

Dartmouth Club of the Midwest

Summer 2003



Greetings to all:

Amazingly (to me at least!), the first year of my tenure as Club President has come and gone. I consider '02-'03 to have been a very successful year!

We have accomplished our mission of holding a Club event approximately monthly. [You may review all the events of the past year at the Club's website www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest.] Since our last newsletter, the Club sponsored the Annual Continuing Education Seminar in March with Professors Pease and Cook coming to town with their usual dose of enlightenment and entertainment. Our Seminar Coordinators, Ron London and Mark Anderson, provide more detail herein. April was a very busy month, mostly focused on a successful completion of the recruiting year. The annual admitted students t-shirt drop and student reception were held as part of the Club's efforts to bring the best and the brightest from our area to Hanover each fall. Our District Enrollment Director, Dennis Ryan, provides all the info in his report. April also saw the Club kick off our Luncheon Speaker Series with a discussion of the State's budget situation led by two Sons of Dartmouth: Rep. Tom Pugh '71 and Sen. Geoff Michel '85. Scott Rusert, the Speaker Series Chair, will elaborate on our plans to develop this concept. Most recently, the Club distributed books to area juniors as part of the annual Book Awards campaign that kicks off next year's recruiting season. And, as always, the Annual Dinner was the concluding event for the year. See inside for more details on these and other goings on at the College and the Club!

None of these activities could occur without the hard work of the Club's Executive Committee members and Advisory Board (listed to the left). I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each of them for all they do to make this one of the College's truly outstanding alumni organizations. We are very lucky to have each of them!

With kids out of school and many people out of town for the summer, the Club's activities will likely be subdued. We expect to have a Speaker luncheon in July and then move on to the usual late summer events: The new student send-off picnic and the annual Scholarship Fund Golf Outing. Please keep an eye out for details to follow.

A few administrative points: I encourage you to go to the Club's website (see above) for all things Club and Dartmouth related. Information is regularly updated; contact information is provided for various activities; and new on-line payment (Pay Pal) capability has been added to allow donations for dues, book awards, scholarships, or Club outings to be made quickly and easily. Special thank to all who make financial contributions to one or more of the Club's endeavors. Your support enables the Club to do all its good work and is greatly appreciated.

I will conclude with two appeals: 1) Any alum interested in receiving club information should send me a current e-mail address, which I will promptly add to the distribution list. 2) Anyone interested in participating in Club activities or wishing to make suggestions for events, speakers, etc., please contact me at rob.albright@usinternet.com.

Best wishes to all and have a wonderful summer!

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Upcoming Events...Save the date!

Monday, September 15, 2003

Ivy League Ryder Cup Golf Fundraiser Scheduled

The first annual Ivy League Ryder Cup golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 15 at the Chaska Town Course in Chaska, Minnesota. The event is being organized by Dartmouth alums Doug Fulton '85 and Kim Nyberg '76 as a fund raiser for the Club Scholarship Committee. Yale, Princeton and Harvard alumni clubs are expected to participate in this afternoon event, each joining to enjoy a bit of fun "Ivy League competitiveness" and valuable fund raising for each respective club.

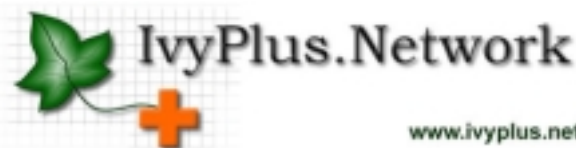
"This is not going to be a polo match so I am hopeful that we can get a good turnout from other Ivy League alums for this event", said Fulton, jokingly. "This is going to be a "grind 'em out, grueling" event that is fun and helps raise money". There will be a handicap system used so all golfers will be competitive.

More information on the event will be mailed in the next few weeks. For information, contact either Doug Fulton at 763 450 3300 or Kim Nyberg at 952 847 2474.

In order to expand the number of events available to Dartmouth Young Alums, the Club has partnered with the IvyPlus Network. The IvyPlus Network is comprised of former undergraduate and graduate students of the Ivy League, Stanford, MIT, Oxford and London School of Economics, who have graduated in the last decade and reside in the greater Twin Cities area.

