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The Class of 1999 Newsletter

Summer 2003

Class News

by Michelle Sweetser

I was in LA last week for a conference and just happened to take a look at the *USA Today* provided by the hotel. To my surprise, it included an article about WB's new "Tarzan" show, which premieres October 5 (9 p.m. ET/PT), starring **Sarah Wayne Callies** as Jane opposite Travis Fimmel as Tarzan. Congrats on the spot, Sarah!

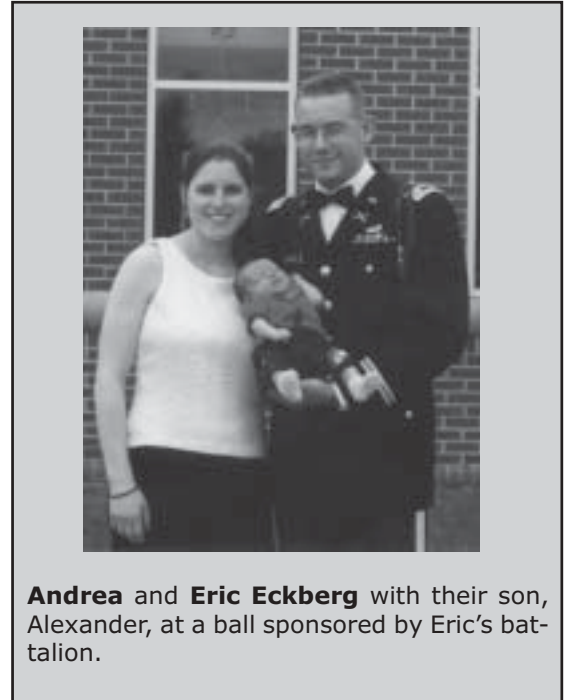
Summer's certainly a busy season, including many graduations, weddings, and vacations, and it seems that many of you have been partaking of all three.

Northeast

A lot of our classmates have recently completed degrees, including **Julie Baker** and **Amanda Borges**, who graduated from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Amanda is currently practicing internal medicine at New England Medical Center, and Julie is practicing internal medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital.

Charlotte Bednar graduated from Harvard Law School earlier this summer. She is currently studying for the bar and will be working at a law firm in Boston in the fall. Speaking of graduations, Charlotte recently saw **Jean Blackerby**, who just graduated from Vanderbilt Law School and has also heard from **Leonora Lok** who is working at J.P. Morgan in Hong Kong and doing well.

While some classmates have completed their degrees, others, like **Kerry Bystrom**, are still in the process of doing so. Kerry is in her third year of a Ph.D. program in English Literature at Princeton, and spent the past semester doing research on contemporary Guatemalan literature and volunteering at a local activist newspaper/community center in the Guatemalan highlands. This fall, she will be back in New Jersey, but before then is headed to LA for **Katie Kirwan** and **Dave Moore's** wedding! Right before Kerry left for Guatemala, she saw **Katie Johnson** and **Brenda Godoy** in New York. Katie just graduated



Andrea and Eric Eckberg with their son, Alexander, at a ball sponsored by Eric's battalion.

from medical school and is heading up to Harvard to do her residency in orthopedic surgery, and Brenda is going into her last year at NYU law school. Kerry also saw **Martinique Devereaux** in Boston. Martinique is finishing up her work at the Appalachian Mountain Club before heading to Harvard Business School in the fall.

Martinique also wrote in with news herself, and reports that **Alexis Starke** married Martin Ryan on Martha's Vineyard in May. The couple plans to move to Ireland this month. **Ali McKinley**, Brad Jefferson, **Robert Tichio**, **Julia Henneberry**, **Jordan Kritzer**, **Noree Lieginger**, **Eve Lazowitz** and Martinique were present.

Martinique also attended Robert Tichio's wedding. Robert married Maya Aishman in Old Greenwich, Connecticut in June. The newlyweds will live in Boston for 2 years while Robert goes to Harvard Business School. Jordan Kritzer, **Melissa Draper**, Noree Lieginger, Eve Lazowitz, **Kristen**

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Chartier and **Aimee Sorvino** were also in attendance for the ceremony.

