



## *Dartmouth Club of the Midwest*

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The 2006-2007 School Year is nearing an end and so is the year for our DCMW activities and events. Our traditional events such as our annual golf outing, the holiday happy hour at Glueck's, the Distinguished Speaker Series and the alumni seminar were all well attended. Thank you to all of you who were able to make it to these events and we hope you enjoyed them.

Of particular note, our work in sponsoring prospective student events and getting the word out to prospective students was extremely successful. We had a record number of applicants from the DCMW home area. In addition, we were able to provide alumni interviews to a record number of applicants from our area. We appreciate your help in our efforts. It looks as though the class of '11 will strongly represent the DCMW home area in Hanover.

Still ahead, we have the annual book awards to outstanding high school juniors and our annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Minikahda Club. Our keynote speaker will be retiring Dartmouth Trustee, Nancy Jeton '76. Nancy was elected an Alumni Trustee in 1997, was a member of Dartmouth's first coeducational class and is an urban planner whose sub-specialties include growth management and regulatory reform. Over the past six years, Nancy has chaired the Trustee Committee on Master Plan and Facilities. Nancy will be able to provide a first hand overview of the facility changes taking place in Hanover. We look forward to seeing you at the annual dinner.

This spring, alumni are being asked to nominate a new alumni trustee to replace Nancy Jeton '76. Voting for the four trustee candidates commenced on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through May 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the trustee election, alumni are being asked to select the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of alumni, as well as members of the Association of Alumni Executive Committee. Information on all the trustee candidates, those seeking office offices on the Association of Alumni, and all things electoral can be found at <http://voxthevote.org>. The DCMW strongly encourages our members to review the candidate's credentials and backgrounds and vote.

As always, we are looking for volunteers and new and 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 a current 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 [conrad.smith@thrivent.com](mailto:conrad.smith@thrivent.com) or (612) 340-7036.

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 to speak at annual dinner May 10<sup>th</sup>*

If you have been on campus recently and found yourself looking up at a building that you don't recall from your time on campus, you are not alone. The Dartmouth College physical plant has undergone tremendous change over the past decade while still managing to retain its focus as a pedestrian campus. As chair of the Trustee Committee on Master Plan and Facilities, Nancy Jeton '76, has played an important role in this development.

On Thursday, May 10th at the Minikahda Club, Nancy Jeton will join us at the DCMW Annual Dinner to share her unique insight on the recent development of the campus. She will update us on the current development projects that are underway and discuss possible future campus development. As an urban planner with a specialty in growth management, Nancy can share the considerations that the College faces as it continues to grow and change in the 21st century. In addition, she will share her experiences as a member of Dartmouth's first coeducational class and as a retiring trustee whose seat is the position open for the Alumni Trustee election that is currently underway through mid-May.

Join us for an evening of discussion we look at Dartmouth's past, present and future.

Please RSVP for the dinner by Thursday, May 3rd by contacting Priscilla Zee @ [priscilla.zee@genmills.com](mailto:priscilla.zee@genmills.com) or calling (763) 293-1376. For more information, check out the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest website [www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest/events.htm](http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest/events.htm) for more information.

## *Class of 2011 more selective than ever before*

Continuing the trend of the past few years, Dartmouth set another record for the number of applicants. More than 14,100 applications were received for the Class of 2011. Since yields have remained strong each year (approximately 50%) and class size has remained at 1,070 for decades, that means the acceptance rates continue to decline. It is a tribute to the College that so many talented students want to attend, but it means many more are disappointed each year. The acceptance rate for this class was a little less than 15%.

From Minnesota we had 183 applicants. Not so long ago, the number was less than 100. With the help of dozens of alumni we were able to interview about 75% of them. Those who did not get interviews were mostly students located far outside the Twin Cities and those who had on-campus interviews. The College has decided to end on-campus interviewing and rely entirely on alumni interviews, starting with the Class of 2012, so we will need more volunteers next year. Admissions officers have commented on the high quality of the alumni interview reports and the fact that they are relying even more on those reports now that they have so many extra application files to review.

Seven students were admitted last December in the Early Decision process and another 19 were accepted in April. We will not have a final count of those matriculating until June, but clearly Minnesota will be well represented. These acceptance numbers are consistent with our historical results. Our yield tends to be a little higher than the national average. We like to believe part of the reason is the personal touch of delivering Dartmouth T-shirts to each of the accepted candidates shortly after they receive their letters from the College. This year we delivered the T-shirts on April 2. The Club also sponsored a reception in the library of the Minneapolis Club for the accepted students and their parents on April 17. Of course, your dues cover the costs of these efforts and we thank you!

