



Along Route '66



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A Memorable Homecoming

— by Al Keiller

For at least 25 consecutive years we have held a mini-reunion at Homecoming. This year's October 11-12 Homecoming mini had a special significance—the 250th anniversary of the founding of our beloved College.

Participants included: Mark and Kathy Blanchard; Gary, Sharon and Laura Broughton; Robin, Teresa, and Abigail Carpenter and Robin's sister Carol; Steve and Renuka Coles; Paul and Margo Doscher; Larry and Anne Forcier; Jeff and Penny Gilbert; Gary and Andrea Jefferson; David Johnston; Joff Keane; Al and Jo Keiller; Steve and Barbara Lanfer; Ed Larner; Terry Lowd; Jim and Elizabeth Lustenader; Hector and Myra Motroni; John Pearson; John and Anne Rollins; Chuck Sherman and Margie Carpenter; Bill and Eva Todd; and Steve Zegel.



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We had terrific weather throughout the weekend, with seasonably warm temperatures and beautiful fall foliage.

Events kicked off on Friday evening with a BBQ chicken and hot dog supper in the Faculty Lounge in the Hopkins Center. At 7:30 we joined the parade of teams and classes around the Green (we are getting ever closer to the front of the line). Dartmouth Night highlights included the Glee Club performance of favorite Dartmouth songs, and, of course, the bonfire—now tightly controlled and protected for safety reasons. We returned to the Faculty Lounge to watch the fire burn down and enjoy fellowship,

swap stories, and greet non-class members who wandered by.

Saturday morning saw us return to Paul and Margo Doscher's beautiful hilltop home in Norwich for our Class Meeting, presided over by President Jim Lustenader. Emerging plans for our 55th Reunion, scheduled for June 13-17 2021, and our strong financial position highlighted our discussions.

Following brunch, most of us headed to Memorial Field where we witnessed one of the most exciting, lopsided football wins ever by the Big Green over Yale—42-10. The beautiful weather and large crowd added to the experience. Others enjoyed exciting, championship-caliber women's rugby.

At 6:30 we reconvened at the Norwich Inn for a reception and dinner. We enjoyed the company of some delightful, talented students.

- Raphael Preston '20 expressed his gratitude for being our first Class of 1966 scholar following the establishment of our endowed scholarship during our 50th Reunion. He also introduced us to his girlfriend Dorothy (Dartmouth '19, Thayer '20).

- Sam Koscho '23 from Sarasota FL, a football player, came on his recruiting trip to campus covered by our Athletic Sponsorship class project. Sam played late in the Yale game as a free safety.

- Cecily Craighead '22 is one of our Class of 1966 Dickey Scholars. After dinner she spoke about her experiences in Costa Rica working for the UN's Organization for Migration.

- John Caramichael '20 is also a Class of 1966 Dickey Scholar. He brought Nashe Mutenda '20 as his guest. After dinner, John described his experience in Ghana working on a Gates Foundation project.

All in all, another memorable Homecoming mini-reunion!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Classmates:

Aside from the prowess Dartmouth is showing on the football field this season, the big news is that planning for our 55th reunion on June 13-17, 2021, has already begun.

Reunion Co-Chairs Terry Lowd and John Rollins, along with committee members Al Keiller, Ben Day, Bob Serenbetz, Tom Brady and me have been developing plans that include activities such as:



- Dinner at Moosilauke Ravine Lodge on June 13 for those who want to arrive early
- Reception and/or dinner in Reiss Hall at Baker-Berry Library, so named in recognition of the endowment made to the library by classmate Rick Reiss and his family
- Fraternity, sports team and club gatherings
- Tour of the West campus and new engineering quad
- Visit to the Neukom Center for Computational Science and the Irving Center for Energy and Society
- Docent-led tour of the greatly expanded Hood Museum
- Speakers from the Dartmouth faculty and administration

So save the dates — June 13-17, 2021 — and plan to join old friends for a relaxing few days in Hanover.

Head Agent Noel Fidel and his team continue to build on their success with the Dartmouth College Fund. Having exceeded last year's goal, they are now targeting \$265,000 and 46% participation for this fiscal year. Read Noel's column and you'll see why there's reason enough for all classmates to support the Fund, no matter the level.

