

# Along Route '66



—Jim Lustenader

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## Plans for 66th Night 2025

*by Tom Brady*

This year we are again hoping that many classmates will organize 66th Night gatherings for around the 66th night of the year, March 7th. Our only request is that organizers submit photos of attendees and a short summary of your gathering for the June 2025 class newsletter.

To refresh your memories, you can see the classmates who attended and organized our 2024 gatherings in the June 2024 Class Newsletter:

[dartmouth66.org/newslettersNewsletter189.Jun.24.pdf](https://dartmouth66.org/newslettersNewsletter189.Jun.24.pdf)

We are hoping that even more classmates will organize gatherings this year! About half of those groups last year were Zoom virtual gatherings which in some ways were more appealing to classmates because a greater number could participate and from greater distances.

This year, because virtual gatherings will continue to be more common, we are suggesting that classmates organize 66th Night gatherings by geography as well as by “Affinity Group.” For the latter, I encourage any member of a fraternity, sports team, society, or academic major (engineering, for example) to organize a virtual 66th Night gathering with former classmates who were close friends or colleagues during our years in Hanover.

Those of us who have participated in these 66th Night gatherings over the years have found them to be a very enjoyable way to renew

friendships and share experiences. You might be able to participate in multiple gatherings, one or more based on an affinity group and another face-to-face gathering with classmates if geography is not a limitation.

All those who organized gatherings last year, as well as other classmates who would like to organize a gathering, please let me know as soon as possible (Tom Brady, [drtombrady1944@gmail.com](mailto:drtombrady1944@gmail.com)). I’d like to know whether your gathering will be in person or virtual or both and whether it’s for a geographic area or an affinity group.

If it’s for a geographic area, I can help you identify classmates in your geography and provide you with contact information. Pick a day that works for your group (sometime near the March 7th date is recommended). All those who organize in-person meetings with three or more attending will receive a check from our class for \$66 to help cover expenses. Just let me know!

Be sure to take a photo of your group (last year I did a computer screen shot of our virtual group) and send your photos and a note about your gathering to Bob Cohn ([robertmarkcohn@gmail.com](mailto:robertmarkcohn@gmail.com)) and to me for our June 2025 class newsletter.

That’s it and have fun!

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



On November 2, the beautiful Saturday morning of Homecoming weekend, our class gathered at the hilltop home of Paul and Margo Doscher for brunch and our annual class meeting. The business meeting was preceded by a few songs performed by our undergraduate female guests, the Dartmouth *Decibelles*. Twenty-two members of our class attended.

First on the agenda was our Class Treasurer, **Bob Serenbetz**. He distributed copies of our 2024-2025 Profit & Loss plus Asset Budget which had columns for the '23-'24 Budget and Actual financial results, along with the proposed Budget for '24-'25. He noted that the amount donated this year by classmates for our class projects exceeded budget by nearly 20% even though the dues paid was 3% below budget. The bottom-line surplus for the year was \$3,762. Bob also pointed out that we now have \$33,000 reserved to cover expenses of our 60th reunion in 2026. As with previous 5-year reunions, our goal is to offer a “no fee” reunion for all classmates.

Next, **Al Keiller**, provided a report on early planning for our 60th Reunion set for June 15-18, 2026. We are scheduled to be staying in the Richardson dorm cluster, not far from Baker Library. **Budge Gere**, our class Vice President, who is working closely with Al on the reunion program, also provided an update.

**Brad Stein**, our Travel Chairman, next described the class river cruise he has planned for spring of 2025. It will be our version of Lewis and Clark's “Voyage of Discovery” in the Pacific Northwest. Departing on May 23, 2025, we will cruise up the Columbia and Snake Rivers on the *American Harmony*, from the Pacific coast to Idaho, with a historian on board. The trip is currently at capacity, but Brad is keeping a wait list. Since Brad plans these trips for every two years, our next trip will be in 2027.

**Jim Lustenader**, who lives in Hanover, is our classmate overseeing the class's important Pine Park Project on the site of Hanover's former golf course. We have made a \$5,000 gift to the Pine Park Association each of the past two years. Last year it was used to eliminate invasives and to plant desirable trees and shrubs. This year it was used to install benches along the river and elsewhere in the park. Pine Park is a popular destination for Dartmouth students, who rank it their #1 off-campus destination, where they walk the park's six miles of trails and down to the Connecticut River. Jim distributed a handout which included a map of the park and photos he recently took there.

**Albie Macdonald**, our class's Alumni Council representative, was unable to join us due to an upcoming medical procedure, so I summarized Albie's 2-page report on the recent Alumni Council meeting in Hanover. During presentations at the Alumni Council meeting and Q&A with President Beilock and other senior College officers which followed, it became clear that two of the greatest current challenges faced by Dartmouth concern housing and mental health. For housing, Dartmouth plans to add 1,000 new beds close to campus so that 95% of undergrads will be within walking distance of campus versus just 85% today. Regarding mental health, 44% of current students experience depression and 37% have severe anxiety. Because these numbers have doubled in the last decade, there is an urgent need to increase the provision of mental health services for students. Due to serious interest expressed by the class, I agreed to have Albie's full report distributed electronically to all those who attended the meeting.

After the meeting, many class members adjourned to Memorial Stadium for the football game which, unfortunately, Harvard won 31-27, creating a 3-way tie for the Ivy League championship. Our class's final Homecoming weekend event was dinner that night at Jesse's.

—John Rollins

## DEAN THADDEUS SEYMOUR CLASS OF 1966 INTERNS

### Conor Shaheen '25



Conor is a senior from Kensington, Maryland majoring in Government modified with Economics and minoring in Spanish. On campus, he is a coxswain on the heavyweight crew team, a first-year trips leader, and a member of the War and Peace Fellows. In the winter of 2024, he interned with the Foreign Commercial Service at the United States Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Foreign Commercial Service, an office of the International Trade Administration, works to assist American companies doing business abroad. Conor's time was spent drafting reports on Argentina's changing economic and foreign policy, attending meetings with Argentine and U.S. officials, and learning more about American policy objectives in the region. His experience taught him about international trade, policy negotiation, and public economic policy.

Conor loved exploring Buenos Aires and spent his weekends enjoying Argentina's famous food. His work was extremely rewarding and he is now considering a career in diplomacy.

During his internship, his work mostly involved creating market intelligence reports on opportunities for U.S. investment in Argentina and writing reports on trade and foreign policy changes that would affect American companies. He was able to attend meetings with Argentine government officials and business people to learn more about policy negotiation and trade policy as well.

Conor thanked the class for supporting his internship, saying "Having funding from the Dickey Center was vital to my experience. The grant covered my flight, housing, and living expenses during my time there. I am extremely grateful for your generosity and hope to give back to the program when I am an alumnus myself."

### Brooke Leggat '26



Brooke is a junior from Bend, Oregon studying Anthropology and Government. On campus, she is involved in *The Dartmouth* as a Templating Section Editor, Vice President of Women's Club Lacrosse, and does research in the Anthropology department.

In the Spring of 2024, she connected with Graduate Women International (GWI) to organize her internship in Geneva Switzerland. Along with three other interns in GWI's executive office, she helped facilitate communication channels between the organization's branches in 60 countries and 10,000+ global members. She crafted advocacy strategies and engaged in meaningful discussions at the United Nations in Human Rights Council, Committee on the Rights of the Child, and other sessions pertaining to gender equality and education.

