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TRUSTEE'S GIFT OF 178-ACRE FARM TO BE USED BY DARTHOUTH COLLEGE FOR RIDING FACILITY

HANOVER, M.H. --- The gift of a 178-acre showplace farm by a member of the Board of Trustees and his wife will enable Dartmouth College to have a first-class riding facility in operation during the upcoming academic year. The property, Northland Farm, located in the Etna Highlands area of Hanover, was given to the college by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Norton of New York City.

In addition to deeding the property to Dartmouth, Mrs. Morton has agreed to underwrite the construction of the 70-by-160-foot indoor riding ring, a 100-by-220-foot outdoor riding ring, and to convert a cattle barn for use by horses.

The Hanover Zoning Board of Adjustment on July 30 granted Dartmouth two special exceptions to the regulations covering activities in the rural residential zone, in which Northland Farm is situated. One was permission to operate a riding school and the second was permission to erect a building in which to perform recreation -- i.e., the indoor riding ring.

The property contains a colonial house, an equipment barn, a cattle barn, a horse barn and a hay storage barn. The property once was on the old stagecoach road from Hanover to Boston and the house, a standard "four down and four up," was a tavern. It has been extensively restored by the Mortons. They had used the property, which they acquired in 1969, to raise Charolais cattle. The Mortons also own another house on adjacent property.

Mr. Morton was elected a charter trustee of Dartmouth in 1972 and will step down from that position on Sept. 17 of this year, his 70th birthday, to allow Priscilla Kingsbury Frechette of Keene, H.H., to become the first woman trustee of the college. When he retired in 1974, he was president and director of the American Express Co.

In his college days at Dartmouth, Mr. Morton was an outstanding athlete, being twice elected to the All-American hockey team and was accorded All-American honors in football in 1931. In 1971 he was elected to the college division Hall of Fame by the National Football Foundation.

When he first approached the college with a suggestion of giving Northland Farm, Hr. Horton tentatively proposed that it might be used as a riding facility. President John G. Kemeny of Dartmouth instructed the Dean of the College Office to investigate such a use, with the stipulation that it must be operated with no significant impact on the college's budget.

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Mary Uihlein Bacon, Director of The Dartmouth Riding Program



November 19,1979

Mary Uihlein Bacon Director of Riding Dartmouth College Hanover, NH

Dear Mrs. Bacon:

Congratulations on your appointment as Director of Riding for Dartmouth College. I read the announcement in "Yankee Horsetrader" with particular interest because both Alan Pesky, a Director of Bickmore, and I graduated from Tuck School.

In case you are not familiar with our company, I am enclosing a catalog and several application bulletins. As a donation to a catalog and several application bulletins. As a donation to your facilities, we would like to donate some of our products. Therefore, I am enclosing a price list as it lists the products currently available. If you will let us know which products are of interest, we will be pleased to send some samples-free of charge.

Best wishes with your new program!

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DIRECTOR OF RIDING HIRED AT DARTHOUTH AS HEN COLLEGE RIDING FACILITY OPENS

HAMMOVER, NH -- Dartmouth College has appointed a director of riding as the college opens its new riding facility on a hilltop in Hanover's Etna Mighlands area.

Hary Uihlein Bacon of Goshen, Hass., former head of riding at Smith College, will direct all of Dartmouth's riding programs which are centered at the Norton Farm, a 178-acre property recently given to the college by Mr. and Mrs. Milliam II. Norton of Rye, M.Y. A Trustee of Dartmouth since 1972, Mr. Norton just retired from that position on Sept. 17.

firs. Dacon is a championship rider, an experienced instructor and trainer, and has judged several major equestrian competitions, including the Eastern U.S. Dressage Championships.

Denny Emerson, Dartmouth '63, of Strafford, Vt., a former international riding competitor and a member of the search team that recommended Mrs. Bacon, said of her coming to Dartmouth, 'Me are very fortunate. When Dartmouth hires a coach in any sport, the college seeks both a fine teacher and a good athlete. Mary Dacon is an excellent instructor and has been one of the more consistent athletes in the sport of riding."

Prior to heading the Smith College riding program, Mrs. Bacon for two years supervised the instructional program at the Morvan Park International Equestrian institute in Leesburg, Va. No stranger to the Upper Valley here, she organized and coordinated a pony clinic of the Green Mountain Morse Association in South Woodstock, Vt., in 1975.

Ars. Bacon and her husband are now residing in the colonial house at the Norton farm, where for the past several years the Nortons had raised prize-winning Charolais cattle. The property is being developed as a riding facility through the generosity of Nrs. Norton, wife of the former star three-sport athlete at Dartmouth. Nrs. Norton, who has a strong interest in the out-of-doors, is financing the construction of both outdoor and indoor riding rings and additional stables. Through her gift, riding trails also will be developed on the scenic upland farm which, on a clear day, commands a view into three states.

As part of an overall riding program for the college, the farm will be the new headquarters for Partmouth's intercollegiate riding team, which in recent years had been riding at a farm in Bradford, Vt., about 25 miles north of here.

