



## *Dartmouth Club of the Midwest*

Greetings:

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The 2006-2007 School Year was a busy one for the Club. Our traditional events such as the holiday party, the annual seminar, and the Distinguished Speaker Series were all well attended. Our capstone event, the DCMW Annual Dinner with Trustee Nancy Jeton drew a crowd of more than 50 people to hear prepared remarks about changes to the College's physical plant. Many of the audience questions during the Q&A session concerned the trustee elections. These are our traditional events with which most of you are quite familiar.

Perhaps unknown to you is that the main focus of the Club's activities is sponsoring events for prospective and new students. We host admissions receptions for prospective students, sponsor book awards to outstanding high school juniors, deliver Dartmouth shirts to admitted students and host a reception for admitted students and their parents. These activities contribute to record numbers of applicants from the DCMW "home" area.

The DCMW's 2007-2008 School Year is already off to a good start. The Club hosted an initial community service event for Bolder Options in July. We had another absolutely fabulous day for our DCMW Golf Outing in late July. Last month, we held a prospective student reception that was attended by nearly 90 prospective applicants and their families. In late October, Dennis Ryan and Martha Hartfiel, members of the Alumni Council Trustee Nominating Committee, spoke to our Club on the recent changes to the Board of Trustees governance and structure. Most recently, we hosted an extremely well attended football event where the Big Green trampled Cornell in a 59-31 victory. These early events are a good sampling of what remains in store for the rest of the school year.

Still ahead, we have the annual holiday happy hour at Glueck's on December 12<sup>th</sup>, an inaugural "Meet the Students" lunch at the Edina Country Club on December 19<sup>th</sup>, the skating party (tentatively scheduled for late January), and the annual continuing education seminar on March 1st. Spring '08 will bring the admitted student activities as well as the DCMW Annual Dinner. We look forward to seeing you at these events and others planned for later in the school year.

As always, we are looking for volunteers and new/interesting ways to promote Dartmouth and the Dartmouth community. Anyone interested in receiving club information should contact Jay Miller, DCMW Chief Information Officer at [JMiller@vitalimages.com](mailto:JMiller@vitalimages.com) or (612) 720-2829 with their email address. Anyone interested in participating in club activities or wanting to make suggestions please contact me at [conradsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:conradsmith@earthlink.net) or (612) 844-7036.

Finally, thank you to all of you who make financial contributions to the Club. We appreciate your help and generosity in spreading the word about Dartmouth and building the Dartmouth Community.

Sincerely,

Conrad Smith '87  
President, DCMW

## *Trustee Nancy Jeton '76 maps out changes at Annual Dinner*

The 2007 DCMW Annual Dinner featured outgoing trustee Nancy Jeton '76 as the keynote speaker. More than 50 DCMW members, spouses, and friends attended the annual dinner, making it the largest DCMW event of the year. The newest members of our Dartmouth family, students from the Dartmouth class of 2011 and their families, were also in attendance.

Nancy provided a comprehensive overview on the work she has led in campus development and design throughout her 10 years of service to the Board of Trustees. She shared both completed developments and works in progress. Attendees were able to see first-hand through plans & live photos how the campus has evolved. Following her presentation, Nancy answered questions, including those on the continued board of trustee election controversy.

As always, great food, conversation, and laughter were shared by all. A special thanks to Norm and Janet Carpenter for again serving as our gracious hosts at the Minikahda Country Club. We hope to see everyone at this year's upcoming annual dinner in the spring!

## *Class of 2011 Admissions Recap from Dennis Ryan '81*

Dartmouth once again experienced an increase in applications for the Class of 2011, with over 14,100. Minnesota followed the trend and we had a record 183 applicants. Of that total, seven were admitted in the Early Decision process and 20 were admitted in April.