IvyPlus is a non-profit organization put together by young alumni from Harvard in July of 2002 to address the common problem that all young alumni organizations face which is generating enough interest and attendance to make events interesting and worthwhile. Previous events organized by IvyPlus have included happy hour with Matt Birk (a Harvard '98 who plays for the Minnesota Vikings), wine tasting organized by the Cornell Club of Minnesota, and a spring volleyball outing. All events will be publicized via the Dartmouth Young Alumni E-mail List which you can sign up for by e-mailing: Rob.Albright@usinternet.com

IvyPlus...check it out!



March 1st: “The Guru and the Trickster” a success

The Dartmouth Club of the Midwest held its annual seminar for Club members on Saturday, March 1. This year's offering, entitled "Joseph Campbell '25: The Guru and the Trickster," was presented by Dartmouth English professors William Cook and Donald Pease. A group of approximately fifty alumni/ae and their friends gathered in Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota for an illuminating discussion of the life and literature of Joseph Campbell '25, a noted authority on world mythology. From the influence of some of his childhood experiences on his initial interest in mythology, to interpretations and commentary on his ideas about myths and their significance, professors Cook and Pease offered a deeply detailed sense of the man and his work. It was another "tour de force" by a remarkably engaging pair of Dartmouth teacher-scholars, interspersed with tasty refreshments and a satisfying lunch.

Luncheon series: Lunch & learn

On April 29, the club sponsored the first of what we hope will be many Distinguished Speaker Luncheons. Around twenty-five club members and a few guests met at Goodfellows in downtown Minneapolis to share a stimulating discussion about Minnesota's legislative session and issues facing the state. Sharing their insights from “opposite sides of the aisle” were Dartmouth Alums, Tom Pugh ('73), eight-term DFL Representative from S. St. Paul, and Geoff Michel ('86), freshman Republican Senator from Edina. From taxes, to education, to guns, the discussion was spirited and enlightening. Both Tom and Geoff thanked the club for the opportunity to speak with us and expressed interest in joining us for future luncheons, both as attendees and speakers. We return the thanks and invite them to “pull up a chair” anytime.

For those of you who don't know, the club is hoping to continue this Distinguished Speaker Luncheon series on a somewhat regular basis – every 3 months or so. Our aim is to draw speakers from all areas – government, business, education, etc. – ideally, with some connection to Dartmouth. We see it as a tremendous opportunity for us to broaden our understanding of the role Dartmouth plays in so many areas of our professional and personal lives. It's also a chance to bring the club together in a professional setting to perhaps develop a more comprehensive business/professional network within the club. In other words, we have a lot of “big hitters” out there who should be getting together more often to share their collective wisdom! Along those lines, we welcome any suggestions for future speakers or topics. Please feel free to e-mail any feedback or suggestions to Scott Rusert ('87) at srusert@flynngaskins.com.

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Don't miss out! Get on the Dartmouth Club's E-mail List to make sure you are getting the most up-to-date info on exciting events and news related to the Dartmouth community of the Midwest!

If you have not received an e-mail from the Dartmouth Club in the last two months, PLEASE SEND YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL to rob.albright@usinternet.com. The Club uses e-mail to remind alumni of local events. This is a secure list. E-mail is a quick and efficient way for us to keep you updated on the activities of the Club and the College.

Class of '07 Admissions Report

For reasons we have yet to understand, overall applications to Dartmouth this year were up 16%. While this meant many more files for the Admissions Officers to read and candidates for the alumni to interview, it certainly gave Dartmouth the most accomplished and competitive pool of applicants the College has ever seen. Other Ivy schools saw increased applications averaging 6%. The increased number of applicants caused the College to reduce its acceptance rate to only 17% in order to maintain the desired 1,070 class size.

