

Dartmouth Club of the Midwest

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Greetings to all:

I hope this letter finds each of you well and warm. While many of us are holding down the fort here in Minnesota, I presume a lucky few of you will be receiving this in your winter homes somewhere south of the Mason-Dixon, if not south of the border! The Club is quite lucky to have our new Secretary taking the reigns for this first Edition of the DCMW Newsletter in 2003. Jessica Adelman has graciously volunteered to take over for Bo Willsey, who left us this fall for his hometown of Denver. Jessica has worked in public relations and communications and is looking forward to the task at hand. Consequently, I am certain she'll provide a quality product highlighting some of the many worthwhile things the Club does throughout the year.

Speaking of which, since our last writing, the Club has sponsored a football get-together for the Dartmouth-Princeton game; hosted the annual holiday happy hour at Gluek's; gathered a few hardy souls for skating at Lake of the Isles; and continues to further the College's recruiting efforts under the direction of our District Enrollment Director, Dennis Ryan. Anyone interested in doing alumni interviewing should contact Dennis to see if there are any prospective students who have not yet been assigned an interviewer.

Please put the Annual Continuing Education Seminar on your calendars for **March 1**. Ron London describes the event in more detail in his newsletter piece, but I can say with certainty that it will be both a highly educational and entertaining day at Coffman Union. Additionally, our young alumni chair, Scott Burns, is getting together a bowling outing for March 18 at Bryant Lake Bowl... details to follow.

Let me conclude by making a few requests of each of you. If you have not yet paid your club dues for this year, we would certainly appreciate your doing so. Our Treasurer, Conrad Smith, will be (re)mailing dues notices shortly to many of you who have supported the Club in the past. Your dues make all the Club's programs, seminars, recruiting efforts and correspondence possible. Additionally, the DCMW Scholarship Fund Chair, Doug Fulton, recently mailed gift requests for this year. That most worthwhile cause is supporting (in part) eleven Minnesota area students who might not be able to attend Dartmouth otherwise. Thanks in advance for your generous contributions to both the Club and the Scholarship Fund.

Last but not least, PLEASE send me your current e-mail addresses so I can get you on the Club's distribution list. This is a quick, efficient and cost effective way of communicating with DCMW members. Your help in keeping the info current is also greatly appreciated. Looking forward to meeting all of you at a future Dartmouth Club Event!

Best Regards – Rob Albright, 612-836-1778, Rob.Albright@usinternet.com

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.



How can you ensure the DCMW keeps delivering interesting and fun programs that keep you connected to the Dartmouth Community?

Easy, pay your dues!

Please fill this out and make your check to:

Dartmouth Club of the Midwest

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Type: _____

Current Students and family	\$15
Young Alums	\$20
General Dues	\$35
Sponsors	\$75
Patrons	\$150

Mail checks to:

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What is Happening March 1st?

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1 and send in your reservation to attend the 2003 annual Dartmouth Seminar. Those of you who have heard Professor Bill Cook and Professor Don Pease in prior seminars (or were lucky enough to have a class with them at Dartmouth) know we are guaranteed a fascinating and dynamic presentation. The seminar this year focuses on the life and literature of Joseph Campbell '25, the world-renowned author best known for his work in comparative mythology. Campbell developed the theory that all myths and epics are linked in the human psyche: they are cultural manifestations of the universal need to explain social, cosmological, and spiritual realities. Campbell's book, *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, came out in 1949 and became a classic. In this study of the "myth of the hero," Campbell asserted that there is a single pattern of heroic journey and that all cultures share this essential pattern in their various heroic myths. This concept of the hero's journey was one of the sources for the Star Wars movies (George Lucas and Joseph Campbell were friends). Public television introduced Joseph Campbell to million of Americans in a Bill Moyer's interview that was broadcast in a series titled "The Power of Myth." Professors Cook and Pease will perform their usual magic, bringing Joseph Campbell and his fascinating theories to us in a program entitled "The Myth of the Trickster." So plan to spend Saturday, March 1, from 9:00 to 3:00 with fellow alums and friends at the newly remodeled Coffman Memorial Union on the University of Minnesota campus. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend. Send in your reservation form now if you have it. A reservation form will be coming to you soon if you do not already have it. Call or e-mail Ron London '67 if you have any questions (651 222-3349 (H); 952 896-3343 (O); or rlondon@lhdl.com).

