

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

To the Dartmouth community,

When I arrived at Dartmouth in 2013, I laid out a 10-year vision for my presidency. Dartmouth would be a magnet for talent, home to a diverse and engaged set of students, faculty, and staff drawn to Hanover from around the world by the excellence of our teaching and

research missions. Dartmouth would lean into its strengths and dare to take on some of the world's most connection between students and faculty, and the profound sense of place here in these North Woods which create a community unlike any other.

Over the past eight and a half years, we have done just that, and I could not be prouder of the strides we have made towards this vision. Our progress has been fueled by historic investments across the institution in the academic enterprise and the undergraduate and graduate student experience, made possible by extensive community participation in The Call to Lead campaign.

As the vision I set forth almost 10 years ago becomes reality, the time is right to pass the torch. I have informed the Board of Trustees that I will step down as president in June 2023 after a decade at the helm. I want to ensure that the Board has ample time to find Dartmouth's next president. I am committed to supporting that person through a smooth leadership transition while we continue the important work that lies ahead.

Between now and then there is still much to achieve. Through the continuation of the campaign, I am committed to meeting our full set of financial aid goals that will position Dartmouth as one of a handful of U.S. universities that is universally need-blind and has eliminated loans from its financial aid packages for all undergraduate students. Furthermore, we will highlight our commitment to the arts through an exciting plan to modernize and expand the Hopkins Center. And crucially, we must continue to expand our efforts to shape a campus community that is more diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve Dartmouth, an institution that did so much to transform my life when I was student here in the 1970s. Gail and I are profoundly grateful that you welcomed us both with open arms on my return and that we have forged meaningful friendships with so many of you. We are particularly thankful that we have been able to spend so much time with Dartmouth students. For me, it is a privilege to personally greet every matriculating first year

undergraduate student as they begin their college career and to salute every graduate up to and including our PhDs as they set forth into the world strengthened by what they learned and accomplished at Dartmouth. Whether in the classroom, at athletic events, artistic performances, graduate school investitures, or group dinners at the president's house, Gail and I have been inspired by the undeniable talent and passion of our students. It is, after all, why as faculty, staff, and administrators, we come to Dartmouth.

Yours truly,

Phil

Philip J. Hanlon '77

President



**Baker Library, perhaps the most vivid remembrance view
of our time at Dartmouth**

**Summary of the Dartmouth Class of 1953 Memorial & Other Book Donation
Programs**

John H. Kennedy, January 2022

I am continuing to summarize our Class's book donation programs to the Dartmouth Libraries on a quarterly basis. My daughter, Linda will take over for me when I am no longer able to do it to make sure that every member of the Class will have a memorial book. In addition to the donations by the Class, several other book donation programs have been established by 1953. These are described and detailed in the attachments to this summary and listed below.

As many of you are aware, Don Goss asked if I would accept the task of coordinating the assignment of memorial books in 1996 and I have done so since then. The record of the assignments of memorial and other books plus the procedures for their assignment and current status is contained in the following files on my computer and on a flash drive:

DART53 MEM BOOKS HISTORY OCT 2021 (History of the donation program)

DART53 MEM BOOKS JAN 2022 (Books donated by the Class to deceased classmates)

DART53 MEM & OTHER BOOKS DEC 2020 (Books donated by classmates as memorial for others)

DART53 PAST CURRENT PRES BOOKS DEC 2020 (Books donated for past & current 1953 presidents)

DART53 MEMORIAL BOOK PROCEDURES JAN 2022 (Procedures for recording donated books)

DART53 MEM BOOK SUM JAN 2022 (A copy of this document)

At this writing there are 5 books awaiting assignment in two of the above categories.

