

DARTMOUTH
CLASS OF 1953



NEWSLETTER

News & Events for our Class



Dear Classmates and Families,

Here is our latest newsletter to pass on news of our classmates and their families. These are the difficult times when so many of us are passing on but there is comfort in sharing our stories with one another and to stay in touch with families at their pleasure.

2021 VERSION

The Affable, Charming Dartmouth Class of 1953, Great Too!

The Class of 1953 is a class very special; as Professor Don Pease said on our Riverboat Cruise in 2005 "The class of 1953 is the most affable class I have ever known at Dartmouth" and that sentiment has been expressed by others as we have walked this almost 73 year journey together. Besides from our "sparkling personalities" the

combination of extraordinary leadership at the outset of our alumni years by Pag and others, and superb communications by Don Goss and Mark Smoller have kept us in touch and wanting to do things together for the College, yes, but mainly for each other. What a beautiful journey it has been and still is for the hundred plus who are still afoot.

So, to keep this "loveball" rolling send us your news and views to share please send them to dghalloran53@gmail.com or dhalloran@cfl.rr.com. All News, Old and New, is Good News so Check Out Our 1953 Class Site At:

The Dartmouth College Class of 1953: Class of '53

<https://www.classof53.site>

The website was designed and is maintained by son Mike Halloran '83 who opens it with the pictures of the campus portrayed by the lyrics from the final verse of Dartmouth Undying. Those scenes always bring a bit of a choke into our spirit



And all the newsletters of the past two years are referenced on the site and can be accessed if desired. Also, when one scrolls down the Home Page a bit you can find all the recordings of the songs we sang at the Spring Hun with various fraternities and dorms and Charlie Fleet singing that famous rendition of Jemmy Brown. Tis fun. And There She Be – Baker, That Great Symbol of Dartmouth, with Eleazar and the Big Chief Gesticulating Atop the Weather Vane Currently in Retreat Pending its Resurrections. Click on the black bar below to activate the recording of Ike's message to us on graduation day.

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to hear Fred Whittemore's Recording of Our Graduation Day;
Comments by President Eisenhower and then the Immortal voice
of Charlie Fleet *Singing* "Little Jimmy Brown," also known as "The Three Bells."

Ctrl.click at the very beginning of the Whittemore insert to activate the tape of Dartmouth Night 1953 which has the Eisenhower chat with us at graduation. And if you have difficulty with this, let me know and we will try some alternatives. The Old Soldier sounds like he is right in the room with us. What a day it was, and still is and as a reminder of the joy and love we have for our blessed country here is a short rendition of "Proud to be an American" by the Texas Tenors. This one never stops grabbing the red, white, and blue strong of my heart.

<https://youtu.be/daqwGRdRIsk>

What a Tremendous Homecoming Weekend for '53 in October and in case you missed our report here is a repeat of our class meeting, both live and on ZOOM for over a dozen classmates and families. Great stuff to follow and here is Dick O'Connor and the class meeting plan he pursued so well.

"WELCOME TO ALL PRESENT AS WELL AS OUR ZOOM CLASSMATES. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE HAD THREE PRESIDENTS, AL COLLINS, PUT BLODGETT AND MYSELF AND WE WILL TRY TO CONTINUE THE LOVING LEADERSHIP AL AND PUT PROVIDED.... WE ARE SO GLAD TO SEE ALL OF YOU HERE IN HANOVER AS WELL AS OUR FELLOW CLASSMATES ON ZOOM S. SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THOSE TWO YEARS WHICH WE WILL REPORT TO YOU AND HERE IS THE LINEUP OF WHAT WE HAVE PREPARED.

DICK FLEMING - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HARLAN FAIR - PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

