



## **The Great Class of 1953---A Band of Brothers and Their Ladies**

### ***New York City Maxi-Mini --from organizer Charlie Buchanan***

The deadline for the 53 New York City reunion has been extended until August 15th. Here is a list of the current attendees and those that have expressed interest. Phil Beekman and Judy Wilson, Nate and Roberta Burkan, Charles and Charlotte Buchanan. Cathy Callender, Al Collins and Suzanne, Phil and Helga Fast, Dick Fleming, Bob and Carol Henderson, Ron and Lilliane Lazar, Fran and Ellen L'Esperance, Bob and Gail Malin. Gil and Frima Shapiro. Jean Vitalis and Elena Kingsland. Possibles: Dick and Harriett Blum, Connie Clery and guest, Dave Florence. Dave Godschalk will be attending a conference in New York and may join for some

events. Sadly your scribe and lady had to cancel with grandparent duties in Texas for number 13 and 14 grandkids, and twin boys they are!!!.

### Here is the New Revised and Exciting program!

**Monday October 3rd. Day 1.** Check in at the famous Yale Club (Which Dartmouth alumni are also able to join) across from Grand Central Station. Dine in a private dining room and be entertained by the Six of Clubs, a choral group led by a Dartmouth Graduate! They will sing Broadway hits and a few Dartmouth songs.

**Tuesday October 4th. Day 2,** Breakfast at the Yale Club. **10:00** board a bus to the Frick Collection at 1 East 70th St. where we will have a guided tour. The collection includes masterpieces of European painting, major works of sculpture, French furniture, porcelain and much more. The collection is housed in the mansion built by one of America's most successful industrialists. The art is displayed in sixteen galleries, arranged akin to the way that Mr. Frick enjoyed the art he loved before bequeathing it to the public. The galleries lead to a garden court where beneath skylights are greenery and a fountain.

**1:00** Lunch at a nearby restaurant. **2:00** Bus returns to Yale Club. (Free time for shopping or a nap) **5:00** Bus to Chelsea Pier 62 to board the classic yacht Manhattan for a three hour dinner cruise around Manhattan Island. **9:00** Bus returns to the Yale Club.

**Wednesday. Oct. 5th. Day 3** Breakfast at the Yale Club. **10:15** Bus to the Morgan Library and Museum. Madison and 36th St. This neoclassic building, designed by Charles McKim in 1906, houses the extraordinary acquisitions of art and literature acquired by the financier Pierpont Morgan. Additions were made in 1928 by his son J.P.Morgan Jr', and expanded again in 2006 by Renzo Piano. One of the highlights is Mr. Morgan's library, where Mr. Morgan worked. The library contained a vault in which he kept his most valuable books, including several Gutenberg Bibles. We will have a guided tour followed by lunch in their cafe. **1:15** Our bus will take us to the theater district, with two stops near the theater that you have chosen for a **2:00** matinee performance. After the show you will return to the Yale club either by foot or taxi. **6:00** Bus to the Union League Club for our farewell dinner. **9:00** Return by our Bus to Yale Club.

**Thursday Oct. 6th. Day 4** Breakfast at the Yale Club. Check out and check your luggage.

**10:00** Bus to the Whitney Museum 99 Gansevoort St. This museum is the preeminent institution devoted to twentieth century and contemporary American Art. The new building, designed by architect Renzo Piano is situated between the High Line and the Hudson River. The eight floors and balconies offer spectacular views of the Hudson River, the High Line, and Lower Manhattan. We will have a one and one half hour guided tour, followed by one half hour of free time for you to see what you missed. **12:30** Lunch in the Whitney Dining Room. **1:30** Bus returns to Yale Club. For those who wish to walk the High Line you will have to take a taxi to the Yale Club or your final destination.

**Here is the cost.--**For those staying three nights at the Yale Club, \$3000 a couple, \$2000 for a single. For those of you who have not sent in a down payment it is due Aug. 15th. Couple \$500, Single \$250.

Balance is due Sept. 1st. 2016 for those staying at Yale Club, Couple \$2500, Single \$1750  
For those not staying at the Yale Club: All events Couples \$1200, singles \$700; Three dinners only Couples \$700, singles \$350

Checks should be sent to Richard Fleming 500 Ocean St. Apt. 140, Hyannis Ma. 02601-4771

Note: The above does not include:

Breakfasts at the Yale Club; Drinks at the Yale Club (other than at the banquet); The Broadway show of your choice. (We can help suggest plays and tell you how to get tickets in a later email or memo)

## Collins Corner

Hard to believe the summer is half over and fall is closing in on us. I have been on Nantucket most of the summer thus far, and President Hanlon and members of his staff held a function at the home of trustee Denise Dupres for any Dartmouth types on the island last week. Things on campus have settled down to a normal pace and the leisurely summer session is well under way. He gave us some insight into the new cluster system now being implemented. He also touched on the many improvements impacting our three graduate schools and the increased interaction between those schools and the undergraduate body. An interesting and well attended event and those involved left with the feeling that our College was in good hand.