In Minnesota, we shared the increase, with nearly 150 applicants for the Class of '07. Almost 40 alumni around the state participated in interviewing 105 of the candidates in January and February. Unfortunately, we are never able to interview every applicant as a result of scheduling problems, remote locations and withdrawals. Four students were admitted last December in the Early Decision process and another 26 were offered admission in April. Of that group, 16 have committed to attend Dartmouth, plus one student who deferred his matriculation from last year. The Class of '07 will include the following Minnesotans:

<i>Courtney Andree</i>	Bemidji High School	<i>Rebecca Krystosek</i>	Bagley High School
<i>Kuan-Wei Chen</i>	Cotter High School (Winona)	<i>Gabriel Marcus</i>	Mayo High School
<i>Brandon Fenn</i>	Breck School	<i>Kelly McLaughlin</i>	Blake School
<i>Laura Fletcher</i>	Edina High School	<i>Lin Ruan</i>	St. Paul Academy & Summit School
<i>Jesse Fredeen</i>	Burnsville High School	<i>Paul Salipante</i>	Hopkins High School
<i>Thomas Freeze</i>	St. Paul Academy & Summit School	<i>Maxwell Schwartz</i>	St. Paul Academy & Summit School
<i>Carl Hanson III</i>	Breck School	<i>Kerry Snow</i>	Sartell High School
<i>Henry Huberty</i>	St. Thomas Academy	<i>Ashley Thorfinnson</i>	Eden Prairie High School
<i>Sarah Johnson</i>	Breck School		

The Club sponsored a reception on April 16 at the Minneapolis Club for the accepted students. It was great fun to meet many of these young adults who are doing so many interesting things academically, athletically and in the community. It's a group we will be excited to welcome back to the Club as alumni in four years.

If you are interested in becoming involved in enrollment activities, please contact Dennis Ryan '81 at (612) 766-6810 or dryan@faegre.com

Annual Dinner Wraps Up A Great Year for DCMW

Edina Country Club was the venue for this year's Dartmouth Club of the Midwest Annual Dinner. Held on a beautiful spring evening (May 15 this year), the Dinner is the final event of each June-June Club year. It is intended to be a chance for local alums to get together with old friends, share some fellowship, and participate in some lively dialogue and debate before heading off to their cabins for the summer!

The group was fortunate this year to have Ken Adelman - former UN Ambassador and Undersecretary of Defense, Media Commentator, and Dartmouth parent - discuss current global politics and defense policy, as well as elaborate on his 'Movers and Shakespeares' project and a little on past endeavors in Africa. About 55 alumni, guests, current students, and a representative from the College gathered for cocktails, dinner and some lively discussion in Adelman's Q&A. The Club especially thanks our hostess Molly Van Metre, who performed this role in absentia as she was attending her final meeting as the Club's Alumni Council Rep in Hanover. In short, a good time had by all!



Ken Adelman addressed the Club (shown here with DCMW President Rob Albright)

2003 HIGH SCHOOL BOOK AWARD RECAP

2003 was the most successful year in recent memory, thanks in part to many of you who volunteered as sponsors. Letters were sent to 51 schools around the state in early April to gather interest. We had 33 schools in total participate, of which 30 were repeats from previous years. Each school awards one of their outstanding juniors this award, and typically presents it to them or her at the senior awards ceremony. Many times, they are the only junior who receives an award. Here is the list of this year's participating schools:

St. Thomas Academy
Benilde St. Margaret High School
Minneapolis North High School
Visitation High School
Burnsville High School
Cretin/Durham Hall High School
Hastings Senior High School
Eagan High School
Eastview High School
Edina High School
Mahtomedi High School
Minneapolis Washburn High School
Rosemount High School
Breck Upper School High School
Red Wing High School
Robbinsdale Armstrong High School

St. Louis Park High School
St. Anthony High School
Minnetonka High School
Minneapolis South High School
Osseo High School
Patrick Henry High School
Blake High School
Duluth East High School
Minneapolis Southwest High School
Henry Sibley High School
Irondale High School
Park Center High School
Richfield High School
Eden Prairie High School
Minneapolis Roosevelt High School
Cathedral High School
Mounds Park Academy

The chosen book for this year was "The Crown of Columbus" written by Louise Erdrich, who is both a local author and Dartmouth Alum herself. A big thank you to Louise, who was kind enough to personalize and sign each of the books for the students. Additionally, the traditional Dartmouth t-shirt was also presented.

Regarding you, the alumni, we had 25 sponsors (with Scott Johnson and Mark Anderson each supporting 3 schools). Although we lost a few alumni sponsors from last year, there were about 10 new pledges, which was a huge increase over last year's 17 alumni supporters. Thanks to all of you who helped out this year.

In an effort to increase the college recruiting efforts, plans for next year's awards will include giving (in addition to the book and t-shirt) each student and guidance counselor updated brochures about the college.

