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LGBT COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT ON GREEK HOUSES

Following the recent widespread publicity concerning Dartmouth's fraternities, leaders from the College LGBT community have added their voices and perspectives to the discussion. In early February, Michael Bronski, Senior Lecturer in Women's and Gender Studies, aided in drafting an open letter to the Administration signed by 105 faculty asserting, among other things, that "the

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JOIN US ON CAMPUS IN JUNE! DGALA ALL-CLASS MINI REUNION June 15 -16, 2012

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

10 PM: DGALA Reception with Open Bar at Six South St. Hotel, Hanover's new boutique hotel

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

8:30-10 AM: DGALA Reunions Breakfast with Remarks by the President @8:45 Hinman Lounge, Rockefeller Center

11 AM: Exclusive Hood Museum Guided Tour of Orozco/Pollock Special Exhibition

2 PM: Professor Jeff Sharlet, Recipient of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission's Outspoken Award and the National Lesbian & Gay Award for Excellence in Feature Writing, will lecture on "How American Culture Wars Get Fought Overseas"

Dinner: DGALA members at have traditionally gathered for casual dinner on Saturday, usually joined by LGBT undergraduates and members of the graduating class

All scheduled events are free. For more information, contact dartgala@gmail.com

WERNER TILLINGER '86 ON CAMPUS: LIVING WITH HIV

A chance meeting at last June's DGALA mini-reunion led to Werner Tillinger '86's invitation to visit campus in February of this year to speak with students about his experiences as a gay man at Dartmouth and afterwards. Back in June, Werner sat down at a table at DGALA's Friday night cocktail reception and found himself chatting with Professor Michael Bronski, who teaches a number of LGBT-related courses for the Women and Gender Studies Program. That conversation led to Bronski's inviting Tillinger to speak to his winter term class



Werner Speaks at Alpha Delta

entitled "Plagues and Politics: The Impact of AIDS on U.S. Society." Werner could address the class from personal experience, having been diagnosed as HIV-positive one month after his graduation from Dartmouth. Tillinger's remarks also addressed his challenges and successes resulting from struggles with his identity, including battling drug addiction and becoming a leader in San Francisco's LGBT community.

In addition to addressing Bronski's class, during the visit Werner participated in a College oral history project, spoke with a

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meeting of the GSX (the student LGBTQA organization) and gave a lecture at the Alpha Delta fraternity. All of these events were very rewarding, Tillinger told the Green Light, particularly in light of his challenging experiences at Dartmouth as an undergraduate. Werner was impressed with the GSX students, whom he characterized as "bright and confident in their queerness, with no shame or hiding."

Perhaps even more remarkable, said Tillinger, was his talk at AD, which he recalled as a place that he feared to enter during his undergraduate days due to an atmosphere of homophobia. A diverse crowd about 60 attentive students, men and women, affiliated and non-affiliated, attended the AD event including ten from AD. Max Pillsbury '12, AD's Vice President for Programming, told Green Light, "I'm proud to have provided a space for that to happen--and I think there was a powerful cognizance of the event's location at AD, a bastion of Dartmouth fraternity life but one that is open and interested in conversations like Werner's." Pillsbury added that Werner's honest and non-judgmental speech inspired numerous post-talk conversations with him and among the audience that continued long after the formal presentation: "I think it was a refreshing and especially human discussion that moved beyond the hackneyed 'campus issues forum' dynamic. Rather, in having an honest, candid, and – again – human discussion forced us to make the connections to Dartmouth and our own lives ourselves."

Tillinger's appearances were part of V-Week at Dartmouth, a week-long event in February each year to combat violence against women. V-Week now has a component to address challenges faced by men at Dartmouth relating to societal male gender expectations and related matters. DGALA is a sponsor of V-Week and provided dinner for the GSX meeting with Werner.

Between a favorable experience at his 25th reunion in June last year (which coincided with the DGALA mini-reunion) and his visit in February, Werner told Green Light that, although he left Dartmouth in 1986 feeling like he had never belonged, now he feels fully a part of the College community. ♦♦♦

DGALA LEADERS HONORED BY ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Dartmouth Alumni Council recently made prestigious awards to past DGALA Presidents Susi Kandel '00 and David Eichman '82 for their distinguished service to the Dartmouth community. The Council particularly cited both Susi and David for their leadership of DGALA. Susi's award was the Dartmouth Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award and David's the Dartmouth Alumni Award.

