



'59 - '09 UPDATE



Class of 2009 Class Council

Spring 2007

From the '09 Class President . . .

The '09 Class is in the middle of its first year feeling the effects of the D plan. As friends jet off to Kenya to run a daycare center or come back from Argentina speaking flawless Spanish, the character of the Dartmouth campus (at least through '09 eyes) has changed. Major declarations have been filed and academics have become, if nothing else, more focused. Those who have chosen to brave the pre-med track are tackling organic chemistry; majors in other fields are planning research projects that will last from now until graduation.

'09s have taken control of their Dartmouth experiences. This year also marks the '09 entrance into the entirely unique and controversial entity that is the Dartmouth Greek system. Fall, winter and spring terms became "pledge terms" and '09s who had never met before became "brothers" and "sisters". Most importantly, events, houses, and parties became ours. Those who have chosen to stay unaffiliated find friends working the door at parties or inviting them over for pig roasts. The form of life on the Dartmouth campus has probably changed very little in the past two terms, but '09s have gone from "first years" or novices, to veteran Hanover residents who are running the show, be it on the field, on stage or in the classroom. We can tell anyone the fastest route from Lou's to Moore Filene and will be seen with younger friends or siblings giving private tours of the Dartmouth campus. It is ours.

As we take over as campus leaders in academic, athletic, social and philanthropic activities, our relationships with Dartmouth have become stronger. As we travel China together or learn to get along on campus while our closest

friends are gone, our relationships with Dartmouth students have become stronger. As we get closer to the year 2009, we have become stronger.

I hope the 59-09 Connection has allowed us to form a bond between our classes with big 'meet and greet' events early in our Dartmouth career; looking ahead I hope that the connection will facilitate smaller, more long range connections between the classes and the College. As I hope most of the '09s could say of Dartmouth, I have plans to never leave without also having plans of coming back. The '59s have set a great example.

~ Annie Rittgers, '09 Class Council President



'09s at a Dartmouth football game

SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING EVENTS

This spring, Class Connections is looking forward to hosting a **student-alumni career lunch on Thursday, April 26th from 12:00 to 1:30** in Collis Center. A number of local alumni and their wives will speak about their professional lives and students will have the opportunity to sign up for lunch with alums according to career interest. Alumni will cover a wide range of career tracts including law, medicine, finance, information technology, and education administration. Speaking with Dartmouth Alums about their career paths may prove to be useful as we try to discover our own over the next two years. '09s, keep an eye out for

blitz notifications to sign up as spots will be limited.

This summer, we look forward to hosting a **golf outing** followed by a **barbeque** for the '09s and '59s. This event is to be held at the Hanover Country Club on **July 14th**. Games will begin at 12:30 with a class barbeque afterwards at 5:30. If golf isn't your forte, take part in the Norris Cotton Cancer Center's 26th annual **Prouty Bike Ride & Challenge Walk**. The Prouty lasts all day so come participate or volunteer and head to the Connections barbeque afterwards. This event is a great philanthropic opportunity

for our class to participate. If you are interested in assembling an '09-'59 team for the event, please contact Caitlin Cunningham at Caitlin.E.Cunningham@Dartmouth.edu or visit www.theProuty.org for more information.

If you cannot attend the events we have planned for July 14th, join us for the **Etiquette Dinner** on the evening of **July 19th**. The dinner will be held with Dartmouth students and alumni in the Daniel Webster room of the Hanover Inn. We hope to see you there!

~ Caitlin Cunningham '09



A Message from the '59 President:

As the Class of 1959 was planning for its 50th Reunion in June 2009, we realized that this event provided a special opportunity to celebrate with the Class of 2009, which would be simultaneously experiencing its graduation from Dartmouth. We thought it would be great fun to get to know these students during their four years at Dartmouth.

Our first contact was at Matriculation for the '09's when a Dartmouth '09 lapel pin was presented by our class to each member of the incoming class. Subsequently, a series of social events have taken place which have enabled members of both classes to become better acquainted.

Last October, a number of '09's were invited to join certain activities during the '59's mini-reunion in Hanover. More events are being planned for this coming summer when all '09's will be on campus for their sophomore summer. In addition to the social contacts, the Class of 1959 decided to designate all of its annual contributions to the Dartmouth College Fund until our 50th Reunion to the support of scholarships for the Class of 2009. For this academic year, 11 '09's have been recipients of these scholarships. This has provided another opportunity to make personal connections with members of that class.

One of the most meaningful ways for Dartmouth alums to maintain a commitment to the College is through contact with the current generation of undergraduates. The '59 – '09 Connection program has been an excellent vehicle for this to happen for the Class of 1959. Despite the 50 year age difference, participants in this effort have really enjoyed the lively conversations when we have been together. We look forward to continuing this great program for the next two plus years.

~ Chris Cundey,

President, Class of 1959

A Taste of TASTE

This past October, the '59-'09 connection took part in "A Taste of TASTE" to promote interclass interaction and to advertise one of Alumni Relations' hottest new programs—Take A Student To Eat (TASTE).

Members of the Class of 1959, coming from the Upper Valley and beyond, and around seventy members of the Class of 2009 taking a break from midterms, formed new bonds over Lou's pies, cakes, cider, and hot chocolate. Held in the all-sophomore Fayerweather cluster, the event was co-sponsored by the 2009 Class Council and YADA Student Programs. Dr. Bill and Susan Boyle, Chris Cundey, Dick Jaeger, David and Cynthia Marshall, Charlie and Sue Pinkerton, Doug Wise and James Wooster represented the Class of 1959 and discussed everything from their individual Dartmouth experiences to their thoughts on career paths to opportunities for service, as well as favorite sports teams and vacation getaways.

As an added benefit, attendees were introduced to the TASTE program, where visiting alumni can be matched with current undergraduates with similar interests and then meet over a meal in Hanover. Students sign up in advance, giving a brief personal profile for matching purposes. When alumni come back to campus and sign up for TASTE, they are matched with one or two students who have majors, career interests, hometowns or student activities similar to theirs.

"A Taste of TASTE" produced several such dining connections, leading to some of TASTE's first meetings. Program feedback thus far has been extremely positive among the '09 Class, with many noting how much they enjoy being able to meet alumni and establish deeper relationships with members of the Dartmouth community, often keeping in touch well after the lunch or dinner has taken place. For more information, check out <http://yada.dartmouth.edu/students/taste/>.

~ Carl "Ry" Sullivan '09



Taylor Dryman, Natalie Berger and Rembert Browne enjoy Lou's Desserts at the Taste of TASTE event held in Mid-Fayer this past November. (Photo credit: Bob Johnson '59)

From the '09 VP:

In September 2006, I had the privilege of speaking to members of the Class of 1959. As the 2009 Class Vice President, I updated them on what the '09s have been up to. I also spoke about the amazing TASTE program and how excited my class was to connect and network with alumni. I conveyed how important the student-alumni connection has become to our two classes. The connection is so important that Class Council has created an entire position dedicated to the '59-'09 connection. Ry Sullivan is currently serving in that position and doing a fantastic job.

I discussed some of my great personal interactions with members of the class of '59 and thanked members of your class for having such a dedication to giving aid for scholarships. The money that you give truly helps kids like myself attend this school. Between the speeches given at the meeting and the personal conversations had before and after the meeting, the day was a great success and I can't wait to meet with your class again.

~ Rembert Browne '09