

Alma Matters



The Class of 1999 Newsletter

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In Memoriam

Juan P. Cisneros '99

February 16, 1977 - September 11, 2001



Just two short years after graduation, we lost one of our classmates in the tragedy that affected the lives of many. Juan Cisneros worked as a bond trader for Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center and was an unfortunate victim of terrorism. While at Dartmouth he was in Chi Gam and the Big Brother program, and led a DOC trip. Juan is survived by his girlfriend, Stephanie Albert, by his parents, Lidia and Alfonso, and by a younger sister, Ana. Following here and on page 3 are pieces written by individuals who knew Juan well.

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined for life - to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent unspeakable memories at the moment of last parting?

George Eliot

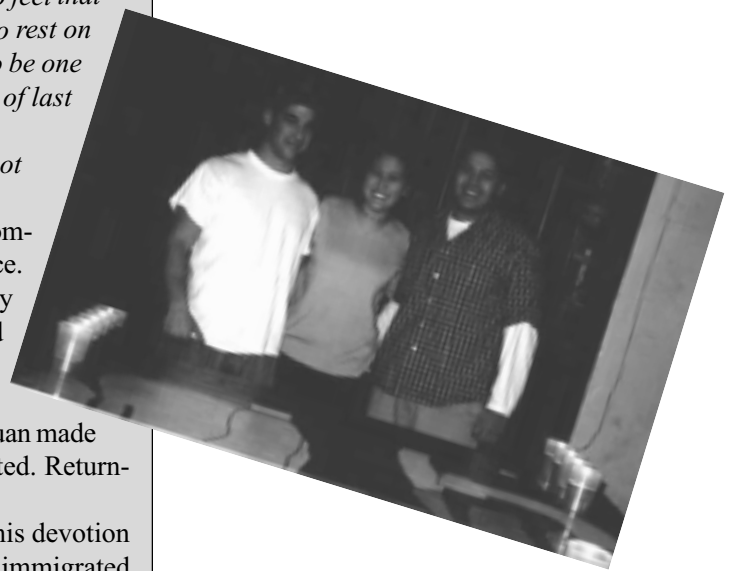
Armed with an unmatched strength of character and a compassionate heart, Juan Cisneros lived his life with an assured grace. We met at Dartmouth in the summer of 1997. I was immediately charmed by the warmth of his smile, the twinkle in his eye and the intelligence of his conversation. By the time of our graduation in 1999, we were blissfully inseparable. Romantic partners. Trusting confidants. Supportive best friends. Soul mates. Juan made me feel completely adored, understood, protected and celebrated. Returning these gifts was my life's greatest pleasure.

One of the many reasons I fell in love with Juan was his devotion to his family. His parents, Alfonso and Lidia Cisneros-Alvarez, immigrated to America from Guatemala when he was 6. I have never met two more loving and generous people. Juan and Ana, his sixteen-year-old sister, shared a unique closeness. She reveres him and he adored her.

Juan was a philosophical man who traveled his own path. He was truly a rugged individualist. I have long respected his beautiful mind, the way he saw the world and his place in it. He loved reading and intended to pursue the life of an academic. He would have made an outstanding teacher. His method was respectful, patient and steady. Although he held strong convictions and had a passionate nature, he never raised his voice in a debate or argument. He always remained calm and self-assured.

Juan was robbed of a lifetime of love, family and self-discovery. And I have been robbed of the single most precious person in my life. I am only comforted by the knowledge that we loved each other well.

— Stephanie Albert, Juan's girlfriend, Smith '99



I'll always remember Juan's smile. It was impossible to be in a bad mood around him because he was always joking around and smiling and laughing. I particularly remember Juan cheering me up during corporate recruiting. I felt like I was never going to get a job and Juan kept telling me to hang in there and would, with a huge grin, share his job hunting nightmares to make me feel better. Juan was a great friend.