- TODAY AS WELL AS THE STATUS AND PLAN FOR THE

PUT BLODGETT TRAIL

MARK SMOLLER - -THOSE WE HAVE LOST AND THOSE STILL WITH US

RON LAZAR – DCF FUND RESULTS AS PARTICIPATION CHAMPION

- GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE COLLEGE AT DINNER
DONNA REILLEY - HER ROLE AS KEY HANOVER RESIDENT AND
CONTACT FOR CLASS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A REPORT ON _____
THE NATURE OF THE FAMILIES' ROLE WITH THE CLASS ONCE A
CLASSMATE HAS PASSED ON.
JOHN KENNEDY – MEMOIRAL BOOK CAMPAIGN WITH LINDA,
AND HIS DAUGHTER LINDA AS HIS KEY BACK UP
RICHARD CAHN - EISENHOWER MEMORIAL STATUE CONCEPT
DAVE HALLORAN—ZOOM ATTENDEE====NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE
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The additional classmates , some with wives attending on ZOOM were Perry Free, Dave and Cynthia Donovan, Bob and Anne Simpson, Nathan Burkan, Joanne and Dave Halloran, Barbara and John Kennedy, Timmy and Gil Shapiro, and Wade Sherwood, Additionally others that attended the class gatherings at the football game and dinner in the 53 Commons that evening are included in Mark Smoller's writeup for the DAM which follows, and our report where, as usual, Mark captures the warmth and depth of our special relationship over these now 72 years. Here's Mark:

“A weekend ,cool and crisp ,bathed in the brilliant sun of October , surrounded by leaves beginning to flash their vibrant colors; what could be better? Oh yes, a thrilling football game in which the good guys eventually defeated Yale in overtime to complete a perfect Homecoming Weekend. And, for the Class of 1953. we enjoyed another productive Class meeting at which we announced the completion and upcoming dedication of Put's Path at the Mount Mousilauke Lodge. Present at the meeting in the “53 Commons were Vivian and Richard Cahn, Harlan

Fair, Dick Fleming, Marie and David Horlacher, Ron Lazar and his friend Jane Lattes, Cynthia and Dick O'Connor, Donna Reilly, and Bobby and Mark Smoller. Making use of Ron Lazar's expertise, classmates joined us virtually from their homes and participated using Zoom. In that group were Nathan Burkan, Cynthia and Dave Donovan, Joanne and Dave Halloran, Barbara and John Kennedy, Perry Free, Timmy and Gil Shapiro, Wade Sherwood, and Ann and Bob Simpson. We basked in the success of our Dartmouth Fund Campaign this year made possible by the extraordinary leadership of Ron Lazar supported by the efforts of, Phillip Beekman, Richard O'Connor, Richard Blum, Richard Loewenthal, Frederick Stephens, John Avril, John Cernius, Thomas Duke, Carl England, William Friedman, David Halloran, Donald McMichael, George Sarner, Robert Simpson, Bernard Sudikoff, and Lowell Thomas, and discussed plans for a new and exciting project, about the placement of an Eisenhower statue, somewhere on the campus or in the 53 provinces. To top it all off, we enjoyed dinner at the fabulous '53 Commons followed by an inspiring talk by Professor Bruce Duthu, Chair of the Native American Studies Department. Describing his journey from the bayous of Louisiana to Dartmouth, Professor Duthu demonstrated a pathway by which Natives have taken advantage of opportunities and through hard work and adjustment to their new surroundings have succeeded in gaining the education and tools to assist their people. Professor Duthu patiently answered some difficult questions explaining the emotions that many Natives feel when they arrive on Campus and

how the Indian symbols have affected them. Once again, I sadly end this column with news of the demise of John Zimmermann and Harry Cherry. I offer the condolences of the Class to their families. Mark H. Smoller; 401 Lake Shore Rd. Putnam Valley, NY 10579; (845)603-5066; Dartmark@gmail.com”

Donna Reilly then shared with the class the experience of the wives and families of our classmates and in particular as they adjust to the more difficult phases of life in the latter years. Donna kindly sent me a copy of her comments which follow and , for all of us who have worked with families of fallen classmates you will find this truly inspiring. Thanks so much Donna.

DARTMOUTH '53 WIVES
Donald Grant Reilly '53

When I was asked to talk this morning about how the class of '53 might reach out to the wives and widows of classmates, I said I'd be happy to try. But, after thinking about it for quite a while, I'm not so sure this question is easily answered. Speaking as one '53 wife, I'd like to share some of my thinking with you.

Over the past 68 years, our Dartmouth husbands have worked hard to fulfil their expectations of what a good life should be, and we've done our part to help make it happen. Many of us have had wonderful marriages and happy families; some of us haven't been so fortunate. But, because of our husbands' strong class bonds, our association-by-marriage with the Dartmouth Class of 1953 has been filled with good times, strong friendships, and fond memories—things that time can never change.

