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Inspired by the example of Albert Schweitzer, the Nobel Prize-winning doctor who devoted his life to service to others, particularly in West Africa, the Schweitzer Fellows program allows inspired graduate and some undergraduate students throughout the United States to devote a year of their studies to community service, leadership development, and reflection.

Since the program began, some 51,000 hours of service have been provided by these students in nearly 60 different community organizations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Schweitzer Fellows in the Upper Valley come from a wide range of disciplines and schools, including Dartmouth Medical School, Thayer School of Engineering, and even Dartmouth College. Other participating schools in northern New England include the University of Vermont College of Medicine, Vermont Law School, and Franklin Pierce Law Center. The program is housed at Dartmouth Medical School and works in close cooperation with the U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Program.

In addition to providing direct service to these community organizations, Schweitzer Fellows also aim to achieve two ambitious goals.

First, they seek to influence the culture of the schools in which they study “so they more effectively address needs of surrounding disadvantaged communities.” They also aim to produce Fellows who embrace service as a lifelong component of their professional careers.

To that end, once their service project is completed, students become “Fellows for Life” in a network of more than 1,500 professionals nationwide who are committed to working in under-served communities.

“There is no end to the creativity of these students and the real difference they make in the Upper Valley,” said Becky Torrey, who directs the NH/VT Schweitzer Fellows Program at Dartmouth. “I am constantly inspired by them.”

Learn more information about the program, including the announcement about this year’s class of NH/VT Schweitzer Fellows, at www.schweitzerfoundation.org.

A New Dean, a New Home

Change is never easy. I know this first-hand because after working at Grinnell College in Iowa since 1982, I moved to Hanover earlier this year in order to become the new Dean of the College at Dartmouth.

The move was made easier thanks to Hanover residents like Carey Heckman ’76 as well as Sally Manuel and Ralph Manuel ’58 T’59, all of whom generously organized a series of receptions at which I’ve been warmly introduced to a wide variety of Hanover and Upper Valley neighbors. I am very grateful for their hospitality and for the chance to meet so many of you at these gatherings.

As you may know, the position of Dean of the College carries many broad responsibilities at Dartmouth. In addition to overseeing all offices related to student and residential life, I am also responsible for programs as diverse as Athletics, Outdoor Programs, Safety & Security, and facilities such as the Dartmouth Skiway, Morton Farm, and the Hanover Country Club.

My primary responsibility is to be an advocate for students. To do that effectively, it’s important that I first learn about the Dartmouth community. Consequently, my first goal at Dartmouth is to listen — to students, faculty, staff, and, of course, to Dartmouth’s neighbors in the Upper Valley.

At Dartmouth, I will continue to have an open-door policy for students, as I did at Grinnell, in order to encourage greater dialogue and increased transparency between students, faculty, and the administration. I remain committed to ensuring that students are heard throughout the College, as well as making certain that under-represented students remain a vital part of our community. I was the first in my family to attend college and want others to benefit as I did from that education and experience.

As a new resident of Hanover, I also welcome the opportunity to talk with my new neighbors anytime, whether it’s in the Co-op, at a sporting event, or on a walk across the Green. Once the school year is complete, my wife, Lisa, and our two sons (Peter, 15, and Scott, 10) will be joining me this summer in Hanover. We love the outdoors — I especially enjoy fly-fishing! — and look forward to taking advantage of everything the Upper Valley has to offer.

We’re delighted to be here in our new home.

THOMAS CRADY
Dean of the College
As anyone who has watched the Tour de France can attest, bike racing is a complex and intense sport which demands much from riders, including the ability to compete in both short and long distances.

Fans of the sport will get an up-close chance to see what bike racing demands when the Dartmouth College Cycling Team plays host again to the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Championships on April 26-27th.

During the weekend, there will be three different races – two in Hanover, NH, and one race in northern Grafton County. The Hanover races will be held on Saturday. Early risers that day can watch a 10-mile time trial that will begin at the Rugby Field House and travel north on route 10 to a turnaround just before the border with the town of Lyme. The time trial will begin at 7am and finish by 9am.