After five years of driving the growth of 66th Night on March 6th 2020, Chuck Sherman has retired from his post as coordinator for that event so I'm looking for a classmate to take over Chuck's job for the next two years. If you are interested, please contact me at jimlustenader@aol.com. **Note:** organizing 66 Nights is not only turnkey, thanks to the way Chuck set up the program, but also very rewarding since you'll have a chance to catch up with classmates with whom you may not have been in touch for a while.

Finally, I'm sad to report that we have recently lost four classmates and one of the closest friends of the Class of '66. Classmates Jim Skiles (8/2), Walter Stern (8/6), David Muchnick (9/15) and Ron Safko (9/18) passed away since our last newsletter. And Dean Thad Seymour — "Dad Thad" of legend — died on October 26 at the age of 91. Their obituaries appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

— Jim Lustenader

TREASURER'S REPORT

First off, a thank you to the approximately 85 classmates and widows who have already paid their dues and/or contributed to class projects for this fiscal year. As I write this, we have had only one solicitation, by email back in August. The College has had some glitches with the Ledyard Bank, which most classes use, resulting in a delay in the first mailed solicitation for all classes, from September until November.



The final mailing for the 2019-20 fiscal year will likely be in January. If you don't want to wait, feel free to pay on-line, either by credit card or PayPal, at www.dartmouth66.org, clicking the "Class Dues" button on the left and following the instructions for PayPal/Credit Card payments on the lead page. This option allows you to pay either by credit card or via a PayPal account. Remember that dues and project contributions are both deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Your dues payments, different from contributions to the Dartmouth College Fund, are totally managed by the Class and enable us to build a reserve for our 55th Reunion in June of 2021 and continue our own charitable programs.

In this issue we are highlighting our undergraduate programs (p 4). At our Homecoming this year, all four of the undergraduates we are currently supporting — two Dickey Fellows, the Class of '66 Scholar, and our athletic sponsorship recipient — joined us for our Saturday night dinner (p 6 & 7). They are all outstanding individuals, and I hope you will agree, totally worthy of our support. Thanks again!

— Bob Serenbetz

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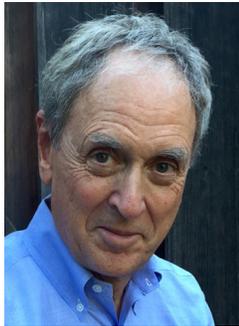
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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE FUND

A recent article on student debt caught my eye. A college degree, it said, though once a “guarantor of economic mobility,” has, like a high school diploma in our day, become “the prerequisite of mere respectability.”* Yet a college degree is far less affordable now than in our day.



Like many of you, I suppose, I was the first in my family to go to college. Thanks to scholarships, loans, financial sacrifices by my parents, and contributions from my grandmother (whom many of you knew as “Edith” of “Edith’s Cut Rate”), I concluded my Dartmouth years and three years of law school with what felt like a future of open prospects.

Though I had an accumulation of loans, I deferred even interest payments for one year in VISTA and a second as a public service fellow, and then the interest was so low I found no burden in paying them off over the first decade of my professional life.

Perhaps those of you who studied economics were insightful enough to recognize as students that the post-war economy we grew up in was a finite boom. To me, if I considered it at all, it seemed just the way things were and would remain. But economics, whether we study them or not, eventually take us all to school.

The lessons come sooner and harder for present students and graduates in what the same article describes as “a time of limiting prospects.” For most who come from middle class families, “the financial and psychological state of being indebted” now seems likely to “shadow them for much of their adult lives.”

Many of us confront these issues now by helping our children or grandchildren with current debts, funding 529 accounts for future expenses, and supporting the community colleges and public universities that carry so much of the educational load where we now live.

Meanwhile, however, we can be proud that Dartmouth lifts the shadow of indebtedness for its undergraduates by guaranteeing to meet 100 percent of their financial needs for their four years at the College.

It’s been 57 years since we formed our bond in the business of learning. The bond and the business remain. But I like to think we’ve expanded the business to help those presently at Dartmouth do the learning. 50 percent of them receive financial aid, and 52 percent of that aid comes from the Dartmouth College Fund.