— Melissa A. Nagare

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Wild about Harry

by Landis Fryer

Greetings classmates! I don't know where each and every one of you are at the current moment, but I hope this newsletter reaches you in good health and cheer. I can say this though: regardless of where you are (whether in the Sahara or on the Antarctic Ice shelf) news about Harry Potter has reached you before this letter will, probably by a matter of years . . . And if this is the first time you've heard about Harry, well, who am I kidding; you all have. Anyway, I went to go see the movie at the posh Sony Loews Complex in West Lebanon. I must tell you-- the theater was packed (with children of course, since I went to the Saturday matinee) and their parents. I was probably the oldest person in the room who doesn't get tax breaks for dependents. The wonderful thing is that the children sat quiet and enraptured for TWO AND A HALF-HOURS!!! I was twitching in my too small seat near the end of the two-hour mark, pining for the luxurious seats of stadium-style theaters in Chicago, where I was raised.

Which brings me to this: I am making moves right now to be back in Chicago for graduate school next year (fingers crossed). My top choice is Northwestern, because they have a really neat joint (not what you're thinking, you fiends) program that intrigues me. I've already sent in the application, and am kind of nervous about the process. What makes this ridiculous is that I am an Admissions Officer and I should know better. But now I'm tense and have no idea what kind of letter they're going to send to me. Maybe I want to get my wonderful (positive) admissions letter just as Harry Potter got his-- there was no application process, no forced interview, no recommendations or essays for Harry. No, no. He just got a letter informing him that he was admitted and was to be on the next train out of town. "BS!" I cried; jealous I am. I'll be getting a letter sometime soon. I just had to work much harder to get it.

Now, I don't know how many of you are at the "gotta do something else" stage in your life, but we've been out of Dartmouth going on three years and many of us may have had only one job. Maybe you feel your job is wonderful and you have accomplished your greatest dream. Well, I love admissions and it has taught me some great things, but now I need to further my career (let alone the fact that I'm experiencing the proverbial "seven year itch" from Hanover). The next step then for me is school. I just want to know how many of you are making this move too, and whether it'll take you to Chicago (the hippest town in the nation, no doubt) or elsewhere. I do know that many of us are in school already, and I want to say, "Good luck" to you all (KB, FD and RS represent for Spr. '96).

I guess I should go and finish off a few more apps (both reading them for the Class of 2006 and writing them for school) and study for the GMAT (who knew I'd have to dig up my HS Algebra book?). As for things going down in Hanover, well, not much. But I'll let you all know more as soon as I watch "Lord of the Rings", and get my magical letter from admissions.

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It seems strange now to think that in my entire Dartmouth career, I only went on one elegant picnic. There must be some scale, of course, which measures elegance, and the picnic I went on failed in the champagne and strawberries sense. Nonetheless it met all the other criteria I could throw its way. I kayaked to get there, pulled over to an island, sat on the beach and ate boxed-lunch sandwiches, their edges gritty with the sand near the shore. It was a simple picnic - direct and elegant.

The only reason I went on my notable picnic was Juan Cisneros. One Saturday afternoon at Dartmouth, we had wandered over to the boathouse, stopping on the way for a plastic bag full of food. We squeezed into wet suits and picked out boats from the wall rack. This was the fulfillment of two weeks of idle chatter; Juan had promised to teach me kayaking. In a few short minutes, we were in the boats, Juan had shown me the basics and we were on the river.

Juan was easygoing and relaxed. He moved through life as if his every motion were intended only for that moment and inevitable. Because of it, he was in no hurry for the next action to come along. That was how Juan taught me to kayak. The sun beat down on our kayaks and the bow of the boats skipped forward quietly as we chatted about whatever came to mind and glided through the water. We discussed what was happening in our lives and what was going on all around us, seemingly nothing at the time, but really everything. Juan could do that. He could put you at ease and interest you while effortlessly grinning.

I think of Juan in many contexts and no doubt many here tonight will elucidate his humor, his intellect, his easygoing friendship. I remember all of those things, but I have a static image of Juan in one of his great moments as well. I have never duplicated that afternoon, the two trails of kayaks going down the river, my paddle splashes loud and untutored, and his confident, relaxed and elegant. Juan had many talents. His sense of humor was often unparalleled; his insights were novel and his mind was eternally curious. His kayaking skills were only moderate; however he shared them easily and with the same simple elegance of motion that he did everything else. It may seem like only one afternoon, but it was a slice of my friendship with Juan and for that, as well as for so many other moments, hours and days, I thank him.

