

# Alma Matters



## The Class of 1999 Newsletter

Early Fall 2004

### Hundreds of '99s Invade Hanover

By the numbers, our fifth reunion, *The Best of Dartmouth*, was the best in the last decade. With 450 total in attendance, the last 5th reunion to top that number were the '88s back in 1993 before we were even at Dartmouth!

This issue includes much news, from both those in attendance at in Hanover, and those who were unable to join us. It's amazing how much our news has changed in the past five years, now dominated by tales of marriages, and a growing news section - births.

**Ben Lind** finished medical school at Case Western in Cleveland, and matched to a general surgery residency in Chicago, at Rush University, but also rotates at Cook County, which, as we all know is the basis for the television show ER. We hope for Ben's sake that helicopters really don't fall out of the sky there! Ben has seen his old roommate, **Ridwan Budijono**, in both North Carolina and New York City, and also caught up with **Beth Walsh** in North Carolina. While on the interview trail, Ben ran into **Greg Sainnovall**.

The University of Texas -Austin will be the new home this fall for **Robin O'Sullivan**, who will begin the PhD program in American Studies there. Robin earned her Masters in American and New England studies from the University of Southern Maine in May.

As the Olympics heat up, it brings to mind that several members of our class were inducted into the Dartmouth athletic honorary - the Wearers of the Green - in a ceremony at the Westin Copley Plaza, Boston, in May. Inducted from our class were **Michael Conway** (baseball), **Megan Phillips**



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(equestrian), **Adam Young** (football), **Kevin Witcher** (rugby), **Stephen Donahue** (skiing), and **Gregory Johnston** (track and field).

**Andrea** and **Eric**

**Eckberg**, and son Alex left the army from Fort Dunn in November, heading to Denver. Eric is working on his masters in geology at the Colorado School of Mines, while Andrea is "working on several opportunities at once" and Alex is charming all as he learns to walk. The family looks forward to travel out west and around the world.

Speaking of around the world, writing in with an update from

the UK is new class secretary **Tony Perry**. Tony has finished a general management training scheme with British Airways, and is now an analyst at their head office in London, researching strategic questions that arise and managing relationships between the UK sales team and other departments within the airline.

The management training allowed Tony to spend a year in London evaluating and designing operational processes at Heathrow Airport, followed by a stint analyzing market trends for BA in Northern and Eastern Europe - a role that took him to Frankfurt and Stockholm. His last placement took me to Washington, DC, where he was an account manager at a regional sales office.

In his spare time, since March 2001, Tony has assisted a teaching hospital in Lahore, Pakistan apply management and customer service best practices to improve patient care. He is now helping to cre-

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## Class of 1999 Executive Committee

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## From the President's Desk

At Reunion, I had the great privilege of being elected President of our class for the next four years. Here's a little bit about why I wanted the job and what I plan to do.

As I became more and more involved with Reunion planning I began to feel more profoundly the disconnection in our class. It was almost as if the body that once was had been dismembered. I know we are too good for that, we have too much to offer as a collective group – to each other, our communities and the college. So I thought I would run in order to serve the class, to cater to us as we had not been catered to before.

A group of us, now the Executive Committee are committed to bringing us back together as the Class of 1999. While no experience in our years as alumnae will be the same as our experience while at Dartmouth, we can again be a strong and united force invested in creating unique good in the world around us.

I hope you're as excited as I am.



## New Executive Committee Heads Class

The conclusion of our fifth reunion signaled not only the end to our first five years as alums, but also the changing of the guard for our class leadership.

Taking over the reins from outgoing president James Gallo is Melissa Maggio. Kevin Findlan replaces Kendra Kosko as vice president, and Tony Perry is the new class secretary, stepping into the position previously held by Seth Kelly.

Relieved of their reunion duties, Jeff Fine continues as treasurer, and Michelle Sweetser continues as newsletter editor. Evan Walsh, who served as reunion webmaster now will apply those skills to the regular class website.

Serving as regional mini-reunion chairs are Danielle Downing (Washington, DC), Jonathan Hummel (New York City), Meg Cashion Lysy (Chicago), Rex Morey (Boston), and Damali Rhett (Hanover).

