm on the phone with Cat!

(Cat) Despite the eight hour time difference and my hectic law school schedule we usually get to

talk to each other at least three times a week. Having a telephone line is a great gift!

Do you find yourself glued to the news listening for

such reports or have you found that you need to shut them off for peace of mind?

(Cat) I come from a military family so I grew up having family and family friends deploying to dangerous places, despite this, it never prepares you for the reality of your loved one going into a dangerous environment. Being a news junkie, I am constantly monitoring what is occuring in Iraq.

Is the American media portrayal similar to what you are actually seeing and experiencing in Iraq?

(Muhammad) In a word, no. But I don't blame the media, necessarily. Unfortunately, covering bombs rather than new schools or new dams is a reflection of the bottom line. More readers, listeners, and TV watchers are apt to pay attention to turbulence than the daily grind of reconstruction. Which is sorta understandable.

Then again, when your work is devoted to helping people move from

Point X to Point B, achieve competitive efficiencies, and make life easier for Iraqis, then it does get frustrating that the media doesn't pay attention to the successes not only of CPA staffers, but also of the millions of Iraqis who are both law-abiding and contributing members of the new Iraq.

Is self-governance for the Iraqi people at the end of June a realistic goal?

(Muhammad) Yes, I believe it is a realistic goal. We are obviously balancing competing interests here. Our commitment to freedom and democracy requires an eventual transition of sovereignty to the Iraqis. We imperil this commitment if we remain occupiers, eliciting resentment and hatred for denying Iraqis their Godgiven right to self-determination.

Sure, we want a peaceful democracy, and American troops will remain for years to come to protect the new Iraqi government. But let's be clear: democracy entails risks, and we have to allow the Iraqis to build and develop their own democratic institutions consonant with their social values. It is a risk that the Iraqi people must assume, because it is their democracy, not ours.

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.



Cat and Muhammad before his departure for Iraq.

Help Wanted

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Seeking a personal assistant for a fast-paced, somewhat manic environment. Musts Must be more organized than Jack Nicholson in As Good as it Gets. Preferences: Proficency in grammar/English. Great phone voice/personality. Hours/Pay: \$8.00 to start. 11-5 Monday-Friday (hours negotiable).

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