Our class set the goal this fiscal year to raise at least \$265,000 for the Fund, but as in past years, thanks to you all, we mean to exceed it. The Fall, always a good time to think about Dartmouth, is also a

good time to think about the Dartmouth College Fund (dartmouthcollegefund.org). Please join our class-wide effort to support it.

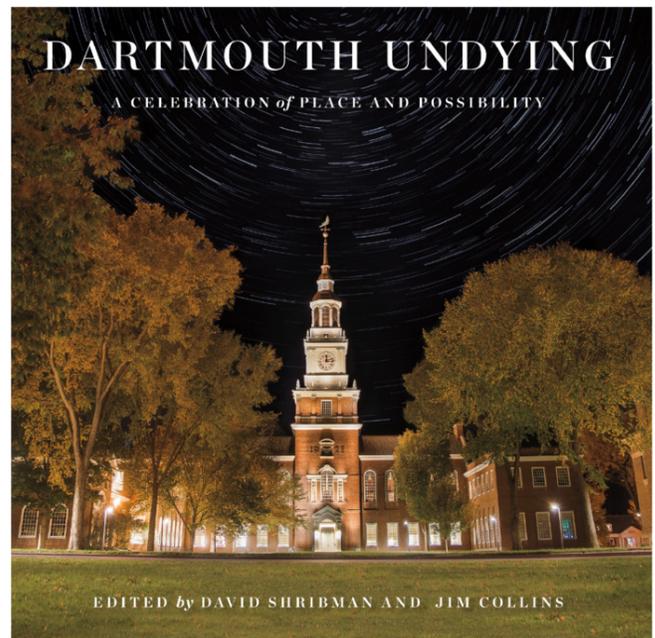
— Noel Fidel
Class of '66 Head Agent

**This and subsequent quotations are to “Unsettled”
by Hua Hsu in the 9/9/19 New Yorker.*

Dartmouth Undying: A Celebration of Place and Possibility*

A handful of copies, left over from our 75th Birthday Party in Newport, still remains. For those interested in obtaining this beautiful, full-color 271 page chronicle of Dartmouth’s history, please send your name, mailing address, and a check for \$30 (including shipping) to Jim Lustenader at 3 River Ridge Road, Hanover, NH 03755.

The book retails for \$60 and makes an ideal holiday gift for class legacies or future Dartmouth students. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Class of 1966
55th Reunion
June 13-17, 2021



Class of '66 Undergraduate Programs

JOHN SLOAN DICKEY FELLOWS

Now in its twenty-third year, the John Sloan Dickey Class of 1966 Fellowship program was initiated to help students fund a work experience in a foreign country. This fiscal year, the Class is providing two students with \$4300 each towards expenses associated with the program, which is overseen by the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding in the College's Rockefeller Center. Last year's two recipients, Cecily Craighead '22 and John Caramichael '20, were recently honored at the Class' annual Homecoming dinner at the Norwich Inn on October 12.

Cecily spent her time in Costa Rica at the International Organization for Migration, the UN agency which oversees migrant labor. She was assigned to a program called EMPRO, that works with Costa Rican and multi-national companies to promote ethical working conditions, thereby reducing labor exploitation. Training courses are developed for migrant laborers. Cecily's job included developing training material and reaching out to companies to participate in the program. On a personal level, she enhanced her knowledge of Spanish and enjoyed learning Costa Rican cultural differences.



Cecily Craighead

John worked for the Gates Foundation in Ghana. His project was to study ways to reduce anemia among young women engaged in the smoking of fish in lake and coastal communities. Charged with obtaining raw data for analysis and program development, John also contributed to his team's data collection process and controls. In the end, the programs were found to enhance native women's hygiene, income, and economic decision-making. Based in the small city of Tamale, John had few opportunities to socialize outside of his office and spent his free time reading and speaking with friends back home.



John Caramichael

For more complete accounts of Cecily's and John's responsibilities and experiences, their reports are available on the class website (dartmouth66.org) on the first page under "interns".

ATHLETIC SPONSORSHIP

Deputy Director of Athletics Bob Ceplikas '78 recently sent the following to Bob Serenbetz, Class Treasurer:

"Dear Bob:

"Greetings from Hanover! We are pleased to inform you that your 2018-19 donation to the Athletic Sponsor Program helped make possible the campus recruiting trip of student-athlete Sam Koscho from Sarasota, Florida.

