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The Class of 1999 Newsletter

Winter 2004

Class News

by Michelle Sweetser

South/Midwest

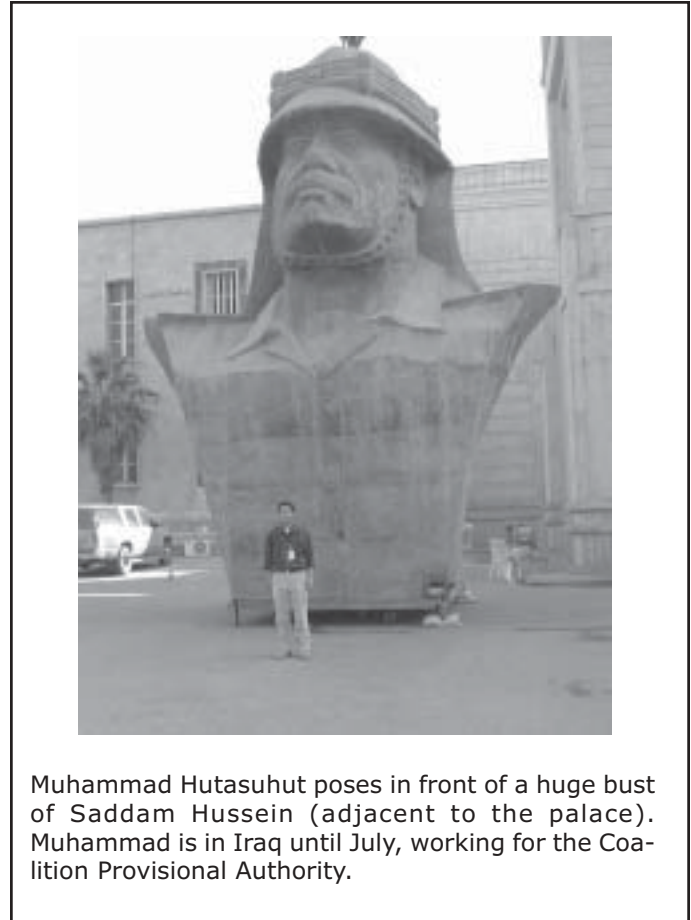
Jennifer Moore graduated from Emory Law School in May and started working at a law firm in Atlanta, Georgia (Alston & Bird). She reports that **Tully Pruden** married Mark Murphy in Mexico in November. Three '99s were members of the wedding party - **Megan Hjermsstad**, **Kate Berkely** and Jennifer. Many other '99s were in attendance, including **Kaitlin Reidy**, **Michelle Park**, **Carrie Bourdon**, **Sommer Pio**, **Will Leicht**, **Gus Moore**, **Jen Holden**, **Kristen Lucas**, and **Ali Wiener**. The newlyweds now live in San Francisco.

Also in Atlanta is **James Mykytenko**, who is currently a second year general surgery resident at Emory. He will be starting two years of research this summer in the cardiothoracic lab as he is thinking about doing cardiothoracic surgery. James has kept in touch with **Matt Delaney** and **Nat Rink** who both live in Somerville, MA, and he saw them most recently in October when he also saw **Andy Butterworth** and **Sean Taylor**, whom Nat had invited for his birthday. James reports that there are a few other residents at Emory who went to Dartmouth, including Tommy Slaubaugh '96, who is a fourth year urology resident. James has been doing some activities with the Dartmouth Club of Georgia, attending their wine tasting in November and a holiday party in December.

Anne Newman is in dental school in San Antonio, Texas, and is excited to be in her final year.

After taking two years off between freshman and sophomore year for a Mormon mission to Spain, **Justin Bunker** graduated from Dartmouth with the class of '01. After graduation, he went to work for AMS, an IT consulting firm in Fairfax, VA, and loves the DC area. In June, he married Heidi Sessions in Salt Lake City (where both of their families reside) and the couple is now back in Virginia, living in Falls Church. Justin's best man was Matt Walker '01. Matt's wife Michelle Gauvain Walker '02 and Kristin Romberg '01 were also in attendance.