In her acceptance remarks at the annual CAGOW dinner at the Hop in February, Susi told of how, despite Daniel Webster's famous maxim, while at Dartmouth she "did not love it, not even like it." Susi explained that she did

not feel part of the Dartmouth community because she was gay and that, during her time at the College, gay students were frequently harassed and made to feel unwelcome. Susi then told of her involvement with DGALA after graduation, where she met other LGBT alums who, despite some also having

had negative student experiences at Dartmouth, cared about the College and about making it a better place for future students. Susi urged the alumni leaders in attendance to consider those alums who still do not feel a part of Dartmouth and to reach out to them and welcome them, for they will enrich all of our alumni communities.

David was honored at the Alumni Council's December meeting. In his speech to the Council, David told of how he graduated from the College not feeling like it was *his* Dartmouth, but of reconnecting with the College years later through DGALA. Both David and Susi's families and spouses, as well as many DGALA



**Susi with Pam Misener,
LGBT Student Advisor**

leaders, were in attendance to cheer them on in their well-deserved awards. Alumni Council President Danielle Dyer '82 told *Green Light*, "It was wonderful to be able to honor both David and Susi for their tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of the College, the Alumni Council, and DGALA in particular. The Dartmouth community as a whole continues to benefit from their commitment to improving the lives of

undergraduates, to reinforcing a sense of belonging for undergraduates and alumni alike, and their willingness to give of their time, energy and talents!" ♦♦♦

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Greek system ... contributes to the verbal and physical harassment of women, LGBT people, and people of color on this campus." Shortly thereafter, Jordan Osserman '11 published a web-based petition, signed by nearly 150 alums, making similar assertions. LGBT students on campus have raised such concerns as well, including at the inaugural "Talk It Out" event, held before a packed Moore Theater in the Hop on April 6th, where LGBT students cited numerous instances of homophobia on campus.

To try to learn more about the situation, and to capture the range of opinion that exists, Green Light spoke with a number of leaders and other members of Dartmouth's alum, student and faculty LGBTQA communities. This survey paints a mixed and at times troubling portrait of the influence of at least some aspects of the Greek letter organizations upon the LGBT and other historically marginalized communities at Dartmouth.

We present below a number of comments that we received from the LGBTQA community. These comments are excerpted here for reasons of space; fuller versions appear on our website at <http://dqala.me/>. Many of the commentators we spoke with believe that, in collaboration with the administration, students, and faculty, alumni involvement will be essential in helping to bring about positive change. ♦

Jordan Osserman '11, unaffiliated: "We undertook the petition to underscore our agreement with the faculty that it's time for the administration to stop hiding behind evasive PR strategies and start openly confronting the problems that plague that the Greek System at Dartmouth. We hoped that an alumni centered petition would counter the myth that alumni unanimously support the Greek system as it stands. ... I think that the petition served its purpose in terms of letting the Kim administration know that at least some alumni are fed up with the President's uncritical support of fraternity life.... The administration has demonstrated quite clearly, over and over again, that they are not interested in addressing this issue. ... My hope is that Kim's departure will provide an opportunity for concerned students, alumni and faculty to finally step in and change things on campus for good."

History Professor Annelise Orleck, who signed the faculty open letter, elaborated on her concerns. "The overall culture of hyper-masculinity that is expressed in fraternity rituals contributes to harassment of gay men and lesbians" ... at Dartmouth. "I've seen it; it happens again and again." Looking forward, Orleck said, "It is incumbent on alums to pressure the Administration to reign in these activities. The faculty has no influence.... Real change in student life...has to come from alums, students and administrators." Ideally, she added, "The College should buy the houses and turn them into co-ed housing." Orleck rejects the notion that the alumni would rebel if the College eliminated the Greek institutions, noting that many alums send their children to Dartmouth, and that they should be at least as concerned as the faculty about the students' welfare. Orleck noted that the recent negative publicity regarding the fraternities could be an opportunity for Dartmouth to be a pioneer and to set an example for other institutions.

Bob Wetzel '76, affiliated: "[Although I did not sign it,] I am in complete agreement with the sentiments of the [alumni] petition.... I have come to the conclusion that the Administration is both incapable and unwilling to confront the issue in a proactive way.... I also do not believe that the issues can or will be addressed by the fraternities themselves -- at least not by the undergraduate leadership.... So, what is left is for alumni and other interested parties to get involved directly in the process -- and that has been my personal approach. Since becoming Chapter Advisor for SigEp, I have worked with the undergraduates to ... make sure that SigEp is a welcoming and 'safe' place... My bottom line is that I do not think that the existence of fraternities is the true root cause of the issue -- hazing, assault, etc, happen in many more organizations than just the fraternities (and sororities). I think that it is the enabling of adult leadership that is the primary problem; and therefore the primary source of opportunity to address the issues....