If you would like to volunteer to interview candidates for the Class of 2012, please contact the Club's District Enrollment Director, Dennis Ryan '81, at (612) 766-6810 or [dryan@faegre.com](mailto:dryan@faegre.com).

## *Alumni Council nominates candidates for trustee position*

The Alumni Council met November 30-Dec 2 to discuss many issues facing the College and to (re)define its role in the aftermath of the constitutional vote that took place in the fall. A summary article of the proceedings can be found at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/news/?p=3&id=0524> and the minutes of the meeting can be found at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/news/?p=3&id=0536>.

One of the Council's responsibilities is to nominate a slate of outstanding candidates for the trustee seat being vacated by Nancy Jeton '76, who will be speaking to the Club at the annual dinner this year on May 10th. Voting for the four trustee candidates commenced April 1 and will continue through May 15. In addition to the trustee election, alumni will select the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of Alumni, as well as members of the Association of Alumni Executive Committee (The Association of Alumni is charged with conducting trustee elections). Information on all the trustee candidates, those seeking offices on the Association of Alumni, and all things electoral can be found at

<http://voxbethevote.org>

We strongly encourage all alumni to review the candidates' credentials and backgrounds and vote. If you did not receive a ballot and wish to vote, please go #5 on the Frequently Asked Questions page (<http://voxbethevote.org/trustees/faq.htm#5>) and follow the instructions...or contact Dartmouth's Office of Alumni Relations (603) 646-2258 or [voxbethevote@dartmouth.org](mailto:voxbethevote@dartmouth.org).

Lastly, please contact Rob Albright ([ralbrigh@hotmail.com](mailto:ralbrigh@hotmail.com) or 612-618-2352), the Club's Alumni Council Representative, with any questions or concerns you might have regarding the elections, the Council, or the direction of the College more generally.

Suggested web links for Alumni and Alumni Governance information:

<http://voxbethevote.org/>

<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/council/>

<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/association>

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



**Vox the Vote** April 1 to May 15, 2007

## *Seminar offers a peek into North Korea*

The 2007 Dartmouth Seminar “China and the Two Koreas” was another in a long history of successful alumni seminars sponsored by your DCMW. Forty alumni and guests—ranging from a high school senior who will be entering Dartmouth this fall to the spouse of a member of the class of 1939—turned out to hear Professor David Kang offer information and perspectives on North Korea and its neighbors. The on-going negotiations on North Korea’s nuclear program made the Seminar very timely.



### **Prof. Kang engages the crowd in his seminar on China and the two Koreas**

Professor Kang’s presentation focused on providing a fuller perspective than can be obtained from the media on North Korea, its complicated relationships with its neighbors, its geopolitical importance, and some of the factors that appear to be motivating its behavior. Professor Kang also was able to provide some interesting insights on the history of various negotiations with North Korea and on the dynamics of the current negotiations with North Korea. Professor Kang encourages participation as he teaches his classes in Hanover and it took only a few minutes for the attendees to become involved by asking insightful questions and sharing their experiences.

Professor Kang teaches both in the government department and also at Tuck, has been a visiting professor at Stanford, Yale, University of Geneva, Korea University, and UCSD, and is a frequent radio and television commentator.

The DCMW tradition of providing a broad range of alumni and guests with the opportunity to share a learning experience and a piece of Hanover continues. We hope you will join us (again) next year.

## ***Dartmouth Book Award program honors local high schoolers***

Once again this year, the club is partnering with many local high schools to award the Dartmouth Club Book Award. This award is designed to encourage intellectual excellence and to recognize student achievement. Each high school chooses a worthy recipient, who should be a junior at that school in the top ten percent of his or her class, have demonstrated intellectual leadership and made a positive contribution to the extracurricular life of the school, be of strong character, and be considered a candidate for entrance into a college or university of the highest academic caliber. Our club provides the recipient with a Dartmouth T-shirt and a personalized copy of a Dartmouth-related book. The book chosen this year is *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* by Louise Erdrich '76, a Dartmouth alumna and Twin Cities resident.

The book award program is a great way to reach out to local high schools—both the students and the college counseling departments—and promote the College in a positive light and in a personal way. In order to defray the cost of presenting the awards, the club needs alumni to sponsor the award at each high school. Though some high schools have special relationships with the club and allow an alumnus/a to present the award at the school's awards ceremony, most alumni sponsors simply need to donate \$35. If the sponsor would like to contact the recipient at a particular school to personally congratulate them, contact information can usually be obtained. Now is the perfect time to get involved, as most high schools give out the award in late May.