But first, looking back a bit, the Class of 1953 finished the 2016 Dartmouth College Fund in grand style once again. As mentioned earlier, the record dollar totals set by our class over the years are milestones left for others to surpass. However, our Great and cohesive Class continues to express our storied Legacy of Leadership in the participation game. Ron Lazar, our tireless and always successful head Agent, set his sights on a 75% participation for this year. It went right down to the last hour, but he pulled it off once again. Our final figure of 77% participation was third by a narrow margin and one of only 6 of the 72 classes to finish over 60%. Congratulations to all of you and to Ron Lazar and his team of very active agents. The Legacy of Leadership marches on.

Several of us had what might be classified as a mini-reunion in New London in June. Bob and Carol Henderson bid on and won a gourmet dinner to be



served at the home of Jack and Thelma Hewitt. Jack is a '57 and the Hewitts are well known for their wine cellar and gourmet cooking skills. Bob and Carol were kind enough to include Bob and Anne Simpson and your truly and my friend Sue to join him. Truly a wonderful evening and a chance to reminisce and enjoy the fine wines.



Our October New York Maxi-Mini reunion is shaping up nicely. Dave Halloran will share more of the details of the event elsewhere in this fine newsletter. The dates are October 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> and if you can possibly make it I know you will have a wonderful time. Based on our past most recent similar events in Philadelphia and the Hudson Valley, all who attended had only rave reports about the experience. Although parts of this event are still a work in progress, Charlie Buchanan and his team have been hard at work to make sure that those attending have a wonderful and memorable experience. Charlie was back in Hanover with his '81 son to play the Hanover golf course recently and spent some time working with the powers that be on our behalf and paid a visit to our '53 Commons. He sent along this picture to prove it.

Any questions contact Charlie at [charlesbuchanan53@gmail.com](mailto:charlesbuchanan53@gmail.com) or you can contact me at [acoll53@gmail.com](mailto:acoll53@gmail.com). Hope you can be there.

### **Class Officers weekend – Sept 23 and 24:**

Several of your class officers will be in Hanover for Class Officers weekend. This is always a wonderful opportunity to get together and discuss your class along with the other classes. It's not only a sharing opportunity of your best practices but a learning experience as you see ideas that have worked well for other classes. Although not all of your officers will be able to attend, those that do always bring back some information that is helpful to the Class of 1953. The following officers have been invited to attend: Tom Bloomer, Put Blodgett, Al Collins, Dick Fleming, Dave Halloran, Ron Lazar and Mark Smoller

## **David McLaughlin Named Head Coach of Men's Basketball**

HANOVER, N.H. — Dartmouth Director of Athletics and Recreation Harry Sheehy announced today that David McLaughlin has been hired as the 28th head coach of the Big Green men's basketball program.

Dartmouth basketball is in for a welcome new look. David McLaughlin has been appointed the new head coach and the attached website will give you a closer look at who he is and what he has done. <http://www.dartmouthsports.com/>

### **The new cluster housing system:**

There has been much conversation about the recently devised cluster system to be implemented with the incoming class. Although there are several sites on the internet addressing this topic, here is one I think you will find interesting and somewhat detailed in explaining the new housing concept at Dartmouth. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/housing/communities/>

### **Some dates to remember:**

- New York Maxi-mini - October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>
- Homecoming vs. Harvard and annual Class meeting. - Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Dartmouth Commencement – Sunday June 12, 2016
- Proposed 65<sup>th</sup> reunion for 1953 – Sept 29 to Oct 2, 2018

### **Football Schedule:**

- Penn at Hanover – Oct 1st- Yale away –Oct 8<sup>th</sup>- Towson at Hanover – Oct 15th
- Columbia away – Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - Harvard at Home – Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Cornell away – Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
- Brown at Hanover – Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - Princeton away – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

Have a wonderful summer and hope to see you on our Maxi- mini reunion or in Hanover this fall. Stay well! Best to all, Al

## News from Classmates

Bob Simpson writes about the Friends of Dartmouth Football which is a wonderful example of Alumni support for the College's programs. The Friends of Dartmouth Football annual golf outing was started 19 years ago by Bob's son Ed and Rich Weissman (both '85s). It began in the NYC area but really took off when they moved the event to Hanover 14 or 15 years ago and scheduled it right in the middle of reunions. Last year the event provided over \$100,000 to the football program (the amount for this year has not yet been determined). Our intrepid band of '53s have been participants for years and are now by far the oldest golfers in the event. We always get the first tee time on the first hole and, although we have yet to win, have finished up close to the top, often competing against 5- and 6-somes. It is a fun event with ample beer flowing and amazing camaraderie. As you might know, the Friends programs in all varsity sports are very important to the success of Dartmouth's athletic endeavors. The Friends of Football have raised in total over one million annually which is most helpful for coaches, recruiting, uniforms and facilities. Interestingly, our Classmate Bill Johnson was instrumental in starting the very first Friends program at Dartmouth (basketball) in spite of resistance from the College that thought it would take away from the annual Alumni Fund. There are now some 30-odd Friends programs operating at Dartmouth and providing great support to all athletic programs. Go Big Green!! And here is our mighty '53 foursome of Jack Patten, Dave Donovan, Bob Simpson, and Dick O'Connor, the most senior t] with a Net Score of 57, missing the goal of 53 by only four strokes. Well done lads.