Finally, I want to address the LGBT issue as it relates to fraternities. SigEp is one of the largest, most popular and most successful fraternities at Dartmouth -- big membership, campus leaders, brand new chapter house built on fundraising from generous alumni, and, yes, a good -- but safe -- place to party. What most people do not realize is

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that SigEp is also the house of the first openly gay fraternity brother; the first openly gay fraternity president; an open and proud transgender member; and a (to my understanding) comfortable environment for members of many 'identifications'. My point is that being a fraternity is NOT inconsistent with no hazing, no violence and plenty of tolerance."

Dani Valdes '13, formerly affiliated: "[Just] last night I reported an incidence of verbal homophobic harassment to S&S. My girlfriend and I were ... verbally harassed for showing each other affection. It was humiliating and made me feel unsafe. Last year someone carved 'fag' into my Hinman Box. Phi Delta brothers have more than once thrown bottles of alcohol at Tabard (we are neighbors) while yelling homophobic slurs such as "faggots." My friends have been called 'fag' and other slurs. There is no shortage of incidents of harassment towards LGBT students on campus."

[In reply to a question whether she had seen any positive trends:] "I am not sure how to answer this question—considering the past few years at Dartmouth, where a president left for the World Bank after just three years here, when we have the highest rates of rape and sexual assault out of any Ivy, where my own coming out process has been extremely difficult (and yet incredibly wonderful because of the friends I have made here), where the few grassroots activists have been physically and verbally harassed daily, with racial, sexist and homophobic slurs are frequently uttered, ---it is hard for me to gather evidence for positive trends. Hopefully, with the coming of a new president, if she/he is aware of all these issues and wants to help all students who by virtue of being students are equally entitled to the institution's resources, then there could be some change.

"I think the role of alumni is extremely important. Speaking out is extremely important for current undergrads and for alumni. For students an empowering thing is to know the history of LGBT people on this campus. Watching Michael Lowenthal's valedictorian speech, for example, reinvigorated passion in the struggle for justice among me and my friends/fellow activists on this campus. What I think we all need is honesty—honesty from alumni about their experiences so we can be honest about what is happening to us."

Michael Lowenthal '90, unaffiliated: "What shocks me about the recent discussion of hazing

at Dartmouth is not the horror of what goes on in the fraternities but rather the notion that anyone with even a passing connection to Dartmouth could have pretended they didn't know what goes on in those organizations. So many of us have known for so long that the frats foster the most dangerous and destructive elements in Dartmouth students, and that the system is far beyond any possibility of repair; it simply needs to be abolished. But the wealthy fraternity alumni lobby has a stranglehold on the Dartmouth administration akin to that of the National Rifle Association on the Federal government. The institution itself is bullied into submission the same way that individual fraternity members are bullied into hazing their peers.

It would be bad enough if what happened inside the fraternities only affected those who are, or aspire to be, members. But of course we all know that the fraternities' abusive, anti-intellectual atmosphere poisons the entire community -- and has especially negative consequences for women and the LGBT community.

I actually think the large majority of fraternity members are not sexist, homophobic jerks. But something about fraternity groupthink brings out the worst in people, by a kind of reverse synergy, and the result is sad and frightening. ..."

Tyler Ford '11, affiliated: When I read about some of the terrible experiences minority students experience in and because of the Greek system at Dartmouth, I can't help but feel specially blessed. My experience as an openly gay brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon was one of the most empowering, and frankly fun, experiences of my life. I truly believe that my brothers accepted me for who I am, not in spite of it. This feeling came about because over the course of my three years in the house, I witnessed acts of inclusion and support that I didn't believe happened anywhere. My house frequently hosts discussions about LGBT inclusivity; gay brothers hold leadership positions from social chair to house man to president; we host the PRIDE party; gay brothers proudly bring dates of the same sex to house formals and date event. I was nearly brought to tears when SigEp welcomed back a transgender alumna of the house for an evening of discussion and conversation about trans issues. That talk was attended by over 90% of the house membership.