— R. Gregory Webster '98

This was originally written in conjunction with/for recitation at a memorial service held in New York.

Stephanie, Judith and Robert Albert have established the Juan P. Cisneros Memorial Fund as of January 2002. Contributions in memory of Juan may be made by contacting Ms. Nancy Bates, Dartmouth College Stewardship Office, 63 South Main Street, Suite 6066, Hanover, NH 03755. 603.646.3613.



Calendar of Dartmouth Events

Feb. 1 - Women's basketball at **Yale**. 7:00 p.m.
 Feb. 2 - Women's squash at **Brown**. 12:00 p.m.
 Feb. 2 - Women's swimming at **Army**. 12:00 p.m.
 Feb. 2 - Men's swimming at **Army**. 3:30 p.m.
 Feb. 2 - Women's basketball at **Brown**. 7:00 p.m.
 Feb. 3 - Men's squash at **Brown**. 2:00 p.m.
 Feb. 7 - First Thursday Young Alum Happy Hour. **Chicago**.
 McGee's. 950 W. Webster (Webster/Sheffield) 8 p.m.
 Feb. 8 - Men's hockey at **Brown**. 7:00 p.m.
 Feb. 8-10 - **Winter Carnival** in **Hanover**.
 Feb. 9 - Men's Basketball at **Columbia**. 7:30pm.
 Feb.15 - Men's Basketball at **Princeton**. 7:30pm.
 Feb. 22 - Women's basketball at **Columbia**. 7:00 p.m.
 Feb. 22 - Women's hockey at **Yale**. 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 23 - Women's hockey at **Princeton**. 4:00 p.m.
 Feb. - Museum of Science/Planetarium. **Boston**. Details pending. Contact Andrea Lordan for more information.
 Mar. 1- Men's Basketball at **Brown**. 7:00pm.
 Mar. 2 - Men's Basketball at **Yale**. 7:00pm.
 Mar. 2 - Alumni Seminar. **Chicago**. "The Good Life in a Shrinking World." Details TBA.
 Mar. 7 - First Thursday Young Alum Happy Hour. **Chicago**.
 McGee's. 950 W. Webster (Webster/Sheffield) 8 p.m.
 Mar. 23 - Alumni Seminar. **Los Angeles**. Featuring Professor Rassias. Details TBA.
 Mar. - Club seminar. **Boston**. Details pending. Contact Andrea Lordan for more information.

Please note that all details are accurate as of this writing. Changes may occur; check with the Athletic Department or local clubs for dates and times. Many details of club events were not complete as of this writing. To submit an item for the calendar, e-mail Michelle Sweetser at Michelle.Sweetser@alum.dartmouth.org.

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Spotlight:

Marty Vona, Mars Explorer

By Jeffrey Fine

"Round the Girdled Earth they roam..." is an appropriate description for our class, with classmates traveling and working in all corners of the globe. However, the "Girdled Earth" is not quite big enough for one of our classmates. Marty Vona prefers to work on Mars. As an engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab,



Marty is working on the Mars Exploration Rover project, which will land two robots on Mars's surface in 2004. I recently spent some time with Marty talking about his work with NASA and the Mars Exploration Project.

What are you working on at NASA ?

I'm working on a team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), in Pasadena CA, to develop a software package called the Science Activity Planner, or "SAP", which will be used during the operation of NASA's next Martian lander mission. In mid-2003 NASA is planning to launch two rovers that will land on the Martian surface. This will be the first time we have done so following the successful Pathfinder mission in 1997. If everything goes well, the rovers will arrive on Mars in early 2004 and be active for at least 3 months. The 2003 mission, called the Mars Exploration Rovers, or "MER", is going to be significantly more advanced than Pathfinder was. Not only are we sending two robots at once (to different landing sites), the MER robots will travel much farther and faster than the Pathfinder rover (Sojourner) did, and they will carry a more extensive suite of scientific instruments.