Barb Loomis married Aubrey Linen and the couple is moving to Spain. "It was a terrific wedding," wrote **Nat Rink**, "and everyone agreed that the two (who have been dating since high school) are probably the couple most perfect for each other that has ever been married." According to Nat, everyone also agreed that this was the most "nobody has any reservations at all" wedding, as, "they are perfect for each other, have dated happily for many, many years [geez, we're not THAT old!] and we are certain, will be happy in marriage for many, many more years." Talk about waxing poetic! **Jen Collins** and Nat were both in the Barb's wedding party, where they met each other for the first time and have since agreed that they are now best friends forever.

Three years ago, **Erik Berg** married his girlfriend throughout college, Amy (Strozina) Berg. He's been teaching science at Chatham High School for the past four years, and Amy has been teaching at Chatham Middle School for three. The couple just bought a house in Worcester and are relocating there. Erik will be teaching physics at Belmont High School and Amy will be teaching 8th grade science at Douglas High School this fall. This summer the couple went to Bozeman, Montana to finish their Masters of Science in Science Education degrees at Montana State University. While they were out west they planned to visit a few fellow 99s in Denver, Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco.

After spending a year in Chicago helping his company Digitas (marketing/brand consulting) start an office out there, **Paul Costello** is back in Boston (since the winter). Paul has been with Digitas since his internship after our junior summer. He is now living within earshot of the Fenway bleachers and PA system.

Paul reports that he has had many fun weekends since coming back to Boston with Dartmouth friends — he went to the Bahamas with **Rich Parent** in March, saw many folks up at **Shana Stevens'** wedding in Maine, went up to Green Key for a bachelor party with several 98s and 99s, golfed with **Erich Shigley**, Rich Parent, Adam Siegel '00, Jay Schleicher '00, and Matt Shafer '01 up at Rich's place in Burlington, Vermont (Shigley averaged a thrown club every 3 holes), and just last weekend golfed with Shigley, **Andy Cohen**, **Ben Bawden**, **Brian Fleming**, and **Carlos Gonzalez** out on the west coast as well at **Kevin Demoff's** wedding in LA. He only saw Shigley throw one club, which was "impressive."

According to Paul, **Chris Chang** should be arriving in Boston in the fall for his MBA, so there are many good times ahead.

Since graduating from Boston University School of Law, **Michele Carlucci** has been working for Gibson & Behman, P.C., in Boston, where she shares some cases with **Fatema Choudhury**, who works in their New York Office. Michele reports that Brenda Godoy has been in Boston for the summer working as a summer associate for Ropes & Gray, but before she goes back to New York

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to finish her third year at NYU Law, Fatema, Brenda and Michele met up with **Manisha Shah** to help her start planning her wedding. Unfortunately, **Lindsey Sternberg** could not make the wedding planning session because she is busy with her med school rotations in New Jersey, but she did take a break from her studies to go to Cozumel with Michele last March! **Adam Young** and Michele also hung out with **Brent Crombie** before he left Boston with his new fiance for Dallas, TX to start business school at SMU.

Also moving, but not nearly so far away are **Frederic Corwin, Ben Hill, Margot Neebe, Laura Poplawski,** and **Jess Jacob**, who are heading to new parts around Cambridge and Somerville after four years together. Ben and Margot are moving near Harvard Square, while Laura and Jess will live together again near Ball Square in Somerville. Frederic is moving to a new condo near Lechmere Station in Cambridge, ready to explore the wonders of home ownership.

Andy Butterworth has told Nat Rink that he was pleased to be associated with the comedy success of **Sean Taylor** in the last alumni news, but he wonders why people write about him doing occasional standup and jokes and never write about how every Saturday he sits around the house in his underwear trying to think of funny things to say.

Renai Rodney and **Folarin "Flo" Dosunmu** are reportedly "showing them how it's done" in the summer program of Lord, Bissell, & Brook. By the time reunion rolls around next June, they will have graduated from law school.

Finally, wrapping up New England news, congratulations go out to Alison McKinley and Brad Jefferson '98, who got engaged in July.

South and Southeast

Matt Bazala is living in the DC area with his wife and two children and is currently an analyst for the Department of Justice. After graduation he attended Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy in Malibu, CA, and graduated in April 2002 with a Masters of Public Policy in International Relations and Economics. Between his two years of grad school, during the summer of 2001, he interned at the United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs in NYC where he was an NGO liaison for the Conference on Small Arms Disarmament.

Recently graduated from Cornell University's College of veterinary medicine is **Cathy Emery**, who just started a job as a mixed

animal veterinarian in Frederick, Maryland. Cathy reportedly sees "everything from dogs and cats to horses, ruminants, and exotics!"

