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2020 Vision

Last March, shortly after the College was emptied and thrust into pandemic mode, College multimedia manager Robert Gill captured the snow-covered and deserted campus with a Mavic drone. "I'm always looking to show the familiar in unfamiliar ways, so we can see the places we know so well with fresh eyes and not take them for granted," he says.

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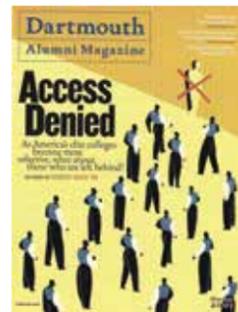
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Clinical Critique

Regarding Heidi Williams '03, her brilliance and accomplishments are impressive ["The Innovative Economist," January/February]. She researched why so many drugs are approved to treat late stages of cancer when relatively few are approved to treat more survivable early stages of the disease or to prevent it altogether.

However, there is a rationale for the first clinical trials on cancer drugs to involve late-stage patients who have failed all standard therapies. With an endpoint of survival, these trials provide definitive answers sooner than studies done on patients who are earlier in their course. If an unexpected, serious adverse effect appears, these patients have a short life expectancy. Obtaining informed consent is easier in patients for whom nothing else is available.

Should a positive signal emerge, the new drug will be incorporated into trials of earlier patients, which consume more time and require larger sample size to reach significant conclusions. Many valuable drugs have progressed through this pathway.

Regarding prevention, an ounce is worth many pounds of cure in cancer. Approaches such as smoking cessation and preventing youth initiation of tobacco are useful. I appreciate Williams' great scholarship, energy, and relationships with her colleagues, both her mentors and mentees. But there are legitimate reasons for her findings mentioned in the *DAM* article.

RICHARD J. ROSEN '52

Greensboro, North Carolina

Faulty Assumption

In his letter in the January/February issue of *DAM*, Doug Coonrad '67 questioned the suggestion by Frank B. Wilderson III '78 ["Continuing Ed," November/December] that his football career at Dartmouth was impacted by racism. Coonrad posits that Wilderson's allegation is suspect because Reggie Williams '76, who is also Black and played during Wilderson's era, was team

captain and was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Coonrad's suggestion that Williams' athletic success proves Wilderson was not discriminated against is not persuasive. Reggie was my roommate and fraternity brother at Dartmouth. He often spoke of the very discrimination against Black players that Wilderson highlighted.

I hope the athletic discrimination that Wilderson mentioned is a thing of the past. However, such historical injustices will continue to sow discord if they are not honestly addressed.

KENNETH L. MICKENS '76

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Field Notes

Perusing the November/December 2020 issue of *DAM*, I stopped to read about a new book by Williams, *Resilient by Nature: Reflections from a Life of Winning On and Off the Football Field*. Wow, sounds like yet another book all about winning. That is what we are all taught is obviously the ultimate goal in life. Yet only six pages later, I get a very different perspective of life from an interview with Wilderson. Both Williams and Wilderson are published authors and seemed to have lived very full and creative lives. So, if we are to believe Wilderson, though they clearly had totally different experiences on the Dartmouth football field and perhaps off the field, both appear to project a certain happiness with who they are in 2020.

If we choose to accept the perennial wisdom of the Dalai Lama—"The very purpose of our life is for happiness"—though they had wildly diverse experiences at Dartmouth, both share a common happiness. That is a type of diversity we can all appreciate and applaud.

In the same issue of *DAM* is an article on Mister Rogers' 2002 Commencement address, written by former College President James Wright ["Good Neighbor"]. What a beautiful counterbalance to the de rigueur message about success driving most commencement addresses. It is an homage to alum Fred Rogers '50, who epitomized and modeled a rare character trait in our culture: humility.

JOHN RUSSELL '68

Kamuela, Hawaii

Beyond Bias

I am encouraged by the views of Tiffany Harper '05 on implicit bias ["Your Brain

Is Wrong," November/December] and am hopeful that the road to easier conversations on race has widened. I particularly enjoyed her synopsis of retraining the brain, or more explicitly, broadening one's experiences, whether with different races or cultures.