## Our Super Patriot John Kennedy and Flag Day Last.

John, as President of the Mystic Flag Committee, writes “On Flag Day in June, I presided at the annual ceremony at the 113’ Liberty Pole in downtown Mystic. I have attached several photos including one showing Barb and me, the local Scouts preparing to raise the large ceremonial flag and the flag flying. Note that, upon the President’s orders, the flag is at half-staff having been raised to the peak first while the bugler played “To the Colors” then lowered to half-staff in honor of the victims of the Orlando shooting. Thanks John!





**Bob and Carol Henderson** wrote that they recently hosted a lovely and fancy wine tasting event with Bob and Anne Simpson and Al Collins and his lovely friend Sue, and a delightful evening it was as part of a local charity drive. Bob extolled the virtues of the fine wine and “excessive” food at the event, but with that distinguished group of ‘53’s and their ladies, nothing could be excessive!

**Dave Godschalk’ s** recent visit to Havana yielded some delightful water colors of the local ambiance and the leadership, and here is the planner that redid much of the University of North Carolina campus commentary on Havana and its future. “This is a great time to visit Havana. The wonderful old city is still there, along with traces of the missile silos and socialist slogans. Some observers characterize it as frozen in time. People still use ration books to get their skimpy monthly food allotments. Long lines form at the free medical clinics. Three generations of family members crowd together in tiny apartments. Water and sewer systems are undependable. Young people are prevented from visiting the U.S. for fear that they might not come back. Old ’57 Chevrolet convertibles ferry tourists to the Buena Vista Social Club. The most talked-about celebrities are still Papa Hemingway and Fidel Castro. But change is in the air. New leaders are waiting for Raul to step down in 2017. People are tired of working around repressive rules and ready for economic and political freedom. Native entrepreneurs are chafing at the bit. Musicians and dancers are polishing their performances. Viewing the under-restoration Capitol from a Havana streetscape is an urban design delight. The big question is how the transition will go. Will redevelopment and historic preservation go hand

in hand? Will a flood of economic capital generate new employment and investment opportunities? Will government leaders create better housing and public facility programs? It could be a golden age of planning. And here are a couple of Dave's water colors from Havana.



**A Terrific Theta Delt Note from Val and Fred England --- How desperate are you for news or photos? [ALWAYS VAL, ALWAYS!] I have pictures of all of you, Theta Delt. You are playing the accordion and your brothers are gathered, barroom fashion, singing your hearts out. Pictures include Don Goss, sprawled in chair; then, Jim Sullivan, Bob Douglas, Fred, Jay Hague, Mike Duffy, and Dick O'Connor. Jim and Jackie Cartmell are in another corner. Also, I have a few good pics of Put Blodgett showing him, muscled, with good view of the mountain trail to Mooselauke he rebuilt years ago. Val, send them up please. Pic is 25th reunion, I believe.. AND HERE THEY ARE. Just stumbled on to these. "Send any and all pics you get Val, and Thanks A Bundle."**



## John Green writes from Minnesota

I'm still kickin' out here in Duluth, MN though I don't get out on the Superior Hiking Trail as often as I'd like to. Last Sept. the Swenson School of Science and Engineering here on the Duluth campus of the U. of Minnesota saw fit to honor me for my career of educational and professional service. I continue to be involved (mainly in an advisory capacity) in geological research on the Canadian Shield of the Lake Superior region, and I co-lead a field trip in northeastern Minnesota for 40 geologists in early May. These activities were slowed up a bit last year by some colon surgery to remove a tumor, which was successful, and I appear to be "clean".

Jan keeps very active especially in bird and conservation issues as a Board member of Audubon Minnesota and the MN Breeding Bird Atlas project, though her arthritis slows her down. Fortunately I'm still arthritis-free.

I've been having fun with family history, especially tracking down gravestones of ancestors in New England (west-central Mass. this last May). Turns out I'm a distant cousin of Dartmouth Professor Charles Henry Hitchcock (1836-1919), who was also State Geologist of N.H.

We're trying to down-size (still in our house in the woods on 10 acres) but are finding it very difficult! [If a picture is acceptable, I'll attach an ancestor from Springfield, MA).

*Sure is John and here 'tis. Dave*



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Richard Morin, Dartmouth's librarian, was seated just behind them, and he wrote afterward how Proskauer began an exchange with Eisenhower. Speaking loudly so as "to cover the distance between him and the President," Proskauer remarked that he "was disturbed by the withdrawal of books from American libraries in Germany on grounds of a disapproval of their contents or their authors," according to Morin. "The President said he didn't believe that this kind of censorship was going on because Jack McCloy had told him not so long ago that American libraries in Germany contained books which made numerous critical references to him (the President). The President seemed amused by the presence of books critical of him, and certainly there was nothing in his reference to them that suggested the slightest disapproval of their being available in libraries.

