Creating Connections
By Katrina Mitchell 32
The fast pace of American medical education means that students interact with patients in an episodic fashion. Rarely do doctors-to-be see a given patient more than once. But a new Dartmouth Medical School program is changing that, giving students a chance to bond with a single patient and to truly appreciate the impact that illness can have on individuals and their families.

The Heart of an Olympian
By John Morton 42
When a former Olympic biathlete had cardiac surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, he learned some facts about a part of his anatomy that he’d taken for granted—even some lessons about determination, or “heart” in its figurative sense.

Sugar is Sweet . . .
By Laura Stephenson Carter 46
And so is the synergy among Dartmouth engineers, physicians, and biomedical scientists. A recent collaboration has spawned a promising commercial venture—growing therapeutic proteins in yeast. Thanks to a novel way of getting sugar molecules placed on the proteins, the process may revolutionize the way these drugs are produced.