NASA has gathered a team of scientists -- including astronomers, geologists, geochemists, and biologists -- who are helping to design the MER mission plan and suite of scientific instruments, and who will direct the operation of the rovers during the time that they are active on the

Martian surface. This will be a very busy time, as the rovers will be producing a great deal of data every day ("downlink"). This daily downlink will include 3D images of the local rocks and terrain, chemical spectra, and microscopic images of individual rocks. The science team must quickly analyze the downlink as the rovers sleep during the Martian night (they're solar powered) and use it to design the rovers' activity plan for the following Martian day (eventually this plan gets turned into "uplink", the action commands sent back to the rovers). The scientists will use SAP, the software package that I'm helping to develop, to analyze the downlink data and assemble the uplink commands.

What is your specific role in the project ?

My largest task is to create a 3D view tool for the SAP software package that scientists can use to visualize the 3D terrain images that are produced by pairs of stereo cameras on the rover. The scientists will be able to "fly" around and investigate the terrain in a manner similar to a flight simulator or a computer game. The 3D view will also include a rendering of the rover itself which will move around during simulation of the proposed uplink commands.

What will happen when the rovers land on Mars ?

During the three months that the rovers are active on the Martian surface, a

"flight team" composed of the

MER mission scientists and engineers will gather here at JPL. In order to be able to spend the time during each Martian night analyzing the previous day's downlink data, this team will live on "Mars time", which rolls with respect to earth time because the Martian day is about 40 minutes longer than the Earth day. The science team will use the SAP software package to manipulate, view, and analyze the daily downlink data, and to plan and simulate the uplink commands for the following day.

Some people might be interested to know that a "public" version of SAP will also be available on the web during this time. Anyone in the world will be able to download it and run it on their home computer, with access to the downlink data similar to the mission science team. The software should be accessible from the URL <http://wits.jpl.nasa.gov>. In fact, if you go there today you can read about and see pictures of earlier versions of software in the SAP family.



Image : Dan Maas

Mini-Reunion Update

by Catherine Maxson, Mini-Reunion Chair



Through the summer and into the fall '99s have been busy meeting up with their classmates at various mini-reunions across the country. In August, a group of '99s headed up to the Bronx to watch the Yankees take on the Mariners at Yankee Stadium. Staying with the baseball theme, the Executive Committee planned a similar outing to a Red Sox game in September. Over 25 classmates got to-

gether to cheer on the Sox and catch up, learning about the exploits of their friends between hot dogs and beer. Based on the success of the outings, the mini-reunion chairs hope to plan trips to more stadiums next summer, and would welcome any assistance in cities other than Boston and New York.

Homecoming saw the return of a good number of '99s to the Hanover plain. The Executive Committee co-sponsored the Young Alumni tent with the classes of '92-'01, providing free beer, snacks and music to the assembled throngs. During halftime and after the game, '99s caught up with each other and other young alums sharing stories about grad school, jobs, engagements and travel. It was a crisp fall day in Hanover, and memories were around every corner as '99s gathered around the campus.

The following weekend in Cambridge, the Executive Committee again co-sponsored a tent with spirits and snacks for '99s. The loss to Harvard was a heartbreaker, but due to class sponsored free drinks there was a large and jovial gathering of '99s to help ease the pain. Also in Boston, '99s had the opportunity to attend an all Ivy Halloween masquerade ball and socialize with young alums from other schools. According to attendees it was a night to remember, full of spooky fun and spectacular costumes.

The mini-reunion chairs welcome any and all contributions to our efforts, and I invite you to e-mail catmax.99@alum.dartmouth.org if you would like to help plan a mini-reunion. Unfortunately the three mini-reunion chairs all live in Boston and our activities are very northeast based, but expansion to other parts of the country is one of our main goals. We can't do it alone! Please contact us if you have any ideas or suggestions!

How did you end up working for NASA ?

After graduation and a great '99 summer living in Hanover, I moved down to Cambridge and entered the graduate program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) at MIT. Cambridge and MIT were fun, but I decided about a year ago to finish my Master's degree this past June and get a job for a while. During my job search I was forwarded an email advertising this job by Daniela Rus, Associate Professor of Computer Science at Dartmouth, my former undergraduate advisor whom I've kept in touch with. I came out here, did an interview, and liked what I saw. I discovered, for example, that one can land at LAX at noon and be hiking in the very peaceful San Gabriel mountains by 2pm. A few days later I got the call and was fortunate enough to be offered the job. After graduation I spent a few more weeks in Cambridge and then flew directly out here. Before I left MIT, I passed the required entrance exams for the Ph.D. program in EECS, and there's a good chance that I'll consider going back there to start work on a Ph.D. after the MER mission is completed.