Thank you again for your wonderful support this year, and I hope many of you will consider sponsoring a school and student next year.

Regards,
Aaron Larson '97
Book Award Chair



Making Minnesotan's proud...

leadership, scholarship and athletics

MAJOR ATHLETIC AWARDS PRESENTED AT DARTMOUTH - May 20, 2003

HANOVER, N.H. -- Senior Carolyn Steele (Clinton, N.Y.) capped off a two-sport career at Dartmouth on Monday, May 19, when she received the Big Green's Kenneth Archibald Prize at the College's Celebration of Athletic Excellence.

The Archibald Prize is given to the senior who has been the "best all-around athlete with regard to moral worth and high standing in scholarship." Steele played integral roles for both the field hockey and ice hockey teams. On the turf, she earned national All-America honors twice and was a three-time first team All-Ivy selection. She finished her career as the third leading scorer in school history. On the ice, Steele helped lead the Big Green to a pair of Frozen Four berths and a third-place finish in 2002-03.

Junior Mustafa Abdur-Rahim (Brookline, Mass.) was voted the Alfred E. Watson Trophy winner as the outstanding male athlete. A first team All-Ivy selection in both indoor and outdoor track and field this season, Abdur-Rahim was named the outstanding male performer at the indoor Heptagonal Championships.

The Class of 1976 Award -- given to the outstanding female athlete -- went to senior Katharine Hanks (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.). Hanks, a captain on the basketball team, earned first team All-Ivy honors for the third time this season and ended her career second in Dartmouth history in both points and rebounds.

Senior Paul Schned (Norwich, Vt.), a two-time captain of the swimming and diving team, earned the Timothy Wright Ellis Award, presented "to a man showing the extracurricular and scholastic drive, spirit, loyalty and amiability that made Tim Ellis such a well-known part of this community."

Priscilla Zee (Apple Valley, Minn.), a junior on the women's swimming and diving team, was presented the Agnes B. Kurtz Award for "best combining proficiency in athletics with dedication to furthering women's sports." Zee ranks in Dartmouth's all-time top 10 in both the 100 and 200 backstroke.

A pair of juniors were presented the Class of 1948 Scholar-Athlete Award, which goes to one male and one female who have combined outstanding performance in athletics with significant achievement in the classroom. The male recipient was Brian Van Abel (Lino Lakes, Minn.), a three-year starter on the ice hockey team. A two-time member of the ECAC All-Academic team as well as an academic All-Ivy selection this year, Van Abel has been selected as a captain for next season and has a 3.42 GPA in economics. Anne Peick (St. Paul, Minn.), who started all 17 games for the soccer team this season, was the female award winner. Peick was a second team All-Ivy pick this season and carries a 3.74 GPA in environmental studies.

The Class of 1950 Award, presented to the student-athlete who has demonstrated the most extraordinary commitment to community service, went to junior Kristen Parkinson (Bow, N.H.), a three-year letter winner on the field hockey team.

The Charles Quincy Tirrell Prize, given by the physical education department to the student who has made the most progress in his or her first year in the program, went to seniors John Craven (St. Leon-Rot, Germany) and Luis Lopez (Bronx, N.Y.).

The Kenyon Jones Award was presented to junior Tony Balsamo (North Bellmore, N.Y.). The award is given to "that student who has exhibited a commitment to and love for recreational sport."

DCMW & the Alumni Council: Minnesotan's are *ON THE GO!!*

Minnesotans are ON THE GO!!! Your Club has spawned amazing Alumni leadership for Dartmouth in recent months.

Bill Dean '89 was officially passed the gavel to begin his term as the President of the Alumni Council for the 2003-2004 during our meeting May 15-17. Over the past year, Bill has served as president-elect in preparation for this duty and honor, working with Alumni Relations and the Council itself to establish goals and objectives for this body. Bill will lead the Council during a critical period in the area of alumni governance for Dartmouth, and the primary focus items of the Council for the upcoming year are communication to the alumni body as a whole as well as engagement of all alumni, whether through participation in alumni giving or simply getting out the vote and commentary necessary to ensure positive outcomes in the election of alumni trustees of the College.