I was originally raised under legal segregation and experienced both the joys and pains of desegregation starting in middle school. My years at Dartmouth, followed by seven years living abroad, allowed for broader-based cultural experiences beyond Black and white.

In 2020 America became the epicenter of racial unrest, protest marches, and heightened tension. We can and should use this environment for self-reflection and to open dialogue regarding the implicit and cultural biases that lead to these outcomes. These biases impact all of us, and it will take all of our efforts, working together, to overcome.

STERLING B. EDMONDS '78

Greenville, North Carolina

Times Change

I was dismayed to read about how well Dartmouth is doing with its petting zoo for stressed undergrads ["Animal House?," January/February] but how poorly it performed in the college free-speech rankings: 52nd out of 55 and last among the Ivies ["Failing Grade" January/February].

For a college that hosted George Wallace and Malcolm X in the 1960s, the latter is a true embarrassment. The former is, as well, but then not everyone can assimilate "the granite of New Hampshire."

JIM LUSTENADER '66

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WRITE TO US

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UPFRONT

Braving the Elements

Erich Osterberg is at his best when he's under the weather.

When it comes to data, the earth sciences prof likes to look at the long term. He teaches meteorology, which involves the tracking and analysis of many numbers. "It is a useful way to teach about working with any scientific data set," he says. Given Hanover's—and Dartmouth's—long history of collecting meteorological information, students have what he calls a "fabulous data set" to work with. (See page 19.)

DON HAMERMAN

PUBLIC HEALTH

Smoke Out

College bans tobacco on campus.



The College will become nicotine-free starting March 18. President Philip J. Hanlon '77 announced the decision on January 13 to prohibit all "nicotine-delivery devices" on any College-owned or -occupied property and on public streets or sidewalks within 20 feet of College property. Hanlon cites growing evidence that links serious illnesses and Covid-19 deaths with nicotine use as one reason for the ban. It applies not only to students, faculty, and staff, but also to visitors and outside contractors as well.

Some students balked at what they called a surprise decision and criticized the lack of student input. "It seems like an unnecessary overstep of administrative power," says Maud McCole '23, a nonsmoker.

As part of its \$11,900 Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative grant from the American Cancer Society, the College surveyed 6,509 enrolled students in 2019 about their tobacco use, cessation attempts, secondhand-smoke exposure, and views about campus tobacco policies. The survey, which had an 18-percent response rate, found that 68 percent of students agreed colleges have a responsibility to lessen the risk of tobacco addiction with policies that discourage tobacco product use, and that 90 percent of students agreed colleges have a duty to promote healthy behaviors and adopt policies that ensure people have smoke-free air to breathe.

"What's most concerning has nothing to do with the effect of the ban but its underlying principle: that a higher authority has the power to restrict your choices for your own good," the Dartmouth Libertarians wrote in an email to all undergraduates. Adds David Yin '22, vice president of the Libertarians: "This is just going to punish people for smoking, because some people aren't going to quit, and why should they?"

Chris Peck, president of SEIU Local 560, estimates about 10 percent of his union's members are smokers. "There are going to be people who are upset and people for whom this is all they need to kick the habit," Peck says.

The College plans to offer resources, including counseling and cessation-aid kits, to ease the transition.

—Madison Wilson '21



WINTERIZED

The first big snow of the season struck in mid December. Susie Peerson, Tu'22, and friends found the fairways of the former golf course in perfect condition.

CLASS OF 2025

566

Early admits announced in December. Sixteen percent will be first-gen college students.

COVID-19

86

Number of students who had campus privileges revoked during fall term because they violated pandemic safety protocols

FROM THE ARCHIVES

"Another double concert Friday evening featured a triple-bill of folk singers—Eric Anderson, Tom Rush, and Brewer and Shipley. During the relatively sedate early performance we overheard a student in the row behind us complain, 'The problem with the audience is that no one's had much to drink yet.' We enjoyed the music anyway. The midnight movie, the weekend's only attempt at pedagogy, was Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex."

—WINTER CARNIVAL REPORT FROM THE MARCH 1977 ISSUE OF DAM



"There is a lot of food in Dante."