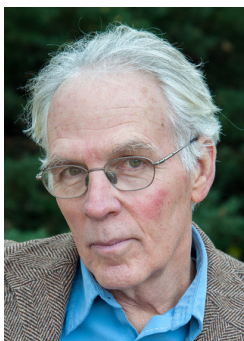
Brooke thrived in her work collaborating with interns from all over the world and thoroughly enjoyed spending time living in the incredible Swiss mountains and scenery throughout her time in Geneva. This experience was invaluable and equipped her with proper advocacy tools to drive change in the international sphere.

In thanking the class, she noted, "I can confidently say that the Dickey Center has played a pivotal role in not only my Dartmouth experience but in my future career aspirations as well. Prior to coming to Dartmouth, I never thought an opportunity like this would be possible, and it is incredible individuals like you all who help provide these absolutely life-changing experiences to students. Your involvement in this program and to the larger Dartmouth community as a whole is so greatly appreciated."

**Ed Dailey** is a US Navy veteran, a graduate of Boston University law school, studied theology at Boston College, and practiced law in Boston for many years. He now leads a religious studies program for the 5th through 8th grades at Nativity Preparatory School in Boston -- a tuition-free Jesuit middle school serving boys of all faiths from low-income Boston families. He also assists with campus ministry and student service programs. In his spare time, he is a sailor, gardener, and active member of two local government boards.



He writes, “Yes, our 80th year; and I remain a DARTMOUTH fan boy! I have the good fortune to visit Hanover often to be with students I have recruited and some Green alumni who live in town. Even with tensions from war and our own many divisions, the vibe and natural beauty of the Upper Valley are so welcome. Back home, I continue to teach and celebrate middle school boys in inner city Boston while my Mary persists in working to move our Church to accept women as equal partners. We also celebrate our young college graduate, Grace, as she travels from Spain last year to Thailand this year teaching English and celebrating cultures and language and people.”



**George Emlen** retired as longtime music director from Revels – a Boston-based national performing arts organization best known for its annual celebration of the winter solstice -- and now lives back in Blue Hill, Maine, with spouse Jan. (He met her at a Dartmouth hockey game in 1965). He reports that “Both children and all 3 grandchildren live within a stone’s throw, which is a sweet blessing. Conducted Handel’s *Messiah* again in December, teaching ‘songcrafting’, and leading Bobby McFerrin-inspired ‘circle singing’ sessions. I am grateful that I can continue

doing what I love and what I am good at.” After Dartmouth, George earned an advanced degree in choral conducting at the New England Conservatory of Music.

**Joe Gustaitis** writes “After graduating from Dartmouth, I went to New York City to attend Columbia University, where I was offered a fellowship. Somehow, I ended up working in television (Emmy Award for writing in 1981). When I worked on the *Bicentennial Minutes*, I wrote for and met an A-list of celebrities, including Bing Crosby, Tennessee Williams, Aaron Copland, and Leonard Bernstein. After television, I was the Humanities Editor for *Collier’s Encyclopedia*. My wife, Cathy, and I moved to Chicago in 2006 to be with our daughter, who had come to the ‘Windy City’ for graduate school and stayed. I have since written four books on Chicago history (with one on the way). My second volume, *Chicago Transformed: World War I and the Windy City*, was named Book of the Year by the Illinois State Historical Society. Now we are enjoying our two extraordinarily gifted and good-looking grandchildren (well, that’s the way I see it). I still have a few friends from Dartmouth with whom I keep in touch. Greetings to all my classmates!”

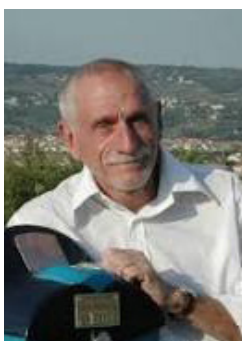


You can find out more about Joe’s books on his website: <https://www.josephgustaitis.com>.

**Peter Griffin** reports that “Life is good in the coastal Maine village of Cundys Harbor. So far, I have managed to fall off neither my tractor nor my sailboat. Catching keeper stripers is hopeless. In addition to serving on a bunch of non-profit boards, I have found my inner nerd over the years, taken up the pipe organ in my barn, and given classes on Bach and Mozart at ‘senior colleges’ in nearby Brunswick and Portland. I enjoy visits from **Bob Bryant** and have occasional lunches with **Gus King** when he is in town.”

**Bill Ramos** notes “Like most of us, I’ve had an interesting life. I grew up in NYC. After Dartmouth there was medical school in Brooklyn and an OB/GYN residency also in Brooklyn (Kings County Hospital). During that time, I converted to Judaism and married Fellow med student Susan Gradstein in 1969. We went to California with the Air Force at Vandenberg AFB for 3 years then on to practice in Reno, NV. We had 3 children: one girl and boy/girl twins.

“Susan & I divorced in 1983. She is still a practicing surgeon in Reno. I remarried in 1984 to Judi Johannessen who came with 4 kids of her own. I burned out on OB/GYN so I took a Pathology residency in Hanover at the old MHMH 1986-90. Then I worked in NYC until 1996. After that we moved to Las Vegas, NV until 2021. My practice there consisted mainly of performing abortions, which I found very rewarding. In 2021 I finally retired at age 77 and we moved to Montgomery County Texas (one hour north of Houston). We are still together after 40 years and loving Texas and retirement. Our 7 kids have blessed us with 7 grandchildren, all from Judi’s flock. They are GREAT grandchildren and very much loved.”



**Chuck Forester** wrote that “The most significant event in my life was knowing for certain that I was infected with HIV by a lovely man in 1975, seven years before AIDS had a name. That makes me perhaps the longest-living AIDS survivor in the country. I hosted my Sonoma friends, plus my son and his wife, on my new deck to celebrate my 80th birthday.” He shared that after a difficult family situation growing up in Wisconsin “I’ve been essentially on my own since I was twelve. Michael Schoch was the love of my life, and we lived together for eighteen years until he succumbed to AIDS. I was part of creating the first queer neighborhood in the country, the Castro [in San Francisco]. I am the former co-chair of the board of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest and most powerful

queer political organization in the country. I led a team of seven that raised \$3.5 million dollars for the Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center in SF’s Main Library, the most comprehensive collection of queer literature in the world.

“I moved from San Francisco to Sonoma County ten years ago, where I am now a queer country gentleman-philanthropist. Son Seth, who established himself as a prominent gaming artist, is now beginning a film career.”

The Mineralogical Society of the United Kingdom (UK) and Ireland has awarded an Honorary Fellowship to **Edward Grew**, a University of Maine research professor. Grew is the first Mineralogical Society Honorary Fellow to be elected from the U.S. since the late Stanford Professor Rodney Ewing (1946-2024) was elected in 2013. Grew has served as an Associate Editor of the Society’s prominent professional journal *Mineralogical Magazine* since 2006. Mineralogical Society President Sally Gibson made the Honorary Fellowship presentation during the 4th European Mineralogical Conference in August at Trinity College, Dublin. The Conference included a special two-day session in Grew’s honor: “The Testimony of the Minerals: A Celebration of Edward S. Grew at 80.”

**Larry Geiger** was in Hanover on September 28th to attend the annual men’s soccer alumni day. Along with Bill Duval he represented the team that won the Ivy title and was the first to make an NCAA tournament 60 YEARS AGO, which Larry says is “Hard to believe.” The photo is in front of the Whitey Burnham plaque at the stadium named after him.