"Proskauer greeted the President's remark with an expression of skepticism but did not then contradict the President....A moment later Proskauer turned back and said, 'Mr. President, I think you are wrong about that.' The President said, 'Well, that could be,' or some quite similar phrase. Proskauer then spoke of a book by Vera Micheles Dean, which among others had been withdrawn from U.S. libraries in Germany, and stated his admiration of Mrs. Dean's writings. He made it clear that Mr. McCloy confirmed the book withdrawal activities, which have recently been reported in the press. The President listened attentively to Proskauer's comments and then said, 'But who is withdrawing the books?' Proskauer replied, 'The State Department.' "

After that exchange, Proskauer and McCloy were astonished as well as delighted to hear the remarks that Eisenhower delivered, according to Morin, and Proskauer expressed gratitude to the president.

If there were doubts about the spontaneity of Eisenhower's remarks, Dickey cleared up any questions about it in a memorandum he prepared after he delivered remarks at Proskauer's 90th birthday dinner in New York City in 1967. In his remarks Dickey briefly recounted the 1953 Commencement story as Morin had recorded it. After the dinner Proskauer amplified what had transpired on the platform.

According to Dickey's memo, "Proskauer said it was correct that he had raised the matter with President Eisenhower as we were sitting on the platform while the senior class marched in....He said the president had finally accepted the validity of his assertions and remarked that he was going to be making a speech elsewhere later that day and he might be able to say something to show his disapproval of book burning. Proskauer told me that he immediately said, 'Mr. President, if you are going to speak out against book burning, the time to do it is now here at Dartmouth in front of this library.'"

A few minutes after the discussion on the platform, the president rose to speak. Weighing on his mind, most likely, was a letter he had received a few days earlier from Philip Reed, chairman of General Electric, who had written to his longtime friend about effects of McCarthyism that Reed had observed during a recent trip to Europe, and a *New York Times* column by James Reston decrying book banning in U.S. libraries abroad.

The book-burning remarks changed policy. On June 15, U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles publicly stated that only 11 books had been burned out of the 2 million books in 285 U.S. overseas libraries. On June 22, however, *The New York Times*, having surveyed libraries in 20 capitals, reported that, although they had not actually been burned, hundreds of books by at least 40 authors had been removed from U.S. overseas libraries. Two weeks later Anthony Leviero of the *Times* reported that "10 different directives had been issued in the effort to clarify the book issue," and that the State Department's "indecisive" policy was "strongly disappointing at the White House." The president publicly commented that he would not have discarded Dashiell Hammett's mystery stories.

On July 8, at Eisenhower's direction, a new State Department order was issued, "basing the acceptability of a book more on its contents than on its author's political affiliations or reticence about them." It was hoped the program would now serve its original purpose to educate other people about America—including its flaws.

By August Congress established the U.S. Information Agency as an office independent of the State Department reporting directly to the White House. Within a year Sen. Ralph Flanders (R-Vt.) introduced a resolution censuring McCarthy that the Senate adopted before the end of 1954. McCarthy, now shunned by his colleagues, had lost his political power. Within three years he was dead.

*Richard C. Cahn was undergraduate editor of DAM in 1952-53, graduated from Yale Law School in 1956 and served as a trial attorney in the Eisenhower Justice Department. He lives with his wife, Vivian, in Cold Spring Harbor, New York, where they raised their four children.*

### Good News from Ralph Heyman.

Ralph advised us that he is recovering nicely from open heart surgery that was required shortly after returning from his granddaughter's graduation from Dartmouth. [Well done Ralph and stay well, Dave]

**Our Class Notes Editor Marcus Smoller always comes up with a unique input into '53 Out, and here is this month's -- The Millennials. Click, Smile, REFLECT**

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/hLpE1Pa8vvl?autoplay=1&autohide=1&showinfo=0&iv\\_load\\_policy=3&rel=0](https://www.youtube.com/embed/hLpE1Pa8vvl?autoplay=1&autohide=1&showinfo=0&iv_load_policy=3&rel=0)

**“Other days are very near us, as we sing here soft and low,  
We can almost hear the voices of the boys of long ago.  
They are scattered now, these brothers, up and down the  
world they roam.  
Some have gone to lands far distant, from the dear old  
college home.  
Some have crossed the silent river, they are looking down  
tonight.  
And the thought of these old brothers, makes our love now  
Burn so bright.”**

### **Richard H. Confair**

Richard H. (Dick) Confair, 84, of Williamsport passed away with his family by his side on Friday, July 22, 2016. Born on August 18, 1931 in Berwick, PA, Dick was the son of former state senator Zehnder H. Confair and his wife Arlyne (Hoyt) Confair. He graduated from Williamsport High School in 1949 and Dartmouth College in 1953. ***A memorial service is scheduled on Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. at Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA.***

Dick was married to Diane (Miller) Confair for 61 years. After college, Dick attended Army Language School in Monterey, CA before moving with Diane to Stuttgart, Germany where he served in the Counter Intelligence Corp of the U.S. Army. Upon returning to the states, he joined the family soft drink business in Elmira, NY, where he and Diane lived for 11 years. He moved to the business' main location in Williamsport in 1969 eventually assuming the position of president of Confair Bottling Company and Cenpro. After 32 years, Dick sold the businesses to Pepsi Bottling Works. His business interests expanded to include real estate, automobile, and construction companies.