Juan Bell, Karen Mangold, and Jonah Sonnenborn will head up the class' fundraising efforts for the Dartmouth College Fund, and Adrienne Wilson Wagner continues in the second year of her three-year term as alumni councilor.

Rounding out the executive committee are Dave Dookeeram, Liz French, James Gallo, Caroline Kaufmann, Jessica Kelley, Seth Kelly, Ann Sharfstein Mielcarz, Emily Mulvoy, Melissa Rikard, and Willy Wong.

Special thanks to those who have served the class for the past five years. We look forward to an exciting four years to come!♦

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ate a non-profit organization, whose mission will be to do similar work with other public and charity hospitals in the country.

**Kevin Findlan**, new class vice-president, has traded in the backstage passes at Lincoln Center for the hallowed halls of Columbia University after a three year "penance" in the music industry in New York, where he simultaneously was working as an artist manager and record producer for his classical record label in the UK. He is now getting his feet wet in nonprofit management and working as a grantwriter and development officer for a research program at Columbia.

Kevin spent Memorial Day weekend at a barbecue at the new home of **Lauryn Zipse** and husband Juan-Carlos Serna '98 in Randolph, MA. Lauryn and JC were married in a beautiful ceremony at Aquinas House last September, and Lauryn is currently working on her PhD at MIT. **Frances Baxley, Jen Chon**, and **Jeannine Murray-Roman** were bridesmaids. Among the many classmates in attendance at the wedding were **Ben Halasz, Anthony Accurso, Marty Vona**, and **Matt and Kate (Creskoff) Garvey**.

Ben Halasz recently announced his engagement to his girlfriend, Lia Moriguchi (Harvard '99). Ben and Lia live in Brookline, where Lia is finishing up medical school at Harvard and Ben is clerking for a federal judge in Boston.

**Jordan Kritzer Fiorentini** and Emanuele Fiorentini celebrated their marriage on May 15 at the family Frogtown Winery in Dahlonega, Georgia. Jordan met Emanuele while working at a winery in the Tuscany area of Italy, and it was love at first sight. A crew of Dartmouth friends stayed with Jordan and Emanuele and spent the weekend tasting the wonderful Frogtown wines, eating delicious food, and listening to the bullfrogs in the pond out back. In attendance were **Raadha Brayce** and husband **Adam Jacobstein, Martinique Devereaux, Melissa Draper, Amie Servino, Doug Morton, Lindsay Morton, Robert Tichio** and wife Maya, and Abby Augusta '98.

Raadha and Adam themselves were married in March on Maui. The ceremony and festivities took place 'up country' in Kula and were reportedly "spectacular." In attendance were bridesmaids Jordan Kritzer Fiorentini, **Mamie**



**Photo Gallery**

Have you posed with Dartmouth gear from some "interesting" places? **Muhammad Hutasuhut** sent in the above photograph from his duty with the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq.

**Anna (Miller) Hill** submitted the photo at right, taken during reunion weekend. Not sure about you, but I don't really know what the proper traffic etiquette is - what in the world is traffic calming?! If anyone knows, please do share. Photo was taken on Dorrance, near Ramunto's.



Upcoming issues will continue this new section. Send in your photos from around the world that show your Dartmouth spirit. Send in photos of signage that just doesn't make sense or is laugh-worthy. We'll publish the best in each issue. ♦

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**Lawrence, Mel Soares**, and groomsmen **Jamie Fischer** and **Seth Pevnick**. Other Dartmouth alums in attendance included Michael Gallagher '01, Abby Augusta '98, Alex Prinstine '98, and Adam's father, Stephen Jacobstein '63.

Napa, California, was the site of **Jenn Coup** and **Graham Gunst's** wedding last month. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii, and upon their return, moved to San Francisco, where Graham will work for an ad agency.

**Kallie Willets**, who is currently finishing up her PhD in chemistry at Stanford, served as the maid of honor, joined by bridesmaid **Monica Wilkins**, who is currently producing television commercials for a firm in Chicago. You can look for her spots for Miller beer appearing soon!