As initially intended, memorial books were to be donated by the Class to every member ever affiliated with the class to include everyone matriculating in 1949, joining the class subsequently and, of course, all those graduating in 1953. The exception to this this would be those that withdrew and joined another class. Also, it was later decided that all those adopted by the class would be so memorialized. Dick Fleming has sent me the most comprehensive list of those in these categories as follows:

Added while undergraduates: Brewster, Carleton, Casavieri, Cole, Dew, Dudensing, Hathcock, Jarosevich, Nelson, Padegs, Slavik, Sukhum, Sullivan

Adopted: C. Callender, Culpepper, Eisenhower, Grady, Hagoort, Hathorn, J. Kemeny, Nolan, L. Pearson, D Reilly, J. Stevens, Yamada

Voted at Class meeting: L. Goss

The following withdrew from the class and joined another class: Dyke, Schreiber

Unless notified that there are others that should be included this will guide the assignment of memorial books. That total now stands at 486 . Notification of the passing on the “adopted” list will have to come from other sources than the College and all are encouraged to do so. As noted in the document on program history, to date, a total of 561 books have been donated by our Class and classmates, further evidence of 1953’s “Legacy of Leadership”.

Are you ready for Winter Carnival in 2022. Take a good look at our beloved Dartmouth Hall from the Nor’easter of the Century. Skiing anyone?



A Marvelous Recap of the History and Current Status of the Na tive American Students at Dartmouth, by Ron Lazar.

Ron Lazar has had a fascinating experience these past few months on gaining insights into the history and current status of the Native American students at Dartmouth, and here are his letters to the class on this vital subject to the history of our beloved Dartmouth. Thanks so much Ron.

“Two years ago, while attending a class officers meeting in Hanover, I met a Native American woman from Alaska who was a 2006 graduate of Tuck School and was active in women's affairs and Native American affairs at Dartmouth. I told her a story about the College's request 40 years ago that I have lunch with a Native American senior. I said that he was a member of the Houma tribe from Houma Louisiana and among the first in his high school to go to college. He had told me about his desire to become an attorney and to advocate for his people. She said that I was talking about Bruce Duthu who was now chair of the Native American department at Dartmouth!!!! Just a few weeks ago in October I reconnected with Bruce at home coming weekend when he dined with our class members and wives in the Paganucci Lounge of the Class of 1953 Commons . Bruce has had a distinguished career obtaining his law degree, serving on a law faculty, lecturing in a dozen countries, producing an award winning documentary, and heading up the Native American department at Dartmouth which has 6 professors and more than 20 courses. Bruce Duthu is a remarkable person and a spell binding speaker who spoke to us for more than an hour and a half after dinner at the Commons. He explained that Eleazer Wheelock started Moor's

Charity School in Connecticut to educate Native Americans. Samson Occum, who spoke Hebrew, Latin, and Greek was one of the first graduates and was sent to England for 2 years to raise money for the school and he did succeed in raising 12,000 pounds. When he returned Wheelock had relocated to Hanover and was no longer interested in educating the natives in Connecticut. . He severed his relationship with Wheelock on a claim by Wheelock that Occum was an alcoholic!!!! . For the next 200 years from 1769 to 1969 there were only 19 Native Americans that graduated from the college. It was always understood that Native Americans attended tuition free but that fact is considered incorrect. Many years later President Kemeny recommitted the college to its' founding purpose of educating the youth of Indian tribes. Admissions started visiting the reservations, and initially some of the young people who were accepted were placed in private schools for a year before coming to the college because of the poor preparation given by the reservation schools. Bruce told us that at the present time there are about 200 Native Americans on the campus, so the story does have a happy ending. Asked about the removal of the Eleazer Wheelock weather vane from Baker Library Bruce explained that for many of the Native American students, they would look up at our iconic symbol and feel that they did not belong at Dartmouth. And the newsletter editor's note is that its removal caused many alumni to feel that they no longer belonged to Dartmouth which is tragic, in both cases. In light of the college's recommitment to Native

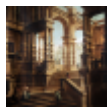
Americans, alumni might be interested in supporting the Native American department. if so, you can contact Kathrine.R.Norton@Dartmouth.edu. office phone: 603-646-2865: mobile: 203-815-2702. If you would like to know more about Dartmouth's Indian history, Dartmouth's own professor, Colin Calloway has written "The Indian history of an American Institution" which I just purchased on Amazon. Years ago I read his "The Indian World of George Washington" one of the best history books I ever read.