"Thanks to your help, this talented prospect was able to gain a first-hand view of the 'Dartmouth Experience.' We are pleased to report that this outstanding student-athlete was admitted to the College and is joining the Dartmouth family with the Class of 2023!

"We sincerely appreciate your generous investment in the athletic recruiting process. Your support is indispensable to our coaches and to our program."

Football Coach Buddy Teevens, '79, commented that "Sam had options at Harvard and other schools but came up here and just really enjoyed the environment and community. We see him as a guy who can contribute early ...He is athletic, tough and physical."



Sam Koscho

CLASS OF 1966 SCHOLAR

At our 50th Reunion, the Class of '66 established an endowed scholarship as our Class gift to the College for this momentous occasion. Raphael Preston '20 has been our first Class of 1966 Scholar since 2016 when he was a first year student.

Raphael is a computer science major with an interest in artificial intelligence. He studied in Argentina for a semester, and is a member of Sig Ep fraternity. He has attended most of our Homecoming dinners since 2016.

He is graduating in June 2020, and joined us again this year to express his gratitude to the Class of '66 for his scholarship. He also introduced us to his girlfriend Dorothy (D'19/Th'20) pictured with him on page 7.



Raphael Preston

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PLANS

by Brad Stein

Things are rounding into shape for our class trips to the Inland Sea of Japan, May 19-30, 2020, and to the Galapagos in April 2021, (with available extension to Peru).

There are 10 couples signed up for the Japan trip, including these classmates:

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| Rich Abraham | Ken Taylor |
| John Arnold | Peter Tuxen |
| Tom Brady | Tim Urban |
| David Hally | Ken Zuhr |
| Dean Spatz | Brad Stein. |

As of this writing there are still spots available. So if you want to join us, send me an e-mail to bradstein66@gmail.com.

Although it's a year and one-half away, it is time now to sign up for the Galapagos trip as our ship is small and the trip is exceedingly popular. As of now there are four '66s and their wives signed up:

John Rollins, Bob Serenbetz, Dean Spatz, Brad Stein, with Rick Reiss possible as well.

If you want to join us, and I hope that you do, send me an e-mail ASAP and I'll get you started.

Both trips look to be pretty terrific. The Japan trip will include experts and travelers from the Smithsonian, U Penn, and Tufts among others giving talks and being available for consultations throughout the voyage, and the Galapagos trip is, well, going to the Galapagos! I hope to see you there.

MINI-REUNION PLANS

by Al Keiller

Ski Mini:

Once again, Tim Urban will be hosting a ski mini reunion at the "Shire" in Winter Park CO. Tim and Toni currently plan on March 21-28, providing 5 weekdays of skiing Colorado powder.

Golf Mini:

We had to cancel the planned March 2019 golf mini in Florida due to late scheduling conflicts.

As we look to 2020, we will canvas the usual suspects about timing and location. Late March-early April usually works best; we have had stronger attendance with Arizona and California venues, so we will likely be returning west.

Stay tuned.

DARTMOUTH

NEWS FROM CLASSMATES

From **Chuck Sherman**: "Our Class president has an exhibit of his street art photos on display at the Lyme town library. A good number of '66s showed up for the October 2 exhibit opening party. I remember Klee, Colla, Sherman, Southworth, Carpenter, and Pietie Birnie."

Response from Jim Lustenader: "Man, I can't get away with anything! Thanks for offering to put my show in the Newsletter. Here are two photos from the exhibit ("Hats and Coats" and "Rump") plus a shot of Chuck and Margie at the reception.



The show is called 'Serendipity,' and it's a collection of 25 photos taken over the years on the streets of Paris, New York, and even Vermont. For those unfamiliar with street photography, the term refers as much to a style as to a place. Street photos are candid, often unplanned, and, ideally, reflective of the human stories that can be found in the everyday."