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

> DANIELLE CALLEGARI | Assistant professor of Italian



You focus on medieval Italian literature, specifically Dante, and Italian culinary history and culture. How did that happen?

I worked on my master's at NYU with John Freccero, the preeminent Dante scholar of the last century, and he encouraged me to work on Dante. But I was always very compelled by food and the connection to culture.

How do these two interests intersect?

The Late Middle Ages was when the great Tuscan city-states—Pisa, Lucca, Florence—became centers of culture, and food became something that people exchanged as a way of communicating. Dante uses food all the time to express very human experiences—what brings joy, what provokes nausea.

What are you teaching?

My course this winter is on Italian humanism and food. My first course was on Dante and food culture, which is also the subject of my upcoming book, *Dante's Gluttons: Food and Society in Medieval Italian Literature*.

You also cohost a podcast, *Gola*, where you place Italian food and wine in a broader social context. Why do you feel that's important?

There's a lot of dilettantism in Italian food. People want to capitalize on the extreme visibility and easy love that people have for Italian culture, but at the expense of some really important issues: the influence of the Mafia, migrant labor, extreme forms of exclusion—and the totally out-of-control problem of a national economy that is so vitally dependent on tourism, especially food tourism.

Do you cook?

I love to cook with my family and friends. But if I'm home by myself, my go-to dinner is a tin of sardines, a nice piece of cheese, glass of wine. Done. I'm a new junior professor and I'm working a lot.

You weren't able to travel to Italy last year because of the pandemic. If you could be there now, where would you go and what would you eat?

Sicily. I'd start with the little raw shrimp that they serve utterly untouched—just lemon squeezed on top. Then a pasta with just two or three ingredients: colatura, toasted bread crumbs, a little hot pepper. A simple piece of fish and simple vegetables, then fruit, nuts, cheese, a digestif—all the things that punctuate and elongate the meal, that make it an event and not a necessity.

—Anne Bagamery '78

NEWS BRIEFS



Stunning Reversal

>>> As this issue went to press, President Phil Hanlon '77 announced that five sports teams cut last year are back in play. Both golf teams, both swimming and diving teams, and the men's lightweight rowing team were dropped in a controversial move last July because of budgetary and admissions concerns. Arthur Bryant, a lawyer for the women's teams, alleged the action violated Title IX. To avoid litigation the College has reimbursed his firm more than \$100,000 in fees and will conduct a gender-equity review of athletics programs. "Dartmouth screwed up royally," Bryant said in a press release.

Push for Diversity

>>> On the eve of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, College officials promised to increase the number of BIPOC faculty and faculty who study racial injustice, systemic racism, and institutional equity during the next five years. Last summer the College committed to increase the percentage of faculty of color to 25 percent by 2027. The current percentage is just under 20 percent. Dartmouth will also conduct a survey to ensure "racial and gender equity across the institution," according to the office of communications.

A Carnival Makeover

>>> The 111th Winter Carnival was scheduled for three weekends in February with a theme centered on video and virtual gaming: "Level-Up: Carnival Rebooted." With Occom Pond closed, there was no polar bear plunge, but two ice rinks were created on the Green for skaters. Events were limited to students with on-campus access.

Black Perspectives

>>> Alumni relations has assembled a racial equality and social justice resource hub, with an online collection of alumni and faculty stories and perspectives on Black history and alumni such as E.E. Just, class of 1907. The site also includes info on resources, College efforts to build a more inclusive culture, and statements from College leaders. It's available at alumni.dartmouth.edu.



ASK THE EXPERT

How to Use Affirmations

KATHRYN LIVELY | PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY/DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

Affirmations are written statements designed to create self-change. They are most frequently used to create persistent change in a specific area of one's life. They can also focus attention on goals throughout the day, which can promote positive and sustained change. Generally speaking, affirmations are used to reprogram the subconscious mind, to encourage us to believe certain things about ourselves or about the world and our place within it. They are also used to help us create the reality we want—often in terms of making, or attracting, wealth, love, beauty, and happiness. Recent research suggests that self-affirmations buffer stress and improve problem-solving in underperforming and chronically stressed individuals. Here are tips for developing your own affirmations.