Catherine McCarthy attended **Ros Prabharasuth's** wedding in California and then spent time with **Jeannine Murray-Roman** in LA before Jeannine left for research in Paris. Cat also saw **Grace Eboigbe** off to LA from Washington, D.C. Cat recently was engaged to **Muhammad Hutasuht**. Muhammad proposed to her in the Shenandoah mountain range, outside of Charlottesville, VA where Cat attends law school. A week later, Muhammad went off to Baghdad to work for the Coalition Provisional Authority and will



Muhammad Hutasuht poses in front of a huge bust of Saddam Hussein (adjacent to the palace). Muhammad is in Iraq until July, working for the Coalition Provisional Authority.

remain there until July 1 when the Coalition transfers sovereignty to the Iraqi people. The couple is planning an August 2005 wedding.

Bloomington, Indiana is the new home for **John Foulks**, who is in his first year of graduate school in the Germanic Studies department at Indiana University. John is working for the present on mostly linguistics, philology, and Scandinavian languages. He expects to receive his PhD in 2008.

West

Camilo Ramirez has been in L.A. since graduation where he's been working as an internal consultant for Countrywide Financial Corporation. He's hung out with Justin Duda '00 and met up a few times with **James Kaiser** (when he is not out writing one of his nature

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Alumni Council Update

by Adrienne Wilson Wagner

Dear Fellow '99s

Attendance at this past December's Alumni Council weekend met me with the usual in Hanover: Dartmouth's amazing undergraduate experience, persistent commitment to progress, discussions with opinionated students and alums who share a passion for the place, the chance to work hard and play hard, and a blizzard. Typical Dartmouth.

The highlight of my official duties December 4-6th was the impassioned discussion and vote on the proposed constitution that would unite the Council and the Alumni Association. The constitution passed the required 2/3 vote in the Alumni Council Saturday morning after thorough scrutiny in lengthy meetings that negated the emailed concerns of the current SA President, which many of you received. However, the constitutional amendment failed at the Alumni Association meeting by 10 votes, receiving only 71% of the required 75% to pass. Let's hope that the proposed changes that came out of the discussion will fine tune the document to please all parties the next time around so that we can move forward with some much-needed amendments like increasing representation and internet voting.

Athletics saw its best recruiting year in recent memory and is working to better coordinate student athlete commitments with professor requirements. DOC is still reaching over 90% of all students. As far as the Greek System and affinity houses are concerned, the college seems to be rewarding houses that uphold "Standards of Excellence" instead of just requiring "Minimum Standards." An undergraduate woman spoke about the need to improve pre-major advising, and it seems that the administration is listening. Student-administrative relations are still tense: rebuilding trust after Swimming & Diving decision last year.

We are still harping on the severe space crunch for events/rehearsals/gatherings, and the current wave of construction seems to be (in part) a response to the Student Life Initiative and the call for more student social space. Plans for future construction include a new dining and social center north of Maynard, a Math and Interdisciplinary Departments building on the former Kiewit site, and more dorms.

Student health programs see increased demand for psychological services. Sexual Abuse Prevention, Response and Recovery support is starting. There is a dramatic increase in attention to security and health for international programs post-9/11.

The Board of Trustees will expand from 16 members to 22 by the year 2010. As usual, all nominees for the coming year are rock stars. An alumni mentor program, for students or young alumni, is in the initial stages. Should class dues fund the Alumni Magazine or should the College? And if class dues continue to fund it, should classmates who never pay dues still receive the magazine? Good questions up for discussion in alumni circles.

Ways to stay in touch with what's going on in the larger Dartmouth Community: The Alumni Association launched the new young alumni website, *YADA*, earlier this year. Check it out and use it while we still can (<http://yada.dartmouth.edu/>)! Also, the college has launched the e-newsletter, *Speaking of Dartmouth*. And contact your friendly Alumni Councilor with any little thing I can do for you. I'll see you guys at reunion!

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Happy New Monkey Year!

by Landis Fryer

Hey, folks! By the time you read this several truly magical and significant things will have occurred: the Chinese New Year (Jan. 22); my graduation from the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts (Jan. 24); The Return of Saturn/Golden Birthday (I'll be 27 on Jan. 27); and the BIG Birthday Bash to celebrate these previous events (Jan. 31). But let me handle a couple of things before we get to discuss these in further detail.

First, I would like to thank Jeff Fine and Michelle Sweetser for their terrific work heading the Reunion Committee, and a special thanks to all those members of the committee who are working ridiculously hard to insure a great time for us in Hanover June 18th-20th. We've received a magnet, a pre-invitation, a nice "Time" magazine-like bulletin and several e-mail reminders from the group, and I do hope many of you have RSVP'd (I haven't yet because of dinero issues, but that's for another discussion). Anyway, apologies for being a slacker and kudos to you all for your work! Thank you in advance!