**Don Ries** recalls “In April of 1965 at the Military Ball for all ROTC units at Dartmouth, I met a remarkable young woman who was on the local amateur ski circuit. The Air Force unit hosted the event that year, and our cadet commander, John Von Gorden, was busy with logistics and neglected his date, Linda Bent, of Etna, NH. Being a future ‘officer and gentleman’, I asked her to dance several times. In the fall of ‘65 I called her and asked her to come to the first bonfire. (She had a car, I didn’t). Not remembering who I was she bravely came to the Hanover Inn at the appointed hour, and we had a wonderful evening. After numerous dates senior year, including teaching me how to properly ski, we kept in touch over the summer and that fall as I waited for orders from the Air Force. Assigned to Lowery Air Force base in Denver, CO., I asked her to come out skiing in March of 1967. While there I asked her to marry me, and she accepted. It has been a marvelous adventure ever since. After 4 years in the Air Force, we directed a YMCA camp year-round for 2 years, then 2 years at Michigan State grad school. I taught science and math for 9 years in Vermont and Maine, and together we taught overseas for 35 years. Linda was a self-taught special needs teacher who was always harder to replace than myself when we moved from Africa to Japan to Romania. We also had 3 long-term substitute jobs in Abu Dhabi; Puna, India; and Guttenberg, Sweden. We are blessed with three children and 4 grandchildren.”



In October, **Dick Blacklow** celebrated his 80th birthday with a special “not wild, but epic” party, featuring a playlist created by his son Jeremy.

**Howard Dobbs** lives in England—in Reading, about 40 miles west of London. He is semi-retired but still gives occasional lectures. He also volunteers at the local medical museum and

enjoys being a grandparent, along with his partner Annwyl. He writes “As for sport, I’m more of a spectator than a player, but I’m still happy to kick a ball or throw a frisbee around the garden. I gave up skiing a long time ago.” He notes “My career developed in an unpredicted (by me) fashion. I started as a junior academic doing research and teaching metallurgy and production engineering. I then moved to an orthopedic hospital where I did research in joint replacement design and performance. Then I worked for some large orthopedic companies. Finally, I worked in medical device regulation and later worked in that area as a consultant. I also give lectures on various aspects of the EU Medical Devices Regulation and on Quality Assurance, and have published more than 30 articles on orthopedic implants and on EU medical device regulations.”



“With impeccable timing,” **David Godine** writes, “I managed to sell my publishing company on December 31st, 2019, three months before Covid hit—a fortuitous turn of events as there is no way I could have kept the company afloat during those two years. Lesson learned; when you sell a company, be prepared to toss the keys, walk away, and never look back. The yoda myth—that your contemporaries are going to come begging for advice—is just that, a myth. To fill the time, I have been concentrating on maintaining two rather large houses, hopelessly trying to improve my piano sight reading skills, and absorbing all the books I had pretended to read during my tenure (including, most recently, the Big Green’s Bud Schulberg’s *What Makes Sammy Run*, probably the best novel ever written about the original Hollywood and the gamblers who created it). My two unmarried children are living in Maine and loving it.

“My wife continues to design books. I am juggling all sorts of to-be-expected health issues but managing to stay above the grass.”

**Bill Duval** shared that he and 5 South Fayerweather dorm friends have been Zooming since the pandemic. He notes, “We all gathered in person with wives last weekend [in October] at Tim Barnard’s place in The Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania for a wonderful few days of great conversations, food, and drink. I have attached a picture”



(l to r): Tim Barnard, Larry Forcier, Gary Jefferson, Bill Duval, Bill Todd, Jim Everett

**Lance Dodes** says “I’m at the point that I should write ‘Out of My Later Years’, but regrettably that title’s been taken. Ever since I published a new way to understand and treat the psychology behind addiction, first in academic articles then 3 general audience books (which have happily sold over 100,000 copies), I’ve continued to teach and write about addiction. But my new passion has been ceramics. One of my abstract pieces is currently on exhibition at a juried show, and smaller works are on my Etsy site (LanceDodesCeramics). I still have a very small practice in psychoanalysis and have appeared many times on MSNBC and in print media.”

You can read more about Lance’s work and his books on his website:

<http://www.drancedodes.com>

**Jeff Gilbert** writes that his life, and his family’s, has been full of change in 2024:

“My oldest son Gregg ‘00 had his first (and I am sure only) child (son Marc) in April much to his and his bride Nuria’s delight. Our youngest, Caroline, is nearing completion of her first leg in an 18-month intensive graduate nursing program and loving it. As for Penny and I, we are adjusting to having sold our dream house in Rye, NH after a 22-year run of living by the sea. We now plan to spend

more time in Jackson Hole and contemplating a part-time life in Savannah.”

Although Jeff and his business partner still own and manage an office building and 5 community shopping centers, they are taking steps to sell those businesses in 2 to 3 years. Jeff observes that “my greatest satisfaction for the past 24 years has been the work I have been privileged to do for various non-profits, in particular for Public Television, Art and History museums and the NH State Park System.” He adds, “Somehow we have managed to continue our travels with special trips in 2024 to Southern Africa and Berlin.”

“On a personal front” **Jeff Futter** notes, “I’m playing tennis 3-4 times a week and shooting to defend my Club’s 55-and-over men’s doubles title for the 4th straight year. Serving as President of the Dartmouth Club of Long Island, our Club was recently recognized by the College’s Communities Executive Council for ‘revitalizing a dormant club that had stagnated during Covid and engaging new members in leadership positions’ among other items. Last month, the Club hosted the *Dartmouth Aires* who performed a great ensemble of songs before an appreciative holiday crowd of about 80 people at a local country club. Susie and I are currently planning (with others in Susie’s family) a trip to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City for next March, primarily to visit a nephew who is teaching English in Hanoi.

“Regarding my youthful daughters, the 25 and twin 23 year olds, although unfortunately none went to the Big Green, they’re all gainfully employed in solid jobs that keep them busy; and all play tennis pretty well which is good for me.

“Finally, I’m very much looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2026!”

**Budge Gere** reports a busy year of travel, family milestones observed, and engagement in Class of ‘66 activities. Travels, first with a University of Michigan group in February to Australia and New Zealand and then to Greece

## NEWS OF CLASSMATES

in June, were delightful. Interspersed were two ski trips, including the Dartmouth '66 Mini-Ski trip to Colorado in March thanks to Tim and Toni Urban's hospitality at the Shire. Meanwhile, back in Ann Arbor, spouse Anne was recognized by the University of Michigan, her former students and national leaders in the fields of English and education for her many contributions over the past 50 years at a four-day event dubbed ANNEFEST.

He continues, "As for Dartmouth involvement after ski season, the terrific 80th Birthday Party in May in Washington, the Class of '66 Golf Mini-Reunion in Bentonville, AR, and Homecoming in Hanover were all fun times to get caught up with classmates. On a somber note, upon the death of Chuck Vernon, both a boarding school classmate and Dartmouth roommate as well as best man at our wedding, his family invited me to lead a Celebration of Life highlighting Chuck's wide-reaching influence on countless people throughout his life. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving 250 people gathered at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT where Chuck was a coach, mentor and administrator for 50 years to celebrate the life of a true force for good in this world."

A final word from Budge: "As we look forward to our 60th Class Reunion in June 2026, I join the others planning the event urging you to mark your calendar NOW to be in Hanover **JUNE 15-17, 2026!**"

## HOMECOMING 2024

As has been our custom for over 30 years, the Class of 1966 held a Homecoming mini reunion, this year November 1-2. We had a terrific turnout.