In the meantime, our society has seen many changes for *women* since this class graduated in 1953: a big one was accepting female students at Dartmouth College. Although not popular with everyone at the time, it was a decision that has proved to be extremely beneficial for everyone involved—especially our class daughters and granddaughters. Women have been fighting for change and recognition for a long time now. Although we still have a long way to go, we’ve been pretty successful, and I think you have helped with that.

But when our husbands *die*, our lives often change dramatically. After the period of grieving lets up a bit, we find that life goes on but—ready or not—suddenly *we’re* the ones in charge. We’ve had to take on all those things our husbands used to manage: income tax, financial planning, and end-of-life decisions. The same is true for the growing number of us with severely disabled husbands, or those of us who have become Alzheimer’s Widows—whose husbands are still here, but no longer participants in the world around them.

Fortunately, as we assume those responsibilities, we also find out we’re a lot smarter and stronger than we thought we were. I think today’s women are more self-confident and better prepared to play an important role in society than we were 68 years ago. But, no wonder! Those of us with ’53 husbands had good role models!

Several years ago, I asked a good friend and ’53 wife, “If your husband dies before you do, would you still want to attend class functions and keep up with class news?” Her answer was, “I don’t know. I just don’t think it would be the same.” She was right. It isn’t the same as it was when we were all together for reunions and homecomings—and some of us *are* trying to decide if we want to go on with it. I guess, if you’d really like to know what the Class of 1953 can do for us, try putting yourselves in our shoes for a while. Here are some things to know about us that might help with that:

Today, we, too, have college classmates we enjoy meeting on

Zoom, and family and good friends with whom we share our joys and sorrows. But, like you, we're also aging, and finding that various body parts don't work as well as they used to. If we *are* blessed with reasonably good health, quite often we're active in our communities, and some of us are still working at satisfying jobs. We continue to teach, volunteer and organize—discovering that we have a great deal to give to others and much more time now in which to give it.

More of us are widows now, but we're all individuals with differing interests and needs. A few of us still take an active interest in the class, and play an important role in class functions. But some of us may feel timid about attending class events without our husbands, and some of us may not want to continue the '53 connection at all. Some of us are dealing with personal trials we don't always feel comfortable sharing, and others are content to just follow the class from afar. But, even if we don't take an active part in class activities anymore, we still remember all the good times we once had. And, if asked, we probably would have a few opinions to offer as well.

So what can you do for us? It may take some time to work that out. But one thing is for sure: It's important for all of us to know you haven't forgotten about us, that you remember all those good time, too, and that sometimes you might be interested in what we think. Drop us a line or an email occasionally, or pick up the phone and call us. Also, inasmuch as we continue to send our newsletter to widows until they request that be ceasaed, one can always reply to the newsletter return address you're your questions or comments, And, most important of all, we hope you will continue to make it clear that, if you want to show up, the Great Class of 1953 will always welcome you, and Big Time if you have been away for awhile. We really love each other as a family. AlwaysD

Shortly after Donna wrote this moving and beautiful view of the nature of the depth of the Class of 1953 Family eternal bonding,

her beloved husband and our dearest friend, Chuck Reilly passed away after an illness of many years. Chuck, a dear friend as classmate, is one of prominent member of 53 and in addition to his extraordinary success in the business world, did so very much for Dartmouth and the class, and his wry sense of humor will never be forgotten. On a mini reunion trip to the DC area and going on a tour of the Capitol, I showed up in shorts and a nice patriotic shirt. Chuck smiled and opined, "You can take the boy out of Florida, but you can't take Florida out of the boy." Right on Chuck, and see you at the Pearly Gates that our Head Agent mentor, Al Collins, has already painted green for the follow on Mics arrivals.

Here is Chuck's obituary:

Charles Cecil Reilly 1931-2021

Chuck died on October 28, 2021, after an eleven-year battle with Alzheimer's. He was born in Chicago, on June 26, 1931, to Charles Cecil Reilly and Helen Nash Reilly. He grew up in Montclair, NJ, attended Montclair College High School and graduated from Dartmouth College, AB Economics, 1953 Magna cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Following graduation, he served during the Korean War as Lt.(j.g.) in the U.S. Navy with the Sixth Fleet, on a destroyer in the Mediterranean. Four years later, he entered the Harvard Business School, where he earned an MBA Degree with Distinction in 1959. He began his career in finance at Keystone Custodial Funds, and went on to become VP, Portfolio Policy and Security Analyst for Waddell & Reed; Manager, Oppenheimer Fund; President, Standard & Poor's, InterCapital, Inc.; President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Verus Capital; and Senior Vice President, Arnhold and S. Bleichroeder, Inc. He taught Financial Management as an adjunct professor at both NYU and Wharton until he retired in 1990. He then became an independent director of several Merrill Lynch mutual funds. He also felt a responsibility to put his skills to work as a volunteer for causes he believed in. He served as board president of Valley Court Diversion Programs for several years. He raised major funds for both Dartmouth College and HBS. At Dartmouth he served as class president 1998-2003 and head agent previously. He helped raise funds to make the Class of 1953 Commons building a class donation to the College. He also

