Princess Layout and Princess B-Ride

After graduating a huge crowd of 13’s, we were a little nervous about the upcoming season... but rest assured, the teams have begun to take shape in a very nice-looking way. Emily Eisner ’14 and Eva Petzinger ’15 were the captains this fall (with Aislinn McLaughlin ’14 to join the captains in the winter), with Katy Peake ’15 as our fearless president and Sarah Heyborne ’16 as our apprentice treasurer.

Our first tournament of the year was a one-day affair at Wellesley in September. A stacked line of 17’s (seriously-- these babies are good at Ultimate) brought us to a first-place victory at this rookie-focused tournament... hopefully the first of many tournament victories this school year! At the beginning of October, we brought a small squad of ten people (plus fearless/temporarily sidelined Coachella, aka Ellen Plane ’15) to Yale Cup, where we proved that it wasn’t about the size of our team-- it was about the size of our hearts (and our calves.) There, we took second place overall.

Our third tournament, Brown’s Huck-a-Hunk of Burning Pumpkin, saw huge attendance for us-- a whopping 23 players showed up to take names in Providence! Heavy wind conditions made things difficult for us, but we came away with a couple of victories and some moments of brilliance. This weekend, the A-team will attend their first post-tryouts tournament at the New England Classic in Saratoga Springs, NY. However, A and B will continue to practice together through the rest of the fall.

Returning as head coach, we have the indomitable and newly married Eugene Yum, once again bringing to the team his concrete, analytical tactics, his lefty backhand tips, and his badger-like sense of mischief. New to our consulting staff is Ian Engler ’12, whose “stoic leadership” (as Ultiworld would call it) and possession-oriented mindset are already bringing benefits to our offensive sets.

It’s looking like it’s going to be a good year for the most frisbee-skilled princesses in New England!

-- Eva Petzinger ’15
The Pain Train is Coming

It’s no coincidence that Pain Train’s recent appearances in the game to go to Nationals has corresponded with Coach Brook Martin’s arrival in Hanover. Pain Train has improved every year since Brook became our Coach, and the 2012-2013 season was no exception. Great leadership from the ’13 captains and a talented group of fifth year veterans (including 2 former captains) made the Pain Train’s goal of qualifying for Nationals possible. Experience, depth, and our “stingy” style of offense were the team’s biggest assets.

Regionals was amazing, largely due to the incredible atmosphere created by the support from alumni, parents, and friends. Brook was extremely generous and hosted a dinner that brought together the entire Dartmouth Ultimate family for a special evening. Having the whole community together, including Mitch Arion ’81 (the founder of Dartmouth Ultimate), felt special and was definitely one of the highlights of the weekend.

For the third year in a row, we faced off against Tufts in the game-to-go to Nationals on Sunday at Regionals. The game was close the whole way. On universe point (13-13) after a Tufts turnover we worked it down the field, scored easily, and rushed the field. We were going to Nationals!!!

I think it is fair to say that Nationals lived up to and/or exceeded everyone’s expectations. Because of all of the generous donations we received, no one had to worry about Nationals being a large financial burden. We played well in pool play holding seed (3rd) with wins over University of Georgia and University of Washington. The prequarters matchup pitted us against a strong University of Texas who came in ranked 5th overall. It was a very exciting game with both teams had exhibiting efficient offenses that were difficult to stop. Pain Train won 15-13, committing only 3 turnovers compared to Texas’s 5. We reached the quarterfinals for the first time in program history. In our game against University of Central Florida, we capitalized on early mistakes by UCF and we took a lead into halftime. Unfortunately we couldn't hold onto the lead and we lost 14-12, capping off an awesome run at Nationals tying for 5th in the country! It was only after we got back to Hanover that we learned we won the spirit award!

This fall, the ’17s have brought a ton of excitement and potential to the men's teams. As a class the ’17s are very athletic (and tall!), and they are already making contributions on the field for both Pain Train and Disco Troll. The main focus of the fall has been learning the fundamentals, with a particularly strong emphasis on defense. Everyone is improving at an impressive pace, and our focus on defense clearly paid off at Brown's Huck a Hunk tournament. Pain Train has a ton of potential this year and it's awesome to see people already stepping up into bigger roles.

We couldn't be more thankful to everyone (especially those who have hosted us) for all of your support every step of the way. As always, Live it, Love it, Lay it out.

-- Dan “Fatty” Harris ’14
Dartmouth Ultimate has shaped my entire experience here. I started out just tossing around with a few people on the green, and then before I knew it I was playing in a tournament. I had never really played competitive ultimate before coming to Dartmouth, but everyone I met who was on the team was overjoyed to help me pick up the ins and outs of the sport. As I became more acquainted with the team, I started to appreciate more and more the different levels of skill and commitment among the players in the program. There are people who toss around every single non-practice day, and people who only show up to one or two practices per term, but are still actively involved in the community.

The ultimate community is even more important to me than the on-field involvement. I have made so many of my best friends here through team dinners and events, and just through hanging out with people that I know from the team. The community is one of the most vibrant and active ones on campus. People in the Dartmouth Ultimate community support each other in everything they do. Dartmouth is all about finding families, and I have found the best one in Dartmouth Ultimate.

-- Avery Feingold ‘17

Frisbee at Dartmouth is treating the ‘17s well! I’m always pumped for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and any other day we get to go out and play, because we get to do it with such great teammates. The ultimate community is everywhere, and between team dinners and Collis dates, I don’t think I’ll ever have to eat alone again. All us ‘17s have been getting great playing experience at practice and are slowly learning the cheers, though someone is still always confused every time we shake the room. Huck-a-Hunk last weekend was great and filled with awesome plays by everyone in the face of some serious turbine-turning wind, where we pulled out some great wins. Overall, this first term at Dartmouth has been an awesome time getting to be a part of the frisbee family, and I couldn’t be more thankful for how amazing the community here is.

-- Angel Zhu ‘17
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For most of us, it's hard to imagine college without Dartmouth Ultimate. From the game to the people to the community, Dartmouth Ultimate becomes an irreplaceable part of our college experience. Every year, we train, travel, play and build memories together--and while we're not doing one of these, maybe you'll see us selling concessions at a basketball game or doing landscaping around Hanover. As a largely self-organized and self-funded group, we strive to make Dartmouth Ultimate the best experience possible. Each year, we brainstorm innovative fundraising ideas, but nothing can replace the support we get from our donors. These funds help make tournaments, travel and uniforms available to all of our members, and make it possible for all of us to leave our mark in the history of Dartmouth Ultimate. Thank you to everyone who has supported us; whether it be financially, or providing us a cozy home. Nothing psyches us up like your support on our sidelines or in our inboxes. After all, we are psychotic!

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