Participating in one or more of our gatherings were Elizabeth and **Jim Lustenader**, **David Johnston**, **Ben Day**, Sue and **Jon Colby**, Mary and **Brad Stein**, Anne and **John Rollins**, **John Pearson** and Cynthia Simeone, **Steve Zegel**, Sharon and **Gary Broughton**, Karen and **Bob Serenbetz**, Margo and **Paul Doscher**, Marya and **Paul Klee**, **Steve Lanfer** and his son Peter, **Chuck Sherman** and Margie Carpenter, Anne and **Budge Gere** (and Budge's cousin Connie Quinby), Myra and **Hector Motroni**, Susan and **Lewis Greenstein**, **Gary**

**Jefferson**, **Rick MacMillian** and Augusta Petrone, **Tom Hooper**, Toni and **Tim Urban**, Susan and **Gus Southworth**, Debbie and **Alan Rottenberg**, Teresa and Abigail Carpenter, and Jo and **Al Keiller**.

We kicked things off with a pizza, salad, wine, beer and '66 cake supper in Rockefeller Center at 5 PM Friday. At 7 PM we joined the parade of classes marching from adjacent to the football stadium around the Green and to the front of Dartmouth Hall. We seem to be advancing closer to the front of the parade order each year as older classes thin out. Lots of students and Hanover townsfolk cheered us on. The Glee Club opened the traditional Dartmouth Night festivities, followed by speeches by President Beilock, Athletic Director Harrity, and captains of the women's rugby team and the Big Green football team. Following the singing of the Alma Mater, the bonfire was lit and soon its warmth and glow filled the Green as the Class of 2028 circled the fire.

On Saturday morning, we gathered at the home of our gracious hosts, Paul and Margo Doscher, for brunch and our Class Meeting. A special treat this year: the *Decibelles* women's singing group sang several songs for us. John Rollins chaired the meeting, summarized in the President's Letter. Cider donuts, delicious quiche, salad and special dessert fortified us before heading over to the football game. The football game was exciting with Harvard taking an early lead, then the Big Green coming on strong at the end of the first half and during the third quarter. A late surge by the Crimson in the fourth quarter resulted in a touchdown to take a four-point lead with 27 seconds left. Despite the short time remaining, Dartmouth quickly drove to the Harvard 35 but a final-second "hail Mary" pass was batted away in the Harvard endzone and Harvard won 31-27.

Saturday evening, we gathered at Jesse's Restaurant for cocktails followed by dinner. Brook Leggat '26 spoke to us over dessert about her experiences in Geneva Switzerland as a Class of 1966 Dean Thaddeus Seymour International Intern. As usual, our student guest's comments were a highlight of the evening, and a most enjoyable end to a terrific Homecoming weekend of Dartmouth Class of 1966 fun, friendship and fellowship.

— Al Keiller

# 2024 HOMECOMING MINI-REUNION



Saturday Morning Class Meeting at the Doscher's Home



Saturday Evening Dinner at Jesse's



John Rollins, Brad & Mary Stein, Tim Urban, Anne Rollins, Toni Urban



Al & Jo Keiller



Friday Evening Pizza Supper in Rockefeller Center



David Johnston, Steve Lanfer, Debbie & Alan Rottenberg



Elizabeth & Jim Lustenader, Bob Serenbetz

## REMEMBRANCES PAST & PRESENT

This section of Along Route '66 is a place for us to share our memories both of classmates who have passed away and of the times we shared during our college years.

### Chuck Vernon

Chuck Vernon passed away in October (see obituary on page 19). Before entering Dartmouth, Chuck attended Williston Academy (now the Williston Northampton School) in Easthampton MA. The school posted the following tribute on its website in his honor:

“Chuck Vernon excelled at football, hockey, and lacrosse during his seven years at Williston. In football, Vernon was a standout earning All-New England honors as a senior playing for Hall of Fame coach Rick Francis. During the winter season, he headed to the frozen pond to play hockey for another legendary Williston coach, Dan Carpenter. He captained the team as a senior, scoring 21 goals in his final year. Remarkably, his line accounted for an astounding 91 out of the 96 points scored by the team that winter! In the spring, Vernon captained the lacrosse team. At the end of his senior year, he and classmate David “Whitey” Felsen '62, another Hall of Fame member, shared the Denman Award given to the top athlete in the school. In a remarkable tribute to a young Chuck Vernon, the family of a classmate gave a victory bell to the school named in his honor because they were so impressed with him as a teammate and competitor. Until this day, ringing the Chuck Vernon Victory Bell on game days remains one of our school’s most cherished traditions. After Williston, Vernon went on to a multi-sport career at Dartmouth College. Following his graduation in 1966, he began his coaching career at Loomis Chaffee where he would eventually coach 135 teams over 50 years! To honor his outstanding contribution to girls’ ice hockey, NEPSAC named the Elite Division championship tournament in his honor. Yes, the very same championship trophy Williston has won in the last two years!”

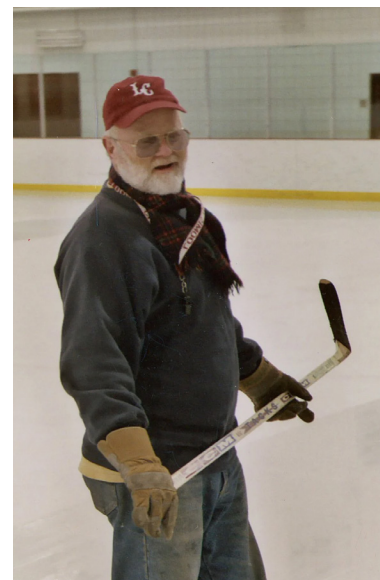
In November, Rev. **Budge Gere**—who was a classmate of Chuck at Williston, roomed with him at Dartmouth for three years and was a fraternity brother—presided over a Celebration of Life ceremony at Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT, where Chuck had “an incredible impact on

thousands of Loomis students over decades as a coach and mentor.” About 250 people attended the event in the school auditorium.

Here are some selected excerpts from Budge’s remarks at the event:

“Chuck was the embodiment of playwright Oscar Wilde’s quote ‘Be yourself, because everyone else is already taken.’ A large self it was. Chuck was a force, a presence, a person with an irrepressible spirit. He filled a room, and yet it was in a most self-effacing way.

“By his nature, Chuck built communities; a family; a team; life in a dorm or a fraternity or an entire school; among friends; around walking groups.... In every situation Chuck found himself he was a leader. Whether it was front and center or in a support role, he led others by the quality of his character and by his work ethic. His charismatic nature influenced people. He really didn’t try to, but he made a big impact wherever he went. He was a community builder. Large group or small, it didn’t matter. He brought people together.



“He was an educator, which a good coach and a leader of programs, especially in a secondary school, should be first and foremost. And he was a friend, again caring for others and sharing himself in whatever ways he intuited were needed and would be helpful.

“Given what we have heard and seen and what we know of Chuck’s life, we know the valley of love and delight for him was the Connecticut River Valley, as he grew up in Massachusetts in Easthampton, then went north up the Connecticut River to Dartmouth in Hanover, New Hampshire, a region called the Upper Valley. And then, for the past

almost 60 years he called Windsor, Connecticut, his home from September to June, broken up only with summers spent on the Jersey Shore in Bay Head. Especially on the campus here at Loomis, Chuck shared love and became beloved. Here he found delight in coaching, mentoring, building the spirit that embodies the Loomis-Chaffee community, while in turn bringing delight to others thanks to his presence in the school community.

“He was self-effacing, almost to a fault, as during college he convinced himself and an impressionable me that other guys were smarter than we were. But Chuck was plenty smart; he just didn’t think books should get in the way of an education ...for either of us.