If you would like to help the Club continue to offer this award, you can make a donation on the Club's website (<http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest/contribute.htm>), send a check for \$35 to:

DCMW  
PO Box 300551  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

or contact Jeff Kinkaid '01 for more information at (952) 223-3124 or [kinkaid@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:kinkaid@alum.dartmouth.org).

## ***Letter from our student/alumni link, Vanessa Szalapski '10***

Dear Members of the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest,

The Dartmouth Student Assembly has recently organized a new network for students and alumni from their hometown area to connect and organize events for current students and alumni to do together. I am very excited to be a part of the new Student Alumni Link. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and what I am doing currently at Dartmouth and what I hope to do as the Student Alumni Link.

I grew up in Chanhassen Minnesota on Christmas Lake, and I am a '06 graduate of The Blake School. As a '10 this year has been a wonderful experience and a chance to do a lot of new things. I am a member of the Dartmouth Figure Skating Team which won the National Championships for the fourth consecutive year. We defended our title in our own Thompson arena April 14-15. Through the excellent planning by Daniel Dittrick '08, the token male on our team, the competition went smoothly. We soundly defeated our rival Delaware University by a solid 26 points! It is an event I will never forget. I am also involved in several discussion groups on campus, mostly the Daniel Webster Legal Society and Politalk. Both groups meet once a week and discuss a current event, economics, legal cases, among other things. The groups are a great way to have discussion outside of class as well as a good way to meet people in different years at Dartmouth. I was just accepted as the Daniel Webster discussion leader for next fall and winter. Last term I had dinner with Michael Byers and lunch with Neal Katyal, a leading constitutional lawyer and Dartmouth alum through the Rockefeller Center. I am also involved with the Generations Project, a community service organization that pairs Dartmouth students with an elderly person in a nursing home or assisted living home in the nearby area. I have been visiting a wonderful 91 year old woman named Ellen whose father taught here at Dartmouth and who brought the x-ray to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center!

Of course there are the usual things going on at Dartmouth. The weather has finally decided to act like spring, and the last few days have been beautiful and warm. The Green has been crowded with students lounging in

the long needed sunlight, playing Frisbee, and just this past weekend, hosting the Woodsman's Competition. Prospective students have been roaming the campus in large herds, mostly during Dimensions which took place last week as well. Hopefully we convinced most of them of Dartmouth's unbelievable opportunities!

I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few events that I think would be good to help build student-alumni relations. I think that a couple community service events would be a great way to help the Twin Cities' community as well as build ties between students and alumni. I was thinking that either a run/walk in the name of a good cause could be fun if done as a whole group. Or, for those less athletically inclined, a few hours at an organization such as Feed My Starving Children would be fun and easy, yet meaningful. I also think that we should organize either an event to help students connect with alumni in search of internships and jobs. As I am finding out currently, it is not always easy to find summer or off-term employment in the Minnesota area, but I think that Dartmouth alums have great potential to help out in that respect. These are just a few ideas that I have thought of recently, so please send me any feedback on these ideas or others that you may have. I am really looking forward to working with you for the next four years, and I hope that Student Alumni Links will prove to be a long lasting partnership.

Sincerely,  
Vanessa Szalapski '10  
[vanessa.szalapski@dartmouth.edu](mailto:vanessa.szalapski@dartmouth.edu)

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

The Dartmouth Club of the Midwest (DCMW) is nearing the end of its 2006-2007 fiscal year (same as the school year). As of April 7, 2007, the club has received dues from 104 members totaling \$4,730. For the prior fiscal year, the club received dues from 134 members totaling \$6,265.

As usual, the Club has been extremely active over the past school year with a broad range of interesting and fun events, including:

- Alumni Seminar with Professor Kang
- 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 high school students in our area
- Social events including the holiday happy hour, skating party, and sporting events

The majority of funds raised through your dues payment go to support prospective student and new student events. The second largest user of dues proceeds is to assist young alumni through lower fees for events.

Please help us continue to support the many activities of the Dartmouth Club of the Midwest! Please send in your dues payment if you have not yet contributed this fiscal year.

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#### **2006-2007 Dues per Family**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current students and family | \$15   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Young Alums ('01 - '06)     | \$20   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | General Dues                | \$35   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sponsors                    | \$75   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Patrons                     | \$150+ |

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