

Your humble Boston-based correspondent, Captain Levin, takes the helm again on the “S.S. 1990 Class Notes” for another cruise around the girdled earth. [Sorry for the cruise imagery, but it is snowing this February day in Boston]. On this excursion, we will cover several classmates and locales in our enormous effort to “Connect the Class”.

We start our adventure near where it all began in the Upper Valley with **Jay Benson**, who is 1 year short of celebrating 20 years in the Dartmouth area (something he would never have believed as a transplanted freshman). Jay and his wife Heather live in Norwich with their 5-month-old daughter Isabelle. The family enjoys “living in the woods, building rock walls and watching the stars.” Jay is VP of Business Planning at Tele Atlas, a digital mapping company, in Lebanon and Heather is a post-doc in Biology at the College. Jay and Heather regularly see fellow classmates **Jay Davis, Mark Schiffman, Scottie Eliassen** and more.

Our next stop is Albany, New York, where we checked in with **Hallie Brooks** and her husband Will Waldron (a news photographer who Hallie met when she was in Pittsburgh for medical school). Hallie works at a busy, local community hospital as an ER physician. No children to report of as of yet, but two cats and a horse domineer the Waldron home. “As far as fun goes, we try to get out West to ski every winter, and I also horseshow in the NY/MA area several times per month.”

Hallie remains close contact with **Sue MacLennan** “who lives in Burlington, VT where she is a plastic surgeon who does a lot of breast reconstruction for cancer patients. Sue is married to Mark Gabel, who manages two outdoor specialty stores. They are also currently kid-free, but busy with young golden retriever, Sunny and large orange cat, Charles.” Hallie gives kudos to Sue and the other Class of 1990 women rowers, who remain undefeated in reunion row competitions. Great job, ladies!!!

Next port of call is New York, New York, where we follow-up with new mom **Laurin Grollman**. Laurin writes, “Robert Herzog (Brown '90) and I welcomed our first child, Spencer Sebastian Herzog, into our family on February 18, 2005. Spencer is already particularly fond of his Aunt **Jane Bieneman**. I will be on maternity leave from my job as a litigation associate at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman in NYC until the summer. I've kept in touch with a bunch of '90s, including **Medill Higgins and Mark Sowa**, who are also in NYC. **Lori Graham Brady**, who is an engineering professor at Johns Hopkins, and husband Pat are also expecting their first child any minute. I saw **Laura van Wie McGrory** the other day. She and husband Bob live with Ian (almost 5) and Maya (almost 3) in Bladensburg, MD, where Bob is the Mayor. **Ted O'Donoghue**, who is an economics professor at Cornell, was in NYC in the fall with his wife Clara but is now back in Ithaca in time to experience the lovely winter weather there. **Darwin Brown** is an endocrinologist, living in Atlanta with wife Dawn (an OB/GYN) and their two daughters, Lauren and Jenna. **Ron Phillips** and wife Lorna had to leave a Cubs game early back in September when Lorna went into labor with their twin boys. I think I got that right.” I hope so, Laurin, as this Class Secretary doesn't have libel insurance!!!

We will now be departing for our nation's capitol, where we find **Jonathan Sullivan**. Jonathan lives in McLean, VA, a suburb of Washington, DC, with his wife Cindy (Duke '90), son Timothy (2) and dog Yuki. Jonathan and Cindy are currently expecting a daughter in June. He notes, "The family keeps me pretty occupied, but in my 'free' time, I continue to be active with the Dartmouth Club of Washington, DC where I am now the President." Jonathan is a Senior (IT) Analyst at Fannie Mae where he is working on next generation mortgage processing software. Fellow classmate **Bill Wilson** also works at Fannie Mae.

Jonathan writes, "I have been very fortunate to have some of my closest friends from Dartmouth here in DC: **Hunter Labovitz**, wife Heather and son Nate (soon to be 2); **Brad Lang**, wife Linda and son Connor (3+); **Ramzi Nemo**, his wife Sasha and daughter Isabel (18 months); **Derek Symer**, wife Allison and sons Luke and Tommy. Brad and Hunter both married friends of my wife at Duke, so our worlds haven't just collided, they've intertwined! I'm also in regular contact with a number of our other local classmates including **Dave Connell, Sarah (Jacobsen) Lennon, Jane (Varner) Malhotra, Amit Malhotra, Pete Pasi and Meg Sommerfeld.**"

No trip is complete without a tour of the West Coast, where we caught up with **Bill Fearon** in San Francisco. Bill and his wife Yvonne now have two girls, Katie, who is 3 and Nina, who is 1. Yvonne is a reconstructive plastic surgeon on faculty at Stanford and Bill is an interventional cardiologist, also on faculty at Stanford. About his daughters, Dr. Bill writes, "Katie is either Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, or Snow White (depending upon which Princess dress she has put on), and Nina wants whatever Katie has in her hands." Bill and Yvonne, now with children, have traded being active windsurfers and mountain bikers for hanging out with other couples who have little kids, like Bay Area classmates **Bill Gaylord, Brian Bohlig, Todd Tracey, Jake Reynolds, Tim McAdam, and Mike Seifer.**

With 5 cities visited and 34 classmates mentioned, this concludes our brief "cruise" around the girdled earth. Keep the great news flowing to my co-Captain, First Petty Officer Brad Drazen and me. If you get to Boston, let me know, the drinks will be on me.