“Part of what made humor such a part of Chuck’s interaction with us all was that for him, given his lack of adornment of things, his never gilding a lily but calling things as he saw them, meant that there were absolutes. Character was no laughing matter. His personal strong moral character pointed to his true north moral compass. His sense of decorum was not based on style but substance—knowing right from wrong, what was and what wasn’t appropriate in given situations, what, in the long run, matters and what doesn’t.”

### **Don Glazer**

**Rick Reiss** shared his heartfelt comments and personal thoughts about Don Glazer, who passed away in October:

“Our classmate, Don Glazer, passed away [in October] following a multi-year battle with cancer. He refused to give in or give up and set goals for himself to achieve or finish right to the end. He completed final edits to the fourth edition of his renowned textbook on legal opinions, just hours before his death.

“I met Don freshman year in the basement of Gile Hall in the fall of 1962--you can do the numbers. As I am sure was the case with other dorms, we had a remarkable group of young men, virtually none from places of privilege or families with a history of an Ivy League education. There was **Gary Bryson** from Longview, Washington, who was a pitcher and went on to lead a number of companies including as a pioneer in cable television; **Tom Brady** (our Tom Brady) from Toledo, Ohio, who became an engineer and proceeded to revolutionize the plastics industry in the U.S.; **Gene Nattie** from Quincy, Mass, a three-

sport athlete who graduated from medical school, became a brain scientist and taught for many years at Dartmouth Medical School; and, there was Don (Donny as he was known to almost everyone).

“From the very get-go, there was something about Don that stood out—he was smart; not just smart, but in some ways unimaginably smart. I realized this when he calmly told me the night before our first set of midterms why he was not poring over his physics textbook as I was trying to do for Chem 3. To paraphrase: ‘Look Rick, I read it once and I basically remember everything I read.’ It was that simple (for him, not me).

“My first impressions of Donny were borne out: Senior Fellow; Summa Cum Laude; #3 in our graduating class (I recall); Harvard Law School; Law Review; Legal Scholar; Partner in one of the great old-line law firms (Ropes & Gray); successful businessman; entrepreneur; poet; and philanthropist. I am certain none of this came easy and under the surface there was a driven persona. But from our earliest interactions in the basement of Gile Hall, I somehow understood that this was a person who would leave his mark on the world—and he did!

“Life as they say throws many curve balls and causes people to go in different directions—as was the case with Donny and me. Frankly, one of my regrets is that following graduation until our 45th reunion, we really did not see each other much or have the chance to interact either professionally or on the tennis courts—which I came to understand was a profession/obsession for him. He loved the game, and he surrounded himself with younger, former high-level players and never stopped trying to improve his game or to win the final match.

“Whether it was losing touch, living in different cities or just the demands of our careers and families, Donny, who was one of my closest friends at Dartmouth, and I just drifted apart. This of course proved to be my loss both personally and economically. You see, Don did call me to brag or gloat a little when he successfully orchestrated the IPO of a little biotech company, BeiGene, that according to Don, was going to cure cancer (or some cancers). Don was a co-founder and provided legal counsel in return for an equity interest in the company. I am or was in the investment business and I thought, what does a Jewish kid from Shaker Heights, a religion major at Dartmouth and a Harvard-trained lawyer

know about biotechnology? A lot more than the rest of us, it turned out. My loss! BeiGene has become a major player in the biotech world, a respected global enterprise and a company on whose board Don served as a Director until his death.

“I want to tell you quickly about how we reignited our friendship. It was April 2012, and I was in Boston for, among other reasons, the Yankee-Red Sox game commemorating the 100th anniversary of Fenway Park. Donny organized a dinner near my hotel with **Alan Rottenberg, Dave Johnston** and myself. It was a day or two before Don and Alan’s Harvard Law School Reunion. For some reason, as a result of our conversation, Don and I set up a classmate of his at law school, who is my daughter’s mother-in-law, with a friend of his from Boston. Not only did it work out for Jane and Bob, but my friendship with Donny was rekindled. I mean this was a one-in-a-million fix up. Of course, his subsequent invitations to visit him in his newly acquired house in Punta Cana may have helped as well. Pretty soon we were back to a level of friendship and camaraderie that surpassed our original connection that began in the fall of 1962. I also credit Donny with bringing together other Dartmouth friends and fraternity brothers for annual, fun-filled get togethers in the Dominican Republic. This time around we really got to know each other and experience the highs and lows of each other’s lives. Believe me, we all have them.

“By the start of 2024, Don was very ill, and it was clear that his days were numbered. But he still loved tennis, and he set two more goals. The first was to see Roger Federer, in person, deliver the commencement address at Dartmouth. I arranged to meet him at the Hanover Inn and secured almost front row tickets to watch. As you all know, Dartmouth graduations are held outside regardless of weather conditions. Don and I sat in the pouring rain for about three hours; guests are required to be seated at 9am. We shivered for the entirety of the proceedings. Federer was off-the-charts great. I assume you have all seen it on YouTube. Don loved every minute of the talk, and I was just happy he survived! Don had amazing powers of recovery and two weeks later, he achieved his other goal: he treated his seven closest tennis friends to four days at Wimbledon. He was never happier than when he was watching or playing tennis.

“Donny led an amazing life. It was, as those of us who knew him well, a bit unconventional; not exactly

in accordance with the norms “expected” of “us”—post war kids born to first- or second-generation parents, who spent their high school, college and graduate school years setting up for success in their parents’ eyes’ and of course living that Father Knows Best family lifestyle. That wasn’t to be for Don, nor will it be part of this eulogy... What is to be, is that Don Glazer was a uniquely gifted individual who used his intelligence, his business acumen and his generosity to significantly improve the lives of family, friends, children around the world and medical research which will, someday, contribute to finding that illusive cure for cancer.

“As a wise, old crooner may well have said about Don Glazer: ‘I did it my way.’ He most certainly did!”

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**Ben Cohen** also sent in his comments about Don’s generosity toward others:

“Donny helped many people out of the kindness of his heart and turned their lives around. There are too many to list, but here are some examples of what he has done:

- The son of a person he was close to was struggling with school and getting involved with drugs. Donny arranged to get him to go straight and then got him into a private school which Donny paid for, and then paid for his college education, where he succeeded. That youngster today is now a very successful dentist in New York City.
- Donny was also a lifelong tennis player. He played tennis virtually every day. Even as he approached 80, he played with 30-year-olds, some of whom are pro’s. He has helped many of his tennis buddies when they were in financial need.
- About 6 years ago Donny was diagnosed with not one, but two different kinds of cancer. His doctors at Mass.General Hospital in Boston had never seen that before. But Donny was a fighter, and he continued to play tennis every day that he could despite getting the treatments for his cancers. Donny bought a beautiful home in Punta Cana, D.R., where he could go to recuperate and play tennis year-round even in the winter. There was a tennis facility that had six or seven teenage boys there to play with people who needed a partner.



These boys were good tennis players, but they were too poor to go to a decent school. Donny got all of them into a good private school and paid for all their high school educations. As of this year, four of those boys were graduating from high school. Donny got them into a good college in Puerto Rico, where he paid for their college educations.

“For the last three years Donny has invited any of our Pi Lam brothers and their wives down to stay at his home in Punta Cana. Many of us have gone down there and spent a week or two at that beautiful home. Last year we had 13 (including wives, most of whom were our girlfriends in our Dartmouth days).

“Donny also invited us all back, next year (2025) to Punta Cana, whether he would be alive or not. That’s Donny.”

### **Professor Thomas Kurtz**



Thomas E. Kurtz, a mathematician and inventor of the simplified computer programming language known as BASIC, which allowed students to operate early computers and eventually propelled generations into the world of personal

computing, died in November in Lebanon, N.H. He was 96.

