



GREEN LIGHT

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REUNION NEARLY HERE

DGALA's all-class 30th Anniversary Reunion begins on Friday, October 31, and final preparations are now underway. Reunion chair Mel Pastuck '11 told *Green Light*: "With both the celebration of DGALA's 30th anniversary and the opening celebration of the Triangle House, this fall weekend in Hanover is shaping up to be an unrepeatable experience. With a vast array of events, food, beverages, speakers, and entertainment, we have put together a fantastic and almost entirely all-inclusive schedule. Currently, with over 100 alumni and guests RSVP'd for the event (across all generations of DGALA) and the largest anticipated number of student participants ever, we are greatly looking forward to our most attended event in the history of our organization. We sincerely hope that LGBTQIA alums will join us on campus as together we celebrate and build upon the legacy of DGALA!"

As Mel notes, perhaps most significant

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DGALA's 30TH ANNIVERSARY ALL-CLASS REUNION

October 31 – November 2, 2014

**For More Information
and to Register:**

<http://dgala.com/2014-all-class-reunion/>

TRIANGLE HOUSE OPENS

With the beginning of fall term this year, Triangle House opened its doors, culminating years of education, organization, planning and gathering of support. Twenty-five resident students — first-years through seniors — from Dartmouth's LGBTQIA community moved into the House's four double and seventeen single rooms (fifty students had applied for spaces). Living in the House's faculty



Triangle House – Renovated and Newly Open

apartment will be Brianne Gallagher, the Triangle House Fellow and Live-in Advisor. Brianne, a Post-Doctoral Fellow for the Gender Research Institute at Dartmouth (GRID), told *Green Light*, "I am very honored and thrilled to be the first Triangle House Faculty Fellow and Live-In Advisor at Dartmouth. I have a unique opportunity of bringing to life my research interests and writing, and sharing my passion for social justice and LGBTQIA politics with the extremely bright and engaging students at

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weekend event will be a watershed in the history of Dartmouth and its LGBTQIA community: the grand opening celebration of Triangle House, Dartmouth's first LGBTQIA living and learning center (see story, page 1). President Hanlon and DGALA President Caroline Kerr, among others, will speak at the ceremony, and student residents will provide tours of the House, as well as "rainbow tours" of campus. The Friday evening opening reception also will feature President Hanlon, an event to be followed by a world-class cabaret show "Go Big Queen: A Fabulously Dartmouth Halloween Adventure" by DGALA alums and NYC entertainers Jim Noonan '01 and Jimmy McNicholas '01 (see interview, page 7).

Saturday will feature an even more varied lineup: a morning hike with amazing views of the valley, a faculty talk on the future of marriage, Triangle House events, a talk by Undersecretary of the Air Force and DGALA member Eric Fanning '90, a civil rights art tour at the Hood, a gala dinner at the Hanover Inn and an after party at the DOC House on Occom Pond. (See story, page 6 for more on the Saturday speakers.) Sunday will begin with a celebratory service led by DGALA's own Rev. Nancy Voegelé '85, followed by brunch and a DGALA community forum.

Alumni Relations' Derikka Mobley told *Green Light*, "It's always a pleasure working with the award-winning DGALA board, and planning the 30th anniversary reunion has been no exception. This is a particularly exciting and momentous time within the Dartmouth LGBTQ community and we look forward to celebrating with DGALA. A huge shout-out to Mel for her all of her Herculean efforts! I hope to see you all here for a weekend of positive, meaningful and fun programs. The Office of Alumni Relations looks forward to welcoming you all back!"