I also want to take this time to send out a special whassup to Matt Delaney, Rebecca Prestel, and John Muckle, all of whom I have seen around Boston in the past few months. Matt's looking to move to NYC to join the NYPD (last I recall), I think Becky is either teaching or going to school (or maybe something completely different—I was at work when we met up) and Muckle was working on a local campaign. Maybe I'll see them again at my party!

Now, back to things that will be history before your eyes reach this column, the earliest of which is the Chinese New Year. Now I don't know too much about the Chinese Zodiac (other than the random stuff that they print on paper place mats at some Chinese food restaurants), but I do know that the Year of the Horse just ended, and this coming year is the Year of the Monkey. I also know that most of us born in 1977 are Year of the Snake (how appropriate, K99, huh?) Anyway, I read a blurb in the Boston *Metro* that said some women in China are trying to hold off giving birth until the Year of the Monkey because children born in that lunar year are clever, playful and inventive. So is the Horse something less desirable than the Monkey? I just thought it was strange; horses are steadfast, pretty, and friendly. I'd rather be a horse, since monkeys play too much, especially with their "bananas" and all. I wonder what they say about us born in the Snake year. Does it mean we are seductive, intelligent and precise, or does it mean we are deadly, slow, and cold-blooded? I guess we have a little of both sides (huh, K99?) Anyway, the New Year will have past, and will be old news.

Next, I will have graduated from the CSCA on the 24th. I think things went well, as I did not receive a phone call telling me that I needed to come in and re-take any of the tests. We had three finals, people: a final practicum (where the school told us what to make), a creative practicum (where we got to make our own dish) and a final written exam (over 200 questions—20+ pages!!!). For the final I pulled a genoise with a stabilized pastry cream, praline and mousseline

buttercream—easy enough. I made Chipotle Pasta with Lime Marinated Shrimp in an Avocado Cream Sauce for my creative—child's play. The tough part was the damn written

exam, where after page seven my hand got tired from writing so much. The bad news is that there were fourteen pages after that, including essay questions. I don't recall taking anything nearly as extensive at Dartmouth. It was insane! You tell me the fourteen steps to making a perfect *confit* or the difference between *Burgundian* and *Brittanian* cuisine. Well, I passed the three, and I will get my Professional Chef's Degree the 24th. Whew! I did want to get education after D, I just never thought it would be from cooking school.

On the 27th, I'll be 27. Now I remember a couple of people at Dartmouth who share this special day—Jeana Chung and Courtney Shuster. Happy Birthday, us!!! I don't know if they (or others in our class who were born Jan. 27, 1977) are celebrating this day as a "golden" birthday, but I am. A golden birthday occurs once—it's the day you turn the age equal to the day of your birth. I think this is a great age to have a celebration like this—I'm old enough to drink legally but young enough to recoup to get to work in the morning. The same definitely can be said for 28 and 29, but if you're thirty, you're old! I'm just playing, since we are staring thirty in the face. From what I thought, though, the 30s promise to be a great decade 'as our finances will come together, our relationships will solidify and our old habits will die away.' "Yeah, right," said a good buddy of mine who turned thirty last year. "I'm thirty and I don't know sh*t," he continued. 'I thought that younger people respected those in their thirties, and that there was even a popular TV show based on those prime years.' He went on to say that folks in their twenties are scared of the "3" in 30. He was looking for a roommate in Boston, and would get pretty good offers until he revealed his age to the folks. "They didn't return my calls after that. It's just something about living with a thirty year old that scares people off," he told me. I laughed, of course, because he does not look thirty and damn sure doesn't act thirty, but I do see his point. I guess I'm jacked up because I know now that I won't have my stuff together by thirty either. I got three years to get it right!

Now I don't have much to say about the BIG Birthday Bash, since anything could happen on that day. I do know that I sent out invites three different ways: Blitzmail, Evite and Friendster. Let's see what happens. Maybe I'll have more news for you soon!

Later, foos, and eat Fluffy Puff Marshalades!