In addition to his business pursuits, Dick enjoyed serving on the boards of Northern Central Bank (chairman), Williamsport Hospital, Williamsport Foundation, YMCA Williamsport, Friends of the Library, Lycoming County United Way, Rotary Club, West Branch Manufacturers Association (executive committee), Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce (executive committee) and Hope Enterprises. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Covenant Central Presbyterian Church (chairman), Lycoming County Republican Committee (finance chairman), and Lycoming College. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children R. Craig (Jill) of Williamsport, Steve (Rita) of Williamsport, Becky Kingston (Andy) of Shelburne, VT, Megan Milton of Hingham, MA and Dave (Brette) of Williamsport. He took great pride in his 14 grandchildren Ryan and Danielle Confair; Jason, Benjamin and Michael Confair; Hayley,

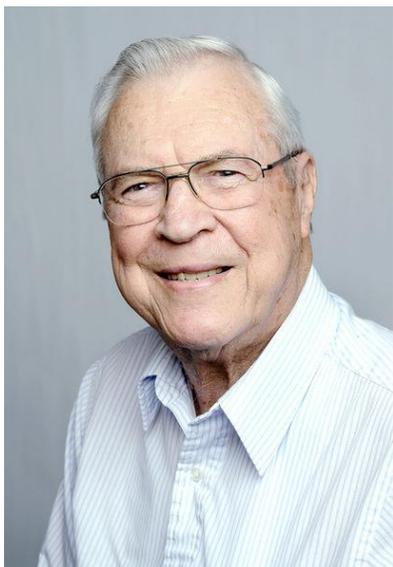
Trevor, and Emily Kingston; Sarah, Caroline, and Katherine Milton; and Maddy, Dylan, and J.R. Confair. Whether skydiving on his 80th birthday, riding roller coasters on his yearly trip to Knoebels with his family, or attending his grandchildren's events, Dick loved life. He found people fascinating and would often be found straggling behind the group as he stopped to talk to people he met along the way. He enjoyed many years of traveling all over the world with Hong Kong, Istanbul, and the Cotswolds being among his favorite places. Dick loved animals, especially dogs and horses. Many remember the time he took his horse up to the second floor of his childhood home. He was easily amused and thought he told good jokes, but when no one laughed he laughed at himself which made it funny to all around him. His spirit, kindness, and optimism will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Williamsport Symphony Orchestra (<http://www.williamsportsymphony.org>), Carl E. Stotz Little League Baseball Scholarship (539 U.S. Route 15 Highway, P.O. Box 3485, Williamsport, PA 17701-0485, Attn: Carl Stotz Scholarship) or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Maneval Allen Redmond Cremation & Funeral Home, 500 West 4<sup>th</sup> St., Williamsport. Send condolences to [www.jamesmaneval.com](http://www.jamesmaneval.com).

### **Harry Bennett**

**News just received that Harry passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at his home in Fairfax, VA. He was born June 13, 1929 in Nutley, New Jersey. He was a longtime resident of the Washington, DC area. He is survived by his wife, Paige Bennett; his children, Kathleen Pratt of Houston, TX, Patricia Johnson of Frederick, MD, Christopher Bennett of Montgomery Village, MD, and Neil Emory of Arlington, VA; by his grandchildren, Charles Pratt, Michael Pratt, Evan Johnson, Amelia Emory, Eric Emory; and by his brother, Robert.**

### **Robert A. Poor, 88**



**MARCH 29, 1928-JUNE 3, 2016**

**Hagerstown, MD – Robert A. Poor, age 88, passed away on June 3, 2016, at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA. He was born on March 29, 1928, in Danvers, MA. He was a son of the late Charles and Gladys (Akerly) Poor. Robert**

served in the U.S. Navy and retired as a commander. He was self-employed for many years before he retired. He leaves his loving wife, Jacqueline “Jackie” (Gauthier) Poor of Hagerstown; 1 son, Stephen Poor of San Jose, CA; 2 daughters, Cyndy Jensen of Portland, OR and Lisa Poor of Portland, OR; 1 stepson, James DeYoung of Greencastle, PA; and 2 stepdaughters Jean Gouel of Ponte Vedra, FL and Janice Mechlinski of Baltimore, MD. He also leaves his 5 beloved grandchildren. He is predeceased by his brother, Charles “Chuck” Poor. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Editor’s note—“Bob was a bass player par excellence that could pace any jam session no matter who or what was playing. Just awesome. He played for the Sultans in College and jammed with many a group.”

#### COLIN WYNDOM PERKINS (Age 53)

Colin is the son of Don Perkins '53, your scribes' roommate our freshman year. Colin's inspiring life story noted below brought many of us to include him as a classmate in our hearts. Here is his story---On Monday, July 11, 2016, Colin Perkins passed away at INOVA Loudoun County Hospital, Virginia. Colin sustained a severe traumatic brain injury in a car accident that changed his life drastically. Despite difficult conditions, Colin retained much of his outgoing personality and sense of humor that family and friends remember from his earlier life.