Even with the exciting schedule, the weekend also promises lots of opportunity to relax and chat with fellow DGALA alums. See box at right for the full reunion schedule. ❖

REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday 10/31

12:00 – 6:00 PM Registration

6:30 – 7:30 PM Welcome Reception hosted by President Philip J. Hanlon '77; hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided

8:00 – 9:30 PM "Go Big Queen!" a Fabulously Dartmouth Halloween Adventure hosted by Jim Noonan '01 & Jimmy McNicholas '01

10:00 – 11:00 PM Halloween Cocktails in Hanover

Saturday 11/1

8:30 – 10:00 AM Gile Mountain Fire Tower; moderate hike with panoramic views of the Upper Valley

10:30 – 11:30 AM Featured Faculty Lecture: Professor Sonu Bedi; Breakfast and Coffee

11:30AM – 1:30 PM Triangle House Grand Opening Celebration, Remarks and Lunch

12:20 – 2:00 PM Student-Led Rainbow Campus Tours, hosted by Reese Kelly

3:00 – 4:00 PM Featured Alum Speaker: Eric Fanning '90, Under Secretary of the United States Air Force

4:00 – 5:00 PM Hood Museum Tour: *Witness: Art and Civil Rights in the Sixties*

7:00 – 9:00 PM Gala Dinner at the Hanover Inn

10:00 – 12:00 PM After-Party at the DOC House on Occom Pond

Sunday 11/2

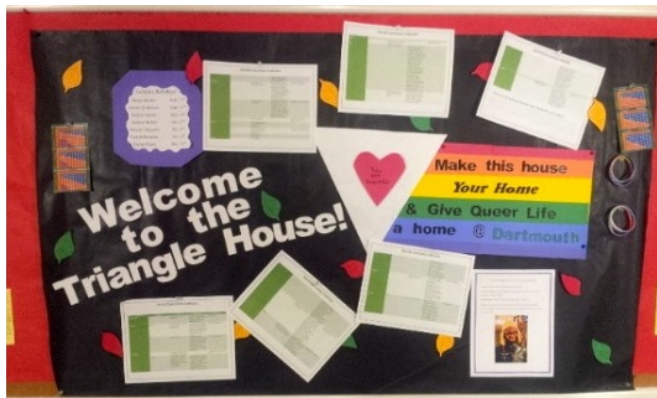
9:30 – 10:30 AM Celebratory Service with Rev. Nancy A. G. Voegelé '85

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM Brunch and Community Forum: *What's Next For DGALA?*

1:00 – 2:00 PM DGALA Board of Directors Meeting

the Triangle House. As a Faculty Fellow, I organize and facilitate weekly brunch discussions about LGBTQIA identities, communities, politics, and culture. I also support and guide residents with their research projects for each term that focus on LGBTQIA topics. The teacher in me is so excited to help residents make the links between their unique ideas and passions and how to transform those intellectual pursuits into writing projects, social justice organizing, service, and action.”

Although Dartmouth's new living/learning educational model is central, the House also will serve the campus-wide LGBTQIA community. Professor Francine A'Ness of the Women's and Gender Studies Department and Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Students, will be teaching the course “WGST 10: Sex, Gender and Society” in the House (making the House one of only three residential communities on campus that is hosting



Triangle House Bulletin Board Welcomes All

academic courses). In addition, LGBTQIA groups on campus may reserve space to meet and operate out of the basement offices in the House. And, over time, as past residents of the House cycle out onto the campus at large, the influence of the House is expected to multiply.

The House's programming includes weekly brunches where residents will engage in discussions about LGBTQIA identities, communities, politics and culture. Reese

Kelly, Ph.D., Interim Director, Office of Pluralism and Leadership, and Director, Center for Gender and Student Engagement, told *Green Light*, “I like to think of these brunch discussions as part book club, part seminar course, and part coffee talk with friends. It is a time for community building and intellectual exploration that all residents attend.” Brianne Gallagher added, “We



Students' First Brunch in Triangle House

recently gathered for our first brunch discussion. We had such a fun time cooking together in our beautiful new home. We had an intimate and engaging discussion on how we define and envision queer politics and political organizing across multiple differences in our communities and everyday lives.” Brianne concluded, “I very much look forward to these engaging discussions with residents and our guests, and we are really in gear for a term of imagining and actualizing our community, creating and sharing knowledges, and putting these ideas and lessons into action.”

The House also recently held its first house meeting, a session led by UGA (undergraduate advisor) Logan Henderson '17. He told *Green Light*, “The residents and I were overwhelmed by the beauty of the house upon arriving for the first time. The colors of the walls promote a consistent healthy atmosphere, and the spacious rooms provide a lot of comfort and more opportunities to personalize the space. We hope to get some more equipment so we can use the kitchen more often and start

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gathering art so we can lively up the walls even more to make this house our home.”