WRITE IN THE FIRST PERSON. Begin with "I" or "I am." These words create statements of identity, which are powerful motivators for self-change. Examples: "I am secure and confident speaking in public," "I enjoy eating healthy food," "I love to exercise," and "I am a loving and compassionate person."

DON'T BE NEGATIVE. Always state your affirmations in the positive. For example, instead of saying, "I no longer

enjoy the taste of cigarettes," you might say, "I am completely free from cigarettes" or "I am a healthy person and I love the way my body feels when I make healthy choices."

IMBUE YOUR AFFIRMATIONS WITH FEELING. Affirmations have an emotional charge. Including emotional words is important because of the deep association we have between emotion words and somatic experiences. Instead of saying, "I spend

time with my aging parents," try "I feel such love and gratitude spending time with my mother and father." Or instead of "I only eat healthy food," which sounds suspiciously chore-like, try "I feel vibrant and alive when I make healthy choices for me."

WRITE YOUR AFFIRMATIONS AS IF THEY ARE ALREADY HAPPENING. This means affirming that "I am happy and confident" instead of

"Two months from now I will be happy and confident" or "I am healthy and attractive" as opposed to "When I lose these last 10 pounds I will be healthy and attractive." This step causes most people to falter, because sometimes they feel silly or disingenuous writing something they don't yet believe—at least at a conscious level—is true. But remember, the purpose behind affirmations is to rewrite your subconscious mind, not your conscious mind.

EUREKA!

[NEW FINDINGS AND RESEARCH]

Reindeer Games

Lawmakers underperform as investors.



>>> As the pandemic started to hit last year, several members of Congress came under scrutiny for lucrative trades in tech and healthcare stocks they made following private briefings. But an analysis of U.S. Senate and House members' short-term trades found they performed in line with the market or modestly lagged. "Stock picking is hard," says economics professor Bruce Sacerdote '90. "It's not a game. It's easy to get fooled into thinking you've got an inside edge."

In an update in December to their paper published by the *National Bureau of Economic Research* last April, Sacerdote and his students found that Santa's reindeer did better at picking stocks than lawmakers. The study's methodology was well-grounded: The team recorded the prancing and pawing of each reindeer hoof on *Wall Street Journal* stock pages spread out on the barn floor at Santa's Village in New Hampshire. The reindeer outperformed the S&P by more than 70 percent on an annualized basis.

Echo Chambers

Political ads can backfire.

>>> Countless millions are spent on extreme political messages and social media, but research published in December in *Physical Review X* shows such efforts can be counterproductive. They lead to polarization and drive people into political echo chambers, says Feng Fu, assistant professor of math and the study's senior researcher. Using a statistical model based on retweets and hashtags during 2016 election debates, his researchers also concluded that attack ads may solidify the support of existing backers but are less likely to sway undecided voters in the middle of the political spectrum.

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COVID-19

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Days of quarantine required for returning students in January

QUOTE/UNQUOTE

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Extreme Weather

A mix of clouds, sun, snow, and rain

One lesson every student learns on the Hanover Plain: Mother Nature refuses to be predictable. With help from earth sciences professor Erich Osterberg and the National Weather Service, here are some severe conditions that have hit campus through the decades.

COLDEST DAY
February 16, 1943: -40°

WARMEST DAY
August 2, 1975: 103°

LARGEST SINGLE-DAY RAINFALL
July 8, 1891: 5.65 inches

LARGEST TWO-DAY RAINFALL
November 3-4, 1927: 6.36 inches

LARGEST SINGLE-DAY SNOWFALL
February 16, 1958: 24.5 inches

LARGEST TWO-DAY SNOWFALL
February 16-17, 1958: 31.1 inches

EARLIEST MEASURABLE SNOWFALL
October 6, 1911: 0.7 inches

SNOWIEST WINTER
1957-58: 117.7 inches

YEAR WITH COLDEST AVERAGE TEMPERATURE
1904: 40.7°

YEAR WITH WARMEST AVERAGE TEMPERATURE
1998: 51.8°

NOTABLE NATURAL EVENTS



THE BIG DROP

On February 7, 1861, the Hanover temperature at 1 p.m. was 37 degrees. At 7 a.m. the following day, it had plunged to -32 degrees.