Report from the District Enrollment Director

Your Club has been very busy with enrollment activities this year. After hosting a reception for interested high school students and parents to meet our Admissions Officer, Angela Parker, at the Holiday Inn Metrodome last October, we had 22 applicants for Early Admission. Seven of those candidates were accepted in December, so we are off to a great start for the Class of '07. Approximately 125 applicants are in the regular decision pool, awaiting a decision in April. More than 30 alumni throughout Minnesota have pitched in to interview these candidates. As you would expect, they are an extraordinary group of young people with talents ranging from theater to hockey to mountain climbing -- and everything in between! They come from public and private schools both in the Twin Cities and "out-state." All have outstanding academic records. In April the Club will host a reception for the accepted candidates to encourage them to attend Dartmouth. In addition, we will continue a program originated by Jim McFarland '86 when he was Club President a few years ago. Immediately after the acceptance letters are received by the applicants, we deliver a Dartmouth T shirt to each successful applicant and personally invite them to the reception. This is a great opportunity to meet these students and show them the enthusiasm of the alumni. The program has been so successful that many other Clubs around the country have adopted it. We plan to finish off the admissions "season" by having a send-off picnic in August for the '07s.

All of this is made possible by the support of so many Club members, both in paying dues and volunteering to do interviews, deliver T shirts and attend events. If you want to be involved in enrollment activities, please contact Dennis Ryan '81 at dryan@faegre.com or 612 766-6810.

Upcoming Events

Young Alum Bowling Event Tuesday, March 18th

Place: Bryant Lake Bowl - Uptown
Time: 7-9pm

RSVPs to scott.burns@govdocs.com by March 4th are preferred, but feel free to show up even if you forget.

<http://www.bryantlakebowl.com/>



Coming Soon...

Details on:

- **The Much-Anticipated End of the Year Dinner**

(Wait until you hear who's speaking!)

- **Accepted student reception in April**

Club Scholarship Fund Wraps Up Annual Mailing

The Club Scholarship wrapped up its annual fundraising campaign and raised approximately \$8,000 dollars during December and January. Doug Fulton '85 and Chair of the Scholarship Fund, thanks the many contributors to the Fund.

“We again had many contributors to this Effort. It really shows that alumni of Dartmouth support the idea of supporting students interested in attending the school.”

The Scholarship fund, started in 1950, provides scholarships to 12-13 students each year. Information on recipients, who are selected by the College, is mailed to area alumni each year during the fundraising campaign. Since the Scholarship was started, over \$1.3 million has been awarded in scholarship funds.

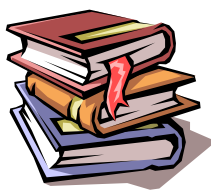
Current recipients include:

<i>Christopher Biermann '05</i>	<i>J. B. Faegre, Jr. 1933 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Elizabeth Jackson '06</i>	<i>J. B. Faegre, Jr. 1933 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Kara Cross '03</i>	<i>Eugene W. Leonard and Clarence B. Little 1881 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Kathleen McDermott '03</i>	<i>Eugene W. Leonard and Clarence B. Little 1881 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>John Polga-Hecimovich '04</i>	<i>Paul W. Loudon 1914 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Christopher Hontvet '03</i>	<i>Luther S. 1899 and Thomas E. Oakes 1941 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Ashley Medin '03</i>	<i>Henry D. Thrall 1906 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Joshua Skora '03</i>	<i>James A. Vaughan 1905 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Matthew Latterner '05</i>	<i>James A. Vaughan 1905 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Sophie Thurber '06</i>	<i>James A. Vaughan 1905 Memorial Scholar</i>
<i>Brian Van Abel '04</i>	<i>Wick Marvin 1979 Memorial Scholar</i>



A summer fundraising event will be scheduled for August. For more information on the Scholarship Fund, call Doug Fulton at 763 450 3300.

Each year the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest sponsors a "Book Award Program" for High Schools around the area. The recipients are high school juniors, and are chosen by the individual schools themselves. In past years, we have sponsored approximately 30 schools each year, and have provided each recipient with a book and a t-shirt. This is a great program that creates recognition for up coming Dartmouth applicants. Volunteer sponsors are needed this year, so if you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Aaron Larson at 612-636-8838 before April 30th. The time commitment is minimal, and this is a great way to stay involved with both the local community as well as the college. - Aaron Larson



...DCMW Book Awards Program is a success!