The College experienced a slightly higher yield than expected, but with deferrals and normal attrition just over 1,100 enrolled in September. Sixteen of our admitted Minnesota students decided to matriculate at Dartmouth, although one has deferred until the fall of 2008. They come from 12 different high schools, mostly the metro area but a few from out-state – including that alumni hotbed, Grand Rapids! I was in Hanover at the end of September and was able to have dinner with half a dozen of our Freshmen. All of them had taken DOC trips and are now happily settled into their dorms and classes. As you would expect, they are a diverse, intelligent and amusing group of young people. Already they are making contributions to the football team, both men's and women's hockey teams, the Aires, the "D" and several presidential primary campaigns.

## *Call for Alumni Interviewers*

The alumni interviews are one of the unique ways Dartmouth connects with applicants to the College. Many of us vividly remember our interview many years later. It is a great way for local alumni to see the quality and interests of today's students. In a very competitive process, the alumni interview report can supply information to the Admissions committee that may significantly influence the candidate's prospect for admission to Dartmouth. With the College's acceptance rate now running below 15%, every piece of information becomes critical.

One big change, however, in the admissions process this year is that **the College has eliminated on-campus interviewing** in favor of inter-active student panel presentations. Since the College no longer offers interviews in Hanover, if a candidate wants an interview it must be done locally by alumni. In order to meet the demand **we need more alumni interviewers!**

We anticipate 200 applicants to Dartmouth from Minnesota this year. The Early Decision process is already underway. Regular Decision interviews will need to be conducted in January and February. It would be unfortunate to have to turn down some applicants who request an interview. We will have a meeting in early January to discuss the process and offer interviewing tips. Even if you cannot make the meeting, we hope that many of you can help Dartmouth by doing interviews this season. Please contact our District Enrollment Director, Dennis Ryan '81 at [dryan@faegre.com](mailto:dryan@faegre.com) or (612) 766-6810. Thanks!

## ***Dartmouth Fall 2007 Admissions Reception***

On Sunday evening, October 28, 2007, the Club sponsored a reception at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in Minneapolis for all high school students and their parents who are interested in applying for admission to Dartmouth. Our new regional Admissions Officer, Marissa Spang '07, gave a slide presentation and talked about the College, its programs and the admissions process. Nearly 90 people attended, plus half a dozen alumni who helped answer questions at the end of the presentation. Clearly the interest in Dartmouth remains very strong among top high school students. The College is expecting yet another record number of applicants for the Class of 2012.

While she was in Minnesota, Marissa visited several Twin Cities high schools and then made a trip north to Red Lake and Bemidji. The College continues to emphasize Native American recruiting efforts. Minnesota has been – and should continue to be – a great source for more Native American applicants.

## ***26 local high school juniors honored with Dartmouth book awards***

Each spring the DCMW awards a book and a Dartmouth t-shirt to an outstanding junior at many high schools around the state in recognition of academic performance. This is an excellent program for acquainting prospective students with Dartmouth. Our thanks go out to local author, Louise Erdrich '76, for signing each copy of her book, "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse". In addition, we would like to thank our alums who sponsored book awards this past year. An outstanding 16 out of the 26 awards were sponsored by individual club members. If you would like to support the program in the future, please contact Josh Skora '03 at [Josh.Skora.03@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:Josh.Skora.03@alum.dartmouth.org) or (612) 554-2952.

## ***October 2007 Speakers Luncheon: “What’s going on with the Board of Trustees?”***

This fall’s speaker luncheon featured local Alumni Council Representatives Dennis Ryan '81 and Martha Hartfiel '83 to discuss the recent constitutional changes made to the Board of Trustees. Dennis addressed the historical make-up of the Board, made comparisons to other not-for-profit boards and boards of peer institutions and the findings of the recent Governance report. Martha spoke about the process by which the nominating committee of the Alumni Council selected nominees for the Board. Both Martha and Dennis’ remarks sparked an interesting, insightful and balanced discussion of the role of the Board, the breakdown of charter vs. non-charter board members, the petition vs. Alumni Council nominated candidates, the key issues for petition candidates over the past four elections and voting process. Furthermore, a number of theories were posited as to "what is wrong (if anything) with Dartmouth" and where institutional governance was headed if the Board hadn't taken the initiative to change the voting process and the Board composition.