Every fraternity at Dartmouth is not SigEp. The greek system is anything but perfect. Homophobia lingers on our campus. But ... the the fraternity system is not the bastion of homophobia and

exclusion that it's sometimes claimed to be. I'm a gay fraternity brother of Dartmouth and I couldn't be more proud of my house.

Anonymous, female '12, affiliated: "I've been lucky enough to find a house that is accepting of women without regard to their sexuality. While I am still aware of it (my sexuality) I appreciate the effort made to be inclusive. I know of women, friends of mine in other sororities that do not have that luxury. And it is a pity that it is a luxury to have your house not discriminate against you because of your sexuality. In regards to the recent hazing scandal press coverage, it has brought a lot of criticism on the Greek System. While I understand that there are problems with the Greek System (big problems), I take issue with blanket characterizations that do not acknowledge the positive aspects of Greek membership."

Ethan Weinberg '12, affiliated: "I have definitely seen more growth and integration in the fraternity and sorority culture over the past few years than is often appreciated. At least in Sigma Phi Epsilon or "SigEp," my fraternity, homophobia is essentially sin, and the number of gay brothers is somewhere between 15 - 20 %. I was able to live with my boyfriend, a SigEp '11, in the house last spring and it was a non-issue. My Greek experience has been in all quite standard and I feel very accepted by the brotherhood.

That said, it is not like that everywhere. I know of at least several other houses with openly gay brothers (Psi Upsilon, AXA, Bonesgate to name a few), and I'm sure they've dealt with internal homophobia but it's hard to know what the scene looks like from the inside in those houses that don't have any openly gay members....

On the women's side, sororities seem to be wholly in support of queer women.... Co-Eds have always been accepting as far as I know, and the Tabard is often seen as an incredibly safe space for LGBTQ individuals, members or otherwise.

Obviously the situation is more grey when non-members visit other houses, and I would imagine that the majority of incidents take place between members of a house and guests. There are houses I tend not to visit because I am not sure they are queer-friendly (and obviously also because I don't have many friends there). I have not experienced any homophobia directly as a

guest in another house, but I do not doubt that such events occur."

Anonymous, female '12, unaffiliated: "I feel that gender segregation itself is pretty regressive and antithetical to values the LGBT community holds. I think organizations centered around a binary of masculinity and femininity oversimplify the complexity of human nature and reinforce heteronormative thinking, as well as being exclusive to those who fall outside the gender binary. I think a gender neutral system organized around affinities and common interest would be a much more positive system for all students at Dartmouth, and particularly LGBT individuals."

Women and Gender Studies Professor Michael Bronski: "What I hear from LGBT students is that there is a lot of routine verbal and physical harassment against them in fraternity basements. A freshman who registered for one of my winter term classes this year who was openly gay dropped out of school two weeks into the winter term; he told me he was tired of being called a faggot in all of the fraternities and being physically harassed – pushed and stuff. The gay mentoring program, I heard from several people, advises LGBT entering freshmen what frats not to go to because they're actually dangerous to go to.

"It's not unusual to be called faggot crossing the Green at night; it's not unusual to be called faggot in a frat; and I've spoken with closeted athletes who say that kind of language is common in the locker rooms. And there is a close connection between the teams and the fraternities. When recruited athletes first come to campus they are almost immediately de facto members of the fraternity that is associated with their sport. And high school tends to weed out or to deeply closet any gay kids.

There has been no real reaction to the faculty open letter. President Kim made it clear that he had no intention of changing the Greek system.... The only people who have power to change the present Greek system are the administration and the Board of Trustees. I believe the Board has the ultimate power, but I don't think that they are inclined to use it. The new interim president [Carol Folt] could really lobby the Board, say that this is a public relations nightmare; if we don't deal with this now it will only get worse, but it's still up to the Board."

Ed note: Please see fuller versions of the excerpted comments above, as well as more comments from alums, at our website, <http://dgala.me/>. ♦

DGALA ALUMS SUPPORT DGALA/DCF SCHOLARS

Pursuant to a joint program launched in 2006 between DGALA and the Dartmouth College Fund (DCF), for every \$30,000 that DGALA alumni/ae contribute to the DCF, a DGALA Scholar is named. DGALA Scholars are current LGBTQA undergraduates who are receiving need-based financial aid.

By contributing to the DCF before June 30 of this year, you can help to support the College and DGALA Scholars. Contributions can be made online at www.dartmouth.edu/~alfund. There is no need to make any special designation; just by being a DGALA member, your contribution will count towards DGALA participation in DCF giving and the naming of DGALA Scholars.