HOMECOMING 2019



Back row (l to r): David Johnston, Gary Broughton, Paul Doscher, Steve Zegel, Joff Keane, Steve Coles, John Pearson, Chuck Sherman, Steve Lanfer, Ed Larner; Seated: Al Keiller, Jim Lustenader, John Rollins



Andrea Jefferson, Sam Koscho '23, Anne Forcier



Margo & Paul Doscher



Steve Lanfer, Hector Motroni



Ed Larner, Anne & Larry Forcier, Mark & Kathy Blanchard



David Johnston, William Todd



Margie Carpenter, Anne Rollins, Jo Keiller, Sharon Broughton, Renuka Coles, Margo Doscher, Elizabeth Lustenader

HOMEcoming 2019



Cecily Craighead '22 and her guest



Steve Zegel



Nashe Mutenda '20 guest of John Caramichael '20



Joff Keane, David Johnston, Laura Broughton, Steve Coles



Ed Larner and Steve Lanfer



Raphael Preston '20 and guest Dorothy



Paul Doscher, Steve Zegel, John Rollins

DARTMOUTH-PRINCETON AT YANKEE STADIUM - NOVEMBER 9, 2019



Only part of the overflow crowd of Dartmouth Alumni and Friends at Billy's Sports Bar prior to the game.

It was a fantastic football game! Dartmouth prevailed 27-10 ending Princeton's 17 game winning streak and previously undefeated 2019 season.

The game had additional significance. Yankee Stadium was selected as the special venue to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first intercollegiate football game on November 6, 1869 when Princeton played Rutgers.

Prior to the game, Dartmouth fans from all classes joined a crowded pregame gathering at Billy's (see above), an eating and drinking establishment near Yankee Stadium with a capacity of hundreds.

The Class of 1966 had a good contingent at the game. Most of us were in end zone seats with access to a heated lounge area—much needed as the temperature stayed in the 30s. After the game, 21 of us had dinner in mid-town at Ammos, an excellent Greek restaurant.

Attending either the game, or dinner, or both were Terry Lowd, John Rollins, John Pearson and Cynthia Simeone, Kathy and Wayne LoCurto, Gerry Paul, Brad and Mary Stein, Bob and Karen Serenbetz, Al and Jo Keiller, Gus and Susan Southworth, Bob Cohn, Ben Day, Ed and Evelyn Long, Ed and Paula Jereb, Jim and Elizabeth Lustenader, Jeff and Penny Gilbert, Steve Zegel, Jon and Sue Colby, and Tom and Judy Hooper.

Many thanks to Jim Lustenader for organizing tickets and dinner.

- Al Keiller



NEW LIGHTING FOR 1966 LODGE

by Chuck Sherman

A short while back, there was a generous response to my appeal to our Classmates for supplemental funds to design and build solar/LED lighting in the DOC's Class of '66 Lodge on Moose Mountain. This has been done.

The LED lights were cleverly inserted into the former propane fixtures. Wall switches (on timers) replace wooden matches that were used to ignite the propane lamps and frequently destroy their expensive, delicate mantles.

There was a group of freshmen on their First Year Trip when I visited on the last day of August. They and their student leaders kindly expressed thanks to our Class for this beautiful cabin.

The Lodge is showing some wear. It gets a lot of use throughout the year. Now, with LED lighting, there is less chance that it will burn down.

Thanks to your generosity, there is money left over that the DOC would like to use to buy new furniture for the Lodge.



David Muchnick

David Muchnick was born on February 27, 1945 and passed away on September 15, 2019.

The following are excerpts from notes posted by Dartmouth classmates on *dignitymemorial.com*.



Dave was a role model for me at Dartmouth in several ways. We probably first met at the Dartmouth Political Action Committee where we were active in promoting civil rights. Being progressive and publicly acting on our beliefs and values put us in a distinct minority at Dartmouth. But being there with Dave made it much more comfortable for me. Right from the start he was warm and welcoming. He was also very smart. We both majored in Sociology. No matter how hard I studied, he always did better than I because he somehow absorbed and understood the material at a deeper level. In fact, he was one of the most outstanding students in our entire class. But he never bragged; he never put down any of us.

We were both interested in the social aspects of urban planning. He had a sophisticated knowledge of Boston’s urban problems and institutions, especially the Boston Redevelopment Authority. He taught me a lot about Boston and helped me with a project I worked on involving my hometown, Springfield, Mass. I got married after my first year in law school and didn’t see Dave too much. But we took a course in Law and Sociology together, and both of us volunteered at Harvard’s Community Legal Assistance Office.

Dave could have taken his law and other prestigious degrees and get fancy and lucrative jobs. But instead he stayed true to his principles: pursuing justice, and helping others. It was a privilege to have known him. May his memory be a blessing.