Several messages were given to Dennis and Martha to take back to Hanover to share with the Board. Most of these messages centered on better communication with the alumni community and more transparency as to the Board's initiatives and plans for our beloved institution.

## ***Update from Alumni Councilor, Rob Albright '89***

As most alumni are aware, there has been plenty of controversy over “governance” at Dartmouth College. The principal focus has clearly been the selection process for trustees and the composition of the Board. Consequently, the Board commissioned its Governance Committee to conduct a study, the findings of which were reviewed and approved at the September 8 Board meeting. The results of that study may be found at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~news/features/governance/govern/index.html>.

As a result of these changes and the subsequent restructuring of the governance apparatus at the College, the Alumni Council commissioned the Ad Hoc Committee on Council Structure (ACCS) to review the Council’s current Constitution and to determine how it might be amended to improve the Council’s effectiveness as the representative body of Dartmouth alumni. Specifically, the ACCS is reviewing 1) membership and selection methods for Council members and 2) committee structure. The list of recommendations is quite lengthy and can be found in summary form or in its entirety at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/news.aspx?id=421>. As this does not involve the Association of Alumni, nor does it involve any governing document of Dartmouth College, these proposed changes need only be voted on and approved by the members of the Alumni Council. This will be the primary item on the agenda for the 195<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council, which I will attend Nov 29-Dec 1.

I would expect these changes to be approved, and the Council members will then set about implementing them in coming years. Hopefully, this will produce a truly representative body that all feel is freely and fairly selected which then is able to provide alumni with a voice directly to the Board or the Administration and, equally importantly, with the factual information needed to use that voice wisely for the furtherance of Dartmouth’s tradition of excellence.

I will continue to try and keep all members of the DCMW informed regarding governance issues at the College and Council. This newsletter and the Club’s website <http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest/> are the two primary sources of distributing this information. I also encourage you to contact me directly at [ralbright@hotmail.com](mailto:ralbright@hotmail.com) with any Dartmouth-related questions or concerns you may have.

## ***Weather shines, golf is spotty at DCMW Golf Outing***

The Dartmouth Club of the Midwest held its annual club golf outing on Monday, July 30, 2007. A total of 31 alums from the classes of 1971 to 2006 played in this event which was held at Edina Country Club. Alumni from as far away as Winnipeg, Manitoba and Grand Rapids, Minnesota attended the event.

This event brings visibility to the DCMW scholarship fund which, with a current combined market value of \$4.5 million, currently supports 13 students annually with scholarships.

The team of Steve Donovan, Molly Van Metre '81, Bill Dean '89 and Doug Fulton '85 made it a two-peat by successfully defended their title in spite of ferocious competition.

## ***Football fans cheer Big Green to victory against Cornell***

More than 25 Dartmouth alums and 10 Cornell alums gathered to watch October’s Dartmouth 59-31 victory against Cornell. The DCMW crowd was quite proud that MN native Tim McManus '11, jersey #11, had a great game for the Big Green with 6 catches for 124 yards and 2 touchdowns. In the wild second quarter where 38 total points were scored, McManus caught a 15 yard pass to the right side and broke it for a touchdown. The TD reception tied the ninth longest in Dartmouth Football history!

The class of '82 led the DCWM representation with more than 5 members in attendance!

## *DCMW partners with Bolder Options for community service event*

20 alumni and family members spent a Sunday afternoon in July in the heat and rain to help set up and serve food at the BBQ which was held for about 60 Bolder Options mentors, mentees, family members, and staff. The event welcomed home 10 supporters of Bolder Options who had biked from Boulder, CO over the previous 14 days. Their group raised approximately \$40,000 for the organization, and Bolder Options was thankful for our support of this event.

