“Nothing new on the job front” for Lionel Conacher, but there’s plenty going on at home. Daughter Chloë was born May 9, 1997, adding the pitter-patter of her little feet to those of 3-year old Chas. Lionel spent a weekend at Harlan Kent’s farm in the Poconos with Bill Budd and Mark Caron. It was Harlan’s 35th. Harlan and wife Patty were also celebrating the arrival of their third, a son Lionel’s pretty sure goes by the name Sam. After long hours of basement slam-pong, I’m pretty impressed we even got an educated guess.

“Lisa Eisenberg Merrill,” Lisa writes conveniently in the third person, “and husband John welcomed son Bryce into the world on March 1, ’98. They’re enjoying parenthood, and continuing to grow their freelance travel geography business. They plan to hit the road in their camper this summer, with baby Bryce on board.”

Carole (Crelin) Frassinelli and husband John welcomed Graham Crelin Frassinelli on September 9th. Carole and John are both graduate students at UConn, Carole in Speech Pathology and John in Nutrition.

Linda and John Boiney adopted a baby boy in September. Noah Richard, now nine months old, is “healthy, very active and vocal.”

Richard Briones-Colman wins this issue’s award for getting to the point: “Left an unpromising career in Public Finance to become a Pub-
lic Defender. One son, Ben, 2.5; expecting another babe in late summer. Really like my kid.”

Jon Grussing checks in from London: he reports that Phil Ankeny has returned to his native Minnesota, working for the venture capital/advisory firm Sherpa Partners. Phil and his wife Sue were expecting their second in April, so Phil, give us the scoop! Jon and his wife Kate have two kids themselves, just bought a house, and are now in their fifth year in the UK. Jon’s over half way to his Quarter Century club membership at Credit Suisse First Boston, working with companies across Europe as the co-head of Cont’l Equity Capital Markets.

Sandi and John Holleran welcomed their third child, Thomas Riece, in November, joining daughter Jordan (7) and son Jake (5). John’s living in interesting times as in-house counsel for Philip Morris.

Josh Alwitt doesn’t have much to say about himself, but he does want everyone to know that Chris Hunt and Valerie Block have just published books and had readings at Barnes & Noble in New York. Chris’s latest is Waiting For Fidel about his travels in Cuba, and Valerie wrote Was It Something I Said? about two thirty-somethings in love. Josh’s review of both books? “Great reads!” At least we know Josh is reading. Josh, you must stop living your life vicariously through the pages of your classmates’ writings! Live! Step out onto the streets of Gotham and experience the gritty reality of the Big Apple! Or maybe you just forgot to share with your fellow 85’s?

Lee Clein and Annette Hatch-Clein are still doing well in Bangor, Maine reports Laura Robertson; Lee working in the community health field and Cynthia Matthews Brown had a lot on her mind and very little room to write about it!

Annette as a nurse practitioner. Laura also relates that Heidi (Cary) Nadiak lives with her two sons and her husband Mike in Montrose, Colorado, both teaching school. Laura teaches third grade in South Hadley, MA.

Somehow, Gayle got the idea that maternity leave was vacation time...

David Searby is still sweating away in the U.S. Foreign Service, and loving it. David claims rumors of his singlehandedly ending the Iraqi crisis are vastly overstated.

The most important part of Todd Cohen’s life is his baby girl Rachel. Todd and his wife Maureen have moved to Columbus, Ohio where he’s now an Assistant Professor of Urology at Ohio State.

Brian Bandler, this one’s for you: Adam Joseph Bandler born July 19, 1996 to proud parents Brian and Judy. Sisters Rachel (6) and Suri (3 1/2) are teaching him the ropes.

Hypothetical: You have a 2 1/2 year-old named Jarrett, a 6-month old named Hayley and your wife Lynn is a full-time oncologist. You’re a cardiologist and negotiations are under way to decide who gets to stay home with the kids. That’s Thomas Kong’s predicament. He doesn’t say whether he’s trying to stay home or stay at work, though, so send your best arguments either way!

Gayle Gilman and her husband Jeff Swimmer announce the birth of their daughter Ella Rose Swimmer on February 7, 1998. Somehow Gayle got the idea that ma-
ternity leave was vacation time. Ha! Welcome to parenthood, Gayle. You’ll be tired for a few years, at least. Gayle promises to bring her beautiful baby to Hanover in the fall.