**Landis Fryer** and **Scott Jacobs** made up the Dartmouth contingent of groomsmen in the Coup/Gunst party. Landis will be starting in the admissions office of Northwestern University. Other '99s in attendance included **Beth Walsh**, who is working on a PhD in chemistry at Duke University (graduating in November!); **Katie Garrett**, who continues work as a Kentucky horse veterinarian at the top equine clinic in the country; **Andrea Stenger** who will be entering her second year at Tuck and has spent the summer interning in Chicago; **Mike Dietzman**, who will be entering his second year of business school at the University of Washington this fall; **Case Dorkey, Rex Morey**, and **Kyle Roderick**.

#### Anne Newman

married Andy Schoenhard '97 in Nashville on June 5. The couple now resides in Baltimore, where Andy is completing an internship in medicine, and Anne is doing a dental residency.

**Allison Wiener** was recently engaged this spring to Rob Fineberg, and will be getting married in the Hamptons in October. Bridesmaids will include **Michelle Park** (engaged to **Will Leicht** and planning an April 2005 wedding on Jupiter Island, Florida), **Weze Shorts**, and **Sarah (Carlson) Powers** (who married Chris Powers in December 2003). Allison also



Taking a break at the reunion tent are **Dave Wagner, John Muckle, Jon Lee, Jeff Munsie**, and **Holly Smith**.



One final photo before departing from Collis - (Back row) **Cat McCarthy, Jean Blackerby, Ben Hill, Anthony Accurso, Jess Jacob, Laura Poplawski, Ryan Ma.** (front row) **Bill Hwang, Deric Corwin, Ros (Prabharasuth) Douglas, Charlotte Bednar**, and **Anna (Miller) Hill**.

reports that **Heather McNulty** and **Dave Maher** will marry in September on Long Island.

Shakespeare Garden in Golden Gate Park was the wedding site for **Ali McKinley** and Brad Jefferson '98. The ceremony took place outdoors on May 15, with all attendants were Dartmouth women (except Brad's sister Ali, which yes, does mean that there are two Ali McKinleys). **Julia Henneberry** served as the maid of honor, and **Libby Reder** and **Kathleen de Guzman** were attendants. Brad's best men were Jason Hsiao '98 and

Tyler Olson. Others in attendance (representing the varsity volleyball and football teams strongly) were Will Harper '98, Dan Lanza '98, Ken Bollens '98, **James Gallo, Erin Rewalt, Emily (Hallenbeck) Regula**, and **Rosanna Taormina**.

**Chris Nybo** and wife Faye are proud to announce the birth of their son, Connor Laurence Nybo, who was born on August 5. Mom and baby are doing fine. After finishing his clerkship with a federal district court in Chicago, Chris is now practicing labor and employment law with the firm of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz.



**Jess Jacob** and **Charlotte Bednar** reconnect at the class tent.



Beauties at cocktail hour - **Elizabeth Loughlin**, **Cassie Miller**, **Stephanie (Little) Brennan**, **Sarah (Anderson) Donnell**, and **Courtney (Dill) Shuster**.



Posing during the class party - **Adrienne Wilson Wagner**, **Debbie Bender**, **Catherine Maxson**, **Cassie Miller**, and **Sara Zrike**.



Tri-Delt Mini-Reunion.

Also welcoming a new baby into their home are **Cesar** and **Emily (Cornell) Ruiz**, whose baby, Catherine, was born on July 30. Catherine joins big brother Justin at home with Emily, and Cesar continues to work in the computing industry in the Manchester, NH area.

**Jill (Sorrentino) Connors** and her husband John (Dartmouth Medical School General Surgery Residency 2002), welcomed their son, Jameson Philip Connors, into the world on January 2. Jameson weighed in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. The family lives in Boston until next summer, when John finishes his Plastic Surgery Fellowship at Harvard Medical School. Jill

works as an attorney for Perkins, Smith & Cohen, LLP.