The second race on Saturday is a criterium (or “crit”), which will be held in town on a looped course through Webster Avenue, North Main Street, Choate Road, and Occom Ridge. Traffic along those roads will be closed during the races, which will last from 20-70 minutes each and run from approximately 9:20am until 6pm. Hanover police will be available throughout the race to assist residents and visitors with transportation during the race.

On Sunday, riders will travel north for the Mount Moosilauke Road Race. Beginning at the Haverhill Coop Middle School, riders will compete in a series of races in northern Grafton County, with the longest race involving a loop through the towns of Haverhill, Glencliff, Warren, and Benton.

The Dartmouth College Cycling Team encourages anyone to watch the races, and will be conducting a bike clinic for students at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School prior to the race.

Nearly every Friday at 3pm, from the Fall thru the Spring term, the Thayer School of Engineering opens its doors to the Upper Valley through the Jones Seminars.

Endowed by a Thayer alumnus (Charles C. Jones, Class of 1918), the Jones Seminars were initially designed for a small, specialized audience. However, ten years ago, graduate students urged the Jones Seminars to be recast as an opportunity to bring the entire school together (including the Upper Valley community), address “big picture” topics, and require the attendance of graduate students. Most of the seminars are designed for a general audience.

The result has been a remarkable array of talks by a wide-range of speakers and topics. This year, for instance, saw three leading organizations involved with climate change -- Google.org, the Alliance for Climate Change, and Mascoma Corporation -- participate in Jones seminars. In 2008-2009, many of the Jones seminars will focus on the subject of engineering medicine, with a day-long symposium on the topic scheduled for October 17th.

Other seminars this past year have focused on issues such as renewable energy and buildings, installation and maintenance of medical equipment in the world’s poorest hospitals, and a new method for breast cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

Distinguished speakers in recent years include Nathan Myhrvold (formerly the Chief Technology Officer at Microsoft), SunPower CEO (and Dartmouth Trustee) TJ Rodgers (Class of 1970) and Hanover’s own Wes Chapman (Class of 1977, Tuck ‘81).

Organized by Professor Brian Pogue, the seminars traditionally begin with cookies and refreshments outside the door to Room 100 (Spanos Auditorium) of Cummings Hall at 3pm, followed by the lecture itself at 3:30pm. Since 2007, the lectures have been taped and can be watched via iTunes. The seminars are available live via the Jones Seminars website (engineering.dartmouth.edu, search for “Jones Seminars”).

Anyone in the Upper Valley interested in weekly notification by email about the lectures is invited to send a message to Fearn Pate at Dartmouth (fearn.pate@dartmouth.edu) requesting to be included in the Jones Seminar email list.
A Sampling of Campus Events

for more information, visit www.dartmouth.edu/calendar

APRIL

1
 DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHOOL
 Smoking, Lung Cancer, and the Design of Clinical Research
 7 pm • Kellogg Auditorium

2
 FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION: Thang with No Name
 A documentary on two Zulu women in South Africa and their struggle to survive HIV/AIDS
 6pm • Loew Auditorium

3
 REFLECTIONS ON REPORTING THE MIDDLE EAST
 Simon Wilson, Former Middle East Chief Bureau Chief for BBC News
 4:30 pm • 3 Rockefeller Center

WRITING AND DRAWING THE UNKNOWN: A conversation with Jonathan Lethem, and cartoonists Farel Dalrymple, and Paul Hornschemeier
 Presented in collaboration with the Center for Cartoon Studies
 4:30 pm • 041 Haldemen

4, 5, 6
 DARTMOUTH UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHY Haldeman Center
 Details at http://www.dartmouth.edu/~aporia/conference.html

7
 RAMBLINGS ABOUT TECHNICAL FICTION
 Esteban Pastorino Diaz
 4:30 pm • 13 Carpenter Hall

10
 RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE THREAT: WHAT IF WE TOOK IT SERIOUSLY
 Professor Henry Jacoby, MIT
 4:30 pm • Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall

11
 THADDEUS STEVENS AS A GOOD WHITE MAN
 Professor Randall Kennedy, Harvard Law School Rockefeller 3

12
 SYMPOSIUM ON BLACK WOMANHOOD
 Hood Art Museum
 Loew Auditorium • 9:30am

14
 ELECTING ONE OF THEIR OWN: A SENATOR IN THE WHITE HOUSE
 Former Congresswoman Beverly B. Byron (D-MD) and former Congresswoman William Mickey Edwards (R-OK)
 4:30 pm • Rockefeller 3

15
 A CONVERSATION WITH EVERETT RAYMOND KINSTLER
 Montgomery Endowment 30th Anniversary Program
 4:30 pm • Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall

17
 WHAT’S RELIGION GOT TO DO WITH IT?
 When scientists (mis)speak about religion
 A Public Lecture with Dr. Massimo Pigliucci
 7 pm • Filene Auditorium

21
 CHRISTIANITY AND ATHEISM
 A conversational debate between Dinesh D’Souza ’83 and Professor Walter Sinnott-Armstrong of the Philosophy Department
 8pm • Alumni Hall

22
 NELSON ROCKEFELLER: Still Influencing People, Power, and Politics
 Governor Christie Todd Whitman (R-NJ)
 4pm • Moore Theater

25
 THE SURPRISING NELSON ROCKEFELLER
 Richard Norton Smith
 4:30 pm • Loew Auditorium

MAY

1
 SCIENCE AND THE LAW: Uncomfortable Bedfellows
 Jed S. Rakoff, U.S. District Judge, Southern District of NY
 4:30pm • Rockefeller 3

7
 THE PORTMAN LECTURE IN THE SPIRIT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
 Richard Parsons, Chairman Of The Board and Former CEO, Time Warner
 4:30pm • Filene Auditorium

8
 AMERICA’S PLACE IN THE WORLD
 Professor Stephen Brooks, Dartmouth College
 4:30pm • Rockefeller 3

9, 10
 NEUKÖM INSTITUTE SPRING SYMPOSIUM
 The Human Algorithm
 8pm • Tuck School of Business

13
 DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHOOL
 Lifting the Veil From Mental Illness
 7pm • Kellogg Auditorium

22, 23, 24
 THE ELEANOR FROST AND RUTH & LORING DOOD PLAY FESTIVAL
 8pm • Hopkins Center, Bentley Theater

Exhibitions at the Hood Museum of Art

Black womanhood: Icons, images, and ideologies of the African body
April 1–August 10, 2008

A new exhibit opens this Spring which explores a charged icon in contemporary art: the black female body. Using over one hundred objects and images, and artists from nearly every continent, this exhibit explores how traditional African, Western colonial, and contemporary global artists have contributed to current ideas about black womanhood.

Providing an in-depth look at how images of the black female body have been created and used differently in Africa and the West, the exhibition explores themes such as ideals of beauty, fertility and sexuality, maternity and motherhood, and women’s identities and social roles.

This year’s show will again be held on the Fullington Farm field (three miles from campus, north on Route 10) and is being generously presented by Ledyard National Bank. Shows will occur twice a day from July 19 – 24th, and tickets will go on sale in late April.

For more information, please call the Hopkins Center Box Office at 603-646-2422.

Big Apple Circus

The ever-popular Big Apple Circus returns for its 27th year in the Upper Valley this summer with an all-new show -- Celebrate! -- designed for the young and the young-at-heart.

Founded by Dartmouth alumnus Paul Binder ’63, the circus has made Hanover, NH the only stop on its national tour to occur north of Boston. With every seat no more than 50 feet from ringside, the Big Apple Circus remains the best way to enjoy an intimate, old-fashioned circus experience while also seeing some of the newest acts in clowning, acrobatics, and animal antics.

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Every spring Thayer School welcomes the public into its laboratories and work areas to see engineering in action. Tour our student project lab, the machine shop, Formula Racing and Formula Hybrid™ workshop, and labs involving lasers, ice, bones, ethanol, and much more.

### Big Green Sports Spring Highlights

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