In its obituary, the New York Times noted, “In the early 1960s, before the days of laptops and smartphones, a computer was the size of a small car and an institution like Dartmouth College, where

Dr. Kurtz taught, had just one. Programming one was the province of scientists and mathematicians, specialists who understood the nonintuitive commands used to manipulate data through those hulking machines, which processed data in large batches, an effort that sometimes took days or weeks to complete.

Dr. Kurtz and John G. Kemeny, then the chairman of Dartmouth’s math department, believed that students would come to depend on computers and benefit from understanding how to use them. “We had the crazy idea that our students, our undergraduate students, who are not going to be technically employed later on—social sciences and humanities students—should learn how to use the computer,” Dr. Kurtz said in an interview for Dartmouth in 2014. “Completely nutty idea.”

Many classmates wrote in to share their thoughts and memories of Professor Kurtz:

**Tom Brady:** “We of course didn’t realize back in 1962 that our freshman math teachers, John Kenney and Thomas Kurtz, were ‘creating the future’ that we live in today!” He adds that when he was studying for his Ph.D., “using the University of Michigan computer system with punch cards and no time sharing was so complicated that I never used computers during my doctoral degree program.... Kemeny and Basic and Time Sharing had spoiled me!”

**Bill Hayden** remembers (vividly!) “...taking a math course with Kemeny. He had us working in BASIC...and I ‘ran a tape’ on a math problem. The computer ate the tape, took a couple of seconds to respond...then printed out: ‘You idiot, there is an infinite loop in your program’. That wasn’t the only time I’ve been called an idiot...but it was the only time a computer did so!”

**Neal Zimmerman:** “I read an article about Basic some years after we graduated. There were quirks in the compiler that took years to find and be removed. If you wrote a line of code: ‘Who is Bob?’ You would get a smartass answer about him being one of the math grad students assisting Kemeny and Kurtz. Cute.”

**Rick MacMillan:** “I remember taking Calculus as a sophomore, thinking I could handle it. I believe Kurtz was the professor, maybe in a tag team with Kemeny. After a week I think I took advantage of the drop option, and never looked back.”

**John Rollins:** “I too took Calculus sophomore year and had Kemeny. Mid-semester, he set aside one class to teach us his new language, Basic, instead of calculus. In less than an hour Kemeny taught the entire class how to program in Basic (there are just 10 instructions). Given what was happening in the Dartmouth Math Dept under Kemeny and Kurtz, I soon switched my major from Engineering to Math. As an honors math major, Kurtz became my advisor, and I worked closely with him until we graduated. Dartmouth was 100% undergrads at that time, so it was up to us, not grad students, to identify any bugs in Basic before it was released more widely. I recall my excitement when I discovered such a bug. When I squared a number, I got a different result than when I multiplied it by itself. I reported it to Kurtz and overnight it was fixed. Basic was on its way to being released for use over the nationwide DTSS (Dartmouth Time Sharing System) network. It’s remarkable to me that a bunch of undergrads, under Kemeny and Kurtz, were able to accomplish this.”

**Jim Weiskopf:** “I was the manager of the freshman and varsity swimming and diving teams. You might recall that to score the diving competition, there were five judges. To compute the diver’s score, you threw out the high and low scores and averaged the remaining three. We had a dumb terminal at poolside and inputted the five scores through it to the main frame computer, and like magic, the computer gave us the diver’s score. Pretty rudimentary stuff, but Dartmouth was the first college in the nation to use a computer to score diving! Another first!”

**Richard Friedman:** “When we were going through freshman class selection many of the departments had tables in a hall with faculty. When I got to the math dept table I wanted to sign up for first year calculus but the department chairman, Kemeny, looked at my paperwork and said that my 3 score on the AP test indicated I should start the sophomore 2 term series. I had never been comfortable with calculus, and I tried arguing with him which was a non-starter so ended up in sophomore calculus. I managed a respectable B but never felt comfortable with the material. My next encounter was with Kurtz in Numerical Analysis and Computer Programming Spring quarter of freshman year. I had no idea what Numerical Analysis was, but Computer Programming sounded interesting. This preceded BASIC and we programmed in ALGOL

which I did find interesting. But the class was full of junior and senior math majors and the Numerical Analysis content earned me my one and only D in my Dartmouth career. It also discouraged me from pursuing a math major which is probably just as well.”

**Bill Risso** is another classmate who changed his major after interaction with Professor Kurtz. He writes, “Tom Kurtz’ course on ‘imaginary numbers’ stopped me cold in my early math major. I refused to understand the concept of the square root of -1, and never grasped why anyone would care. Tom called me in to deliver a somber message. ‘You are simply not able to continue with Math as your major. I will arrange for you to meet with a professor at Thayer School (no less than the Dean, Myron Tribus). I will tell him that you are intelligent but have chosen the wrong major. I will encourage him to accept you into the engineering curriculum and will transfer credits you have earned here. If you don’t wish to accept a transfer, then I will fail you in this course.’ Devastated, I agreed. Best decision I ever made. I developed a close relationship with my mentor, John Strobehn who many times in future years stayed with us in DC as he reported for grant reviews.”

Bill concludes, “I last saw Tom at the 50th celebration of BASIC here in Hanover. He gave me his wry grin and agreed that we both had made the right decision, painful as it was for both of us. I owe Tom my career as Chief Information Officer at the NIH... and as well terminating early on, what would have been a non-illustrious career as a mathematician somewhere. Thanks, Tom. Possibly the most influential person in my life (other than Mom, Dad, and my amazing wife Sharon).”



Prof. Kurtz and '66 Classmate Mike Busch testing a new computer in the basement of College Hall -- 1964

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Change is constant, and it generates the need for such conversations. It has been a delight to read classmate remembrances of Professor Kurtz. His impact has lived well beyond our years at Dartmouth, and well beyond the demise of Cobalt and Basic, major changes to which we have had to adjust (and there are still conversations going on about Basic).

Dartmouth has provided that ability to learn, of which we are recipients, and to apply that learning to create a life well lived, since its creation in 1769. Throughout Dartmouth's history there have been no periods of time wherein difficult conversations did not exist. We know that.

Look at the life John Rollins has lived, despite the politics, war and controversies of the times. Teaching, business development, etc. and serving in the Union Army. (You didn't know how old John is? Really? Actually, *that* John Rollins graduated in 1839.)

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Head Class Agent



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## NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS RICK REISS



Louise Mirrer, David Rubenstein, Angus King, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Rick Reiss, Jon Gray, Anita Wien, Agnes Hsu Tang

On Monday evening December 2, Rick Reiss was honored by the New-York Historical Society, now officially known as The New York Historical, with their 1804 Founders Medal for Distinguished Service to the museum. Rick is a long-time trustee of the museum and served as Chair of its Executive Committee.

He received the honor along with the History Maker's Award given to Doris Kearns Goodwin, and the Medal of Merit for Public Engagement (posthumous) accepted by Anita Wien for Byron Wien, NYH's longest serving trustee and Rick's long-time friend, who recently died at the age of 90.