2003 Winter Carnival Celebration: *One Carnival to Rule Them All*



Winter hit Hanover much harder this year than in years past. There was almost two feet of snow here when we returned after Winter break which made the campus look spectacular, especially after the very light snowfall of last year (however digging cars out of A Lot was not quite as much fun....it took myself and 3 of my friends nearly an hour to uncover mine!) The theme for Winter Carnival this year was "One Carnival to Rule them All," and think I speak for most of campus when I say it was one of the most enjoyable carnivals we've had recently. This year witnessed a spectacular revival of the snow sculpture tradition that had been waning in recent years, with a giant statue of Gandalf from Lord of the Rings being constructed in the middle of the green. The sculpture was started more than a week in advance and it was an amazing thing to see when it was fully completed. Another novelty was the reopening of Baker tower, which has been closed for 3 years now. I took a tour up there one afternoon and found the view of the campus, Hanover and the surrounding valley and mountains spectacular to behold!! It was a gorgeous, sunny, frigid afternoon and it really was amazing to see the campus from that high up, to climb the stairs, see the clock from the inside, and see all the names that students have signed along the stairs on the climb up. Traditional events such as the pond party, polar bear swim, numerous themed parties and 99-cent ski day were just as popular as ever, and the weekend was certainly a well-deserved break from all the midterms we'd been having the week before!!

-Kim Pelak '05

DCMW & the Alumni Council – a strong relationship

Our club has a time-honored tradition of strong representation on the Alumni Council. Bill Dean '89 is currently serving as president-elect, which means he will be the "grand poohbah" next year. Hampton Rich '69 has served in multiple capacities over the last few years. My three-year term as your representative will end this May; Jim McFarland '86, our former club President, will take over for the next three years.

Maybe you're wondering what the Alumni Council does. The number of activities and projects is too extensive to list here, but some examples would be Alumni Continuing Education programs, Alumni Awards, setting forth nominees for alumni representatives to the Board of Trustees, dealing with alumni governance issues and providing an alumni voice to the Board of Trustees. A major effort that is continuing concerns alumni participation in financial support of the College, from endowment to the Dartmouth College Fund to class dues.

Underlying all of these efforts is a sincere desire and mission to maintain open and active communication among the Council, the College and the alumni body at large, no mean feat. One recent development that I'm most proud of was the fact that the Alumni Council as a body took a stand on the proposed elimination of the varsity swimming and diving teams, voting to have the administration re-consider its budget decision in light of much new information that we received during our last meeting in December, 2002. Following in an excerpt from the announcement that was subsequently made: "The varsity swimming and diving programs will continue for at least another 10 seasons, administrators announced Wednesday evening. An agreement between students, alumni, parents and administrators overturned the Nov. 25 decision to permanently eliminate the swimming and diving teams.

The newly approved John C. Glover Fund for the Support of Swimming and Diving will provide the swim team with over \$2 million in funding, enough to keep the program alive for the next decade. Dartmouth varsity swimmers from teams of the 1950s -- in particular John Ballard '55, Tom Kelsey '54 and Steve Mullins '54 -- were instrumental in establishing the fund and planning the fundraising of the needed \$2 million as well as convincing administrators to continue the swimming program. They have been working closely with the teams since December. Glover was a Dartmouth varsity swimmer on the team with Ballard, Kelsey, and Mullins in the Class of 1955. Glover later died while in training for the Olympic Games in 1956, and the fund is dedicated to him by his teammates. "We are delighted to reach an agreement that allows the swimming and diving program at Dartmouth to continue, while recognizing the budget goals that Dartmouth must meet," Larimore noted.

College President James Wright said that the new agreement "is a wonderful example of how the Dartmouth community can work together in a constructive effort. I commend the different groups involved -- the athletes, Student Assembly, parents, and alumni/ae as well as James Larimore and JoAnn Harper and her staff, and I am pleased that we will continue to have swimming and diving at Dartmouth." It's been my privilege and pleasure to represent this club for the last three years, and I thank you for the opportunity. I encourage all of you to vote and help get out the vote in the upcoming alumni trustee elections.