Colin was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Donald W. Perkins and the late Mary Elizabeth (Sullivan) Perkins and is survived by his wife, Elaine C. (Ours) Perkins of Alexandria, and his father of Greenspring, Springfield, Virginia. He lived in Severna Park, Maryland during his youth, graduated from Severna Park High School and attended American University and its affiliate in Bogotá, Colombia. Colin enjoyed a career working in the DC restaurant industry,

beginning at Stetson's, Sequoia, and Occidental Grill. His last employment was at DC Coast, a part of Passion Foods Hospitality. Colin enjoyed the outdoors and traveling. He liked to spend free time canoeing, hiking, and exploring. He was an experienced scuba diver, making numerous trips to diving locations in the Caribbean. A Service and Celebration of the Life of Colin Perkins was held at The National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska, Avenue, Washington, DC 20016 on Wednesday, July 20, at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Brain Injury Services, Old Keene Mill Road, Suite B-102, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

### **John Wortley, MD**

**July 7, 1931 - May 17, 2016**



**Resident of Saratoga , California**

**Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, John Morgan Wortley, MD, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, surrounded by loving family. He is survived by his wife Loretta (Lori) Wortley with whom he enjoyed 35 happy years of marriage, and her children, Bob Shepherd (Tami) and Sharon Perry. He is also survived by his three daughters, Catharine Lorraine, Elizabeth Anne, and Robin Leigh Wortley Hammond (Kevin), issue of his first marriage to Barbara Wortley. He leaves behind three grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren, all of whom made him proud. He also leaves behind his two beloved younger brothers, Allen (Al) and Cabray Jr. (Cabe) Wortley.**

**John was born in Chicago on July 7, 1931 to Cabray Sr. and Janet Olmsted Wortley. He graduated from Dartmouth College and received his medical degree from University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1956, then served two years in the US Army Medical Corps before beginning a long and successful career as a family practitioner in San Jose and Saratoga. He loved his work and had just retired in 2015 at the age of 83 after 55 years of practice.**

Dr. Wortley enjoyed private practice for 31 years, after which he joined Alma den Family Physicians Medical Group. He also served as Medical Director of Our Lady of Fatima for 28 years. In addition, Dr. Wortley saw patients at Los Gatos Meadows. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and several other professional societies (AMA, CMA, and SCCMS). Dr. Wortley was a valued part of the community and a member of the Saratoga Men's Club and SIRS (Seniors in Retirement). He traveled extensively all over the world and enjoyed skiing, sailing, scuba diving, gardening, building things, fixing things, and quizzically meandering through hardware stores.

He will be remembered as a fine doctor, loving husband, devoted father and brother, and an all-around fun guy. Dr. Wortley will be dearly missed by all who knew him. The family is especially grateful for the love and support of family and friends as well as the quality of care provided by Hospice of the Valley over recent weeks. A private service was held by the family at his home in Saratoga. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dartmouth College or any charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated.

*Your Vision of the World of Your Life at Graduation, 1953 and The Reality of Your Life's Happenings through the Rear View Mirror.*

Dave Salter has an idea to provide a perspective on what is in our minds and our hearts at this Octogenarian stage of this fabulous existence. Saltie's concept is this: "When we graduated from Dartmouth did we have vision of what our life was going to be like, and if so, how does that compare with the reality of what has transpired in our lives. Take a few minutes, collect your thoughts and write me a note to include in the newsletters over the fall. As an example, this will be my submission to the quest:

"In June of 1953 Ike's few statements on the "Book Burners" that Dick Cahn's article treated so well, i.e., don't be afraid to read all of the ideas drifting around, has stuck with me all of my days and taught me to get all of the data on any issue before taking a position. But, in 1953 I had no vision of what my entire life was going to be then as, with the Korean war still present, the commitment to service in the Navy had already been made and that fall I entered the 90 day "wonder" or "blunder" OCS school at Newport and early in 1954 received my gold stripe and entered Navy flight training in Pensacola which would influence the rest of my life. Six years of service as a Navy fighter pilot and instructor, and six more as a reservist provided the technical training and discipline needed to enter my lifelong career in the aerospace business. More importantly, the excitement of the business has made it a constant joy in spite of the setbacks and disappointments. It was what I was made to be doing. and it has been and is still a joy. Since retiring from the industry and forming our own aerospace financial simulation group, I have obtained a perspective of the "whole picture" in which our industry and country live, and whatever dreams of delight and utopia I may have had in those

early years in Hanover have been overtaken by the realities of today's dilemmas. We are all old enough to recall our parents pondering the disaster of the late thirties in politics, world affairs, and overall safety, and the divisiveness in the country. Pearl Harbor happened and it seemed that the whole country started pulling together. I was a paperboy in Newport, R.I. where we spent the war while Dad was fighting in the Pacific and I came to know a lot of adults who wanted to talk. I listened and assimilated the knowledge and the perspective they had on being an American and that was the genesis of my enormous pride in this American citizenship that was a gift. I believe that the only way we will regain that delight and joy of our citizenship will be another catastrophe as great as Pearl Harbor and then we will bury our differences and pull together. That will be sad, but so was WWII and it made us greater. God bless America. Dave",



Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not try to blame others.