The DGALA 30th anniversary reunion will include a celebration ceremony at Triangle House at 11:30 AM on Saturday, November 1



Brianne Gallagher (L) and Logan Henderson '17 (C) lead Triangle House's first house meeting

(see story, page 1). DGALA is helping the College to raise funds to support Triangle House, with a goal of \$500,000 of the \$5.5 million initial cost of the House. If you would like to support the House, there is an on-line donation link at DGALA's home page, <http://dgala.com/> .❖

UPCOMING BRUNCH TOPICS AT TRIANGLE HOUSE

Professor Vera Palmer, Senior Lecturer in Native American Studies: *Sexuality, settler colonialism, and decolonization movements.*

Reverend Nancy Vogele, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Dartmouth: *Service, faith, and community.*

Professor Eng-Beng Lim, Assistant Professor of Sexuality Studies, WGST Program: *Asian performance, transnationalism, and native identities.*

IMAGES FROM JUNE MINI REUNION



Friday Night Drinks at Six South Street Hotel



Tour of Under-Construction Triangle House



Families at Saturday Breakfast Meeting

PRESIDENT HANLON ADDRESSES JUNE MINI-REUNION

DGALA was honored by President Philip Hanlon '77's addressing our mini-reunion breakfast on June 14th. Here are excerpts of his remarks: "Welcome back to campus! Let me begin with a word of thanks. I'm struck by how many different graduating classes there are in the room today – different times at Dartmouth; different experiences. And I know that for all of you, no matter what era you were, some of those experiences were not positive; in fact, some were deeply hurtful and caused emotional pain as you look back at Dartmouth. The fact that you're in the room today, back on this campus, speaks volumes about your character; the fact that you care enough about Dartmouth, its current students and its students of the future that you want to build an experience that's better than the one that you had. I want to thank you for that engagement; this is demonstrating alumni leadership at its best.

I join you in being strongly committed to strengthening the student life experience on campus so that it's safe, welcoming and inclusive for every student. There is a lot of work to be done here, but I am energized by the positive changes that I think I see already on campus on a variety of fronts.

I want to tell you about some tangible steps that are taking place in a variety of areas. One Caroline already mentioned. I am very excited and there is a lot of excitement on campus about Triangle House, about the plans for it, about the programming, and what we can achieve there. I know a lot of you have been involved in the planning and the fundraising. Thank you for that. I am excited about what it will bring to our campus.

We are preparing for a new two-year post-doc fellow from the Gender Research

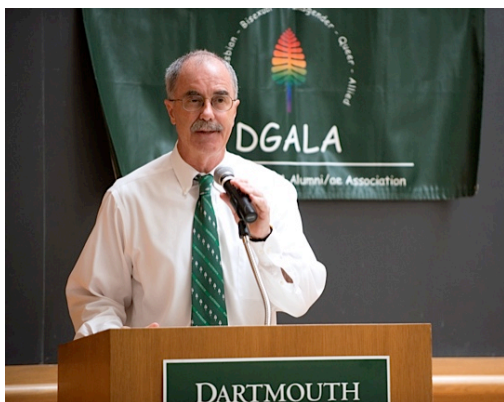
Institute at Dartmouth who will teach a class in Queer Studies and will serve as a mentor on campus. That is part of the program at Triangle House and will strengthen that even more.

There are also recent health care policy changes. The College was recently successful in working with our insurance provider Cigna to modify and expand our coverage to include gender reassignment surgery. While Cigna has a standard medical coverage policy in this area, we believe that their standard didn't meet the protocol guidelines that had been established by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, and so we were able to work with them to get a new policy that we believe does.

This fall Dartmouth will host the IvyQ conference, which some of you may know is the annual pan Ivy conference for LGBTQ students and allies. Many faculty and students from

across Dartmouth will participate in this event, and we're excited both to share what's happening on our campus and to listen to ideas about what's happening on other campuses amongst the Ivies.