— Mark Budnitz

Met David at Dartmouth. We and other friends were in the Dartmouth Christian Union which encompassed all faiths and helped us understand the problems encountered by the civil rights movement.

David was the one who encouraged me and others to go for a graduate degree in city planning. When he came back from his MA degree in England, he joined me and two friends from college to share an apartment in Cambridge, MA.

We remember well his stress with Law School, remember gladly his joy with every game the Celtics won.

He taught us all about Boston politics. David felt deeply about the wrongs that had been inflicted on people by the urban renewal process. His senior thesis was on that topic.

After Law School, his work for the nonprofit company

in the Bronx was an amazing accomplishment. e.g. jobs for the unemployed recycling wood pallets into office furniture. Big City Forest he called it. (Google his name and the company’s for the fascinating story. Also read online the chapter about him in the book: *Doing Good: Inspirational Stories of Everyday Americans at Home and at Work.*)

After recovery from surgery, David did more amazing things. Learning to drive again, doing all the work for the State on behalf of affordable housing, and getting married to the love of his life, as he explained often during our phone calls. Thank you D’Arcy.

The world has lost a great mind and a wonderful mensch. David would have been a great President.

— Gerhard Leib

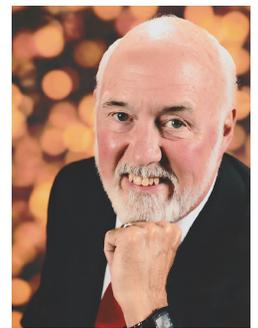
I have many memories of Much. There was Dartmouth and when he lived with us in Greenwich Village, but one memory sticks out. He made it to our wedding on December 30, 1967. He was following us as we went to Willimantic to go to our new apartment, and we were going to get some coffee. Well, we ran out of gas and he took us to get gas. I never did ask him where he stayed, but he rescued us.

— Elliot and Jennifer Taubman

Ronald Joseph Safko

Ronald Joseph Safko, age 75, of Columbia, South Carolina, died peacefully at home on September 18, 2019, following a prolonged illness due to Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Ronald leaves behind his beloved wife, Mary (Mills) Safko of Columbia, SC, his son C. Ross Safko and his wife, a treasured daughter-in-law, Valerie I. Wrenholt, and two grandchildren, Elise R. and Jessie M. Safko-Wrenholt of Davidson, NC. Also, he is survived by his sisters, Sandra A. Edwards and her husband, David Edwards and Susan T. Safko, and his brother, Richard M. Safko.



Mr. Safko was among the first graduating class of Cardinal Spellman High School 1962 in Brockton, MA. A Sigma Phi Epsilon member, he went on to receive his BA in Art/Pre-architecture from Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH in 1966, and his Master of Architecture at NC State University in Raleigh, NC, in 1972.

He played football and rugby at Dartmouth and rugby at NCSU. He co-founded the NCSU Rugby Football Club and served as its first president.

In 1970, he joined Harry Moser Architect & Engineer in Raleigh, NC. In 1972, two of Ronald’s designs were honored with top “National Architectural Awards” from the Society of Registered Architects.

In 1974, he relocated to Columbia, SC, and formed Ron Safko Architect AIA specializing in urban, commercial and governmental planning and architecture. Honored as the “Architect of the Year” in Midlands, he was the architect of record for such works as the Kenner House restoration, Pavilion Towers Offices and Apartments, Arsenal Hill Housing, Finley Park Stage, C. Lem Harper Building for Employment Security Commission Headquarters, and numerous other state and federal projects. He built more than 3,000 apartment units in the Carolinas.

Ron remained deeply committed to improving the quality of life in the Midlands. He was an active member of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of the Midlands, and Lexington County Planning Commission.

He co-founded the Downtown Business Association and Midlands Summits, and served as Membership Chairman for the Committee of 100. He was honored with the Chamber’s first “Volunteer of the Year Award.” As a gift to the community, he conceptualized and ultimately donated his design of the “Stone of Hope” Martin Luther King Memorial, and obtained funding from local industry to erect the Memorial. He was presented the “Living the Legacy” award by NCNW for his efforts in making this dream a reality.