Rick notes that "The highlight of the evening for me was receiving the award from classmate Senator **Angus King**, who made some wonderfully generous remarks (speaking perfectly without notes). My comments, not nearly as elegant, were

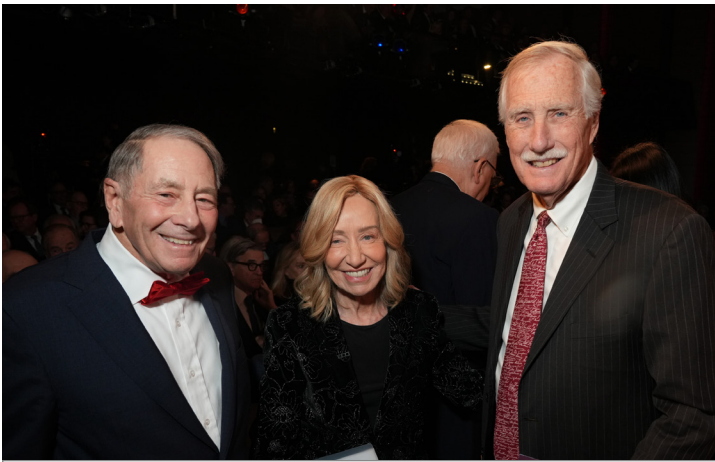
both written and rehearsed. Dartmouth was well represented at the event with men and women from a range of classes (1966 to 2006)."

Here are Rick's remarks at the award ceremony:

"I am overwhelmed; feels like I was just elected to the Hall of Fame. My thanks to the Board. I know how time-consuming it is to vet anyone; my last FBI vetting was in 1962 for the National Honor Society.

"Speaking of societies, I am either the last honoree of the 220-year-old 'New-(hyphen)York Historical Society,' or the very first of 'The New York Historical.' I choose both; no one else will ever be able to stake that claim!

"Initially they offered me the 26-minute time slot, but I persuaded David and Doris to switch. You indulge me for three minutes, then you are treated



Rick Reiss, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Senator Angus King

to a scintillating conversation. Doris' new book is delightful. For those contemporaries of her and me, born in the 40's, growing up in the 50's and 60's, experiencing through Doris the events she and her husband Dick Goodwin witnessed—literally in the room, with the people, who made history happen. Their recollections are a *tour de force*.

“I have 90 seconds remaining to recognize a few people, and to say something ‘profound’. Roger Hertog—he called me one day and kind of ‘suggested’ I consider an involvement with NYHS. He was subtly coercive and, of course, right; I have benefitted enormously ever since. Great institutions do not just arrive, survive and thrive in cyber. Exceptional leadership is the *sine-qua-non* of greatness, and this museum has two of the very best in the business: Chair, Agnes Tsu Tang, and CEO, Louise Mirrer. Dedicated, determined, decisive, and always delivering their messages with delectable smiles.

“Angus King—friend, college classmate, and U.S. Senator. I wish him continued success in his never-ceasing efforts to craft bipartisan legislation that has buy-in from both sides. Angus, you are the quintessential Senator our Founding Fathers envisioned when they drafted Article 2, Section 3 of The Constitution.

“Of the various programs I have been involved with, I really love our Speaker Series on Constitutional Law and History. Bonnie and I thought this subject provided an opportunity. We knew first-hand that NYC was home to many top Constitutional Law scholars; if you hand them a mike, they are also great performers.

We have now completed a decade—30 programs about contemporary and often contentious issues for which the Constitution is the basis of many life-changing decisions. Thanks to those speakers, many of whom are here, for allowing us to make this idea come alive.

“It is a special honor to receive this medal as we recognize Byron Wien, NY Historical's longest serving trustee until his passing at 90. For over 50 years, Byron was a friend, mentor, godfather to my children and grandchildren and, with his wife, Anita, a global travel companion, tennis partner and ski buddy. For me his most poignant life lesson: ‘Never retire. If you work forever, you can live forever. I know there is an abundant amount of biological evidence against this theory, but I am going with it anyway.’

“Me too, so thank you Byron.

“No matter how you feel about recent contemporary events or how concerned you are for our country, future generations, and democratic ideals, we have been here before. We have seen worse, and we always come through better. We will survive, and we will emerge stronger for it. How do I know? Because history is on our side. Unlike Byron, I am not 100% certain, but I too am going with it anyway. Thank you again for this incredible honor.”

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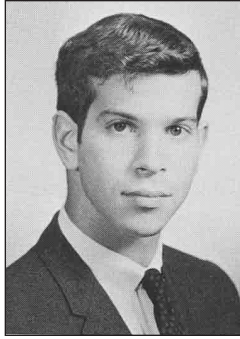
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**Donald W. Glazer**

Adventurer, Author, Lawyer, Problem Solver, Tennis Lover, Father and Grandfather, Don Glazer — lawyer, problem solver, magician, poet, passionate tennis player, father and grandfather — died, surrounded by loved ones, on October 25th. He was 80 years young.



In the final months of his long struggle with lung cancer and multiple myeloma, he continued to live life to the fullest, including working tirelessly on his book *Glazer and Fitzgibbon on Legal Opinions*, taking his tennis buddies to Wimbledon, playing cornhole with his grandchildren and having “movie nights” with friends. Even when gravely ill, Don often declared, “I’ve lived a charmed life.”

Don graduated from Dartmouth College, served on the *Law Review* at Harvard Law School, and was a partner at Ropes and Gray. Later Don partnered on multiple business ventures, served as Chairman of the Board of Mutual Funds at Grantham Mayo Waterloo, authored *Massachusetts Corporation Law & Practice*, served as special counsel to Goodwin Procter and co-founded a Chinese biotech company, Beigene, that develops life-saving cancer treatments.

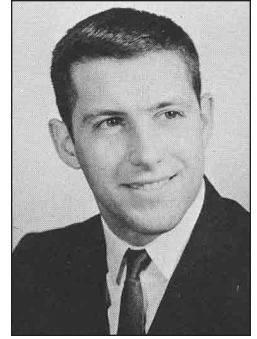
Don fell in love with tennis in his 30’s and it remained his passion for the rest of his life. He was an indefatigable adventurer who loved to travel. He found as much wonder in an afternoon excursion to Quincy as in a trip to the Galapagos or Afghanistan.

An amateur magician, who loved finding creative and practical solutions to problems, Don embraced the challenges of launching Beigene. When his efforts yielded financial rewards, Don welcomed the opportunity to “do good with good.”

Don leaves his two daughters, Elizabeth Levesque and Mollie Van Horn and his five grandchildren. Don’s brothers, Neil Glazer and Steve Glazer also survive him.

**Charles W. Spehrley Jr.**

Charles W. Spehrley Jr. “Corky” of Key Colony Beach, FL, formerly of White River Junction, VT, passed away peacefully in Jamison, PA on September 24, 2024. He was 80 years old.



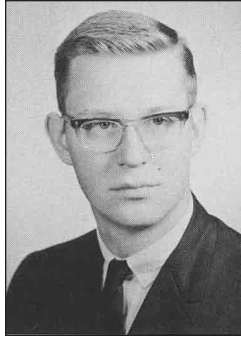
Corky was born in Pottsville, PA a son of the late Charles W. and Mary M. Spehrley. Corky graduated from Pottsville High School in 1962, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He was president of the National Honor Society and class Salutatorian. He attended Dartmouth College, was Social Chairman of Sigma Nu Delta, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. In 1968 Corky graduated from the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth with a master’s degree in Mechanical and Electrical engineering. He joined Creare Inc. in Hanover, NH while in grad school and continued with them upon graduation. A prolific inventor with numerous patents, he contributed to the invention of facsimile technology, patented the first ink jet printer head, and designed a mechanical heart valve. In the 1980’s he co-founded Spectra Inc. in Etna, NH and in 1999 he retired and began a very successful consulting business.