So tangible progress is being made on many fronts, but still work to be done for sure. I want to come back to something that Caroline talked about earlier [the Moving Dartmouth Forward initiative] and to emphasize that. The concern over student life experience at Dartmouth, especially high risk behavior, high risk drinking and sexual assault, but also bias and lack of inclusion. Those things can really harm young lives on our campus. They divide us. They hold us back from achieving what we can achieve as a college. They really have to end. That's what prompted the Moving Dartmouth



Forward initiative. The initiative comes in three phases. The first crowd-sources the best solutions. So as Caroline said, we really need your input. Over the summer the steering committee will take the most promising ideas and do an analysis of what will be needed to implement those ideas. In the last phase the steering committee will report in the fall so that the Dartmouth community as a whole can react. We look to put in place actual actions by the November Board of Trustees meeting.

So challenges lie ahead for sure, but also progress, and I remain optimistic as my first year as President draws to a close. I'm heartened by the way that our campus has galvanized around an effort to make it a better place to strengthen the student experience on campus. And in this the members of DGALA offer an incredible example of recognizing problems and working tirelessly in positive efforts to overcome them. In that I am deeply indebted; I thank you for your efforts; I welcome you back to campus, and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead." ❖

A CLOSER LOOK AT SATURDAY'S REUNION SPEAKERS

Saturday Morning: Featured Faculty Lecture: Professor Sonu Bedi, Department of Government, *"Should We Abolish Civil Marriage?"*

Professor Bedi's lecture starts from the premise that marriage equality is now a reality, as recent legal decisions have declared bans on same-sex marriage to be unconstitutional. Although this is cause for celebration, it also invites us to reflect on marriage itself. Why is the state in the marriage business? Does focusing on marriage blind us to the ways in which the institution itself can be hetero-normative? Bedi's talk will draw from legal decisions and

contemporary political theory to situate the gay marriage debate in a larger debate over abolishing civil marriage.

Sonu Bedi was also awarded the Jerome Goldstein Award for Distinguished Teaching, chosen by a vote of the Class of 2014. His research interests include contemporary



political theory, constitutional law and theory, and race, law, and identity. His recent publications include *Beyond Race, Sex, and Sexual Orientation: Legal Equality Without Identity* (Cambridge University Press 2013).

He teaches on topics of civil liberties, freedom of speech, and theories of justice. He holds an AB and AM from Brown University; a JD from Harvard Law School; and MA, MPhil and PhD from Yale University.

Saturday Afternoon: Featured Alum Speaker: Eric Fanning '90, Under Secretary of the Air Force (presented in partnership with Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni (DUSA))

Eric K. Fanning '90 was confirmed as the 24th Under Secretary of the Air Force on April 29, 2013. He serves as Chief Management



Officer of the Air Force, responsible for management of Air Force resources and providing for the welfare of its more than 690,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen and their families. He is the highest ranking

openly gay member of the Department of Defense. DGALA is proud to present Mr. Fanning's featured alumni talk in partnership with Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni (DUSA).❖

INTERVIEW WITH JIM "FIGGY" NOONAN '01 AND JIMMY "MACK" McNICHOLAS '01

WHO WILL PRESENT FRIDAY NIGHT'S REUNION ENTERTAINMENT "GO BIG QUEEN: A FABULOUSLY DARTMOUTH HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE"

Q. How did you two get started together?

Jimmy: Figgy and I did our first cabaret show during our senior year in the Bentley Theatre. He told me he wanted to do a drag show as his Senior Thesis and I think I said, "We'll need a great opening number!" The rest, as they say, has been history. One song in the show actually stirred a bit of controversy. We sang a rendition of "The Ladies Who Lunch" as an ode to lesbians and called it "The Ladies Who Munch". It opened up, let's say, an interesting dialogue - sensitivities were high at that age. As the years went on and we continued to write subversive material for our shows in NYC, the controversial part of what we do became less of a thing... and more a signature part of our act.

