

# Along Route '66



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## 2021 Homecoming: October 8-9, 2021

by Al Keiller

Our long-standing tradition will resume in 2021: we will hold our Homecoming mini reunion on October 8-9.

While details are not yet available, Alumni Relations has promised: "Homecoming Weekend 2021 will feature special touches for the classes that missed on-campus reunions in June 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic." If you want to stay abreast the details as they are released, periodically check <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/dartmouth-homecoming>.

Class of 1966 specifics currently planned include:

- Friday 5 PM: reception and supper (pizza, salad, beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, cake) in the Faculty Lounge in the Hopkins Center.
- Friday approximately 7 PM: Parade of Classes, Dartmouth Night festivities and Bonfire
- Friday approximately 8:15 PM: Faculty Lounge and balcony for viewing Bonfire; beverages and snacks available.
- Saturday 10:AM: brunch and Class meeting at Paul and Margo Doscher's home 127 Tilden Hill Road, Norwich VT (off Brigham Hill Road).
- Saturday 1:30 PM: Football vs. Yale Memorial Stadium. Tickets at: <https://tickets.dartmouth.edu/Online/default>.
- Class sections availability not yet announced. Call ticket office at 603-646-2466 for phone purchases and to request Class section. Other athletic events vs. Yale will occur throughout the weekend.

Go to <https://dartmouthsports.com> for schedules and to purchase tickets.

- Saturday 6:30 PM: Reception at Norwich Inn, Living Room.
- Saturday 7:30 PM: Class dinner, Norwich Inn, Terrace. We will invite our Class of '66 Scholar, our Dickey Center Intern Scholars, and our athletic sponsor recipient to join us as our guests.

This coincides with the Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day long weekend, a busy time in Northern New England. Accommodations sell out quickly. Here's a link to Alumni Relations Upper Valley accommodations suggestions: <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/upper-valley-lodging>

Mark your calendars now to join us in October. A sign-up form is included on page 11 that includes event pricing and dinner selections. Check it out, fill it in, and return it to Al Keiller.

SAVE THE DATE  
**55th Reunion: Re-Scheduled in Boston**  
May 23 - 26, 2022

May 23, 5 pm: Welcome Reception at Colonnade Hotel  
May 24 & 25: Duck Boat tours, Museum of Fine Arts, USS Constitution, walking the Freedom Trail, Union Oyster House, dinners together and more.  
May 26: Farewell brunch at Colonnade Hotel  
See article, page 7

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I sincerely appreciate the confidence you have placed in me by promoting me from Vice President to President of our Great Class of '66. I am humbled and honored to follow in the footsteps of so many classmates I admire. **Jim Lustnader** accomplished so much as president — for us and for Dartmouth. The Dean Thaddeus Seymour Endowment Fund, which he both conceived and led, recently exceeded its goal of raising \$250,000 to permanently endow two Dickey Scholars whom we previously supported through our annual budget.

Pictures of the complete slate of officers you elected effective July 1 can be found on page 6. I'd like to especially welcome our new Vice President **Budge Gere**, who has done so much for our class and who currently writes the Birthday Emails we each receive on our birthdays.

Now that most of us are retired, my goal is to facilitate fun by organizing various reunions and mini-reunions — including Homecomings, ski minis, golf minis and birthday parties — where we can gather socially and enjoy each other's company.

One of the first will be a re-scheduled 55th Reunion. When the College recently canceled our regular 55th Reunion in Hanover due to COVID, we began planning a re-scheduled 55th Reunion to be held in Boston next May. This will be a relaxed occasion to get together in this history-filled city for four days of touring and fun. I have appointed classmates **Albie Macdonald** and **Alan Rottenberg**, both native Bostonians, to plan the event. See their article on page 7. We will be using some of the funds set aside for our canceled Hanover reunion to reduce your cost of attending and, hopefully, attract a large turnout of classmates and Dartmates.

The first class-wide event of my administration, however, will be this fall's Homecoming on the weekend of October 8-10 in Hanover. **Al Keiller**, our Mini-Reunion Chair, is looking after all the details as usual so that we can enjoy ourselves from the reception in Hopkins Center on Friday through the banquet at the Norwich Inn Saturday evening. Because this date is earlier than many Homecomings, we should enjoy vivid fall colors as well as a rousing game against Yale. See the article on page 1.

I look forward to working with our entire slate of officers over the next five years. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard-working group of volunteers.