helped raise funds to build the Class of 1959 Chapel at the Harvard Business School. He married Donna Grant Reilly in 1976 and she survives him. He is also survived by a sister, Elizabeth Garafalos, Squim, WA; three children by a previous marriage to Elizabeth Cowart Reilly: David Reilly (Lauren), Wellesley Hills, MA; Angela Reilly, NY,NY; Matthew Reilly (Sonya), Trumbull CT, and six grandchildren. He loved to ski, swim, play tennis and go for long hikes, and he loved to travel. He read voraciously – history, political science and world affairs. He had a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious smile. He adored parties – going to them and hosting them. He also enjoyed a good argument, and was never happier than when he was participating in a spirited discussion about something controversial. In 2003, he and Donna moved from NYC to Hanover, NH. In 2010 he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and in 2014 they moved to Kendal at Hanover. He was a good friend, a caring father and brother, and a wonderful husband.

A Letter to the Class of 1953 from
Anne Johnakin, Class of 2023

*Fall 2021
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Editor Note*

Dear Dave,

Happy Autumn! And Homecoming for the wonderful Class of 1953 You haven't met me yet and, I'm the new newsletter intern Anne! I am a '23 majoring in Anthropology modified with Classical Archaeology and minoring in English. I was on campus last term for my Sophomore Summer, and I'm back again this fall.

Hanover is packed! The Class of 2025 is the largest in Dartmouth's history, and most students from other classes are also back on campus. When classes let out, everyone rushes across the Green to their next class or to get food at FOCO; it's a sight I missed over the pandemic.

Things are pretty much back to normal, with the addition of masks. I'm in a class called Who Owns The Past? which is bringing five Montgomery fellows to campus to lecture in our class and give public lectures. I'm really excited to meet some of the leading archaeologists in the field!

If you want learn a little more from some of our fantastic professors, you can go back to class with our expert Dartmouth faculty for short seminars on their academic passions. Learn more about groundbreaking research, new methods of teaching, and the ways our teacher-scholars are changing the world by watching Short Talks on Big Ideas.

Also, I really enjoyed meeting the classes of 1946, 1951, and 1956 at the fall reunions this year and hope to meet many more of you soon!
Best, Anne Johnakin '23

/And speaking of Chuck, here he is with everyone you know in a picture that Donna found including Chuck headlining the group surrounded by Bob Callendar, Ron Lazar, the host with the mostest Dave Siegall, Fred Stephens, Harlan Fair. and Mark Smoller.



Wonderful Example of the Closeness Members and Families of this Class Share Stands Out in This Picture of Classmates Sharing Ted Spiegel's 75th Birthday "A Few Years Ago."