Q. What shows have you done in New York?

Figgy: We have created, produced and performed 5 original cabaret shows: FIGGY: GENESIS (2005), FIGGY PUDDING (2007), FIGGY SAVES (2009), FIGGY PUDDING 2: Xmas In Space (2011), and FIGGY PUDDING 3: Beach Holiday (2013). The "Pudding" shows are holiday themed and have become somewhat of a tradition. Audiences eat them up!

Q. How would you describe the shows, and how do they compare to what you'll be doing at the reunion?

Jimmy: It's cabaret — loosely strung together songs with a story arc/theme. Our shows often devolve into unpredictable (and often tipsy) chaos... but in the end, we hope to strike some kind of emotional nerve. We're both singers, so musicality is central to everything we do. And we

write our material with each audience specifically in mind. Our Dartmouth show, for example, won't be replicable anywhere else. We want to give the crowd a rousing welcome back to campus, but we don't want to paint Dartmouth as a perfect place. We want to acknowledge its flaws and show some love for it at the same time. It will ultimately be a celebration of how far the College has come as the Triangle House opens.

Q. What did you do at Dartmouth? Were you involved in LGBT life then?



Figgy: Jimmy and I were both involved in a lot of music and theater stuff. Neither of us was very involved with LGBT activism on campus. In retrospect, we realize how important that kind of involvement would have been for not only our own experience but for the campus culture as a whole. We both came out while at Dartmouth and found a strong and supportive group of friends, especially in the theater community.

Q. What are you each up to today other than the shows?

Figgy: I work as a stylist and project manager for Ralph Lauren Home, concepting and installing prototype showrooms as well as styling photoshoots for RL national advertising and other campaigns. I live in Ditmas Park, Brooklyn with my husband Joshua and our dog Odie.

Jimmy: Since 2002, I've worked at SpotCo, the live entertainment branding and advertising agency, where I'm now a Creative Director. I've developed ad campaigns for over 100 Broadway shows including Avenue Q, Once and Kinky Boots. I live in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn with my husband Alex. ♦

30 YEARS AGO:

BEGINNINGS OF DGALA / LGBT LIFE AT DARTMOUTH

DGALA celebrates its 30th anniversary on campus this fall. The anniversary marks the beginnings of DGALA, which took place in a very different context than today for Dartmouth's LGBT alums and students. This story presents a brief look back at the Dartmouth and DGALA of 30 years ago. Happily, much progress has occurred since those days three decades ago (indeed, the other pages of this issue attest to amazing progress!). So many helped to advance that progress; we are indebted to them all. (I thank those who are quoted herein. Helpful material also was gleaned from early issues of DGALA's newsletters and the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.) - Ed

DGALA Origins and Early History

DGALA dates its origins to its first meeting on campus, held in 1984 at the Hopkins Center's Faculty Lounge. The meeting resulted from a letter to the editor published in the May 1983 issue of the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* written by DGALA founder Ed Hermance '62. Ed recalls that he had been encouraged to write the letter by GSA (Gay Student Alliance) leader Chuck Edwards A'86, the students feeling beleaguered on campus and seeking alum support. The letter decried the College's recent elimination of sexual orientation from its non-discrimination policy and asserted that "homophobia exists in all of [Dartmouth's] parts." The letter announced the formation of "a gay and lesbian alum group" to support LGBT students on campus and to urge College President McLaughlin and the Board of Trustees to support the College's LGBT community. Hermance told *Green Light*, "Getting the group together was pretty easy and lots of fun. Tom Song '53, Frank Leib and I, all living in the Philadelphia area, put together the first newsletters under the name Dartmouth Lambda. I remember our fiery editorials boosted our spirits, though I don't know if they had any effect on the administration. For a period of time I hosted a number of alumni passing through the city. Through the publicity that the *Alumni Magazine* gave us, we got dozens of contacts. Within a couple of years, the New York area had many more gay and lesbian alums than the Philadelphia area, so the newsletter and most of the activities moved to New York."

Hermance continued, "We had our first reunion in Hanover in the fall of 1984. We met in the lounge in the Hop that overlooks the Green and Baker. Maybe two dozen people attended, including

Chuck Edwards and other students. I remember Professor Peter Saccio being there. He may have been the only member of the faculty, staff or administration present. When the headquarters of the group moved to NYC (maybe in 1986 or 1987), the New Yorkers changed the name to DGALA."