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Jeff Bradford**, who will wed Andrea Lasker (Colgate University '99) on August 31 in Durham, North Carolina, where they met while attending Duke Law School. Recently Jeff released his long-anticipated debut CD, which is available online at www.cdbaby.com/amp and has met with mixed review from the dozen or so people who have purchased it. Jeff is about a year into a two-year judicial clerkship with the Hon. Steven D. Merryday, United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, after which he hopes to practice in Tampa, Jacksonville, or Atlanta.

West

Ron Boskovic married Fannie (formerly Bulaon) '98 and the couple is currently living in Campbell, California, where Ron has been working with Epsilon Research and Development since graduation. Ron and Fannie have two little babies: Adrian, who is 20 months, and Fiona, 5 months (at the time that Ron wrote). Ron maintains a website with family photos at www.boskovic.org.

In April, **Amanda Eaken** was accepted at the University of California Berkeley to pursue a master's degree in urban planning. Amanda quit her job at Rails to Trails on June 1 and started traveling – hitting Hawaii in June, Europe in July, a family visit in New York, Fire Island, and Connecticut in early August, and will head off to graduate school soon.

Lianne Ong is starting her third year of medical school at the University of Nevada School of Medicine this fall.

Midwest

After graduating from Dartmouth, **Katie O'Connor** was in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. She lived in a city called Puerto Cabezas on the northern Caribbean coast and her project was environmental education, working with teachers to help them integrate environmental themes into their curriculum. She also met and married her husband Michael in Puerto Cabezas and they have been living in Chicago since December of 2001. Recently Michael's six-year old daughter Eva came to live with them. Katie is working at a non-profit housing agency as a program manager for an energy conservation program. However, later

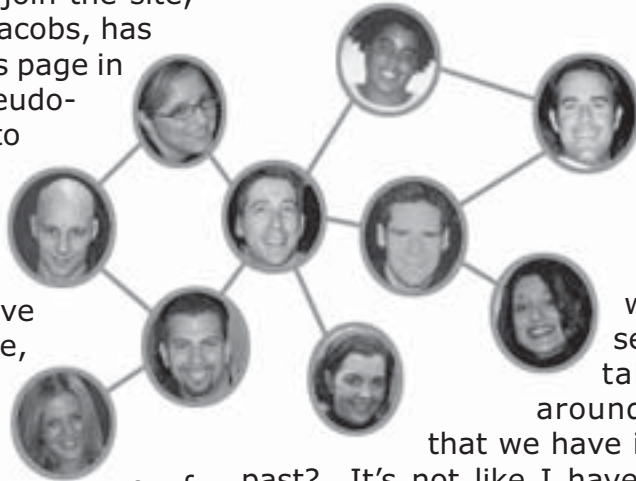
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Will You Be My "Friends"

by Landis G. Fryer

I don't know how many of you out there are familiar with this site, but Friendster.com seems to be the "next big thing." It's funny; the first person to invite me to join the site, our very own sensational Scott Jacobs, has not been on the site to update his page in a while. Nor has our favorite pseudo-athlete Dave Altman. I do want to take a moment to congratulate Dave on his engagement, though. I was very flattered that he has asked me to be in his wedding party. I cannot wait! I do have a question for the fellas out there, though— does it make sense to *buy* a tuxedo if one were to be in at least four weddings in the next year or so? In fact, another one of my good friends, our native physicist Ken Graham has been engaged with his boo for over a month. Congrats to you too, Ken! I just talked to him not too long ago, and he is doing well, having just moved into a new apartment with his fiancée. There's also venerable Graham Gunst and patient Jen Coup. Sweethearts. Though Graham has not asked me to be in the wedding yet, the potential is there ;). Anyway, if that's five weddings (my father is remarrying and Beau River '00 asked me to be in his wedding, too) and each rental is at *least* \$200, won't it make more sense to buy a tux? I mean, I might even use it in my wedding one day if you all release your younger sisters (shout out to you Kyle R!).

Sorry about the tangent folks, but I wanted to bring up this engagement stuff in relation to this new Friendster phenom. Most of the people there seem to be looking for a relationship. There's a section when you sign up asking why you are there: for activity partners, friends, dating, casual encounters (oops! that's Craigslist.com). Anyway, you get the point. They want you to advertise that you are out on the prowl, looking to meet someone to love through the vast network of people you know through the other people you know. I thought that it would turn out to be some creepy date thing, and it very well may be.