HOWEVER, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,  
The pride out of appearance,  
The courtesy out of driving,  
The romance out of love,  
The commitment out of marriage,  
The responsibility out of parenthood,  
The togetherness out of the family,  
The learning out of education,  
The service out of patriotism,  
The Golden Rule from rulers,  
The nativity scene out of cities,  
The civility out of behavior,  
The refinement out of language,  
The dedication out of employment,  
The prudence out of spending,  
The ambition out of achievement  
or God out of government and school.



And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!

And, we DO understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.



Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade!

**YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!**

I'm the life of the party ... even if it lasts until 8 p.m. I'm very good at opening childproof caps ... with a hammer. I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.



I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying. I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere. I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg. I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.



Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life! Now if I could only remember who sent this to me, I wouldn't send it back to them. Or, maybe I should send it to all my friends anyway. They won't remember, even if they did send it. Spread the laughter. Share the cheer. Let's be happy While we're here.



MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA  
AND MAY AMERICA CONTINUE TO THANK GOD!!  
Go Green - Recycle Congress!!!!

## The Road to Yale's Free-Speech Crisis

Nathan Burkan sent in reference to a fascinating article so relevant to the social struggles we are witnessing on university campuses in U.S. today. Here is the opening section and the URL to capture the full article on National Review, an article just too long to include in this newsletter. The report is profound and so related to current events on issues like “Black Lives Matter” and the removal of God from our schools. Thanks Nathan.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/437424/yale-free-speech>

It began in the '60s. Bill Buckley was one of the first to suggest there was trouble brewing on campus when he published *God and Man* at Yale in 1951. He argued that Yale University was doing more to strengthen students' belief in godlessness and Communism than in Christianity and capitalism. It was an early warning. That became clear in the 1960s and 1970s, when universities were the churning center of the anti-war movement, with students rioting against campus police and occupying administrative buildings. Those struggles, which focused in part on accusations of American oppression in the Third World, fed directly into the conflicts of the '80s and '90s over the proper role of the Western canon in undergraduate education. It was in 1987 that Jesse Jackson led Stanford students in a protest of a then-required course in the literature and philosophy of the West, chanting, “Hey, hey, ho, ho, Western culture's got to go.” Throughout these battles, Yale has been both the breeding ground for and the adjudicator of higher education's challenges — from the Buckley-instigated debate over whether universities should hire Communists to Yale's heavy-handed attempts to maintain order in the Vietnam era to the debate in the '90s over a \$20 million donation for a course in the study of Western civilization that was ultimately rejected by the university. All these episodes were subjects of national headlines — and all reflected larger national struggles. In the debates over free speech that raged in the 1960s and 1970s, however, Yale bucked the national trend, issuing a report that stated unequivocally the centrality of free expression to the purpose of the university. The Woodward report — as it was called after C. Vann Woodward, the eminent historian who chaired the committee that wrote it — came in response to a series of events in which speech had been stifled. The report concluded that while certain speech might cause “shock, hurt, and anger” — consequences not to be dismissed — the right to free expression was more important. If the university was to serve its central purpose — to foster “free access of knowledge” — nothing could supersede that right. With campus activism warming up once more, events at Yale are again providing a window onto the national scene. Last fall, the school was engulfed in a months-long scandal over an e-mail about Halloween costumes that ended

with the resignation of two liberal professors, Nicholas and Erika Christakis, from their administrative posts. At root was the collision between the Christakis's' deeply held belief in free speech — for which they have a long record of advocacy — and the university's devotion to cultural diversity, particularly when student protesters are armed with their emotions. Yale might seem to be a deeply conservative place — the breeding ground not only of Bill Buckley but of the two Bush presidents, and for many decades a prime recruiting ground for the CIA. Over the past half century, the school has made attempts, some more grudging than others, to set itself apart from its peer institutions by preserving principle and order. In the 1960s and early 1970s, a series of events spurred charges that the university's attempts to keep the peace were stifling free speech

## Note from George Hathorn, the College Architect Emeritus and one of our adopted classmates.

Hello Dave,

Enjoying life in Hanover and occasionally running in to 53s. As College Architect emeritus, I am very concerned about the state of campus development and new buildings. I think Dartmouth has lost its way in terms of curating the development of the most beautiful campus in the country. To be sure, the campus must accommodate ever changing programs, but those changes should not, and do not have to compromise the beauty we all love, including those who choose to come here to study. In its effort to provide academic excellence it's easy to lose sight of the fact that many who select Dartmouth are ultimately persuaded by its beauty. The word "mediocrity" is anathema to everything about Dartmouth and it's painful to have it begin to apply to the development of the physical campus. I could go on, but thanks for letting me vent. Greetings and best wishes to all 53s. George .T. Hathorn '53a

Dear George, Thanks so much for your “venting” and you are absolutely correct. Many choose to come up to “cold country”, far away from urban civilization and the amenities it brings, and do so not only because of the academic excellence of Dartmouth but for the sheer beauty of the campus and locale. As a fourth generation Dartmouthian that seldom gets to Hanover, I have many thoughts of the glimpse of Baker Library when one arrives on the plain on Route 5; it stirs the heart and the soul. My dad, '19 and Thayer'20, a civil engineer superb as well as an architect, wanted to screen out or tear down both Rollins Chapel and the old Thayer School because of their inconsistency with the vast majority of campus structures. From your report it sounds like a few more will be on the list in the future. Thanks for your candid report and tell us more of what is happening and what should be happening. Thanks George.