Those early years were particularly challenging for DGALA. The College refused for years to recognize the group, only doing so in 1991 after publicity in the New York Times, and then only with the stipulation that no assistance would be forthcoming from the Alumni Affairs Office – a stipulation that has since been rescinded as DGALA, and the College's other affiliated groups, today receive a variety of support from the College.

During those early years the College also declined to accept funds to support LGBT students. As a result, one openly gay alum, Dr. Ralph Elias '32, a prominent San Francisco physician, in 1986 established the Carpenter Foundation with an initial gift of \$25,000, later augmented with a \$169,000 bequest. Professor Saccio served as chair of the Foundation, which also included members of DGALA. The Foundation sponsored LGBT-related educational programming and social activities for Dartmouth students. Happily, over time, and with much work by DGALA alums, attitudes changed, and in a February 2000 ceremony on campus, the Foundation transferred its assets to Dartmouth, to be used for the support of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender studies and co-curricular activities at the College, the College by then having reversed its discriminatory policies.

LGBT Student Life in the 80s

Times also were difficult for LGBT students at Dartmouth three decades ago. Todd Greenquist

'84 recalled, "I was on campus during the initial rise of the Dartmouth Review, including when they printed a list of students who were members of the LGBT club at the time. There was a lot of fear and shame associated with being gay at that time and very little public support, even from the administration, was evident." Also in 1984, nine members of the Kappa Kappa Kappa fraternity were forced to resign based upon allegations about their sexual orientations.

Notwithstanding the repressive climate, some LGBT students stood up for themselves. The GSA continued to meet and to grow in numbers. Professor Saccio told *Green Light* that, after attending the first DGALA meeting on campus in 1984, he "went the following week to the Dean of Freshman, a straight woman who was advisor to GSA because no one else would do it. I offered to become the advisor because I was gay and more or less out (some students knew that Jim Steffensen and I were partners). I had some effective position, as a full professor, just asked to chair the English Dept – but no professional training in such support and political work."

Saccio and LGBT students faced many challenges. In reference to women, he recalled, "There were of course lesbians in GSA, and late in the 80s we changed the group's name to get the "L" in. If I was unprepared for my general function, I was certainly not good at advising women. I deeply needed a female counterpart but no women faculty volunteered. I asked women faculty with whom I was good friends to make this need known in the women's faculty caucus, but there was no lesbian advisor till [Professor] Annelise Orleck arrived on campus in 1991." Lee Merkle-Raymond '86 recalled that, in the mid-80s, "The GSA office was a storage closet upstairs in Robinson Hall, only big enough for two chairs and a phone table for the GSA hotline answering machine." (Reflecting on the recent opening of Triangle House, she commented, "The idea that there will now be an entire building is mind blowing!") Susan Harrington '84 recalled that she, and many other women students, connected among themselves: "There were several women's organizations on campus then – the Women's Issues League, and Women at Dartmouth – which created spaces for women to connect." She also recalled Dartmouth's male students often aggressively singing the then-alma mater "Men of Dartmouth", yelling out the lyric "Lest the old traditions fail." She noted, "It's a good example of unquestioned 'traditions' that pushed some students to the margins."

Among male students, AIDS was a deadly scourge during those days. Saccio recalled, "There were advice sessions – officially sponsored or just among ourselves – on how not to get HIV. Every once in a while I would hear of a student whom I'd taught in the 70s (when we didn't know that there was a virus going around) who was now dying or dead." Todd Greenquist '84 added, "During the early eighties, AIDS was just starting to hit the gay community, mostly in the major cities. There were a few people at Dartmouth who were positive and who eventually died, but by and large we were isolated from the epidemic up in the woods. I didn't realize it at the time, but in retrospect I would say being at Dartmouth during the early 80's, rather than being in a large city like Boston, and experiencing my coming out in that relative isolation, probably saved my life." Here too, fraternities continued to foster a hostile climate. Saccio recalled, "In the summer of 1985 a fraternity gave a party called LIVE AIDS. The title derived from a serious occasion that July, LIVE AID, a big rock concert with name stars to raise money for a famine in Africa. The fraternity dedicated their party to Rock Hudson, the first major celebrity known to be dying of AIDS."