Last year DGALA alums made generous donations sufficient to support four DGALA Scholars during the 2011-12 academic year. DGALA Scholars, such as the two Scholars profiled here, are active members of the Dartmouth community, and the support of alumni/ae make their experience at the College possible.

Kali Pruss '14

Kali is majoring in Biology with a minor in Spanish and is in the Third Honors Group (top 35% of her class). She received an academic citation for her work in *Women's and Gender Studies 10: Sex, Gender and Society*. Kali's work-study is as an Undergraduate Advisor, and she works in the



Kali, now on FSA, in the Argentine Andes
Photo courtesy of Jillian Mayer

of my major." Kali hopes to participate in the Peace Corps after graduation and then to attend graduate school in marine biology.

biology department labs. Kali says that her Ecology course in Biology "convinced me to pursue ecology as the focus



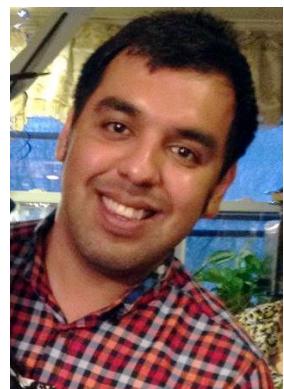
Anna Roth '14

Anna is majoring in Sociology with a minor in Neuroscience and also is in the Third Honors Group. Her work-study job is with Sociology Professor Dixon, studying how social movements produce change. Anna told *Green Light*: "The support of DGALA and interactions I've been able to have with DGALA over the last three years have been a highlight of my time at Dartmouth, and I look forward to continuing the relationship!" ♦

DGALA COUNCIL REP REPORT

DGALA is entitled to two representatives to the Alumni Council; current reps are Caroline Kerr '05 and Mikee Guzman '06. Mikee's term ends this summer and taking over for him will be Brendan Connell '87. Mikee and Brendan file these reports:

Mikee: As my 3-year tenure as one of DGALA's Alumni Council Representatives comes to a close, I look back at the evolution the College has undergone during this time, and I am proud of what DGALA has accomplished. The College has actively supported and helped execute our organization's mission and goals, from our 25th Anniversary All-Class Reunion to the annual PRIDE activities undertaken by current undergraduates each year. Additionally, I was given the opportunity to engage in many important discussions concerning our organization, such as Diversity at Dartmouth, the maintenance and expansion of Gender-Neutral Housing for current undergraduates, the future of ROTC at Dartmouth, broadening the range of LGBTQ courses offered at the College, the recruitment and retention of LGBTQ employees, support for OPAL and the Advisor to LGBTQ students, creating and maintaining support networks for LGBTQ athletes, LGBTQ Affinity Housing, and information and support for LGBTQ applicants to the College, among other topics. DGALA has been and will continue to be an organization that enhances the quality of Dartmouth



on campus and beyond, and it has been my absolute pleasure to serve as your Alumni Councilor. As I pass the torch on to Brendan as he shadows me at this Spring's Alumni Council meeting, I am eager to see what the future for Dartmouth holds and how DGALA will help shape that future.

Brendan: I am extremely excited to become one of DGALA's two councilors! The College is at a very challenging governance juncture, with an interregnum following the abbreviated Kim

presidency, but DGALA has never been more vigorous. It is certainly no time to lose momentum on the critical issues that have been so successfully advocated in the Council by Caroline and Mikee. The establishment of a LGBTQ house is particularly important to me. I will work very hard

to make sure that there is another strong voice in Hanover speaking on our group's behalf, which is especially important with both an interim president and a new president on the near horizon. Many thanks to Mikee for all of his hard work! ♦

TWO JOIN DGALA BOARD

Two new directors began three-year terms on DGALA's Board earlier this year. They are Melanie Pastuck '11 and Shounak Simlai '05 Th'07. Here's a bit about them both.

Mel originally hails from New Jersey, but is now a resident of merry Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Mel



works as an analyst for an integrated brand advertising agency in Manhattan. As a former member of the Dartmouth Women's Rugby team, Mel has begun playing with the New York Rugby Club this season (joining DGALA member Sheila Hicks '04) along with many other young LGBTQ Ivy League alums. Mel is also a new and

eager member of the CrossFit NYC gym, which she describes as the "fun kind of fitness cult." Mel lives with friend and fellow Dartmouth alum James Cart '10.