What a Great Way to Celebrate Thanksgiving

With a Win of the Ivy League Championship. which we had reported by email earlier, that News is So Great we just Had to Report it Again. Ranked 20th in the USA this was also their 20th Ivy League Championship.



Our classmate Peter Bridges we all know is a man of extraordinary talent who devoted his career to his country in the foreign service in the many areas about which he has written, and concluded his career as the Ambassador to Somalia. Peter returned to his beloved Rocky Mountain home upon retirement and while climbing the Hills of the Elk Mountains for years has managed to do some poetic writing which we received awhile ago and are delighted to share with the Class. Thanks to Peter in his delightful role in the Society of Classical Poets.



Psalms for the High Country, by Peter Bridges
by The Society

Psalm CIV: *Benedic, Anima Mea*

O praise the Lord, my soul. The aspens sigh
As high above Mount Axtell in blue sky
The hawk cries out God's glory, and the clouds
Grow to a thunderhead that blots and crowds
Out light. The Lord's electric bolts flash down
Demonstrative on forests and the town:
If He but touch the hills they quake and smoke.
The mighty crashes scare and deafen folk
As far as the elegant condos. Now the sun
Returns, and shines on pumas as they run
On highest peaks, who seek their meat from God
And range down after deer on trails I trod
Before the rain, composing hymns of praise
To sing in aspen country all my days.

Psalm CXLIV: *Benedictus Dominus*

The Lord's bright lightning strikes sharp Whetstone's peak;
We see how small man is beneath these skies.
Deliver us, O Lord, for we are weak,

From preachers of new vanities and lies.
O bless the Lord, our castle and our shield,
Who cares for us though we are small poor things;
Who guards our sleek fine Herefords in this field
Slaked by canals from Whetstone's snow-fed springs.
We pray our sons grow tall in our green county
And daughters ski high ridges in deep snow
And summers yield us tons of hay, good bounty;
We'll savor August sweetness when we mow.
O keep us from the peril of the sword;
O save our peace and well-loved pastures, Lord.

Psalm CLVI: Domine, Extra Intellectum

O Lord beyond the keen of any mind,
We hope for peace and plenty on our earth;
For prudence, true compassion, and no lies
From leaders who we see are full of vice.
O Lord of galaxies, our human kind
Knows history shows our prayers have little worth.
What then to do but mutter and chastise?
But will complaints and grimaces suffice?
O Lord, we can do much if we are brave
Confronting those who fake the truth for gain;
Ours is a fair Republic we can save
Together in a strong and straight campaign
That works to make us free of haughty men,
Free of foul threats, equal and proud again.

Peter Bridges has been hiking and climbing for three decades in the West Elk Mountains near Crested Butte, Colorado. In addition to his degree from Dartmouth he obtained a graduate degree from Columbia and spent a career in the U.S. Foreign Service ending as, ending as ambassador to Somalia. His diplomatic memoir, Safirka: An American Envoy, and the biographies of two once famous Americans, John Moncure Daniel and Donn Piatt, were published by Kent State University Press. He has self-published a second memoir, Woods Waters Peaks: A Diplomat Outdoors, and a volume of a hundred Sonnets from the Elk Mountains. His articles, essays, and poems have appeared in American Diplomacy, Eclectica, Michigan Quarterly Review, Virginia Quarterly Review and elsewhere. Class of 53, this is our amazing Peter Bridges who shares the wisdom of his experiences and reflection with all. A

Thousand Thanks Peter

As we start the planning for our Seventieth Reunion in 2023. my mind, and my spirit, and yes my heart contain memories of our grea class president Al Collins who had an inspirational capacity to lead this class to do extraordinary things as a senior alumni class, and he spent many years contributing to what has become an incomparable Legacy of Leadership for alumni classes from Dartmouth. Those

Thoughts prompted me to include pictures of our farewell party for Al whom I feel we will see again in our spiritutaul lives as wepass through those Pearly Gatest Al has painted Green. I miss our dear friend greatly and these special pictures of tribute to him capture that sense pf admiration and love. Enjoy, and Al will celebrate Saint Patty's as we used to with a grand glass of the glittering gold. Slainte dear friend, the Class of 1953, the Band of Brothers.