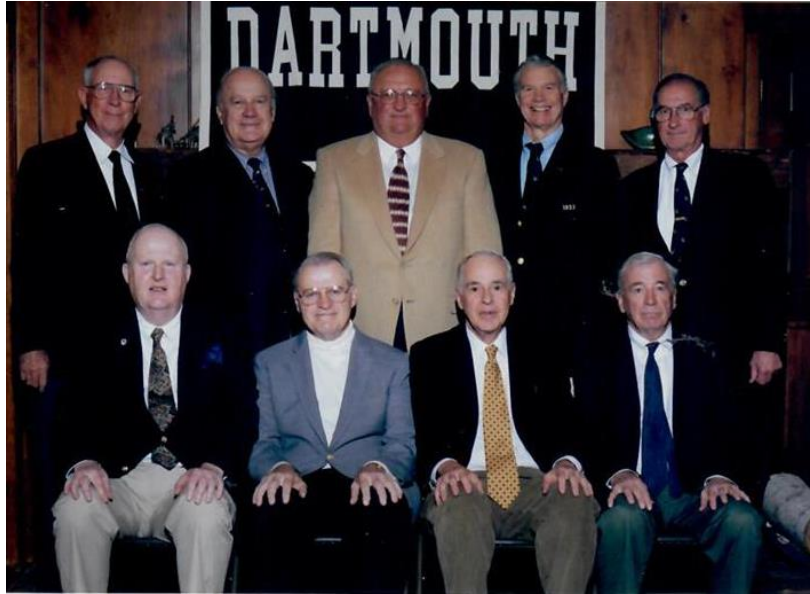


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Gabby Gaboanelli, George Shaw of 54. Dave Cost, Mole Malin, Steve Pearsall, Jack Tukey Dick Cahn, Charlie Buchanan, Dick Calkins, Bill Gitt, Jay Davis 54, and Irl Marshall of 49. and surrounding Man of The Day are Phil Beekman, and Butch Edgar

Homecoming Memories Past and Present and Forever. ^p





Ike's Visit to Dartmouth and Our Graduation June 14. 1953

The Great Class of 1953, A Treasure Trove of Class History in Pictures was discovered by Sherm Horton's son, Sherman Horton III and is incased in the video "The Day Ike Came to Dartmouth."

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Eisenhower at Dartmouth for our Graduation June 1953

"The Day Ike Came to Dartmouth." Ike Gives 1953 Their Sendoff Message: "Seek Joy and Courage Daily" In previous editions we covered the details of Ike's visit to Dartmouth on our graduation day. That message apparently got to Sherm Horton's son, Sherman the III, who managed to dig up some 24

pictures of Ike, Dartmouth, and the Great Class of 1953 on that memorable day. *Some of those pictures are in the video referenced which we suggest you copy with your computer and open on an independent page.* It is old technology, long, and performs better when independent as do most 53;s, . When we learned that President Eisenhower was going to speak at our graduation on June 14, 1953, the stir of queries, wonderment, excitement were all evident in all the discussions within the class. We realized the impact and import of Ike's presence to our class at graduation, a class that had been rather mediocre in its overall performance although we had some superb scholars, superb athletes, and marvelous community activists. However, we were probably the most socially oriented class in Dartmouth's history with all kinds of events, parties, esprit de corps, and on and on. We just plain liked each other. Bob Malin captured it best when he observed that, with Ike's presence, this class of average performance had better go out and do something. And, WE DID!!!! In our personal lives and our ties to the Class and to Dartmouth, and we cannot help but believe that Ike's "Fireside Chat" on that fabulous day had much to do with it. The video has the pictures that Sherman III discovered for us. Thanks again Sherm; what a discovery you have made. You have been and forever shall be a member of the Class of 1953 Family, and now a Family Member Extraordinaire. What follows are some excerpts from Ike's talk and for those who may have missed his entire speech recorded in our last newsletter, it appears on our website and also available on the black baar earlier in this newsletter. Excerpts from Ike's Talk "Now, with your permission, I want to talk about two points-two qualities--today that are purely personal. I want to talk about these two things and merely suggest to you certain ideas concerning them. I am going to talk about fun--joy--happiness, just fun in life. I am going to talk a little about courage." "Now, as to fun: to get myself straight at once, for fear that in my garrulous way I might stray from my point, I shall say this: unless each day can be looked back upon by an individual as one in which he has had some fun, some joy, some real satisfaction, that day is a loss. It is wicked, in my opinion, to allow such a thing to occur. Now, there are many, many different things and thoughts and ideas that will contribute--any acts of your own--that will contribute to the fun you have out of life. You can go along the bank of a stream in the tropics, and there is a crocodile lying in the sun. He looks the picture of contentment. They tell me that often they live to be a great age--a

hundred years or more-and still lying in the sun and that is all they do."