The thing is that if I put out a search within my own "Personal Network," the site automatically tells me how I am connected to that person. So if I pick "Sarah's" Friendster page (because I think her pic is cute or we have something in common), it tells me that there are only three people between me and the woman of my dreams. The problem is (and this is where the paranoia sets in) that what if I talk to her, she goes around asking the people that we have in common about my past? It's not like I have ever done anything *shady* in the past, but you know what I mean. It's just weird that there are Friendsters I may be attracted to who have these bizarre connections with other Friendsters I knew from college. And what we all did in college *stays* in college, right? Right??? It's just eerie. Or maybe it means nothing – I just hope there are no c**kblockers out there, that's all.

Anyway, I have been in touch with loveable Pete Land and vivacious Lauren Williams through Friendster. From what I could gather, they are doing quite well, and hopefully I will see them both at the reunion next spring. I have actually run into/talked with many of our classmates. First, there were tons of people at the Mini-Reunion (thanks to ultra-hip local organizer Nahoko, also on Friendster! and the rest of the reunion committee), and I thought that it went very well. The 99's in Boston really did rep that night. I see the inescapable Dan Gestwick on a weekly basis, often with ever-cool Austin Whitman and dapper Andy Hilton. I guess that's because Dan and I live about five blocks from one another. Anyway, for those of you that don't know Dan, he is on Friendster too. He's a great guy ((but he needs more Friendsters ;)).

Then there's brilliant Mia Hockett, who I ran into at the Vermont Brewer's Fest. I actually went up to the fest with Chris Bradt '00 and his boo, Tania. I was also there with several of the

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peeps that were in a reading group that I was in when I was still at the big D. So we went up to the fest, and Mia saw me and we did chat for a bit. I found out that she's going to UVM Medical School, which she really looks forward to, if I recall correctly. When she starts classes, she will probably run into inexplicable Rich Parent. That boy is absolutely hilarious. It is a total shame that we did not get to hang out at D, but from the couple of times we did roll out and talked about Jerry Springer and Homestar, I felt like Rich has been a buddy of mine for a long time. When I was hanging with Rich on Church Street in Burlington, he let me talk to none other than the squeezable Jen Holden. Oh, I miss you Jen! I do remember the formal, and didn't we have fun!!! I didn't really understand or hear what she's doing now (we were in a crowded bar, and I was drunk . . .) but I hope she is well. Also in Burlington recently was the capricious Travis Gardner and his wife Kate. He invited me to a kegger at his in-laws' place, but I did not have the means of getting up to Burlington for a second weekend in a row. I did want to catch up with him, and I hope he can be my Friendster.

Right before I went up to Burlington, I spent some time in Texas, which is much greener than I remember it. I had been down to Austin in '91, and as I remembered, Texas was a bunch of desert sprawled out between big cities. Well, I spent time in Houston to celebrate the union of the always pimpin' Eric Davis to the love of his life, Rhonda. They have two beautiful daughters, a tight house and a very excitable dog. With me on the trip was sharpshooter Juan Bell, sassy Fatema Choudhury, ever-jovial Folarin Dosunmu and if you can believe it, the untrackable Imani Payne. How we found him, I have no idea, but for those of you that know Imani, you know he is subject to flights of fancy and flights to Asia. Lemme tell you— there, fools are the best, and I had lots of fun. Also there was Brandi Kenner, '98, one of my “peeps,” and Chris Cerf, '00 also



one of my “peeps.” (Shout out to all my G comrades!) So that was Texas. It was excruciatingly hot and humid, and I doubt I go back. At least in the summer. I do hope it tempers out a bit in the other seasons, because in the summer, swamp butt and nappy dugout is an unfortunate part of life in that huge state. How they survive there is anyone's guess.