As I pass my own gavel to Jim McFarland '86 to represent the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest on the Alumni Council for the next three years, I am delighted to report that I have been honored with two continuing roles related to the Council's work. I am chairing a task force that is examining the development of alumni-to-alumni mentoring processes, where it has been determined that there is significant demand on a number of fronts. An example would be something as simple as connecting an alum moving to a new geography with an alum already in the area to assist with adjustment into the area. Another example that has been raised is connecting working moms with young female alums to talk about work/life balance issues. We have any number of directions in which we can head, and are still in the fledgling stage of refining our focus and actionable goals. I am open to both feedback and volunteers to assist the task force in successful outcomes on this front.

During the council meeting in May I was elected for a three year term to the College Relations Group, a small committee whose goal is cross-communication and the surfacing of alumni concerns and ideas among the alumni body itself, the Alumni Council, Alumni Relations and the Board of Trustees. Take note that Hamp Rich '66, another member of our esteemed Club, also served on this particular committee a few years ago.

Dennis Ryan '81 (or should I say the great class of 1981) was elected Vice President of the Club Officers Association during its meeting in February 2003. This is a president-elect role, and Dennis will be handed the presidential gavel of this esteemed body for the 2004-5 year. Dennis has tirelessly served as our area's District Enrollment director for several years, and this good work has not gone unnoticed. Congratulations to Dennis!

The most major announcement coming out of the College is that John Donahoe '82 has been elected as the newest alumni trustee of Dartmouth. I hope that as many of you as possible took advantage of your opportunity to vote for one of the three candidates surfaced by the nominating committee of the Alumni Council; you may be surprised to learn that just only about 20% of the total alumni body cast a ballot in this election. (Concurrently, R. Bradford Evans '64 was appointed by the board itself as a charter trustee of the college). For information on these new trustees, you can go to <http://www.dartmouth.edu/pages/news/releases/2003/may/051403.html> to see the general press release.

Finally, the full text of President Wright's address to the Council concerning the State of the College can be found at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~news/releases/2003/may/051603.html> .

-Molly S. Van Metre

Dartmouth Commencement 2003

Keynote speech by David McCullough



Photo Gallery



Excerpts from the 2003 Commencement Speech

David McCullough

...I first came to Dartmouth for a Winter Carnival more than fifty years ago and I've been coming back ever since. I've been a guest lecturer; I've done research for my books in the Baker Library; I've had the distinct privilege of teaching here as a Montgomery Fellow. I've walked the walks, feasted on breakfasts of memorable amplitude at Lou's; and I've loved it all...

...This college has a long tradition of emphasis on teaching. An old "Description" of Dartmouth states very clearly the bedrock premise that the faculty must be "teachers as well as scholars," and that the college offers "a liberal arts education rather than vocational and professional training..."

...And now on to you of the Class of 2003 -- the great Dartmouth Class of 2003 -- in time-honored tradition, I offer a few words of advice to take as you will:

- Whatever you do in life, don't do it lukewarmly. Be the kind who forges ahead. And don't ever quit because you're behind.
 - Don't use a long fancy word when a short plain one does the job.
 - Remember there are truly exceptional people in life. Learn to recognize them. And to respect them.
 - Read. Read every chance you get. Read to keep growing. Read history. Read poetry. Read for pure enjoyment. Read a book called *Life on a Little Known Planet*. It's about insects. It will make you feel better.
 - Don't be in too big a hurry. You can miss a lot of the best things in life that way.
 - Write some real letters. Teach a child to sing a song. Go exploring in your own town. Go west by train.
 - Someday tell your own children about the teachers who meant a lot to you.
 - Never check out of a hotel without tipping the maid.
 - Work hard. And don't work just for the big payoff. Choose a life in which the work itself is the payoff.
 - We live in serious, dangerous times. But remember we've been through serious, dangerous times often before, and emerged a stronger people for it. "Great necessities call out great virtues," said Abigail Adams, speaking from experience.
 - Sometime, somewhere along the line, do something for your country.
 - And sometime gather up some brushes and paints and go out somewhere in the open air and paint a picture. I mean it. Give it a try, even if you never have -- especially if you never have.
- It was said of the American painter Robert Henri, who was also a brilliant teacher, that he painted like a man coming over the top of a hill, singing.

That's how to go. Congratulations to you all. And Happy Days!