Best regards,  
John Rollins

# DARTMOUTH

## TREASURER'S LETTER

We finished our 2020-21 fiscal year in June in very good shape, thanks to the 307 classmates and widows who paid their dues, a larger number than last year and well ahead of budget. Expenses were significantly lower than planned, primarily as a result of the postponement of the 55th Reunion until 2022. However, we continued to build the Reunion Reserve to \$53,700. The current plan is to hold the reunion at no cost to classmates and Dartmates:



Item	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	\$ 27,996	\$29,339
55th Reunion	19,152	0
Reserve for 55th	53,700	0
Investment	400	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,248</b>	<b>\$29,431</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
55th Reunion	\$ 71,708	\$ 0
Newsletters	7,000	4,965
Website	600	600
66th Night	660	0
Athletic Sponsors	2,400	2,400
Dickey Fellows	5,600	4,883
Memorial Books	1,200	1,200
Webcam Maintenance	300	0
FYSEP	2,500	2,500
Admin/Fees/Mailings	1,800	994
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$93,768</b>	<b>\$17,542</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 7,480</b>	<b>\$11,889</b>
55th Reunion Reserve	\$ 10,000	\$10,000
<b>Surplus/Deficit after Res.</b>	<b>(\$ 2,520)</b>	<b>\$ 1,889</b>

The first dues solicitation for 2021-2022 will go out by email this month. Dues will remain at \$66 with an added contribution to projects of \$34 (\$100 total). The first solicitation by snail mail will go out in October. I appreciate early payment as it reduces the cost of future mailings.

—Bob Serenbetz, Treasurer

## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE FUND

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, our class donated \$302.8K to the Dartmouth College Fund. Our class participation rate, based on the 610 living and interested classmates, was 43.9%. If you include our class donations via the Dean Thaddeus Seymour Fund, which totaled \$259,000 as of July 31, 2021, our class donated a total of \$561.8K, primarily for scholarships for today's students.



The college as a whole raised \$43 million total for the DCF with a participation rate of 36.8%. While we did not achieve the \$366K goal set by the College for the DCF, we far surpassed that number given all our class contributed to the college in fiscal 2021.

Thanks to all who made that happen, and a special thanks to those classmates who stepped up as agents during this difficult time.

The year ahead has yet to be defined, but the underlying needs supported by the Dartmouth College Fund remain unchanged. I will keep you advised of our class goals once they have been determined by our class executive committee. If you would like to volunteer to help by becoming an agent, please let me know. Our class and college need your help, and we can't succeed without you. Stay well, all the best and let's help keep the doors to the future open at our college on the hill.

—Bob Spence

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UPDATE

There's still time for you to sign up for our 2022 class trip to the Galapagos Islands with extension to Machu Picchu and other sites in Peru.

The basic trip is seven days long, beginning on September 10th. There are six-day and ten-day extensions available to Peru if you want a longer experience.

Already signed up are Rich Abraham, Tom Brady, John Rollins, Bob Serenbetz, Dean Spatz, Brad Stein and their spouses.

If you want to join, please send an e-mail to Brad Stein ([bradstein66@gmail.com](mailto:bradstein66@gmail.com)) and he will give you all of the particulars.

—Brad Stein

## MOOSILAUKE RAVINE LODGE

Starting on June 25, the Outdoor Programs Office began offering dinners for students and employees at the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge. The experience includes transportation to and from the lodge, a hearty meal, entertainment, and the opportunity to connect with fellow community members. Dinners will be served Wednesday through Sunday for up to 30 guests.

Please note that Moosilauke Ravine Lodge and all its facilities remain closed to the public until further notice. This includes alumni and hikers.



## Dartmouth Hall Renovation

by Jim Lustenader

On July 4, a letter appeared in the Valley News calling attention to the reconstruction of the exterior of Dartmouth Hall. Written by former College architect George Hathorn '53a, it raised the alarm about the impending addition of "farmhouse porches" to the back and an elevated plaza to the front that would obliterate the foundation and in so doing change the distinctly New England character of the building. As George pointed out, "...as one of the country's premier examples of colonial architecture, Dartmouth Hall has proudly stood out...as a sturdy, unadorned expression of [the College's] remote Northern New England location; 'Vox clamantis in deserto' doesn't need a plaza attached to its most iconic building."