Ron and Mary spent their leisure time traveling widely in the world. After a chance meeting with Walt Disney himself on a family trip to the new Disneyland Park in 1956, he became a passionate, lifelong devotee of anything Disney. His life was enriched by his love of fantasy, sci-fi and adventure. He lived his life fully, deeply loving family and friends. His dedication and many acts of kindness made this world, and especially his local community, a better place than when he found it nearly fifty years ago. He will be sorely missed by many.

— Published in The Boston Globe on Sept. 22, 2019.

Walter Henry Stern

Walter Henry Stern passed away peacefully on August 6, surrounded by his loving family, after valiantly fighting the consequences of brain surgery and a stroke that he suffered in 2011.

He was born in Port Elizabeth (A preview of coming attractions), South Africa to Herman Stern, originally from Berlin, Germany, and Miriam Hermer, from Johannesburg. The family emigrated to the United States in the mid-1950s to escape the political unrest in South Africa.

Walter grew up in Scarsdale, New York, and attended Edgemont High School. From there he went on to Dartmouth College where he participated on the ski team and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He then attended the University of Chicago medical school where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He stayed in Chicago for his internship and ophthalmology residency, specializing in the retina, rising to the level of chief resident.

After his third year in medical school, Walter married

Elizabeth (Betty) Lewis of Darien, CT. They met one summer at Dartmouth College where Betty was “studying” creative writing and philosophy, and Walter was “studying” Biology. Later on, while Walter was still an intern and a resident, they gave birth to their two wonderful sons, Josh, and Ben.



In 1975, the young family left Chicago as “refugees” from the weather and came to sunny California, where Walter joined the faculty at the University of California, San Francisco, and eventually became the director of the vitreoretinal service for the next 15 years. In addition to teaching medical students, ophthalmology residents, and retina fellows, Walter worked hard to help practicing ophthalmologists and retina surgeons hone their skills. He organized and chaired several vitrectomy and microsurgical workshops during that time and organized and chaired several ophthalmologist meetings. He taught extensively at meetings of the American Academy of ophthalmology, eventually receiving its honor award; and also authored laboratory vitrectomy teaching manuals to help other vitreoretinal surgeons.

In addition to teaching, he enjoyed and excelled at research. He directed the Proliferative Vitreoretinopathy Study Group, and was co-director of the Uveitis Survey. He was awarded nine different grants to fund a variety of research projects. He authored or co-authored 59 research papers and medical journals, co-authored chapters in three different medical textbooks, and was the co-editor of another textbook concerning vitrectomy in surgical techniques. During that time, he rose to the level of full Professor of Ophthalmology.

After 17 years at UCSF, he decided to pursue his true professional love, helping patients with complex retina problems which he pursued with unequalled compassion. He joined Sterling Haidt’s retina practice on the peninsula, to form the partnership that is now the Northern California Retina Vitreous Associates. His partners especially valued his medical opinions and academic expertise, often referring to him as “The Professor”. And, to this day, after years of retirement, his patients are still inquiring about the “gentle Dr. Stern.”

During his “free time,” Walter pursued his hobbies with the same passion that he pursued in his career: traveling with Betty: for the first six months of their marriage, Walter did a fellowship in Shiraz, Iran and Sydney, Australia and they visited the countries in between. During Walter’s years of teaching, they visited many other countries. But what he mostly enjoyed was traveling to the peaceful haven of the Sierras. Besides traveling, Walter studied and loved tennis; hiking and mountain biking in Tahoe with Betty; skiing with his family; wind surfing (repeatedly falling and getting up again); golf; painting; and relishing his time with

his five grandchildren. He became a true American when he discovered baseball and the Giants. With his sons, they pursued this passion. He taught them how to get tickets from a scalper and how to move up to closer seats.

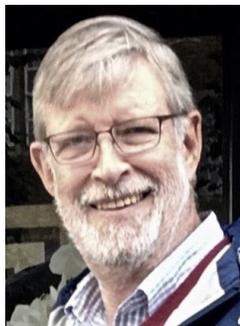
He is survived by Betty, his wife of 51 years, and sons Josh, of Menlo Park, married to Jennifer (sons Jake, who was born on grandpa's birthday and is equally "lionhearted," and Rylan); and son Ben, Los Altos, married to Gabriela, (sons Cole and Luke and daughter Alina); twin brothers Ronald of Melbourne, Florida, and Ernest of Bethesda, Maryland. He is predeceased by his brother, Leonard.