Cynthia Matthews Brown sends tons of news, all packed onto a standard-size Green Card. As the scan on page 2 shows, this could very well lead to some misspellings on my part, but here goes: Cynthia married John Alexander Brown on September 6, 1998. Now that one’s not on me, that’s what Cynthia wrote. Unless John is a quantum physicist or something, I’m betting they were married last fall. Anyway, Ed Burns and his wife Miriam Cilo ’84, Christopher Roche and girlfriend Betsy, and Pieter Van Tol (whose wife Brenda stayed home with one-year-old Kane) all traveled into the future to attend. Good thing Brenda and Kane stayed home, because I know for a fact that time travel confuses the hell out of infants and toddlers.

Cynthia, Ed, Chris, and Pieter are all lawyers; Ed at the National Baseball Commissioner’s, Pieter at Rogers & Wells, Chris at Kenyon & Kenyon, Cynthia at the Federal Defender Division of the Legal Aid Society practicing criminal law. Good thing for all of you that I’m writing this issue, because any such high-density grouping of lawyers these days is open to vicious sarcastic attempts at humor if handled by anyone other than a fellow member of the Bar. I, of course, would never do such a thing.

Cynthia reports that Chris is still creating magnificent artwork. Cynthia’s new (or future) husband John is also artistic: he’s a filmmaker who also works at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts.

Akua (Hilary) Perry is at Dartmouth on a fellowship for African-American Studies. Her husband Paap Saar is teaching French at Hanover High, Dartmouth, and Tuck School. They have a beautiful nine-month old daughter, Yacine.

Cynthia (yes, we’re still mining that one Green Card here!) also spoke with Jackie Francis who is in New Haven and Karyn Marsh who is engaged to Lorenzo Chambers. Let me just say that all this intra-class marrying has got to stop. We’re never going to break any Reunion attendance records with all you people hooking up. Go out and get a life! Meet some new people, for gosh sakes. No, I’m just kidding. Congratulations, Karyn and L.A.! Maybe if you ask nicely, John and Cynthia will let you get a jump start on everyone else and send you to the future to be the first couple married in 2000. You could honeymoon in the 23rd century. I hear the air quality is much better then.

Okay, enough silliness. Jay Meyer must have traveled into the past before filling out his Green Card, because it was typed. Like on a typewriter. It looks kind of like this: “Boring news: I am a member of the law firm of Thompson, McNaboe, Ashley & Bull, LLC, P.A., located in Portland, Maine, where I practice maritime law and commercial litigation. I live in Falmouth, Maine with my wife, Allison.” Kinda cool, retro-hip, isn’t it? I don’t know where Jay found an actual typewriter. Legal technology being what it is, and Maine being where it is, though, I image a few have survived in his office.

Jay’s not all business, though. He’s been climbing his tush off, and I don’t mean the corporate ladder. He summited Pico de Orizaba (18,701 feet) and Iztaccihuatl (pronounced Iztaccihuatl) (17,338 feet), two Mexican volcanoes that are the third and seventh highest mountains in North America, in November 1997. Other big peaks he’s bagged in the past few years include Mount Rainier in Washington and Mauna Kea in Hawaii. Since New England is pretty low on glaciers and altitude, he stays busy with winter climbs in the White and Green Mountains.

Matt Dickerson had a third son, Peter Joshua, on Labor Day (September 2nd). Peter is growing quickly in an attempt to survive his older
brothers Thomas (7) and Mark (4) “taking good care of him.” Matt is a professor at Middlebury College.

**Craig Williamson** writes from quiet Blue Hill, Maine. Second daughter Schuyler Anne arrived on February 1, 1998. She’ll have plenty to eat, too, as Craig is getting ready to set out the lobster traps again. I’m told we’re in for a spectacular lobster season, so it looks like it’s time to visit Craig!

**M. Gary (Ryan) Laterzo** is “back in the saddle” after a couple of tough years including a divorce. She’s the proud mother of 3 1/2 year-old Isabel, and works at People magazine on new product development and as an editorial liaison for the current magazine. She gives us a quick breakdown of new ’85 babies: Gayle Gilman’s and Carole Crelin’s first babies (noted above) along with Sue Finnegan’s first child, and Joanne Shannon’s second.

Perhaps Cynthia Matthews has been in close touch with **Andrew Sornberger**. Andrew just moved in September to Fermilab for his second post-doc. He was returning from Cambridge, England where he did his first post-doc at the Relativity Group with Stephen Hawking. He’s now doing work on Quantum Black Holes and Quantum Computers and, my sources tell me, messing around with the time/space continuum in order to schedule weddings in the future. All for a fee, no doubt.

Andrew’s pining for his fiancée (Tufts Vet. ’98 and Brown ’90 but apparently nameless, poor lass) on the flat, sweeping plains of Batavia, Illinois, 4 hours from the nearest cliffs. Please, Andrew, if you haven’t been able to synthesize a quantum singularity to take you instantly to any point in the universe, you’d better just concentrate on your studies. Just be glad you’re getting married in the summer of 1999 after 7 years of procrastination!