Below are photos taken of the renderings that appear on the fence surrounding the construction site



showing the proposed design for the front (top) and rear (bottom) of Dartmouth Hall:

Architects have long held the buildings of Dartmouth Row in high regard. Prof. Hugh Morrison '26, an authority on American architecture, called the Row "perhaps the finest group of college buildings in the country outside of Charlottesville, VA." Robert Graham, author of "The Dartmouth Story," said that "...the four buildings...represent a rare instance of colonial architecture in transition to Georgian and Greek Revival. They remain to this day the crown jewels of the campus..." So, as you might imagine, controversy ensued.

More letters deploring the exterior changes appeared in the newspaper, and emails were exchanged with the administration, Board of Trustees, site planners, architects, and experts on historical preservation. The argument: Dartmouth Hall is simple,

symmetrical, strong, even heroic, with its lack of detail and rugged brick bearing walls, loading onto the imposing granite foundation, which settles squarely on level ground. These are the salient elements of its physiognomy, not to be trifled with.

On August 9, Jim Lustenader, Chuck Sherman and George Hathorn met with project architect Bob Miklos, Trustee Beth Coburn Fascitelli and VP Campus Services Josh Keniston to review the plans for Dartmouth Hall in detail. Despite the administration's insistence that no exterior changes would be made, the building will definitely look different when work is completed next fall. A patio of nine to sixteen feet in depth will be flush with the door sills and run the width of the facade; it will be supported by a retaining wall constructed to look like the building's foundation when viewed from a distance. The wall will be pierced by three granite staircases aligned with the three existing entrance points on the facade. In the rear, porches will cover the north and south entrance doors. Taken as a whole, the exterior alterations will correspond with new interior design elements to enhance traffic flow to and the utility of specific first floor spaces.

The exterior changes arose from the College's previously unannounced strategy of providing "universal access" to new and heavily-reconstructed existing buildings across campus. This mandates that, despite there already being ADA-required accommodations on almost all buildings including Dartmouth Hall, efforts will be made to expand access further to allow ease of entrance from the front. Thus, future major remodeling of buildings such as Rauner/ Webster, Parkhurst, McNutt or Robinson Halls will be done along the same lines as Dartmouth Hall. (cont'd.)



## NEWS FROM HANOVER

(cont'd. from pg. 4)

Though they are being as carefully and tastefully executed as possible, the changes will clearly impact the look of the building. If you would like to express your opinion on this, you can write to: President Hanlon ([philip.j.hanlon@dartmouth.edu](mailto:philip.j.hanlon@dartmouth.edu)); EVP Finance Rick Mills ([richard.g.mills@dartmouth.edu](mailto:richard.g.mills@dartmouth.edu)); VP Campus Services Josh Keniston ([josh.keniston@dartmouth.edu](mailto:josh.keniston@dartmouth.edu)); Alumni Council President Rachel Bogardus Drew ([alumni.council.president@dartmouth.edu](mailto:alumni.council.president@dartmouth.edu)); Board of Trustees Chair Liz Lempres ([liz.lempres@gmail.com](mailto:liz.lempres@gmail.com)); Trustee Beth Cogan ([cogan.beth@gmail.com](mailto:cogan.beth@gmail.com)); '66 Alumni Council Rep Ben Day ([benday@comcast.net](mailto:benday@comcast.net)); and [Alumni.Liaison.Committee@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Alumni.Liaison.Committee@dartmouth.edu).

## NEWS FROM CLASSMATES

Rear Admiral (Ret.) **Bill Hayden** had a truly distinguished 30-year career in the Navy that started in NROTC at Dartmouth, included 125 carrier-based combat missions during Vietnam, serving as the commissioning commanding officer on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and chief of naval air training.

But if you asked Bill what he is proudest of today, he would likely focus on the Starbase Victory STEM program he founded for fourth- to sixth-graders and has run as volunteer executive director in conjunction with the Portsmouth, Virginia school district. It's helped about 15,000 kids in the past 20 years. "I don't do the teaching," Bill says, "but I do raise the money for Starbase to function. If you find any spare change in that couch you've been sitting in this year, I could use it (for the kids, of course!)"

**Don Ries** shared his thoughts on the discussion about the "Appeal to the Great Spirit" sculpture in the May issue of this newsletter:

I was not aware of any suggestion to remove the statue, "Appeal to the Great Spirit" from the Tower Room. As a student I adored the statue and drew strength from it. So many thanks to Jim for bringing this to our attention as well as the dialogue he has conducted. I would emphasize his question as to what is the reaction of the Native American community to the statue, its presence in the Tower Room, and if it should or should not be moved? This community should certainly have a major voice in this discussion, but not the only one.

