

The detective story that was the cover feature in the Fall issue tickled the fancy of a reader who works at DHMC. Another, an alumna, enjoyed the "Faculty Focus" profile of a favorite professor renowned for his Boston accent as well as for his skill with both students and patients.

#### Added intrigue

I loved "A Case for Surgical Removal" [Fall 1999]! Way to add some intrigue to an otherwise academic read (a very enjoyable academic read, of course). I'm already looking over my shoulder when I walk on Level Two!

Brett Hanscom  
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*Hanscom works at DHMC as a statistical analyst.*

#### A gift to patients and students

I was delighted to see Dr. Joseph O'Donnell featured in the Fall 1999 issue's "Faculty Focus" profile. I'm sure I can speak for my entire class when I say that Joe embodies the spirit of the DMS faculty-student experience.

As a second-year student, I loved his lecture style (standing on a chair to get our attention, telling us that a certain cancer cell was a "bad actor" and that we must remember to "always look at the smear"—pronounced "smeah," of course).

As a third-year student, I watched him examine a dear patient who had a fever and neutropenia. Whenever I was called to see a patient with the same problem during my pediatrics residency, my recollection of



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Joe's exam guided me to act quickly, thoroughly, and tenderly on the patient's behalf. When Joe left that patient's room at the VA, the elderly patient told me, "He's a brilliant boy."

How funny it sounded to me then: Joe, my hero, a boy? But how true it is. He is a gift to patients and students alike.

Maureen Micek, M.D.  
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#### Cover kudos

Dartmouth Medicine keeps getting better and better. It is an excellent, interesting, informative, entertaining publication with broad appeal. I particularly liked the cover of the Fall 1999 issue.

Cheers to the whole DM staff.  
Anne C. Baird  
Haverhill, N.H.

#### Valuable service

I am extremely pleased to receive Dartmouth Medicine. I find

the magazine so interesting and informative. I receive publications from the universities I attended and other institutions, but Dartmouth Medicine is on the top of my list.

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Jack H. Mishkin, D.D.S.  
Miami Beach, Fla.

*We're in turn extremely pleased! Although we don't charge anything for Dartmouth Medicine, we do appreciate contributions toward our modest budget. Our thanks to thoughtful reader Mishkin.*

#### Granite State expatriate

I would love a subscription to your magazine. I'm in medical school in California, but my mom is a librarian in New Hampshire and always saves her copies of Dartmouth Medicine

for me to read whenever I come home to visit. Thank you.

Molly Capron  
San Diego, Calif.

#### Enchanted reader

I have just finished reading the latest edition of Dartmouth Medicine. I found it to be very interesting. I would appreciate it if you would add my name to your list to receive future issues.

Charles L. Baldwin  
Las Cruces, N.M.

#### India inkling

Would you please send me a subscription to Dartmouth Medicine? A friend sent me the Summer 1999 issue so I could read the article "Intriguing India," because I am about to go to India for a month to use my ophthalmology training, which I've just completed. Not only did I thoroughly enjoy that article but the rest of the magazine as well! Many thanks.

Alice Gasch, M.D.  
Washington, D.C.

#### Is Alvord available?

As a staff sergeant in the Army, I represent the Native American soldiers stationed here at Fort Bragg. I am the noncommissioned officer in charge of obtaining a guest speaker this year for our Native American Heritage Observance, "Visions of the 21st Century: Educating Our Youth the Native American Way." I would like to get in touch with Dr. Lori Alvord of Dartmouth Medical School to see if she can be our speaker.

I have visited Dartmouth  
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