Is there anything else you would like to add ?

Yes, I would like to say that I'm honored that you asked me

to do this interview, especially after your last story on Nancy Bloomfield and COVER. Nancy's work impresses me very much.

For additional information about the Mars Exploration Rover Project, Marty Vona can be reached via email at Marty.Vona.99@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG. If you know of other classmates who are doing work that would make a great profile, please let editor Michelle Sweetser know by sending an email to her at Michelle.Sweetser@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG.

Looking for something to do with a few spare minutes? Check in with your class ...

* www.alum.dartmouth.org/classes/99

The class website contains Dartmouth news, an archive of class notes, Executive Committee info and more !

* **Green Cards** ! Fill them out and send them in. Do it NOW, before you forget. Let us know where you are, whom you have seen, and what you are doing. Stick the card in an envelope and send along some photos too!

Class News

by Michelle Sweetser

Thanks to everyone who wrote in with green cards and e-mails! Keep them coming - let us know what you're up to and how things are going!

I'll begin by giving you a quick update as to what is going on in my life. Ben and I decided to finally make the big move out of Hanover. I've left my job in Alumni Relations as of early December, and we've moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan. I just started a master of science in information program at U of M this week, and Ben is working from home for Novadigm, a software company based in New Jersey. We're looking forward to catching up with some other Dartmouth alums in the Michigan area. We had dinner with **Anna Miller Hill** and Mark Hill '00 before Christmas. Anna and I are planning to get together again next weekend (and Mark's off to basic training). If you're in the area, let me know, I'd love to get together.

NORTHEAST

A big welcome to the newest member of the Dartmouth family - Justin Peter Ruiz! **Cesar** and **Emily (Cornell) Ruiz** welcomed their son into the world November 9. Baby weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. For photos of the proud parents and baby, check out their website at www.RuizCentral.com

I saw **Brian Salazar** at the Young Alumniversity event I organized for Alumni Relations in mid-November. You'll have to ask him about all the ridiculous deals he's been getting for test-driving vehicles. Brian also wrote in that he and wife, Courtney "celebrated our first anniversary in Ireland this year, which was beautiful." Brian has switched careers and is back in architecture, serving as the marketing coordinator/designer for C+R / Rizvi, Inc on Bolyston Street. Being closer to the center of the Boston has made it easier for him to see **Rex Morey**, **Kyle Roderick**, **Dave Sussman**, **Catherine Maxson**, and **Rahsaan Sales**.

Also in attendance at Young Alumniversity were **Nelly Essandoh**, **Scott Braman**, **Stephen Lee**, **Kyle Roderick**, and **Ann De Bord**. Ann was accompanied by her fiancé, Evan. The couple is planning a wedding in Ann's hometown - Peoria, Ill. - for Memorial Day weekend. Because I was officially "working" the event, I didn't have as much of a chance to catch up with everyone as I would have liked.

I ran into **Wayne DeBeatham** at the reception **Emily Copeland** and Joe Scott '00 held at Sigma Nu over homecoming weekend. Wayne's currently in his first year of medical school at Uconn, and Emily and Joe are living

in El Paso.

Sara Zrike wrote that she ate at EBAs over Homecoming weekend with **Catherine Maxson**,

Debbie Bender, **Cynthia Anderson**, **Kristen Chartier**, and **Meghan McMenamey**. According to Sara, "it was great to be back at the Big Green. We also helped **Ann Sharfstein** and **Dan Mielcarz** try cakes for their upcoming Dartmouth wedding."

There were a lot of '99s in town over Homecoming; I wish I'd kept a notebook with me... those I recall seeing around campus were **Erik Tanouye**, **Elysa Jacobs**, **Lillie Ng** (can we say a reunion of D writers?), **Sara Braca**, **Dave Wagner**, **Marc Sikkes**. I'm sure that I've missed others of you as well. If I did, send me a green card and let me know!