## NEWS FROM CLASSMATES

While no expert on Native American culture and history, I do know our government and many citizens are guilty of genocide against the Native American Community. I recommend one recent book: *Unworthy Republic, The Dispossession of Native Americans and the Road to Indian Territory*, by Claudio Saunt. What should be done about our nation's second original sin needs to be thoroughly and honestly discussed. The issue of the "Appeal" is one small but important part of that discussion. Jim, thanks again for bringing up this important issue.

PS: Your aversion to the 1902 room murals would be another interesting discussion, I found them tragic and yet inspiring.

It has not been easy being a president these last four or five years. Ask anyone. In fact, Class Secretary **Larry Geiger** asked outgoing '66 class president **Jim Lustenader** for his thoughts and received this frank appraisal: "A great pleasure of the job was connecting with classmates whom I haven't seen or heard from in years. In that regard, I was grateful that Ben Day, Erv Burkholder, and Bob Cohn initiated the special, online Covid-19 editions of our newsletter so we could share our experiences with the pandemic. Working with the team to organize our 75th birthday party in Newport, Rhode Island, was another highlight, as was establishing the Seymour endowment to memorialize Thad and give students the opportunity to address hands-on some of the world's problems.

"Beyond the public missteps (underutilized student 'houses,' sports team debacle, golf course closure, weathervane removal, biomass plant debacle, sexual harassment suits, etc.), I was disappointed in the administration's belated recognition of Thad's death and their takeover of the '66 webcams without appropriate negotiation because we could have helped fix the problem.

"But on balance, pluses outweighed minuses. Being a local lets me interact frequently with students and faculty, and I can say that the College is in fine shape academically. And the students who have benefited from our class's support are bright, eager to learn, and very grateful to be here."

As John Rollins prepares to figuratively step into the '66 oval office, Jim's looking forward to travel. Many thanks to Jim.

**Tripp Miller** provided an update on his recent and future travels:

“In April, Jeannette and I spent two weeks on the Big Island in Hawaii. We chose Hawaii because it was one of the few destinations on the globe where it was safe to travel at the time. We had not been to the Big Island since 1997 and had forgotten how incredibly beautiful the island is.

“One high point was driving high above Waimea to ranch country and seeing all the cattle grazing on pastures surrounded by very high hills. Another highlight was driving to a local restaurant for dinner and encountering a sudden cloudburst and seeing two parallel vertical rainbows. Below is the view from our table on the hotel’s restaurant terrace where we had breakfast every morning.



“Like many of us we have accumulated a lot of travel award points to spend. We discovered that we can use the points on Qatar Airways in February to fly to Doha for a two week stay at a 5 Star hotel for half the cost of our room on the Big Island. Doha has hop-on-hop-off bus service so we can easily visit Doha’s incredible museums without having to spend dollars on expensive drivers to move around the city.”

**DARTMOUTH**

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## 55th Reunion in Boston May 2022

The Class of 1966 is preparing for an exciting, event-filled [delayed] 55th Reunion in Boston, from Monday, May 23 through Thursday, May 26, 2022. Please make your plans early to attend and enjoy springtime in Boston with your classmates and Dartmates.

The Colonnade Hotel will be our Reunion headquarters, at 120 Huntington Avenue, near historic Copley Square, across from the Prudential Center. We'll have walking access to many of Boston's most visited sites, as well as enjoying shuttle service to group activities in other areas of the city.

There will be an opening reception at the Colonnade on Monday evening, May 23, to welcome Classmates, families, and guests. Dinner will be on our own that evening, with choices among many nearby restaurants. We will have dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday with all our Classmates and guests, and a closing brunch for all Classmates and Dartmates on Thursday morning.

The Reunion events on Tuesday and Wednesday will offer:

1. Visits to Boston's Museum of Fine Art to view the "best of American Art" (as well as many other "bests" in the galleries).



2. Walking tours on Boston's Freedom Trail to relive Boston's colonial history.
3. Tours on Duck Boats (directly across the street from the Colonnade) to see Boston from the city streets and from the Charles River.
4. Visits to local sites that preserve our nation's heritage, such as the USS Constitution (oldest commissioned US naval vessel), Boston Tea Party re-enactment, and Daniel Webster's favorite oyster bar (still serving at the Union Oyster House!).