PS---the Rollins family, headed by the Governor of New Hampshire in the latter 19<sup>th</sup> century , purchased the land in my home town and later built Rollins College in Winter Park. It is a delightful and competent small college, previously headed by our former Dartmouth Dean Thad Seymour. Rest assured that none of the buildings on campus look anything like Rollins chapel in Hanover. Cheers, Dave

And speaking of buildings, here is Rodger Ewy's take of urban expansion with the note "No end to what developers are willing to do to our environment."



### A Fun and a Bit Teary Note from Bob Nicholson

Dave: I find your call for "happenings" a bit humorous. There is not much "happening" to us old guys other than the keep busy stuff that I'm sure most of us work on. My biggest happening in quite a while occurred two days ago as I came out of a Walmart and found my truck blocked-in by a Van with two women trying to load a couple of chairs in the back. I watched for a bit and finally made a suggestion that was not well received. Then the older lady (much older than her companion) commenced to transfer packages in the vehicle to make a bit of room in the rear. The younger woman immediately started to cram the chairs in. That was enough for me. I handed my one bag to the old gal and commanded "Hold this!" Then I loaded the chairs in the van and retrieved my package. The little old lady looked at me and said, "Thank you. That's man's work. I sure miss my husband." Taken aback a bit I said, "It sure is lonely, isn't it." And she replied to the effect that it sure was and she guessed that I was too. We had a little bit more dialog and she revealed that she had become pretty handy with a hammer and nails. Then she drove off and so did I. It was only on the long drive home that I realized that this was the only conversation I'd had with a woman around my age in several years, and I kicked myself for not prolonging it. You wanted a happening; well you got one. Great story Bob, back to Walmart!

## Royal Ascot 2016: Queen has winner with **Dartmouth**



The Queen pats her horse Dartmouth after Royal Ascot win

Dartmouth, owned by the Queen, won the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot despite a stewards' inquiry. The 10-1 chance, ridden by Olivier Peslier for trainer Sir Michael Stoute, was her first winner at the meeting for three years. An inquiry was held after Dartmouth and Highland Reel came close together but the placings were unaltered. It was a record-equaling 75th triumph at the meeting for Stoute, and a 23rd win for the Queen. Nearly £130,000 in prize money goes to the winner, with the majority of this for the victorious owner. The Queen's racing advisor John Warren said: "It's been a long week and there have been a few ups and downs." "This is the Olympics (of racing) and even to have a runner here is huge. To end up with a winner is so fantastic." Meanwhile, jockey Ryan Moore sealed a Saturday treble when Twilight Son won the Diamond Jubilee Stakes after earlier victories on Churchill and Sir Isaac Newton. Dartmouth won by a head from Highland Reel, with Almodovar third. Victory brought a high for the Queen, a week after her official 90th birthday, following the low of losing her runner Guy Fawkes, who suffered a fatal injury at Ascot on Thursday. Her last triumph at the fixture came when Estimate, also trained by Stoute, won the Gold Cup in 2013. The Newmarket trainer, who equaled the mark of 75 Royal Ascot wins set by the late Sir Henry Cecil, said: "That's a great mark to reach. I hope it doesn't stop there. "He's a lovely, quality horse. Everybody in the yard is very fond of him." *The Queen got such a thrill out of him sticking his neck out--* John Warren, the Queen's racing advisor on Dartmouth "This may prove to have been a significant moment for British racing because of who was alongside the Queen in the winners' enclosure." The Prince of Wales has often been characterized as being ambivalent towards the sport about which his mother is passionate. But there he was, clearly taking an interest and joking with the Queen about her trophies. And the heir to the throne has been here much more than usual this week, even owning two runners. "The Royal support for the 'Sport of Kings' is a massive thing, and, with the future in mind, it's clear that he's taking an active part in being molded to perhaps one day take over a baton that Her Majesty has held for so long." Reese Schonfeld opined that "If the race was at Dartmouth today, they'd call it the Hard Work Stakes."

Dear alcohol,

We had a deal that you would make me prettier, funnier and a better dancer.

I saw the video, we need to talk.

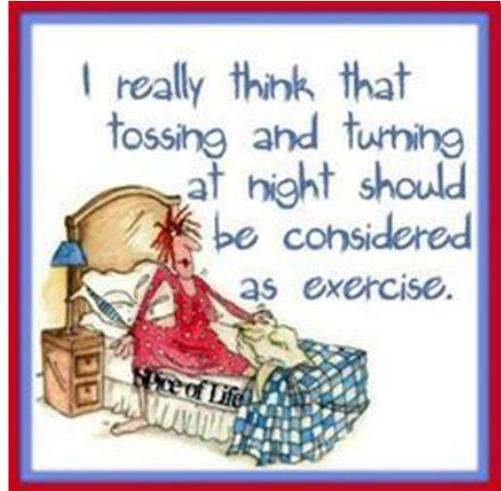
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## MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those that live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go to court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty

## *A Band of Brothers a While Ago --- 1953 Forever*