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June 18th-20th 2004

Friday, June 18th

Moosilauke Day Trip or Overnight
Registration in Class Tent (Wheeler)
Casual Class Dinner
Kick-off Party in Class Tent with
deejay and karaoke
Late-night snack

Saturday, June 19th

Moosilauke Day Trip
Continental Breakfast
Class of 1999 Meeting & Election of
Officers
Memorial Service Honoring '99s
Class Picnic
Historical Tour of Dartmouth
Mid-afternoon chat with President
James Wright
Bus Trip to Quechee Gorge
Cooking Class at King Arthur Flour
Student Organization Mini-Reunions
Showcase of 99 Artists & Writers
'Tails
Elegant Class Dinner
Class Party

Sunday, June 20th

Annual Reunion 2.5 mile/10K Run
Send-off Brunch

For more information or a more-up-to-date schedule, please visit us at:
www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/reunion

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| Eric Anderson | Kathleen de Guzman |
| Jennifer Anderson | Wayne DeBeatham |
| Imran Ansari | Frank DeLeon |
| Jessica Baldwin | Patrick DeLeon |
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| Brian Hughes | L |
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| Scott Jacobs | J |
| Ruchi (Kaul) Jaggi | M |

To register officially go

likely are YOU to be at reunion???

Reunion Committee polled Dartmouth '99s country with the following question:

What is most likely to happen in 2004?

George W. Bush will win the presidency by a landslide.

JLo and Ben will get back together. (They aren't making another movie are they?)

Man will walk on mars.

YOU will come to the Class of 99 5th

Reunion to experience *the Best of Dartmouth*.

Classmates listed here answered "D".

as of 2/3/04.

Alysa Janssen
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 Mahoko Kawakyu
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 Jessica Kelley
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 Allison Lee
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 Philip Levant
 Noah Levy
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 Damali Rhett
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 Jackie Rioux
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 Jonathan Rivinus
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 Dustin Rubenstein
 Susan Rudders
 Cesar Ruiz
 Emily Cornell Ruiz
 Kate Russell
 Gregory Sainnoval
 Brian Salazar
 Stephanie Samuels
 Allison Sands
 Nicole Sanger
 Emily Schopick
 Elizabeth Serrill
 Manisha Shah
 Nell Shanahan
 Dan Sheldon

Matthew Shevlin
 Chris Showalter
 Duncan Simmons
 Ann DeBord Smith
 Holly Smith
 Jessica Smith
 Pam Smith
 Leonora Snyder
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 Samantha Sommers
 Jonah Sonnenborn
 Audra Spanish
 Todd Spanish
 Katie Stark
 Jeff Steeves
 Michael Stern
 David Sussman
 Claire (Goldstein)
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 Rosanna Taormina
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 Jorge Valcarcel
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 Beth Walsh
 Evan Walsh
 Andy Warner
 Chris Warren
 Jennifer Welsh
 Diana Wheeler
 Austin Whitman
 Allison Wiener
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 Rob Winn
 Andra Winokur
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books). Camilo is engaged to a Joanne Anthony ("a beautiful intelligent woman"), and the two will tie the knot in Seattle on August 7.

Los Angeles has also been home to **Nick Ratliff** since graduation, and he is currently in Venice. After a few years in advertising, he recently took a job as a producer for a commercial music house. So far, it's reportedly going great. Most of his spare time is still "wasted, playing guitar," he says, although he does some studio gigs, and is playing in a band called The Setups.

Greg Friedland has been in San Francisco since graduation, and was working for VMware (a software startup) until a year ago. He just started a doctoral program in biology this year at the University of California, San Francisco. As far as other '99s go, he's run into **Will Martinez** a couple of times, who is in an MD/MS program at UCSF. Greg also saw **Pete Woodruff** at UC Berkeley a while ago (Pete's working in a PhD program there), and **Bill Hwang** is also in a biology PhD program at UCSF. While Greg hasn't talked **Adriano de Rose** in a few months, he has heard that Adriano survived a series of layoffs at his startup before it was acquired by the Sporting News.

Northeast

Joanne Fixman has been teaching 5th and 6th grade since 1999 in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District on Long Island. In October, she graduated from Columbia University Teachers College with a Masters degree in Cognitive Studies in Education. She also just got engaged in December to Eric Loring '93. Joanne spent New Year's in New York with Eric, **Katrina (Betz) Motch**, her husband Arthur Motch '01, Eric Greenberg '00, and Dan Kang '03.