He was married to Karen Ann Wetherill of Wrightstown, PA for 15 years and had 2 daughters, Kimberly Spehrley Laughlin and Kristen Wetherill Mims. They resided in Hartford, VT. In 1981 he married Dianne Peluso of Manhattan, NY. They built homes in White River Junction, VT and in Key Colony Beach, FL, between which they divided their time. Corky was a valued member of both communities. He was an avid racquetball and tennis player, and he loved to fish. He was widowed from Dianne in 2010. Most recently he relocated to Jamison, PA to be closer to family.

Corky is survived by his daughter Kimberly S. Laughlin, his grandchildren, his great grandchildren and his brother David N. Spehrley. He is preceded in death by his wife Dianne P. Spehrley, and his daughter Kristen W. Mims.

**Paul Allan Stokstad**

Paul Allan Stokstad died peacefully in his sleep on July 8 in Auburn, California. He had been diagnosed the previous year with Lewy body dementia.



Paul was born in Pearl River, New York on March 25, 1944. At Dartmouth, Paul majored in physics and was a member of Alpha Chi Alpha. Afterward he stayed in Hanover to complete two degrees in Engineering at Thayer School, Bachelor’s (1967) and Master’s (1968). Later he served Dartmouth and Thayer through several fund-raising committees and on the Executive Committee of the Dartmouth Society of Engineers.

Paul started his company, PASCO Scientific, while he was still a Dartmouth undergraduate. While working on his Master’s at Thayer, he won a prize for his design of a Vibrating Reed Electrometer. Paul was particularly motivated by the demonstration-filled lectures of Professor Francis Sears, who encouraged Paul’s interest in physics experimentation.

Paul was an avid sailor, with the San Francisco Bay his sailing playground for 50 years. He was also active in the local business community, participating in the Roseville Chamber of Commerce, fund raising for Placer County’s United Way campaigns, and eventually establishing the PASCO foundation to serve various not-for-profits in Placer County.

In 1996, he married Shelley Burdick. The couple took numerous active roles at the Roseville Seventh-day Adventist Church, including several mission trips to Latin America and Africa helping to build schools. Paul served on the board of Maranatha Volunteers International, and in 2000 he received an Honorary Doctorate in Science from Andrews, having served on the institution’s board of trustees for more than 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Shelley, his brother Robert, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service took place November 2, 2024.

**Charles D. Vernon**

Charles Dearden Vernon was born on November 4, 1944, in Worcester, Massachusetts and died peacefully on October 18th in Hartford, Connecticut from medical complications. Chuck grew up on the campus of the Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, MA. He was an inspiring leader of the student body, president of the Student Council, and a gifted, determined athlete who excelled in football, hockey and lacrosse, serving as captain of the latter two. He proved to all that being a “sportsman is the true victory.” Chuck was elected to the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2023.



Chuck attended Dartmouth College, graduating in 1966 where he was a campus leader, recognized athlete, captain of the men’s lacrosse team, and named as an All-American for his sportsmanship and love of the game.

Following Dartmouth, Chuck managed *Your Father’s Mustache* in Bay Head, NJ where he met the love of his life, Jamie Sandra Gardner, whom he married in 1968.

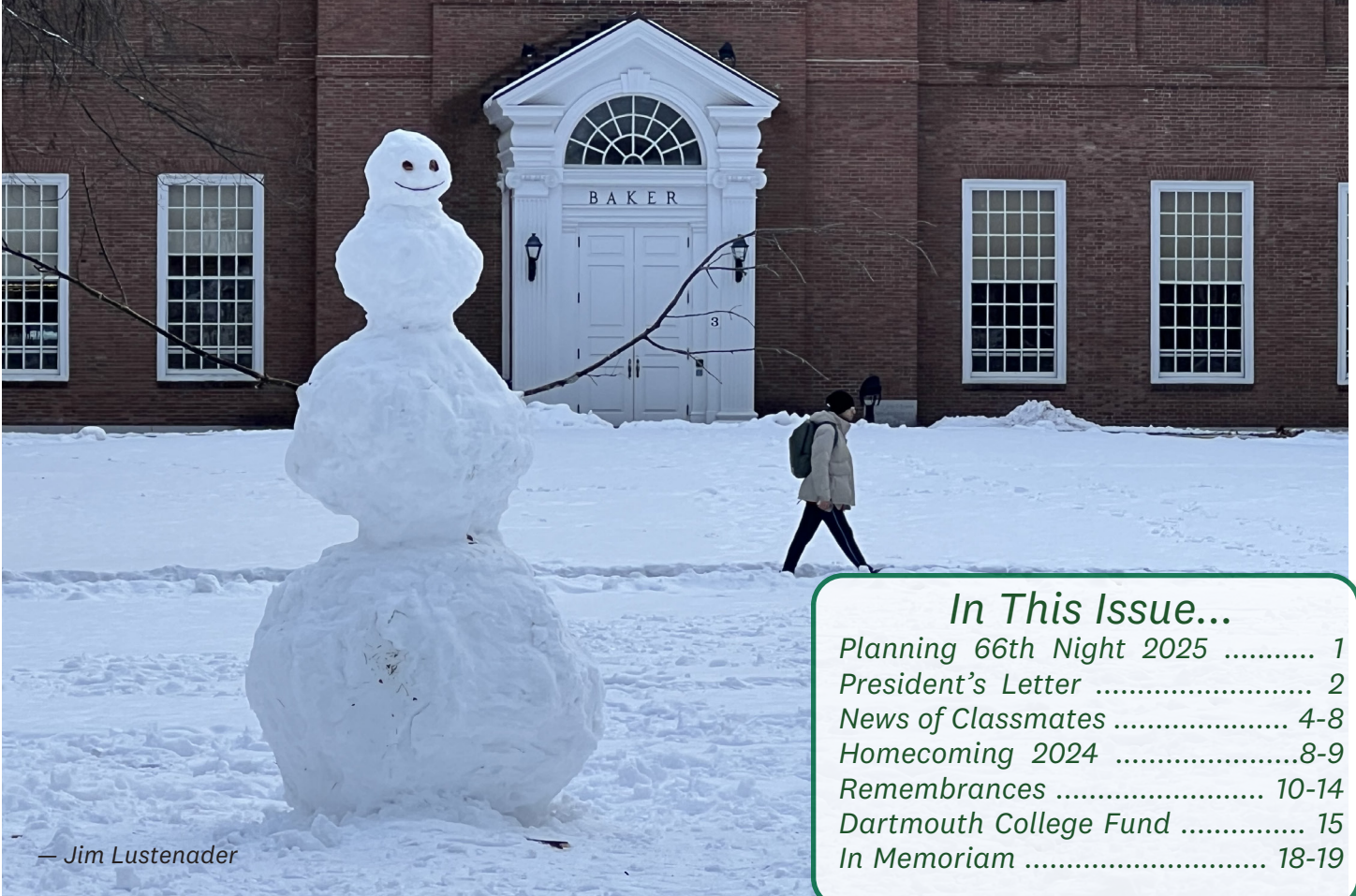
In 1968 Chuck began his career at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut, serving on the faculty in myriad roles, but primarily as the head of the Community Work Program, which he established shortly after his arrival. Chuck’s commitment to athletics and his ability to engage and lead others to perform at their highest level were evident as he coached 135 teams for over 40 years. To honor his outstanding contribution to girls’ ice hockey, the New England Preparatory Schools Athletic Conference named the Elite Division championship tournament in his honor.

Chuck and Jamie, spent every summer at the Jersey Shore hosting gatherings for family and friends, making furniture in his shop and body surfing at Bridge Avenue Beach.

Chuck is survived by his children Jill and Andrew, and his granddaughters.



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