Stacey Morris wrote so much on her green card that she covered both sides and had to send it in an envelope! After two years working as an admissions officer for Dartmouth, Stacey left the office in August to pursue the arts more deeply. She now works at Opera North, a small opera company based out of the Hanover/Lebanon area. Her main role is to coordinate educational programs, although she helps out with many other things (it's a very small office!). She will be spending a lot of time on their Young Artist program, designed for singers just out of grad school or conservatory programs. When not at work, Stacey spends a lot of time with other young alums and current Dartmouth students, including **Nancy Bloomfield**, **Mia Hockett**, **Landis Fryer**, Chris Bradt '00, Sarah Blanton '00, Joie Jager-Hyman '00, Belinda Chiu '98, and her boyfriend Adam Green '02.

Stacey has also been in touch with **Rachel Derkits**, who is in NYC working with Dartmouth music professor Ted Levin and Yo-Yo Ma on the Silk Road Project, **Marc Bruni**, who is currently assisting with a new Neil Simon play opening on Broadway, **Jen Mui**, at Penn starting a masters program for landscape architecture, and **Jeannie Murray-Roman**, who is at UCLA for her PhD in Comparative Literature.

Tying the knot in Springfield, Mass. on September 9 were **Dustin Rubenstein** and Katy Weiss '00. Dustin is studying for his doctorate in neurobiology and behavior at Cornell, and Katy is the assistant product manager of the CorningWare brand at World Kitchen, Inc.

Liz French finished her MEM at Thayer last fall



while working at the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge. Her MEM project was a pond restoration project through the Army Corps of Engineers in Concord, MA. Liz visited Boston frequently over the summer and caught up with **Margot Neebe, Ben Hill, Deric Corwin, Bill Hwang, Laura Poplowski, Jess Jacob, Alex Ghesquiere, and Tim Paine.** Liz took a month-long hiking, climbing, and biking trip in Utah with her boyfriend, Johndavid Storm '01 and will work at Loon Mountain for the winter before finding a "real job."

Speaking of real jobs, **Anthony Accurso** is living in Somerville with **Dan Sheldon**, finishing his 3rd year of science teaching at a high school in Brockton.

I don't have many details, but heard through the grapevine that Labor Day Weekend provided the backdrop for the engagement of **Wendy Soutsos** and **Chris Holden.** The couple will tie the knot this July.

Shaunda Miles is enjoying life at Yale, where she is a first-year theater management student at the School of Drama. She is considered a traitor for the way in which she rooted for Dartmouth during their victory against the Yale football team. "What can I say?! D'99 FOREVER!"

Choate Rosemary Hall, a boarding school in Connecticut, is lucky to have 2 '99s in residence there. **Hannah Aldredge** is teaching French, coaching, and living in a dorm; she is joined by **Sarah Halsell**, who works in Admissions and is a Choate alumna.

I ran into **Mike Brewer** at the wedding of Adam Weinstein '98 on Jan. 1. Mike is currently working for AskJeeves.com.

NEW YORK/PENNSYLVANIA

Sara Iversen reports that **Jill (Perring) Papsdorf** recently joined the ranks of Dartmouth alumni in the city, and works for a non-profit agency. Jill's husband Josh '98 is a PhD student at Fordham in the Bronx.

Erik Tanouye told me over Homecoming weekend that he was spending a lot of time watching his TV and looking for a job. **Michael Bruno** continues working towards his doctorate at Cornell and apparently hosted quite a New Year's party.

The middle school in Summit, New Jersey, has a new science teacher this fall, none other than **Julia Henneberry**, who completed her masters in geochemistry at Dartmouth after undergrad.

Todd Grisct is in his final year the U. of Penn Law School and is also wrapping up his work on his Masters of Environmental Studies degree. Next year he will be joining Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau, Pachios & Haley LLP (whew, that's a long name!), a law firm in Portland, Maine. Todd got together with fellow Philly alums on the Friday of Homecoming weekend. Present were Jen Mui, **Shauna**

Brown, Emily Goldberg '00, Liz Pollina '00, and Jay Cormier '00 (visiting from NYC).