According to John D. Bryant, executive officer in the office of the dean of the

Denny Emerson





New York 1968

TO: The Search Committee
Director of Riding Position

Dear Claudia, Denny, Toni & Ursula:

As you all know, Mary Bacon has accepted the position of Riding Director. Seldom, have I worked with a Search Committee who went at their assignment with such intensity, but with one mind; namely to identify a Director of Riding for Dartmouth who could guide the development of a quality riding program. I truly believe you made the right recommendation and while your assignment as a Search Committee is complete, Mary Bacon, Ralph Manuel and I will be counting on you for continued interest and constructive criticism as we launch the Riding Program.

Thank you very much for your willingness to act as a search committee and for doing this important work for Dartmouth students.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Bryant

DIRECTOR OF RIDING POSITION

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In 1928, the Boot and Saddle Club was formed at Dartmouth College, but with no campus riding facility, members of the club had to travel to local stables for their riding activities. Fifty years later, in 1978, The Morton Farm was donated to the College, and the Riding Club got its very own center for training. Scenically located on top of a hill in Etna, New Hampshire, the farm consists of two barns which can house thirty horses, and 180 acres of wooded land and several fertile havfields. Visitors at the Farm have a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside, and there is a lighted indoor arena for riding during the long winter months. An impressive crosscountry jumping course winds through some of the woods and fields that are part of the property and there are four large pastures for grazing horses.

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After an intensive search in 1979, Mary Uihlein Bacon was appointed the Director of the Dartmouth Riding Program. Wearing the hats of farm director, riding instructor, show judge, stable manager, camp counselor, and team coach, Mary has spent the last ten years building a multi-faceted program based at Morton Farm. Before coming to Dartmouth, Mary won several national equestrian events,

including the Quebec Champion Three Day Event. Her horse Chelsea was twice honored as the Leading Mare in the Nation. As head of the riding program at Smith College, Mary presided over major equestrian competitions. Despite her many functions at the Farm, Mary's role as a teacher is the most rewarding: "I enjoy instructing college students because they not only want to learn, but are capable of accomplishing the necessary skills."

Riding

In addition to coaching the highly successful riding team at Dartmouth, Mary also teaches freshmen who have signed up for lessons as part of their Physical Education requirement. The Farm is also open to the public, and many local residents have learned to ride at Morton

The farm not only provides instructional services for physical education students and the Riding Club, it is also a popular location for horse shows, foxhunting, clinics, and three-phase events.

In the past ten years, a total of 98 horses have been donated to the College, many of which have been sold at the end of their careers as school horses to provide additional funds for the program. Currently, there are approximately eighteen Dartmouth-owned horses and sixteen boarders residing at the Farm.



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DARTHOUTH EQUESTRIAN TEAM WINS ITS FIRST SHOW EVER PREPARES TO HOST NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAMOVER, N.H. -- Dartmouth College's Equestrian Team, in its first year with a coach and home riding facility, has established itself as a force to be reckoned with in New England intercollegiate riding.

The teem has won the first equestrian show in Dartmouth riding's brief history as it prepares to host on April 26 the New England regional intercollegiate equestrian championships. They will be held at Dartmouth's new riding facility located on a hilletop farm in Etna, five miles from Hanover.

The first Dartmouth riding triumph came Sunday, March 2, in a show involving 21 colleges held at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. Dartmouth defeated Smith College 28 points to 27 for first place.

Dartmouth entered the Mount Holyoke show in ninth place among New England riding schools. According to Dartmouth Director of Riding Mary Dacon, the first riding coach in the college's history, the win has moved Dartmouth on near fifth place.

Bacon said after the victory she is very pleased and surprised by the showing of her riders in her first year of coaching. She is hopeful that Dartmouth will now qualify riders for the regional show that will be held in the new indoor riding ring at the Etna riding facility. Spectators will be welcome to attend the competition.

Dartmouth last year was given a 178-acre farm in Etna by Mr. and Mrs. William Morton of New York City. Morton, a 1932 graduate of Dartmouth who carned all-American honors in both football and hockey there, is a retired president of American Express Company and a former Dartmouth trustee.

The hill-top property has been developed as a riding center through the generosity of Mrs. Morton whose own gifts to the college have financed construction of outdoor and indoor riding rings and additional stables.

In the Mount Holyoke competition, Dartmouth gained an early lead with its first four riders gathering two firsts and two seconds in the morning competition. The victory was not assured until senior captain Ursula Hathers '80, of Oyster Bay, N.Y., finished third in jumping late in the afternoon. Dartmouth needed a high placing in that event to hold its lead.

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Rules and Regulations

By-lows for Darts with Riding Club

Representing Dar'mouth College In accordance with "Regulations of the Affiliated Clubs", Article II of the Dartmouth Outing Club Constitution,

- The name of this organization shall be Dartmouth Riding Club, an affiliated club of the Dartmouth Outing Club.
- The organization may grant members permission to use the title of Dartsouth Equestrian Team when competing as such at events and other equestrian functions.