**Jennifer Root Mayer** and her husband Peter (DMS’87) were expecting their child in March, rounding out the lineup begun with Jillian, age 6, and Michael, age 3. Raising healthy kids isn’t easy, but it ain’t exactly brain surgery, either. Jennifer’s got all the bases covered, because husband Peter is a neurosurgeon and she’s an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, and Medical Co-Director of the All Children’s at Sarasota Memorial Hospital Program. They both completed residencies and fellowships at Yale in 1995.

Every once in a while you get a Green Card that makes it all worthwhile. **Marilyn Gisser** writes, “Wow. I am so impressed with the slick new format that I decided to fill in this card.” Hey, we take what we can get around here. Thanks, Marilyn. Marilyn’s approaching the first anniversary—June 15—of her marriage to Jeff Even, Whitman College ‘82. “Marriage is very nice” says our still-glowing classmate “and for you holdouts out there, I highly recommend it.” They recently closed on a new house, and both work for the State of Washington.

**Dartmouth Night & Homecoming Weekend**

**October 17-18, 1998**

Mini-Reunion; Top of the Hop after the Game.
From the pages of Legal Times our spies tell us that Michael Viccora has been elected a partner of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson in Washington, DC. From similarly secretive sources (actually an announcement in the mail) we learn that Rise Norman has been made partner at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. Congratulations to both!

Bryan Riffle's second son, Toby, was born August 10, 1997. His first, Adam, is now seven. Check out his web site, which currently has mostly kid pics, but will shortly date back into the Eighties (<http://www.icdc.com/~odinr1>). Bryan worked for Johnson & Johnson for 5 years & is now selling very high-end, semi-custom Sales Force Automation software, mostly to the pharmaceutical industry. "Client conference in Sun Valley & I work from home half the time. Life is good."

Jeff Sidell checks in by e-mail: "Finished my Ph.D. last year at UC Berkeley and jumped at the opportunity to do a startup based on my research. Shopped the business plan around Sand Hill Road (land of Venture Capital) for a couple of months. Finally got enough money for the first 15 months or so. The company is (temporarily) called Data Everywhere (and yes, we have hired a naming guru to come up with something better). We have ten engineers and are halfway finished assembling our executive staff. If anyone out there knows a really good VP Engineering prospect, please let me know. Other than that, my partner of twelve years, Jeff Oakes, and I are now dedicated Californians, in spite of el Niño. We're planning on buying a house in Berkeley, sooner if the company's successful, later if not. We see Suzanne (Burnham) Mankoff and her husband and beautiful baby daughter Lowrie from time to time."

Anne (Plossl) Stevens is now working at National Technical Institute for the Deaf (Rochester Institute of Technology) as a Senior Financial Analyst.

Patty Waldman Thompson, CFA writes: "This online thing is a great idea. I always forget to send my card in. Anyways....

"I'm alive and well and living in Marin County, California. I've been married about 5 years now (husband Mark is Texas A&M '83), and we are excited to be expecting our first child in June, 1998.

"Career-wise: I’m currently working for PG&E Corporation, overseeing the investment of over $10B in employee benefit and nuclear decommissioning trust assets. PG&E Corporation is the parent company of Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Northern California's large electric utility.

"I was awarded the CFA (chartered financial analyst) designation by the Association for Investment Management and Research last fall, so now I get to put those 3 little letters after my name. [Oops, I’ll take care of that right now, Patty—JW] (Completing the requirements was a 3 year process.—I had to pass 3 exams—will test-taking never end?)."

Hank Aldrich recently left the Taylor Made Golf Company and has now joined Carrera Century Toys GmbH, responsible for international sales and marketing. The company is located in Nuremberg and is the German market leader in Slot Car Racing Systems. During a recent trip to the New York Toy Fair he spoke to Julie Mazman who is moving to Boston to work for Eastpak (back packs).

David Rattray checked in via e-mail with a nice chunk of news:

"I have been living in New York City for the last six years working as a writer and associate producer on public television documentaries for the American Experience and Frontline, on sub-

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http://www.dartmouth.edu/alumni/classes/85
jects like the hurricane of 1938, World War II’s Battle of the Bulge, the Michael Jackson scandal (remember that one?), and the Chicago riots of 1968—Lenny Gail and his wife Robin, who live and work in Chicago, were a huge help in making this last film.