Anyway, I did go down to Brooklyn for a day on the Chinatown bus (\$10!!!) to meet up with one of my friends that went to Bates. When I was down there, I got to spend a late morning and early afternoon with my favorite, the lovely Stacey Morris. We ate at this shee-shee place in the Upper West Side, where I asked the waitress if she would choose bacon

or sausage and she replied that she didn't eat meat. I thought about that and then Stacey and I discussed it—why would you want to work in a place where you don't even know what the food tastes like? It would be like having a waitperson at the Cheesecake Factory that was lactose intolerant. Foolish waitress. Afterward, we walked through Central Park, where all of

the beautiful people were “tanning” aka “lobsterizing.” I thought it was strange that in that whole massive park I was one of few brothas. I think next time I should go to the part closer to Harlem. It was a lovely day regardless, and I want to say I had a great time with you, Stace! Oh, she's on Friendster too. And glamorous Damali Rhett too! How you doin'???

I'm reaching the end folks. Hello to everyone out there, and if you got a sec, be my Friendster! Oh, and don't forget to RSVP for the reunion!

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this month they will be moving to Bloomington, IN, where Katie will be pursuing a Masters in Environmental Policy and Management and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Katie also reports that **Amy Mikolczyk** will be moving to Italy this month to teach in an international school.

Ryan Calo served as an investigator of police misconduct in New York City for three years after graduation, after which he moved to Ann Arbor, MI, where he attends the University of Michigan Law School.

Also in law school is **Aiyana Thompson**, who is currently starting her first year at the University of Iowa College of Law. She recently moved to Iowa from Houston, where she was a Transfer Pricing Associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers. If there are any fellow '99's in Iowa, Aiyana would love to get together.

Our Classmates Abroad

Kylie Booth just finished four years of medicine at the University of Toronto and started her family medicine residency in Toronto on July 1st. She hopes to practice in a smaller/rural area in Ontario - where she can focus on her two passions - Sports Medicine and Emergency Medicine. She has her eye on a few communities that have great access to skiing in the winter, mountain biking in the summer, and great running trails. Since there is such a doctor shortage in Canada right now, Kylie says she is confident that there will be lots of interesting opportunities!

Kylie still keeps in touch with a bunch of Sigma Delta girls and reports that phone conversations with **Amy Mik** and **Claire Riley** have kept her sane throughout med school - but, unfortunately she hasn't been able to get down to the states for a visit lately due to her crazy med school schedule. Now that she is gainfully employed as an intern, however, she hopes to make a trip to NYC this summer to see Claire and Amy (and all the other Sigma Deltas living in NYC/Boston area).

Kylie's sister, Kristen, married Ben Robinson '96, Th '99, in December 2002. (Kylie introduced them when Kristen came down to Dartmouth for

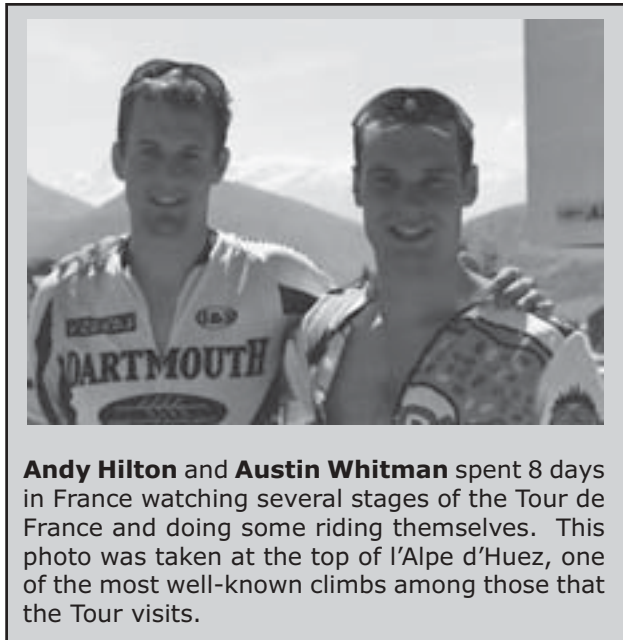
a visit in our senior year). Their wedding was in Toronto and was a great get-together of old Dartmouth friends including Danford Peterson Th '99, Andrew Lackner '97, Th'99, Pam Finnerty '97, Nora Stowell '97, J.P. Daignault '97, David Veile '97 etc... Kristen and Ben are now living in Boston - so she gets to see the Boston Dartmouth crowd when she visits.