**Amy (Stone) Altizer** and husband, Jay (Tuck '00) were joined by baby Mary Grace Iva Altizer on December 26, 2003. Mary Grace was born three weeks early and weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

I expect we'll have more news to report in the near future, as, while I was in Hanover for reunion, I attended a baby shower for **Meggan (Ditzler) Young** and husband Rusty '97. The party was hosted by **Michelle (Ott) Batt** and included in attendance **Joel** and **Hilary (Cheyne)**

**Stanton, Sarah (Iversen) Ito** (and husband John), and **Jill (Perring) Papsdorf** (and husband Josh '98).

Special thanks go out to Adrienne Wilson Wagner and Anna (Miller) Hill for contributing the photos from reunion, as I was too busy taking care of other things to get out my camera! ♦

*Have a new job? New significant other? Starting a family? Wanna see your photo here? Let editor Michelle Sweetser know by sending her an e-mail at [Class.of.1999@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG](mailto:Class.of.1999@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG).*

## '99s in the Spotlight: Kayak-bum turned U. of Chicago triple-degree student David Lysy

### **So David, what have you been up to since graduation?**

I have been in grad school at the University of Chicago for the past four years, and have one more to go. I started full-time in September 2000. However, prior to my time in Chicago I was in Boston for a year, and between graduation and Boston I lived in my car for the summer of '99 whitewater kayaking the mountain states of the west with my fellow Ledyardite Brooks Foster '99.

### **You lived in your car?**

Yup. Total road trip experience. Brooks and I strapped our kayaks to the roof along with my mountain bike, loaded the car with all our camping gear, and bee-lined it out west for three months of whitewater kayaking. I have a picture that Brooks took as I dropped a 35' footer, called Spirit Falls, on the Little White Salmon River in Washington. Looking at it reminds me of the thrill of verticality while I suffer the self-imposed barren steppes of the mid-West. Chicago has got to be one of the flattest parts of the country.

### **How did you end up in Chicago?**

When the kayak-bum lifestyle ended, meaning I was too broke to continue, I moved to Boston to work for a year and pay off my bills before heading to the University of Chicago for graduate school. While living in Boston I made sure to head up to Dartmouth regularly to telemark ski, whitewater kayak, and socialize with friends still in Hanover.

### **What do you study at the University of Chicago?**

It's long-winded for me to describe my program. Here goes: I just completed a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in June '04, and will finish a Master of Arts (AM) and a Master of Public Policy (MPP) in June '05. My M.Div. area of concentration was on the philosophical

end of the spectrum – specifically social and professional ethics. My AM is in the area of social service administration, and the MPP is in the area of public management policy. Bringing all three programs together makes me a dual-joint-degree student, and my overarching concentration area is emergency management and disaster response.

### **Ok, I think I understand. Sounds complicated. What has that entailed for you over the past four years that you've been studying?**

Both the M.Div. and the AM have extensive internship requirements, so my overall program has been a mix of both class work and practicum. During the summer of '01 I completed a required stint (for the M.Div.) as a hospital chaplain providing hospice-type care in the in-patient oncology ward at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. That training was especially pertinent for my field of interest (emergency management & disaster response), and sadly timely as 9/11 occurred just as I completed my internship.

During the academic year of '01-'02 I interned half time with the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School. Over the course of that year I developed a grants-resource for social service providers on the south and west sides of Chicago (which are historically underserved areas), and visited a client weekly at Cook County Jail in the maximum-security wing. That summer, in '02, I interned as an economic policy analyst for a Boston-based think tank and advocacy group called United for a Fair Economy. I researched Securities & Exchange Commission filings to better understand the linkages between excessive executive pay at for-profit companies, "especially with stock options", and perverse incentives to mislead investors. If you remember, summer '02 was the season of Enron,



Tyco, WorldCom, and the other massive consumer frauds. I got lucky in having chosen another timely internship prior to knowing what kinds of scandals would rock the financial markets that summer.

Last summer ('03) I completed my M.Div. internship requirements working as the legal clinic coordinator for the National Interfaith Committee for Work Justice. The NICWJ is a partnership between various religious communities (Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, etc.), the union labor movement, and the U.S. Federal Government (OSHA, Dept. of Labor, EEOC) to help improve conditions for low and ultra-low-wage workers, mostly immigrants. We would bring cases against unscrupulous day labor bosses and other employers who were violating labor laws and mistreating workers who didn't necessarily know their rights.

This summer ('04) I have been working at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (formerly the General Accounting Office). At the GAO I am working on a rail security project that has been requested by Senators Barbara Boxer (CA) and Olympia Snowe (ME) in the wake of the Madrid train bombings on 3/11.

This project is investigating the current American rail security situation, looking at best practices domestically and abroad, and putting forth recommendations for action in Congress and within the rail industry.

