

Although a small amount of snow lingers on the frozen ground outside, the winter in Boston has been quite mild and I await the glories of Spring.

I deeply regret to inform you that our classmate Ashley Muller died on Nov. 18, 2006 after being struck by a car while walking near his home in Cape Town, South Africa. Ashley is survived by his wife Sarah (Lewis)'89, his parents, brother, relatives, classmates, colleagues and friends. Ashley earned a B.S. and a B.E. from Dartmouth and the Thayer, respectively. As a college student, he was committed to persuading Dartmouth to divest its endowment holdings in apartheid South Africa. His wife Sarah writes, "Ashley was known to family, friends and colleagues as a critical thinker, brilliant scientist, an eternal optimist, a teacher, and as a thoughtful, giving friend. In his life he used his skills, heart and sense of humor to debate, convince and act on critical global issues." Our next Class Newsletter will feature more extensive information about Ashley and his life impact at Dartmouth and in native South Africa. You will also be provided with avenues to share your fond memories of Ashley and to contribute in his honor. We join Sarah and Ashley's family as they mourn this great loss.

From the northern suburbs of Chicago, Jim Hemmer provides a generous update after much begging by his Class Secretary, "My wife, Lynne, and I now have four kids; Grace (9), Olivia (7), James (4) and William (6 months). We are living in Kenilworth, Illinois, where we have lived for thirteen years. We are close friends with David Yaccino, his wife and four kids (also two girls and two boys with similar ages to our children) and see Dirk Degenars ('89), his wife and 3 boys regularly. I am an investment banker at Sandler O'Neill & Partners in the Chicago office working primarily with banks in mergers and acquisitions. I am hurrying home to host Indian Princesses at our house this evening. This tribal meeting of ten seven-year-old girls is a long distance from the weeknight Rugby meetings of old."

I recently caught up with Tony Jones, our resident multi-book author, speaker and almost Dr. He writes, "Julie and I will celebrate 10 years of marriage in April, and we've got three kids, two minivans, a dog and a cat to show for it. We're happily ensconced in Edina, Minnesota, my home town, where I'm on the PTA and Julie's on the environmental advocacy group. Someday soon, I'll write my dissertation and complete my Ph.D. in theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. Until then, I spend my time writing books, speaking, and running a non-profit (www.emergentvillage.com). Watch for my next book in January '08. Elizabeth (Burnett) Mans has kids at the same school, so I see her often, and I've recently heard from fellow Minnesotans Sarah Fjelstul and Beca (Solberg) McPherson. Matt Maguire and I dine together whenever I'm in Manhattan." Tony's most recent book, released in March 2006, is *You Converted Me: The Confessions of Saint Augustine*, a book that makes Augustine of Hippo's classic *Confessions* relevant to a 21st century audience.

Fellow class officer Matt Greene shares, "I recently met with Mike Lindgren who has joined the board of Dartmouth Partners in Community Service as our second class representative. Personally, I've been seeing a fair amount of Mike Uram (now

Cohenuram), who moved to Fairfield, CT this past year with his wife, Wendy, and two kids, Anna and Claire. Mike is working as an oncologist.”

If you get to Boston, let me know, the drinks will be on me.