Of course, there will be free time, as well, for individual activities, and for exploring the city in small groups, or on your own. And the Colonnade will make guest rooms available for up to three nights before or after the Reunion, for those who wish to make their visit to Boston longer.



The Colonnade's hotel rooms will be available at the rate of \$269.00, plus tax, for either single or double occupancy. The "cut off" date for making reservations will be May 2, 2022, although "the earlier the better" is recommended for making reservations. Parking will be available at the hotel at an additional cost on a "first come, first serve basis", and should be available for all who drive to the Reunion.

Reservations may be made by calling the Colonnade at 800-962-3030 or 617-424-7000 and identifying as part of the Dartmouth Class of 1966 55th Reunion. The identification code is **DAR22A**. The hotel's usual daily facility fee (for use of the hotel's pool and other amenities) is included in our group rate of \$269.00 plus tax per night, and will not be charged to anyone who pays the group rate for a room at the hotel.

More information will be available about the Reunion plans as we get closer to May, but please make your plans now to attend, and let your Classmates know you'll be there!



## SEYMOUR ENDOWMENT EXCEEDS GOAL: CHECK PRESENTED TO DICKEY CENTER

June 29th was Thad Seymour Day in Hanover. On that hot, humid morning, a group of classmates and administration officials gathered on the Green as our class gave a symbolic check for the Seymour Endowment to Christianne Hardy, Interim Director of the Dickey Center. Representing '66 were Al Keiller, Chuck Sherman, Terry Lowd, Paul Klee, and Jim Lustenader. Dartmates Elizabeth Lustenader and Margie Carpenter also attended.

The College flag was lowered to half-staff in Thad's honor and the ceremony began. Jim spoke as follows:



“Welcome everyone to the Dartmouth Green and the presentation of The Class of 1966 Dean Thaddeus Seymour Endowment for the Dickey Center. I'm Jim Lustenader, president of the class of '66—at least for two more days. Joining remotely via Zoom are about two dozen of the many classmates who donated generously to make the endowment a reality as well as members of Thad's family, including his wife Polly, son Thad Jr. and granddaughter Annabel.

“Sweltering with me in Hanover are Christianne Hardy, Interim Director of the Dickey Center; Andrew Davidson, Vice President for Development; our own class adoptee Jennifer Casey '66a, Executive Director of Campaign Initiatives & Academic Coordination; Jennifer Hardy, Managing Director of the Dartmouth College Fund; EJ Keiffer who handled lowering the College flag in Thad's honor; and various local '66's who came to mark this occasion on what would have been Thad's 93rd birthday.

“Fifty-nine years ago, the class of 1966 began a lifelong relationship with Dartmouth and Thad Seymour. In the years since, we have shared many Dad Thad stories, but Rick Reiss's thoughts on this singular individual beautifully sum up why

we bonded with him so readily. To quote Rick,

‘Thad was bigger than life to each and yet he was humble, friendly, never threatening, and someone who always remembered that in addition to job one - namely learning - job two was to have fun doing job one. What I have found even more remarkable is that this giant person of so much authority and stature was only 34 years old when we were freshmen. A mere kid by today's standards!’

“What we didn't realize, of course, was that the Thad we knew on campus was just beginning a long life of remarkable academic and civic achievement. He went on to revitalize Rollins College, making it one of the finest small liberal arts colleges in the country, and to chair the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in Winter Park, Florida, from its founding in 1993, providing housing for hundreds of people.

“In planning our 55th reunion, the class Executive Committee thought about what our gift to the College should be—and then Thad passed away and the answer became obvious. For the past 25 years, the class has used its annual budget to fund two Dickey Center interns so they could pursue projects here and abroad. What better way to honor Thad than to link his name with that of “the boss,” President John Dickey, in a way that would perpetuate our support of students willing to take on, and learn from, the world's problems?

“Coincidentally, in 1996 classmate Bob Serenbetz and his wife, Karen, set up their own endowment for Dickey interns as part of a Charitable Remainder Trust through the Bartlett Tower Society, and they agreed to use their fund



L to R: Al Keiller, Terry Lowd, Jennifer Hardy, Christianne Hardy, Jim Lustenader, Andrew Davidson, Jennifer Casey

to jump start our larger effort. With invaluable guidance from Andrew and the two Jennifers, the newly named Seymour Endowment was up and running by January 2020, just in time for COVID. Despite the pandemic's effect on people's charitable priorities, we've raised almost \$200,000 for a total endowed amount adequate to fund two interns every year with the possibility of adding more as the endowment grows.