### And what does the upcoming year hold for you?

This past June I completed the M.Div., and this academic year I'll be finishing off the AM and MPP programs and interning half time at the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in their downtown Chicago office. I'll be rotating through their Preparedness, Response, and Recovery teams. Upon graduation in June '05 my wife and I will likely be moving on to Washington D.C. for at least a few years.

### Your wife is a '99 as well?

Yup, Meg Cashion and I got married last year. We started dating sophomore winter, got engaged on the summit of Moosilauke at the end of August '02, and married at Rollins Chapel on December 20th '03. It was the quintessential New England winter wedding in Hanover with about two feet of fresh snow and a crowd of Dartmouth alums ('97s, '98s, '99s and '00s) for the ceremony and the reception at the Hanover Inn. The weather was beautiful, we had the whole campus to ourselves, and we finished off the experience honeymooning north of Montreal and in Quebec City.

**David, thanks for sharing the story of what you've been up to since graduation. Good luck with all your plans and congratulations.**

Thanks, take care. ♦

*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](mailto:Class.of.1999@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG).*

## Guest Column: The Single Life

By Melissa Maggio

So Reunion was great, and I had more fun than I think I thought I would. Part of that was, of course due to all of you who came. I saw so many people I hadn't seen in too long, some I wasn't even expecting to see, and I got to know people I never knew when I was at Dartmouth. That was also a little embarrassing, I suppose. Not so good to walk up to others and introduce yourself by apologizing for not knowing who they are (especially if you're running for class President). But people were forgiving and I got through it with a smile.

I'll tell you what has stuck with me though, the single population is dwindling fast. Don't get me wrong, I couldn't be happier for those of you who are married, with children or expecting, and engaged, but the single girl's life is getting more challenging.

I have to say I'm one of the lucky ones. My best girlfriends (99s and those from other classes) are all still single. So we seem to have our own world to muddle around in. It includes apartment living, scraping by on one income, taking family vacations (yes, still), lots of nights out with the girls and many stories about our cumulative failed dating experiences.

Although I sometimes dream of life as a fiance, I am happy. I think the fabled Prince Charming will come (I just hope it's sooner rather than later). In the mean time I enjoy my girlfriends, relish the quiet time I have and immerse myself into my kids at school. After all, I suppose beginning this fall I will have forty of my very own to teach and watch over. Who could ask for more? ♦

## Baby Corner

With the increase in the number of children born to classmates, it seems only appropriate that this issue also features a new section for baby or family photos. We hope you enjoy seeing these newest members of our Dartmouth family, and potential 2026 graduates! ♦



**Hilary (Cheyne) and Joel Stanton** with son Simon.



Jameson Philip Connors, son of **Jill (Sorrentino) Connors** and John Connors.

## Mark your calendar and join classmates at these upcoming mini-reunions!

### **Chicago**

Friday, October 8. 7-10 p.m. Come see the new show at The Second City Mainstage, "Doors Open on the Right." Arrive at 7 p.m. and enjoy drinks, food, and the company of fellow 99s before the show begins at 8 p.m. You can also stay for improv comedy after the show. Please RSVP to Meg Cashion by Sept. 14 if you would like a ticket. \$10.

The Second City Mainstage  
1616 North Wells Street  
Chicago, IL 60614  
(312) 337-3992  
[www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com)

### **Hanover**

October 29-30. Homecoming Weekend. Watch for further details on the parade, game, Young Alumni Tent, and a special '99 event.

### **New York City**

Friday, October 15. 6-8 p.m.  
Come out for an opening reception at Chelsea contemporary art gallery Mixed Greens. Learn about art collecting and enjoy drinks in a hip space with breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline. Space is limited; please RSVP to Jonathan Hummel.

Mixed Greens  
601 West 26th Street (at 11th Avenue)  
11th floor  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 331-8888  
<http://www.mixedgreens.com/>

### **Washington, DC**

Thursday, September 23. 6-8 p.m.  
We've got a spot on the Roof Terrace at the Hotel Washington (best view in DC) and we're even providing a couple of free drinks! Stop by after work on your way out. Take a break from the job if you're still stuck at the office. Stumble out of bed for a flu-killing drink.