— Published in San Francisco Chronicle on Aug. 18, 2019.

James Hubert Skiles III

Jim Skiles, age 75, passed away suddenly at his home in Washington, DC on August 2, 2019.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois to Dr. James H. Skiles Jr. and Virginia Adams Skiles. After graduating from Dartmouth College, he received a JD degree from Georgetown University Law School and was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar. Jim worked for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, focusing on school desegregation. Jim then spent over 15 years working both as a trial attorney and manager at the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. Jim's remarkable memory, knowledge of the law, and skill as a trial lawyer were recognized by his colleagues and industry opponents alike. In 1988, he left the government to become Associate General Counsel for the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (now the Personal Care Products Council). In 1996, Jim was selected to become the General Counsel of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, a position he held until his retirement in 2013. Jim's work at both associations often involved representing the industry before the Food and Drug Administration and numerous state regulatory agencies. Jim and his wife of 42 years, Lynne H. Church, enjoyed traveling, music, sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with their beagles, and summers on Mount Desert Island, Maine.



Survivors include his wife, his sister Margaret Skiles Zelljadt, two nieces, Katherine Zelljadt and Elisabeth Zelljadt, and their families.

A memorial gathering will be held at 11:00 on Friday, October 4, 2019 at Joseph Gawler's Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Those wishing to make commemorative contributions in lieu of flowers may send them to the Dartmouth College Fund, Dartmouth College, 6066 Development Office, Hanover, NH 03755.

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Thaddeus Seymour, Sr.

From Andre Hunter '83 TU'88
President, Friends of Rowing:



"It is with great sadness that I am writing to you to let you know of the passing of Thad Seymour Sr '49a who took his final Power 10 on October 26, 2019, at the age of 91. English professor, rowing coach, Dean of the College, and ultimately a great friend to many of us, Thad was a vital contributor to our Dartmouth Rowing community for over 65 years. Thad left Dartmouth to continue his leadership in higher education, first as the president of Wabash College, and then the president of Rollins College. We will miss his inspiring speeches, steady encouragement, and generous spirit.

"For those of you who may not have known Thad, here's just a little of what made him so special. Thad came to Hanover, having rowed in high school at Kent, and then at Princeton, and was asked to help out with the freshmen his first fall. By spring he was the varsity coach, and his back-to-back Dad Vail championships in the mid 50s qualified us for the Eastern Sprints league, where we've been competing ever since. As his other responsibilities on campus grew, he then selected his own Princeton teammate, Peter Gardner, to succeed him. Pete would go on to serve as heavyweight coach for 30 years, with numerous contributions to national and Olympic teams during his tenure at the College.

"Though Thad moved on to serve at Wabash College and later led Rollins, he always remained committed to Dartmouth Rowing. He played a key role in the fundraising of the original Friends of Dartmouth Rowing boathouse, including his recounting of a story of calling one of his oarsmen from a phone booth on a rainy night to lock in the final pledge that made the boathouse construction possible. Thad presided over the dedication of the original boathouse 1986, and countless boat dedications over the years. He served as member of the Board of Stewards, always reminding us of our modest roots and celebrating how far we've come.

"We send love to his wife Polly, who was there for it all, Thad Jr. '79 a heavyweight oarsmen, and the rest of Thad's family."

— andrehunter83@gmail.com

Thad Seymour was a friend of the Class of '66 and a great storyteller. '66ers who have fond memories of him are invited to send their stories to us. We will publish them in the '66 Newsletter and send them up the line for rowers and others to enjoy.



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**Jump ball...
 ...Deflected...
 GOOD... GOOD!**

**TOUCHDOWN!!! TOUCHDOWN!!! TOUCHDOWN Dartmouth!!!
 TOUCHDOWN!!! UNBELIEVABLE!!! UNBELIEVABLE!!!
 DOWN TO GO BALL ON QTR DON’T BELIEVE IT!!!
 DARTMOUTH WINS IT ON A HAIL MARY!!!
 UNBELIEVABLE!!!
 UNREAL
 ‘THE MIRACLE IN CAMBRIDGE’
 DARTMOUTH WINS 9 TO 6
 UNREAL!”**