“During 1997, I worked as a writer for an exhibit design firm, developing a conceptual design proposal for a cultural and natural history museum to be built in Rock Hill, South Carolina by the Catawba American Indian Nation. In recent months, I have been writing the text for the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center under construction near New London, CT. This gigantic museum is supposed to open this summer and should be pretty amazing, including an indoor 20,000 square-foot reconstruction of a Late Woodland period Native American village that visitors can walk through. [Hmmm, I wonder if they had slot machines during the Late Woodland period? —JW]

“In my spare time, I have been sailing small boats on the Hudson River and running a boatbuilding project at the Downtown Boat House, a volunteer organization that promotes public access to the water. The DTBH can be checked out at http://www.pipeline.com/~cpg/dtboathouse.htm. Visitors are welcome.

“The enclosed photograph is of me in a friend’s Laser taken from the New Jersey side in September.

“The biggest news is that I am thinking about moving back to East Hampton and taking over the family business, The East Hampton Star, a weekly newspaper. My soon-to-be fiancée, Lisa Heilbrunn, is excited about the prospect, but as a city girl is a little nervous about having to drive everywhere.”

Richard Sanford sends his best regards to all and says, “Greetings!! Just a quick note to say that I am still alive and doing well. My family, wife Sarah, and two boys, William (almost 6) and Henry (almost 4) are happy to report that I am still gainfully employed by Chase Manhattan Bank. In fact, I recently transferred from Global Cash Management Marketing and Technology to Latin American Private Banking, where I am now a client manager and business developer.”

By now you may have noticed that I just want to get this newsletter out the door, and e-mails are soooo easy to deal with. E-mail more, won’t you?

Steve Ridgley hasn’t written in about ten years, so let’s see if he’s got the hang of it. Okay, fine. I’m copping out again and simply pasting an e-mail in here. Hey, I’m not getting paid for this you know!

“Okay, it’s been about ten years since I provided any information by Green Card or otherwise, so I guess it’s time for an update.
**Family Life**

“Shortly after graduation, I migrated to San Francisco, and have remained in the Bay Area ever since. While playing club lacrosse, I happened to meet a lovely girl by the name of Diane (Distefano), who eventually agreed to marry me in October 1989.

“Part of my reluctance in providing updates before now stems from my fear of creating feelings of inadequacy and/or jealousy amongst my classmates, but I can put it off no longer. You see, it turns out that the three cutest children of the Class of 1985 all somehow ended up in my family. [Hey, Steve’s pretty good at this!—JW] They are Savannah Leigh (4), Dylan Thomas (2), and Colin Sean (6 months). On one hand, I apologize for hoarding the wealth, but I have to say that Diane and I are having a great time raising them!

**Professional Stuff**

“My major in Biochemistry somehow gave way to a career in the Financial Services industry. I spent about ten years at Charles Schwab & Co. in a variety of finance, strategy, and infrastructure management capacities. I then took a VP spot at Wells Fargo Bank, managing strategic and organizational planning for the Operations world. I rode the stagecoach for a couple of years, including the bank’s merger/acquisition of First Interstate, after which I made the move to the consulting arena.

“At the beginning of 1998, I joined a small, entrepreneurial consulting firm as Managing Consultant. The firm, VIVAGY Inc., is based in San Francisco, and specializes in marrying service-industry strategies with appropriate infrastructures (i.e. processes, organization, systems architecture, etc.). We ply our trade primarily in the Financial Services, Healthcare, and Telecom fields.”

Steve also reports that Scott Schneider is married with two kids, and is a successful OB/GYN in Charlotte, NC.

Scott Liebman writes to announce that he and his wife Laura Nicoletti had their first child on 12/23/98. Scott has obviously been hanging around with Cynthia Matthews Brown, galavanting around the time-space continuum, getting married, having children, and causing who-knows-what other chaos. I assume their boy was born last year, and it looks like his name is Matteo Paul, but the writing got a little warped traveling through time, I guess.

Okay, that’s it, except for a last minute announcement from our Prez, Becky Blake Osborne, who has moved back to New England. You’ll find her and her family in Keene, New Hampshire. Ayuh, have a nice summah, Becky. You 85’s all enjoy yahselves, too.

—Jeff

**Where Have All The Alumni Gone?**

Alumni participation is down across the board: sporting events, clubs, Alumni Fund, reunions have all seen declining interest. Newsletter editors are surveying our classes to ask you why:

1) Why has Dartmouth alumni participation in attending sporting events, clubs, Alumni Fund, and reunions declined over the last 15 or so years?

2) What specific actions should be taken to increase participation in Dartmouth clubs, athletic events, Alumni Fund, reunions, etc.?

3) What would it take to make you a more active alum?

Send your comments and ideas along on the Green Card or a letter or e-mail, and we’ll forward them to the Alumni Council.