“So, Christianne, on behalf of the Great Class of 1966, it's my pleasure to present this check for \$250,000 for the Dean Thaddeus Seymour Endowment for the Dickey Center. And I do so with the hope that whoever awards future internships will tell the recipients about the extraordinary man in whose name the funds are given so they will be as inspired as we were by our friend and mentor Thad Seymour.”

As of this writing, the endowment stands at just over \$259,000, exceeding our goal of \$250,000. Thanks to all of you who made this happen and to those who wish to contribute in the future to make it possible for even more students to become '66 Dickey Interns.

Subsequently, Thad's daughter Liz shared this YouTube video of photos from her father's life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHS3av5EZsA>.

Classmate Gus Southworth also forwarded this link to an article in Winter Park Magazine titled Thad: An Appreciation: <https://winterparkmag.com/2019/12/20/thad-an-appreciation/>.

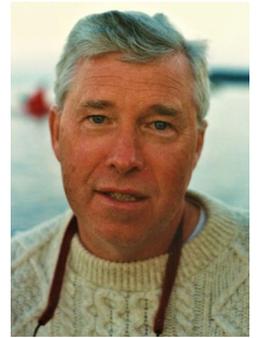


L to R: Jennifer Casey, Al Keiller, Jim Lustenader, Terry Lowd, Paul Klee, Chuck Sherman

## IN MEMORIAM

### Laurence G. Robbins

Laurence Goodrich “Larry” Robbins of Swampscott, formerly of Marblehead and Wenham, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2021, after a long struggle with Lewy Body Disease. Larry is survived by his wife Deirdre; his daughters Elizabeth and Sarah and his stepson Geoffrey.



He attended Dartmouth College for a B.S. in Economics, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Alpha fraternity; MIT's Sloan School for an MBA; and the Stonier School of Banking.

He was employed in the technical side of the financial industry for many years. He then entered the consulting industry until his retirement in 2009.

Larry's secondary passions were many, and included music and sailing. He played the piano and the recorder. He loved to play duets with his daughter Beth, and he had both a family recorder group and an outside group in which he played for years.

Larry belonged to the Corinthian Yacht Club since 1982. He raced with the Rhodes 19 fleet for years. Larry and Deirdre's home in Marblehead earned a plaque as a “Rhodes 19 party house.” Larry also enjoyed travel. Combining his work with their travel, Larry and Deirdre spent a year in London; and two months each in Canberra, Australia and Bangkok, Thailand.

### Frank A. Opaskar

Frank Alan Opaskar, MD, age 76, passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.



Frank attended Dartmouth College (BA 1966), majoring in Philosophy. During his local interview for Dartmouth admissions, the alumni interviewer asked, “Do you know anything about where Dartmouth is?” “Sure,” said Frank, “It's in New Jersey, right?” Frank laughed and said, “At least I got the ‘New’ right!”

He was an avid member of the lightweight crew team. The crowds would cheer his boat on yelling, “Row Faster, Opaskar!” His connection with his crew mates persisted and attending reunions where the

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alumni team would suit up and row was an ongoing joy throughout his life. He generously supported many organizations, particularly around Dartmouth, rowing, and virtually every nature and wildlife organization in existence.

Frank was wonderful with children, not the least as a devoted father to Amanda. He never missed a gymnastic or swim meet or violin performance. He was thrilled when Amanda elected to attend the University of Michigan for college, and then ecstatic when she was accepted to U of M Medical School as well. A proud highlight for him was her white coat ceremony, as she entered medical school, when he himself got to put the coat on Amanda. When she was doing clinical activity at Michigan, a doctor saw the name on her lab coat. "Are you by chance related to Frank Opaskar?" It turned out the doctor had been a medical student with Frank. He told her how they used to play basketball together — they called Frank "the Big O."

Frank is survived by his beloved wife Gail, daughter Amanda, his sister, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Dartmouth Rowing.