- 1. The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of cooperative equestrian activity, both organized and spontaneous, among members of the Dartmouth community who are interested in riding and desire to foster their interest while at Dartmouth.
- It shall be the further object and purpose to forward the development of each rider, by making available such educational opportunities as clinics and lectures. To enhance this development the team shall be oriented towards competition in the proper seasons. Competition shall be geared toward participation in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Other forms of competition such as combined training shall also be encouraged.
- It shall be the club's further object to encourage over-all horsemanchip, including techniques of statle management and veterinary skills.

III MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Members of the Dartmouth Community may become members of this organization at three possible statuses:
 - a. Active membershir is aquired by riding in weekly lessons or some other regular riding with the group or regular participation in other activities. Active members may participate in shown and must attend a majority of meetings or obtain an exemption from this requirement by the Executive Committee. b. Team membership is aquired by artive members who
 - ride in one lesson a week and attend a majority of the shows per term.
 - c. Occasional participants will be put on the club mailing list but are noteligible for club funding or voting.

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IV MEETINGS

- 1. Meetingswill be held regularly. Three day notice will be given in active members' Minman boxes for any meeting of special import or if the meeting is not to be held at the regular time.
- The Executive Committee may call special meetings for all members at any other time for reasons that they deem nec-ensary or at the request of an individual.
- One third of the active members of the club shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

V. ELECTIONS

- 1. Elections will be held in the Winter term. Absentee ballots may be obtained by active members planning to be off-campus that term by notifying the Executive Committee before leaving Manover. On-campus members must attend the election meeting or contact a member of the Executive Committee ahead of time to obtain an absen-
- 2. Nominations must be in at least two weeks before the elec-
- Candidates must receive a majority of the votes to be elected. If runoff elections are needed they shall be held one week later and no absentee ballots will be ac-

VI OFFICERS

- 1. General supervision and control of all the activities of the club chall be the responsibility of the Executive Con-
- 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of a Faculty Member or Administrative Officer, authorized by and representing Dartmouth College, a President, a Captain, who must be a member of the team, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Act-
- 3. Student members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the active members present at the annual elections meeting or having obtained absentee ballots. They shall hold office for on year and may be re-elected for more than one term, of office-
- The Paculty Member or Administrative Officer shall act as advisor to the club. He shall interpret college policies and shall regulate activities of the club to con-
- 5. In the case of an extended absence of a member of the Executive Committee, before said member's departure, an active member may be elected by special election to act in his absence.

- 6. The Executive Committee may hold special sessions at any
- 7. The Executive Committee will require that instructors and some students will have some knowledge of first aid.

VII TEAM

- 1. The team selected to compete as representatives of the Dartmouth Riding Club and Dartmouth College shall be comprised of active members.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall select the competitions for
- 3. Point riders shall be selected from among the team members by the Captain.
- 4. The team shall be re-selected for each competition. A member may be nelected as a team member for more than one competition. The object shall be to compose a team that
- shall best represent Dartmouth College and the Riding Club. The team formation is subject to the consent of each member as chosen.

- 1. Rebates for lesson fees will be granted to team members on a term by term basis. The amount of the rebate shall be determined at the first meeting of each term, subject
- Other funding may be granted to active members only, subject to Executive Committee approval.

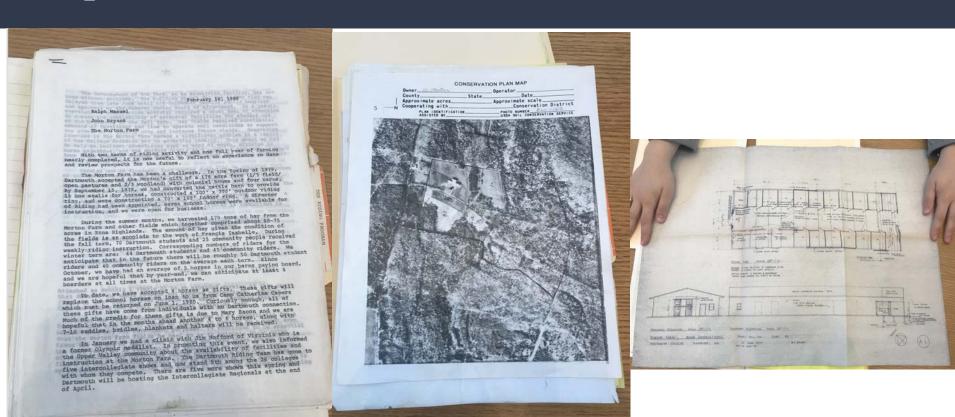
 Lessons shall be attended at the club barn to be selected by the Executive committee subject the approval of the active members. Lessons with another instructor are acceptable subject to Executive Committee approval.

AMENDMENTS

1. Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose. Such proposed amendments must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the active club membership at any regular meeting or special meeting advisor Mouse hu called for the purpose.

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