"Now, by going to Dartmouth, by coming this far along the road, you have achieved certain standards. One of those standards is: it is no longer so easy for you to have fun, and you can't be like a crocodile and sleep away your life and be satisfied. You must do something, and normally it must involve others, something you do for them. The satisfaction--it's trite but the satisfaction of a clear conscience, no matter what happens. Whatever you do--a little help to someone along the road--something you have achieved because you worked hard for it, like your graduation diploma today, those things have become worthwhile, and in your own estimation will contribute to your happiness. They will measure up to your standards because your standards have become those that only you know, but they have become very high." "You are leaders. You are bound to be leaders because you have had advantages that make you leader to someone, whether you know it or not. There will be tough problems to solve. You have heard about them. You can't solve them with long faces they don't solve problems, not when they deal with humans. Humans have to have confidence. You have got to help give it to them. You are leaders." "This brings me up to my second little topic, which is courage. I forget the author, but one many years ago, you know, uttered that famous saying, "The coward dies a thousand deaths, but the brave man dies but once." In other words, you can live happily if you have courage, because you are not fearing something that you can't help. You must have courage to look at all about you with honest eyes--above all, yourself. And we go back to our standards. Have you actually measured up? If you have, it is that courage to look at yourself and say, well, I failed miserably there, I hurt someone's feelings needlessly. You did not measure up to your own standards. Now, if you have the courage to look at yourself, soon you begin to achieve a code or a pattern that is closer to your own standards. "Look at your country. Here is a country of which we are proud, as you are proud of Dartmouth and all about you, and the families to which you belong. But this country is a long way from perfection--a long way. We have the disgrace of racial discrimination, or we have prejudice against people because of their religion. We have crime on the docks. We have not had the courage to uproot these things, although we know they are wrong. And we with our standards, the standards given us at places like Dartmouth, we know they are wrong. Now, that courage is not going to be satisfied--your sense of

satisfaction is not going to be satisfied, if you haven't the courage to look at these things and do your best to help correct them, because that is the contribution you shall make to this beloved country in your time. Each of us, as he passes along, should strive to add something. It is not enough merely to say I love America, and to salute the flag and take off your hat as it goes by, and to help sing the Star Spangled Banner. Wonderful! We love to do them, and our hearts swell with pride, because those who went before you worked to give to us today, standing here, this pride. And this is a pride in an institution that we think has brought great happiness, and we know has brought great contentment and freedom of soul to many people. But it is not yet done. You must add to it.”“Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book, as long as that document does not offend your own ideas of decency. That should be the only censorship. How will we defeat communism unless we know what it is, and what it teaches, and why does it have such an appeal for men, why are so many people swearing allegiance to it? It is almost a religion, albeit one of the nether regions. And we have got to fight it with something better, not try to conceal the thinking of our own people. They are part of America. And even if they think ideas that are contrary to ours, their right to say them, their right to record them, and their right to have them at places where they are accessible to others is unquestioned, or it isn't America.

A Fascinating Note from Peter Bridges.

The indefatigable Peter Bridges who has served in a number of Foreign Service capacities in his career has sent to us an outline of a truly extraordinary Foreign Service colleague, William Rockhill that is fascinating to read and Peter has kindly offered to take your comments or question on the Net at Peter Bridges@earthlink.net. Here is the summary sheet Peter sent to me, and it is fascinating.

Dear All,

Some of us have enjoyed professional work abroad, in arts, business, government, science, teaching, et al. Some of us have also done week-long treks in various countries. There was an American who accomplished still

more, both professionally and outdoors. He served as the chief of six U.S. diplomatic missions. In the State Department, he authored an Open Door policy that helped keep China from being split into colonies. He trekked, not for a week but for thousands of miles, from Beijing across China, Mongolia, and Tibet, and back again. His name was William Woodville Rockhill. I have summarized his doings in an article in the new issue of the journal American Diplomacy, which I invite you to read by clicking on <https://americandiplomacy.web.unc.edu/2021/11/william-rockhill-the-man-who-shaped-china-policy-a-century-ago/> .

I will be happy to take comments and questions.

Best regards. Peter

ALUMNI COUNCIL REPORT TO THE CLASS OF 1953

Dear Dave, Earlier this month, the Alumni Council convened virtually to hear the latest from Hanover and share your feedback with Dartmouth's leadership. Although we would have loved to be on campus, we had the next best thing as we were able to spend time with campus leaders, students, and faculty. I write to share insights from our conversations and invite you to read the meeting minutes.

The Student Experience Vice Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Lee Coffin offered insight into a historic period for college admissions and how Dartmouth

has moved through turbulent times successfully. The Class of '25 shattered every record in the most selective year in Dartmouth's history with a 6.17% admit rate and a yield rate just over 70%. Lee attributes this to the enduring quality and appeal of the College.