After working for two years at a pharmaceutical consulting firm in Westport, Conn., **Matthew Maserati** began medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in NYC, where he is now in the middle of his third year. At the moment, he is contemplating matching in neurosurgery next year.

Kyle Marchessault married Marisa Howe '98 on August 31 and moved to Somerville, MA from Brooklyn, NY.

A doctoral student at Harvard, **Liz Stambler** will marry Tom Pasquini '00 in the Berkshires on July 3, 2004. Tom is a doctoral student at MIT.

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Sean Taylor, Cate Mowell, and Damali Rhett enjoy this summer's class mini-reunion in New York City.

Wedding bells will also ring in August for **Lauren Brenner**, who will marry Michael Goody '98 at the University Club in Manhattan. The couple met while at Dartmouth and dated for several years. Michael proposed quite elaborately at the St. Regis Hotel in NYC last July. They plan to honeymoon in Hawaii, and for now, maintain their apartment residence in Chelsea. Michael currently works for Deutsche Bank Securities in In-

vestment Banking and Lauren is currently a marketing manager for Time Inc.'s interactive marketing division, where she has worked since graduation.

Lauren also reports that **Leigh Eisenman** was recently married to Jake Nemetz (Columbia Univ. '89). This beautiful wedding celebration was held in Ft. Worth, Texas - Leigh's hometown - on November 15. Several '99s were in attendance and also in the wedding party. Bridesmaids included Lauren Brenner, **Regina Bienstock**, **Allison Fisch**, and **Jennifer Kaye**. Other Dartmouth guests also included: **Kimberly Champlin**, **Karen Ho**, Allison Wiener, **Jennifer Blankenship Demoff**, **Sheryl Koval**, **Adrienne Wilson Wagner**, Michael Goody '98, **Jennifer Fulton**, **Amy Stone Altizer**, **Jake Shields**, **David Wagner**, **Katie O'Connor**, **Kevin Demoff**, and **David Berenson**. The new Mrs. Nemetz is presently an associate with the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York, having graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2003. Leigh's husband, also an attorney, is employed by the law firm of Dewey Ballantine in New York.

Continuing the wedding party list, **Jess Smith** served as a bridesmaid in the wedding of **Aricca Dums** and **Doug Van Citters** on September 6th in Hawyard, WI. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding! **Christine**

(Shaner) Horning was also a bridesmaid and a number of Dartmouth friends were able to share the day, including **Abi Holt**, Ellen Halstead '98, **Josh Getchell**, **Paul Killebrew**, **Bunker Highmark**, **Michael Vasiliadis**, **Jason Dadakis**, Scott McArt '01, Chris Dums '97, Ray Dums '01, Malu Govindan '01, Ken Clemmer '96, and Stuart Hanson '59. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and are currently living in Wilder, VT. Jess also provided some updates on the other attendees: Josh will marry Monica Randall '00 this summer, and Paul will marry to Daria Zibluk '98 this summer as well. Bunker just got a job in a small law firm in southern Connecticut, and Michael is working as a federal prosecutor. Jason will marry Katey Ritrovado '98 in May.

Earlier this year, **Brian Reilly** attended **Blake Zidell's** wedding to Shoshana Grodin in Dallas. In attendance were a number of Dartmouth alums, including **Steve Lehotski**, **Seth Graham**, Gray Mead '98, and Martin Kessler '98 — all friendships formed in and around the Dartmouth Forensics Union. Brian is in his third year as a graduate student in French literature at Yale.

Jess McMakin is finishing her bachelor's degree in Rochester, NY at St. John Fisher College and will graduate with a degree in English and Adolescent Education this May. She has a three-year-old daughter, Ella Marie McMakin. Jess keeps in touch with Dave and **Michelle (Ouellette) Coleman**, who had a baby, Matthew, this past year. Jess went to **Mike Novello** and **Meg Funke's** wedding this summer, and ran into **Michael Bruno**, **Shayna Rich**, **Ben Guaraldi**, **David Kung**, **Annette Gaynes**, and a whole host of other Dartmouth alumni. Jess still sees Ben Mishkin '00, and he occasionally updates her on **Jess McCarter**, who is either in NY or California (maybe he could write in to clarify!). Finally, Jess periodically hears from **Victoria (Thatcher) Otto**, who lives in the southwest and works as a lawyer.