Carolyn

Wachsman wrote that she heard recently from **Jessica Prairie** and **Polina Globerman.** Jessica recently graduated from the Cornell ILR graduate school program and is a consultant now for Deloitte & Touche in Atlanta. Polina completed her second year at JP Morgan as an investment banking analyst and starts her first year at Columbia Business School in January. Congrats!

Ed Hughey moved to Pittsburgh to take a job with American Eagle after leaving his job with Abercrombie and Fitch in Columbus, Ohio. Ed is still a buyer and travels frequently to Peru, Hong Kong, and Saipan.

WEST

Teaching elementary school at Camino Nuevo in Los Angeles is **Jen Welsh.** She recently spent a weekend with **Amy Yamner** and **Andy Cohen** in San Francisco. Jen writes that she has "trouble reliving college at this point!"

Christopher Rea moved back to the Bay Area from DC last year and currently works at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He travels throughout the western states for work, drop him a line if you're on the west coast and want to get together. Christopher will likely go to grad school in Chinese Literature next fall.

MIDWEST

If you watched the Chicago Bears football games this year, and you just might have gotten a glimpse of classmate **Adam Young.** Adam played tight end for the Bears this year, after playing with the NFC champion New York Giants last season. Adam's been doing more than just playing football, however. He's also been doing some writing - I received via the College's clipping service a piece that he wrote from training camp for the Sunday New York Post (it ran 7/29).

Courtney Vanyo writes that she and **Jamie Peschel** got engaged April 25th of this year and are planning a wedding in Big Sky, MT next July. The couple is currently living in Plymouth, MI (the metro Detroit area), where Courtney works for Ford and Jamie is a strategy business analyst with Accenture. Courtney reports that **Candice Buckley** is a school psychology intern in Storm Lake, Iowa, **Jessica Kelley** moved to Charleston, SC, **Amy Yamner**

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works with an after-school soccer/academic program in San Francisco, and **Lysa Janssen** works in an art gallery in New York City.

After a year in Damascus, Syria, teaching English and learning Arabic, taking up residence in St. Louis, MO are **Josephine (Hsu) Nicholson** and her husband, Ben Nicholson '00. The couple married on the Village Green in Quechee, VT (where Ben proposed) last July. Last Christmas they met up with Matt Megill '00 and Alex Shults '00 in Cairo. Ben is currently in medical school, while Josephine was looking for a job at the time she wrote me.

The first-year law school class at Northwestern has good representation from our class. **Renai Rodney** writes that she was "pleasantly surprised when I discovered **Kaitlin Reidy** and **Sarah Anderson** are in my class."

Caroline Kaufmann is working in the Chicago area doing marketing for a solar energy company. She lives with Kathleen Eibl '98, with whom she rowed crew. Caroline recently volunteered to be the Young Alumni Chair for the Dartmouth Club of Chicago, so if you're in the area and have some ideas for events, definitely be in touch with Caroline!

SOUTH

Heather Stewart is a third-year law student at Duke, along with fellow '99s **Jeff Bradford** and **David**

Hawkins. Heather is looking forward to starting work at a firm in San Francisco following graduation and the bar. She recently visited with **Andrea Stenger**, who was down at Duke visiting **Beth Walsh**, who is in the chemistry PhD program. While catching up, they talked in anticipation of **Noreen Nilan's** upcoming wedding to James Pfadenhauer '00, which will be held in Hanover in August.

INTERNATIONAL

Kate Botham, who is currently living in Cambridge, gives the scoop on a number of classmates: **Melissa Draper** is in Cochabamba, Bolivia, working as a bridge between campesinos and other players in the development/cultural preservation/local rights process. **Katie Catapano** is in South Africa researching the impacts of international "Peace Parks" on the local wildlife and indigenous communities. **Andrew Ferrone** is in Moshi, Tanzania, establishing computer access for local students by teaching computer education and building computer classrooms. **Scott Braman** is writing about his experiences with community-based conservation projects in Africa and Latin America, after a whirlwind tour of the African continent and his Fulbright in Ecuador.

That's all the room I have for this issue, keep those green cards, e-mails, and photos coming!