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Attracting the most talented students is a point of pride but supporting them once they matriculate is a priority. Interim Dean of the College Scott Brown and members of his team shared that the fall term is going well with low positivity rates for COVID and in-person classes and social activities in full swing. Our conversation with him focused on student mental health, and we learned about expanded mental health resources designed to make care easier and safer to access. In addition to increasing counseling clinical staff by 50% and hiring additional suicide prevention specialists, Dartmouth has partnered with the JED Foundation to assess the mental health needs of the community and implement strategies to

support emotional well-being.

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Academic Excellence

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A meeting highlight was hearing from Professor Bruce Stanton, PhD candidate Lily Charpentier, and Sam Neff '21 about their research in development of new therapeutics for cystic fibrosis. Their research team, composed of undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty, is one of nine academic clusters: cohorts of scholars focused on questions that cut across disciplines, departments, and schools. The clusters help attract talented faculty to Dartmouth, support world changing research, and are a pillar of President Hanlon's academic vision.

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President Hanlon shared progress against that vision. He updated us on Dartmouth's three-part plan for academic excellence, which includes bringing together a diverse and talented group of students, faculty, staff, and alumni; giving them the support

they need to excel; and creating programs and facilities that draw these talented people together around important world issues. Several metrics support advances made in these areas. On the student front and echoing Lee Coffin's presentation, admissions yield has risen dramatically and academic credentials for students are the highest they have been. Dartmouth is expanding its global reach with 14% of the student body coming from countries outside the US. Student outcomes—job placements at the time of graduation—are up significantly. Dedicated efforts to recruit and retain diverse faculty are paying off. BIPOC faculty now comprise 25% of the faculty, up from 17.5% in 2013. Research done by Dartmouth faculty is on the rise and being recognized, and Dartmouth's membership in the Association of American Universities is helping to attract top faculty, postdocs, and graduate students.

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Also critical to academic excellence are diversity and belonging. Senior Vice President

and Senior Diversity Officer Shontay Delaloe, who joined President Hanlon's leadership team in July, shared perspectives from her first months at Dartmouth and goals for the year ahead. She has reorganized the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity to create a more cohesive approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus. Her immediate focus is on capacity building, data, promoting positive stories and communication, building community, and assessing progress on three major initiatives (Inclusive Excellence, Moving Dartmouth Forward, and the Campus Climate and Culture Initiative).

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Year of Connections

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Finally, for alumni, our separation is over! In-person events are back, and it was a true pleasure to be in Hanover for Homecoming and see so many of you on the Green. Cheryl Bascomb '82, vice president for Alumni Relations, updated the Council on

Dartmouth's plan for a Year of Connections. As part of this effort, Dartmouth will commemorate three important 50th anniversaries in 2022 for coeducation, the establishment of the Native American Studies Program (now the Department of Native American and Indigenous Studies), and the founding of the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association. These transformational developments during the presidency of John Kemeny laid the groundwork for a more welcoming, diverse, and inclusive Dartmouth community. I hope you will join the Council in commemorating the anniversaries and celebrating our Black, Native American and indigenous, and alumnae communities.

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Thanks for reading and for staying connected to Dartmouth, and I hope you are heartened by the campus focus. As always, please continue to share your thoughts with the Alumni Council by emailing your Councilor or the Alumni Liaison Committee.

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For Dartmouth,

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Laurie Lewis Shapiro '95
Alumni Council President

DARTMOUTH

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND HERE IS A SHORT SONG AS A SALUTE TO THAT HEARTFELT BELIEF. AS WE CLOSE OUT OUR NEWLETTER FOR THANKSGIVING FOR ALL WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THIS WONDERFUL GROUP OF CLASSMATES AND FAMILIES, HERE IS A REMINDER OF WHAT ,MAKES ALL OF THAT SO POSSIBLE FOR SO MANY, AND IT IS AMERICA

<https://youtu.be/daqwGRdRlSk>

TO SHARE WITH ALL THAT AT OUR AGE IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO FOLLOW OUR DOCTORS ORDERS OR SUGGESTIONS ON OUR DRINKING HABITS AND AS A BONAFIDE DARTMOUTH MAN OF THREE GENERATIONS ALL OF IRISH DESCENT, I ASSURED MY MEDIC I WOULD CONPLY WITH HIS SUGGSTIO OF NO MORE THAN ONE BEER A DAY. ALL GOOD IDEA TO ABIDE BY DOCTOR'S GUIDANCE AT OUR TENDER YEARS. DAVE THE KNAVE, SLAVE OF THE CAVE.

**My doctor said only
one beer a day**



So I ordered only one