Cynthia Anderson and Patrick Hansen '97 have been living together in Cuernavaca, Mexico, this past year, working for a small non-profit called Camihamos Juntos para Salud y Desarrollo, which is doing community development work in a town called Tlamacazapa. Cynthia reports that

Tlamacazapa is located high in the mountains of the state of Guerrero and is very rural and impoverished. She has been working with a group of women, teaching them to sew as a form of alternative income generation (the primary and only economy of the town is palm basket-weaving). Cynthia has also picked up Spanish (she knew nada when she arrived in August 2002) and is trying to learn Nahuatl as well, the indigenous language still spoken by

about a third of the community. Patrick has been working there since 2001, and Cynthia decided to join him when he decided to stay longer than his one-year commitment. "It has been an incredible experience and I have learned so many things that I never thought I would about the effects of arsenic contamination in groundwater, parasites, lead absorption, vitamin K deficiency, geology, sanitation, and health! Cynthia finished up in Mexico at the end of July and heads to Texas to begin a master's/PhD in linguistics at University of Texas Austin. Patrick plans to join her there after Christmas.

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.



Andy Hilton and **Austin Whitman** spent 8 days in France watching several stages of the Tour de France and doing some riding themselves. This photo was taken at the top of l'Alpe d'Huez, one of the most well-known climbs among those that the Tour visits.



Young Alumni of Dartmouth Activities (YADA) Website - Don't Miss This!

by Michelle Sweetser

Read,
Live,
Work,
Play,
Connect.

These are just a few of the things that you can do at the newly unveiled Young Alumni of Dartmouth Activities (YADA) website.

Sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, the YADA website is *the* Dartmouth website for young alumni (next to our class and reunion websites, of course!). You can read about other young alumni (the site currently features Dave Beldon '97, a cancer survivor and triathlete) and contribute your own stories, with a chance to win Dartmouth merchandise if your piece is selected. You can also read the current headlines and keep up-to-date on campus happenings.

The Live section includes resources for learning about new cities if you are considering a relocation as well as resources for planning your move and finding housing.

Looking for a new job or thinking of switching careers? The Work section includes a Career Resources listing (including links to Dartmouth Alumni Career Advisory Network, MonsterTrak, information on writing resumes and successful interviewing) and a section on scholarships and graduate school.

If you're looking for information on upcoming young alumni events across the country, the Live section includes a calendar of events for young alumni, as well as travel resources, including Dartmouth alumni trips, in-



formation on renting DOC cabins, and the like.

The Connect section includes details about using the online alumni directory, as well as links to alumni club websites and information on volunteering for the College.

Aside from its practical applications, the website is also fun and entertaining (roll your cursor over Eleazar and he has a message for you).

Next time you're bored at work or are looking for some useful information on careers or moving, be sure to check out the YADA website at:

<http://yada.dartmouth.edu/index.html>

If you have questions, comments, or ideas about the YADA website, drop an e-mail to yada@dartmouth.edu.

Upcoming Dartmouth Events



September 30 - FOOL ME ONCE — *Fact, Fiction and Preserving San Francisco History*. Dartmouth Club of Greater San Francisco.

Author Bill Pieper '61 will discuss how he came to write his new novel. See: <http://www.dartmouthsf.org/events.php#4>

October 9 - Centers of Influence. Dartmouth Alumni Association of New York City. 6-8:30 p.m. Featuring Diana Taylor '77, Superintendent of Banks, the NY State Banking Department, "Abraham Lincoln was Right! The Rewards of Public Service." See: <http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/nyc/calendar.htm>
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October 9 - Networking Happy Hour. Dartmouth club of Greater San Francisco. 6:30 pm. Second Thursday of every month. See: <http://www.dartmouthsf.org/events.php#3>

Featured Event:

October 24-26 - Homecoming Weekend at Dartmouth, vs. Columbia. Don't miss the parade Friday night, the Young Alumni Tent Saturday afternoon during the game, the Class of 99 Mini-Reunion at EBA's back room (5 p.m.) and the big YADA (Young Alumni of Dartmouth Activities) kick-off event at 9 p.m. More details about all of these events will be posted on the class website and sent to the class listserv.

November 9 - Ivy Tennis Party. Dartmouth Club of Washington, D.C. 6:45 – 11:00 P.M. Regency Sport & Health Club. Join Yale and Harvard Alumni for an evening of tennis. See: <http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/washdc/events.html#ivytennis>

November 16 - The Lion King. Dartmouth Club of Chicago. 1:00 p.m. Join Dartmouth Alumni in a group trip to The Lion King! Reserve tickets by October 1st. For details see: <http://dartmouthchicago.org/events/>