After hearing of the successful landing of the two Mars rovers, I wrote **Marty Vona**, whom *Alma Matters* profiled in Winter 2002 regarding his work on the rover project to see where he is now and to see what he might have to say about the successful missions. After working at the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) for two years, Marty enrolled at MIT again this past fall to continue with his Ph.D. His Ph.D. research is shaping up to be in the direction of integrating some artificial intelligence techniques into computer aided design systems, like those commonly used by people who design modern machines. Though he is now a full-time student again, he is still a JPL employee in reserve capacity, available in the event that they may want him to help with any issues that may arise with the software he helped develop (software that scientists can use to visualize the 3D terrain images produced by pairs of stereo cameras on the rover).

Marty traveled to Pasadena for the landing of the Spirit rover in early January and he and girlfriend Brenda went to an auditorium at Caltech where many of the non-critical mission people and their families gathered to watch the landing, and Marty notes that he is *amazed* at the quality of the pictures that are coming

The Class Needs YOU!

Our class will be selecting a new slate of officers at reunion for the next four years (until our 10th reunion in 1998). The elected positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Appointed positions are Head Agent(s), Newsletter Editor(s), Mini-Reunion Chair(s), and Webmaster. Brief job descriptions follow. Please send any nominations for the positions to the class e-mail account (Class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org). The Nominating Committee will pass along a slate to the class for an election on Saturday morning of our reunion.

The **President** will act as the executive head of the class. It will be his/her responsibility to initiate new projects and carry out policy of the Executive Committee. In addition, the President shall exercise general supervision over all other officers, to ensure the proper performance of their functions.

The **Vice-President** works with the President in carrying out managerial responsibilities; should be ready to fill in for the President if he/she is not able to fulfill the responsibilities of the office.

The **Secretary** prepares the Class notes for the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine and also serves as custodian of class files and records.

The **Treasurer** receives and disburses all funds of the class subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, and submits an annual financial report to the Executive Committee.

Class Executive Committee - Consists of 15 or more members of the class who serve as a policy-making body for the class and act on its behalf concerning the class and its affairs.

The **Head Agent**, who conducts the annual Dartmouth College Fund solicitation.

The **Newsletter Editor(s)**, who is responsible for editing the class newsletter on a quarterly basis.

The **Mini-Reunion Chair(s)**, who is responsible for the organization and promotion of all major non-reunion gatherings of the class.

The **Webmaster**, who is responsible for maintaining the class' web site and electronic communications with the class.

down. This phase of the mission, which should last several months, is where the software Marty helped develop will come into play. It will be used by the scientists at JPL to analyze the information sent back from Mars every day and to plan the next day's activities.

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, and we'll include your news in an upcoming issue of Alma Matters.

Upcoming Dartmouth Events

Celebrate '99 Days 'Til Reunion!

Join classmates in the following cities to countdown the final days remaining before our 5th Reunion. Look for additional details in your in box and on the reunion webpage at: www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/reunion

Chicago

Thursday, March 11, 7-9 p.m.
Goose Island Brewery
3535 North Clark Street

New York City

Thursday, March 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
AMF Chelsea Piers Bowl

Boston

Friday, March 12, 8 p.m.
Blue Cat Cafe, 94 Massachusetts Avenue (corner of Mass. Ave and Newbury St.), 617-247-9922.

San Francisco

Friday, March 12, 9 p.m.
La Barca, 2036 Lombard Street (between Webster and Fillmore Streets) Nearest train is Muni Bus: 10, 20, 30, 93, 60, 70, 80, 90

Eleazar says: Meet me in Boston!

Thursday, February 26

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cheers - Beacon Hill

Join fellow Boston young alumni for warm drinks, beverages, hors d'oeuvres & door prizes - YADA's treat!

Bloody Chicago: Crime Fiction in the Windy City

Saturday, March 6

9:15 AM - 4 PM

Alumni Seminar featuring George Demko, Dartmouth Geography professor and mystery authors Barbara D'Amato and Libby Fischer Hellman

To register: <http://www.dartmouthchicago.org/events>

Eleazar says: Let's Bowl in NYC!

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AMF Chelsea Piers Bowl

Complimentary bowling, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and of course great door prizes!

Eleazar says: Meet me in Philly!

Friday, April 2

Look for more details on the YADA website:

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