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### Roc R. Caivano

Roc Ritchie Caivano, 77, died at home on July 8, 2021. He was born on February 12, 1944, and grew up in Tarrytown, NY, the oldest of Rocco and Margaret (Ritchie) Caivano's four children. He attended Dartmouth College '66 and the Yale School of Architecture '70. In 1966, he met his future wife, Helen Lee McGregor, on a blind date at Fat George's Bar in Sleepy Hollow, NY; they were married on November 30, 1969 in NYC.



After Yale, Roc started a design-build company, Elephant Track Construction, and over the next few years he designed and built houses in Honey Creek, WI, Steamboat Springs, CO, and Erin, NY. In 1974, he took a position at the College of the Atlantic on Mount Desert Island, where he started the Environmental Design program. In 1975 their daughter Katharine Starlight was born; their daughter, Lilly McGregor, was born in 1981. Roc was a deeply loving father, "Be careful," and

"I'm so damn proud of you" his most common refrains. In 1983, Roc and his family moved to Philadelphia, where he worked for Venturi, Rauch & Scott Brown for five years. He then joined Lyman Perry Architects as a partner. In 1990 the Caivanos moved back to Mount Desert Island to open Roc Caivano Architects. For the next 25 years he designed several hundred projects, including structures in Acadia National Park.

Throughout his life, Roc was an active participant - in the classroom, around the dinner table, at the job site, on numerous non-profit boards and committees, and most proudly as a volunteer fireman with the Bar Harbor Fire Department.

Roc used most of his spare time making stuff. He loved to fix, create, and build things - and most of all to paint. After retiring in 2013, he pretty much painted full time. He was happy and fulfilled with his life, as he was with his partner of 52 years. The true love Roc and Helen shared is legendary to anyone fortunate enough to know them. In November of 2020, Roc was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Roc is survived by his wife, Helen; his daughters, Kate Macko and Lilly Caivano.

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### Kenneth G. Whitmore

Kenneth G. Whitmore, 76, of Phillipsburg, NJ passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2021 at his home.

Kenneth was born in Montclair, NJ on July 7, 1944 to the late George H. and Mildred Hopkins Whitmore.

Kenneth was a Medical Librarian at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, NJ. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and served his country as a Medical Corpsman in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. Kenneth was an avid reader.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Joan C. Federowicz Whitmore; sister, Nancy Parker, and step-daughters, Barbara Tufaro and Christine Pizii.



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Full obituaries are posted on the Class website:  
<http://www.dartmouth66.org/memoriam/>

**DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1966 HOMECOMING 2021**

**Registration Form**

Friday, Oct. 8

5:00 PM Faculty Lounge, Hopkins Center reception and supper, including pizza, salads, beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, cake.

7:00 PM Parade of Classes, Dartmouth Night, Bonfire

8:15 PM Faculty Lounge, HOP beverages, snacks overlooking Green

Saturday, Oct. 9

10:00 AM Class Meeting and brunch at Doschers, 127 Tilden Hill Road, Norwich, VT (off Brigham Hill Road)

1:30 PM Football vs. Yale (order directly from Dartmouth Athletics and request Class 1966 section. See link below.

6:30 PM Reception Norwich Inn (Living Room). Purchase your own beverages. '66 Scholar, Dickey Scholars, Athletic sponsor student invited guests.

7:30 PM Dinner Norwich Inn (Terrace). Purchase your own beverages

Visit Dartmouth Athletics website at <https://dartmouthsports.com> for ticket information. Select the sport and scheduled game you are interested in. Ticket office phone 603-646-2466 for purchases and to request Class of 1966 section (if offered)

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PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

To: Al Keiller  
PO Box 193  
Brownsville, VT 05037

Contact info for questions:  
802-230-6238 (cell)  
sienawine@me.com

Yes, I plan to join other '66ers for our Homecoming Mini-Reunion on October 8-9, 2021.

Please reserve space at the following events:

Friday Reception and supper of pizza, salad and dessert for \_\_\_\_ people @ \$25.00  
(includes beer/wine/soft drinks, snacks, cake); includes post parade gathering \$\_\_\_\_\_

Friday Post-Parade reception only at the Faculty Lounge for \_\_\_\_ people @ \$5 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner (soup or salad/entrée/dessert/coffee or tea /tax/tip) at the Norwich Inn  
for \_\_\_\_people @ \$74 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entrees for Saturday dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ # Slow Roasted Prime Rib  
\_\_\_\_\_ # Seared Salmon Filet  
\_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetable Gnocchi

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a check to "Dartmouth Class of 1966" for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

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