LGBT students and allies, however, stood fast. As summarized in Allen Drexel '91's honors thesis, *Degrees of Broken Silence: Dartmouth Men, Gay Men and Women, 1935-1991*, beginning in the 80s and into the 90s, "Rather than crumbling under a barrage of bigotry, lesbians and gays during this period effectively capitalized on their repeated victimization, [eventually] eliciting unprecedented support from faculty, administrators and students: for the first time since their emergence as a small visible community in the seventies, they began to fight back." These efforts did create great progress over the years. Indeed, contrasting his positive experience on campus at DGALA's June 2014 mini-reunion with his days as an undergrad, John Lavoie '84 told *Green Light* "I had a wonderful time back in Hanover for my 30th reunion, including the DGALA events I attended! Being gay at Dartmouth in the early 80s was not always the best of experience. So it's good to be creating positive memories on campus to counteract some of that baggage." Kelii Opulauoho '96 added, "As a student, I wrote a Letter to the Editor of the "D" about queer affinity housing. Albeit 20 years or so later, I am very pleased the Triangle House is a reality. I'm really looking forward to the Reunion!"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, DGALA!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the June Mini Reunion, which once again broke attendance records. President Hanlon joined us for our annual breakfast (see his remarks on page 5) and we got our first glimpse of Triangle House. Touring the building was incredibly exciting, and moving.



Fall term is underway at Dartmouth. Twenty-five students are living in Triangle House (see page 1) and DGALA has made terrific progress in our effort to raise \$500,000 to support the opening of the House. As our campaign effort draws to a close, I hope you will consider making a

gift – of any amount – if you have not done so already. Triangle House will be an important resource on campus, and it will help Dartmouth grow into new levels of scholarship, community, and activism.

The summer months saw many DGALA regional events across the country, and I hope many of you will join us in Hanover on October 31-November 2 for the All-Class Reunion, 30th anniversary celebration, and grand opening of Triangle House. These events, combined with the IvyQ conference Dartmouth will host in November, represent significant milestones for the Dartmouth LGBTQIA community. Mel Pastuck '11, our All-Class Reunion Chair, is doing an incredible job leading the reunion planning efforts. It's a full schedule, with lots of opportunities to connect with other DGALA members and campus. We'll end the reunion with a community forum to discuss what is next for DGALA. We anticipate that several seats will be opening on our Board, so the time is right to consider your involvement and what you'd like to see in the years ahead.

This past June the DGALA Board activated the Bourne Fund to support a student in need, as many of you read about in my July email message. I could not be more proud of this program or the

way DGALA rallies around students, our future alumni/ae.

This is my last column as President, as my second term wraps up at the end of 2014, and I will be passing the rainbow torch on to our Vice President, Brendan Connell Jr. '87. It has been an honor to work with so many of you and represent DGALA to the College and within the alumni community. Thank you for all you have done to strengthen the organization, community, and Dartmouth. Our membership is the largest and most diverse it has ever been. I'm excited to celebrate with you this fall, and I look forward to what's ahead.

Cheers,

S. Caroline Kerr '05

DGALA President ♦

DUES ENVELOPES ARE ENCLOSED

In case you've not yet given to DGALA this new fiscal year, we have enclosed a handy pre-addressed envelope in hopes that you will do so now. (But if you've sponsored or registered for the reunion, you're off the hook; we're counting you as paid for this year!) D-GALA operates almost entirely on the generosity of our supporters, and we put your contributions to good use through funding our All-Class Reunions, our annual June mini-reunions, various regional events, on-campus events with alums and students, supporting LGBT issues and events at Dartmouth, annual gifts for LGBT grads, and this newsletter! We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and so your contribution is tax deductible. If you prefer, you may also give on line at <http://dgala.com/join-or-renew/>. ♦

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