Mel shared that her decision to run for a DGALA Board of Directors was largely based on her desire to get involved in the DGALA programming and events committee, to assist with creating engaging events in NYC and also to help energize younger Dartmouth alumni to get involved and stay involved with DGALA.

Shounak lives in Chicago, where he is an MBA student at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Shounak is always able to find time for all things Dartmouth: In addition to joining the board of DGALA, Shounak is the Young Alumni Chair on Dartmouth's Alumni Council, a director of the Thayer School Annual Fund, and a Dartmouth interviewer for applicants from India and China.



Shounak joined the DGALA board looking to create a stronger liaison between the undergraduate and graduate alumni populations of the College. Remembering his undergraduate days as an international student at Dartmouth, he also hopes to demonstrate to other international applicants, students, and alumni that being out and proud can be an intensely rewarding experience. ♦

DGALA LEADERS ON CAMPUS

In February DGALA board members joined other alumni class and group officers from around the country in Hanover to attend Class and Affiliated Groups Officers Weekend, which included a meeting between the affiliated group officers and trustee candidates - now trustees - Rick Kimball '78 and Ben Wilson '73. At this meeting the DGALA team very directly voiced concerns about the College administration's handling of LGBTQ student and alumni concerns. ♦



Board members Nick Chamousis, Brendan Connell, Tim Stanne, Uri Barrera-Vasquez and Caroline Kerr with DGALA Scholar Anna Roth

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been an exciting few months for DGALA, as well as the College with the election of three new Trustees and President Kim's appointment to lead the World Bank.

The DGALA Board of Directors welcomed two new directors in 2012: Melanie Pastuck '11 and Shounak Simlai '05, Thayer '07. Both Melanie and Shounak bring fresh perspectives to the Board of Directors, and they are passionate supporters of DGALA.

DGALA was honored at Club and Affiliated Group Officers' Weekend (CAGOW) in February as the 2011 Group of the Year.



DGALA President
Caroline Kerr '05

DGALA was cited for, "effective outreach, strong leadership, and a wide variety of events... members built on traditions such as the annual mini-reunion in June that included a breakfast with remarks by President Kim, evening gatherings, a tour of the Hood Museum, and a co-sponsored faculty lecture... [and] headed up new initiatives such as the affiliate program with Beacon Press that provides members with a discount... Reaching all corners of the College, DGALA built significant partnerships with the Dartmouth College Fund through the DGALA Scholars fund." On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all of our members for your enthusiasm and support; this award is a well-deserved recognition of all of your efforts and energy.

We continue to build on the initiatives cited above. At a special fundraising event for the Dartmouth College Fund and DGALA Scholars program, fabulous entertainer Matt Yee '82 performed to a sold-out crowd in NYC in April. If you have not yet given to the DCF this year, we hope you will do so. In addition, please do not forget that your annual membership to DGALA supports all of the great activities and events that you read about in this newsletter. If you've not yet sent in dues this fiscal year (through June 30), you may still do so at our website, <http://dgala.me/join-or-renew>, or by mailing in last fall's return envelope if you still have it about.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us in Hanover for the annual DGALA Mini Reunion on June 15-16. The DGALA Programming Committee, under the leadership of Brendan Connell '87 and Uri Barrera-Vasquez '98, has another great set of events planned, including the annual Mini Reunion Breakfast. Our featured faculty lecture this year will be given by Jeffrey Sharlet, Assistant Professor of English.

As always, please be in touch with your ideas.

S. Caroline Kerr '05

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LARRY KRAMER ON CAMPUS

Writer and activist Larry Kramer spent a weeklong residence at Dartmouth last term as a Montgomery Fellow, a fellowship program designed to foster interaction with students. Ethan Weinberg '12 sent *Green Light* this reflection on meeting with Kramer in a discussion group moderated by Senior Lecturer Michael Bronski:

Meeting and talking with Larry Kramer was an inspiring experience. He is clearly a very smart, accomplished, and controversial figure to say the least, but he made me reevaluate my dedication to



Kramer, Bronski and Weinberg '12 at Discussion Group

the LGBTQ community and I think that my future career goals have certainly been shaped by my opportunity to interact with him on an individual level. I wrote an OpEd in the D about blood drives shortly after meeting Larry and cited his influence, and one of the comments online seems to have come from Larry himself. Overall, meeting him was an unbelievable moment for me. ♦