Bolder Options is a tremendous organization with many ways that we can get involved as a club or you as an individual. If you have any question about Bolder Options, or would like to learn about other ways you can get involved in the future, please contact Aaron Larson at [aaron.larson@lpl.com](mailto:aaron.larson@lpl.com) or via phone at 612-636-8838.

## *Treasurer's report from Dave Ellingrud '98*

For School Year 2006-07, the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest received dues from 165 members totaling \$6,265. These numbers are both up about 20% versus the previous school year. Most of the funds raised through your dues payment are used to support prospective student and new student events. The majority of the remaining funds raised are used to assist young alumni through lower event fees at the alumni seminar, speaker's lunches, and the annual dinner. A small portion of your dues goes toward DCMW operating expenses.

Thanks to all of you who contributed! We look forward to your continued support in School Year 2007-08. We appreciate your help and generosity in spreading the word about Dartmouth and strengthening the Dartmouth community. Please remember to send in your dues payment for the current year (School Year 2007-08).

## *Upcoming winter & spring events*

### **Holiday Party**

This year's annual Holiday Party will be on December 12 from 5-8pm at Glueck's in downtown Minneapolis. Please stop by & connect with your fellow Dartmouth alums and share in the Holiday cheer!

### **Meet the Students Lunch**

Whether you want to know more about current campus life or just catch up with an interviewee, here's your chance. Please join us for the inaugural "Meet the Students" Lunch on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am at the Edina Country Club. We want to make this an annual, casual event with our students who are home for the holidays.

### **Skating Party**

Winter is officially here! Two years ago, it was too warm for ice. Last year, we had a snow storm that kept many people away. This year, who knows what the Minnesota weather will be? We hope you & your family will join us again for this year's party— please look for an invitation in the next couple of weeks.

### **Hockey Viewing Party**

Join us to cheer on the Big Green men's hockey team as they play St. Lawrence University on Sunday, January 13. Face-off begins at 5pm. The game will be televised on ESPNU. Look for the Dartmouth Banner at Joe Sensor's in Bloomington. Hope to see you there!

### **Annual Continuing Education Seminar: "The Wisdom of Aging (or Wise Up to Getting Old)"**

Mark your calendar for the upcoming annual Continuing Education Seminar on Saturday, March 1 2008 at Coffman Memorial Union on the University of MN campus. This year's seminar will feature Professor Thomas E. Oxman, MD, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and of Community and Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. Professor Oxman received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College (Class of 1971) and his Medical Degree from the University of Colorado. His presentation will cover how aging occurs, the consequences of aging and the concept of "successful" aging.

# Annual Dues

Dear Midwest Alumni,

The Dartmouth Club of the Midwest (DCMW) is now in the 2007 - 2008 School Year. As usual, the Club was extremely active over the last year with a broad range of interesting and fun events. Below are a few of the activities your dues supported last year.

- *An Alumni seminar featuring a current Dartmouth professor*
- *Alumni luncheons featuring interesting speakers with ties to Dartmouth*
- *Book awards for outstanding local high school juniors*
- *Fall and Spring receptions for senior high school students who are interested in Dartmouth*
- *The annual DCMW dinner*
- *Dartmouth shirts for all accepted Midwest high school students*
- *Social events including Dartmouth holiday happy hour and the skating party*

We hope to continue to broaden our local activities and to support the College in the year ahead. However, this level of activity does not come without a cost. Therefore, we are asking for your 2007 - 2008 dues so that we can maintain a strong bank account. Please, help us continue to support Dartmouth College and the many activities of the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest! Send your 2007 - 2008 dues in today to the following address:

**DCMW**  
**PO Box 300551**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55403**

Respectfully,

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P.S. If you are not currently receiving our emails, PLEASE provide us with your e-mail address. If we don't have your e-mail address, you will miss out! Most club information is distributed electronically (or provided on the Club's website <http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest>).

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## 2007-2008 Dues per Family

- Current students and family \$15
- Young Alums ('02 - '07) \$20
- General Dues \$35
- Sponsors \$75
- Patrons \$150+
- DCMW Scholarship Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your continued support!***