THE BIG BLOW

After the 1938 New England Hurricane, little seabirds known as Leach's petrels were found stranded in Hanover, indicating the storm's eye had passed near town.



THE BIG FREEZE

On May 29, 2012, golf ball- and quarter-sized hail was reported just northeast of Hanover.



THE BIG SHAKE

On April 28, 1913, astronomy professor John Merrill Poor, class of 1897, reported that earthquake tremors lasted up to 10 seconds and noted a picture had "fallen from the wall."

“I’ll Take the Body Blows”

Lawyer and activist Maya Wiley ’86 explains why she wants to be the next mayor of New York City. *by* DIRK OLIN ’81

A former professor at the New School and legal analyst for MSNBC, Maya Wiley is a New Yorker to the core. She recently served as counsel for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and as chair of the civilian complaint review board that oversaw allegations of police misconduct. She broke with his administration over its commitment to law enforcement reform and other issues.

How do you campaign during a pandemic?

Convening assemblies virtually has been interesting. You actually are getting an Afro-Latinx from the South Bronx and a former NYPD police officer from Queens at the same event. It’s arguably more engaging than one geographic pool at a time.

You served as counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio. How did that happen?

We knew some people in common, but we didn’t know each other. It proved to me I was right about local government’s ability to be transformative. I left after two-and-a-half years because it was increasingly difficult to move transformational ideas.

What do you say to de Blasio critics who say you are guilty by association?

I talk about what I did before city hall: two and a half decades of racial justice work. I talk about what I did in city hall for two and a half years, showing the city could deliver free broadband to public housing residents in Queens, increase city contracts to women- and minority-owned businesses, and get sanctuary city legislation done. I talk about getting the police officer who killed Eric Garner charged to get him fired from the NYPD. And then there is marching in protests and demanding police commissioner Dermot Shea be fired. It doesn’t take long to help people see me as me. It’s who I have always been.

What’s your approach to police reform?

Being very clear what will be celebrated and what will be punished. We must invest in things that really *do* prevent crime, that

help communities be safe, such as mental health services. Also, ideally, the department needs to discipline misconduct before it becomes a civilian complaint.

Can you pre-screen for bad actors?

Yes. But remember some bad people do good things and some good people do bad things. The truth about the department is it’s one of the worst-run agencies, from a management perspective, in city government. They just take whoever they want—no open postings.

Many cities are now run by women of color. Is New York City ready?

I think so. Covid has peeled back a lot, women have borne the brunt, and a lot of people have seen that. Plus, the police violence. We’re starting to say “structural racism” out loud and on cable. I say this as someone who founded the Center for Social Inclusion, whose mission was to dismantle structural racism in 2002. *[Laughs]* So I have history.

And your campaign tactically?

The winning coalition consists of Black voters, Black women in particular, and Latinos, plus progressives in general, skewing toward the young, and white women. I exclude no one—although women make up 53 percent of white New Yorkers, they make up 60 percent of the white *electorate*.

What’s the biggest challenge a new mayor will face?

We have a crisis of public trust. One of the tragedies of the de Blasio administration is that it has deepened a deep, deep level of division.

How did attending Dartmouth contribute to your thinking? Maybe a high and a low?

I’ll start with the low. It was freshman fall and I saw my first *Dartmouth Review* and the cover article headline, as I recall, was “I Beez a Black Student....” It was an attack on affirmative action, and I thought, “What the *hell* is this?” Then in the dining hall white students in front of me were talking about

the unqualified Black students. I was more than a little alienated.

And the high?

The faculty. I had dear friends, but what kept me going was the faculty. Professor Rogers Elliott, in particular, was a psychology professor and pretty conservative and had a law degree, and he and I would fight about affirmative action. But he wasn’t belittling me, he was engaging me.

“We have a crisis of public trust.”

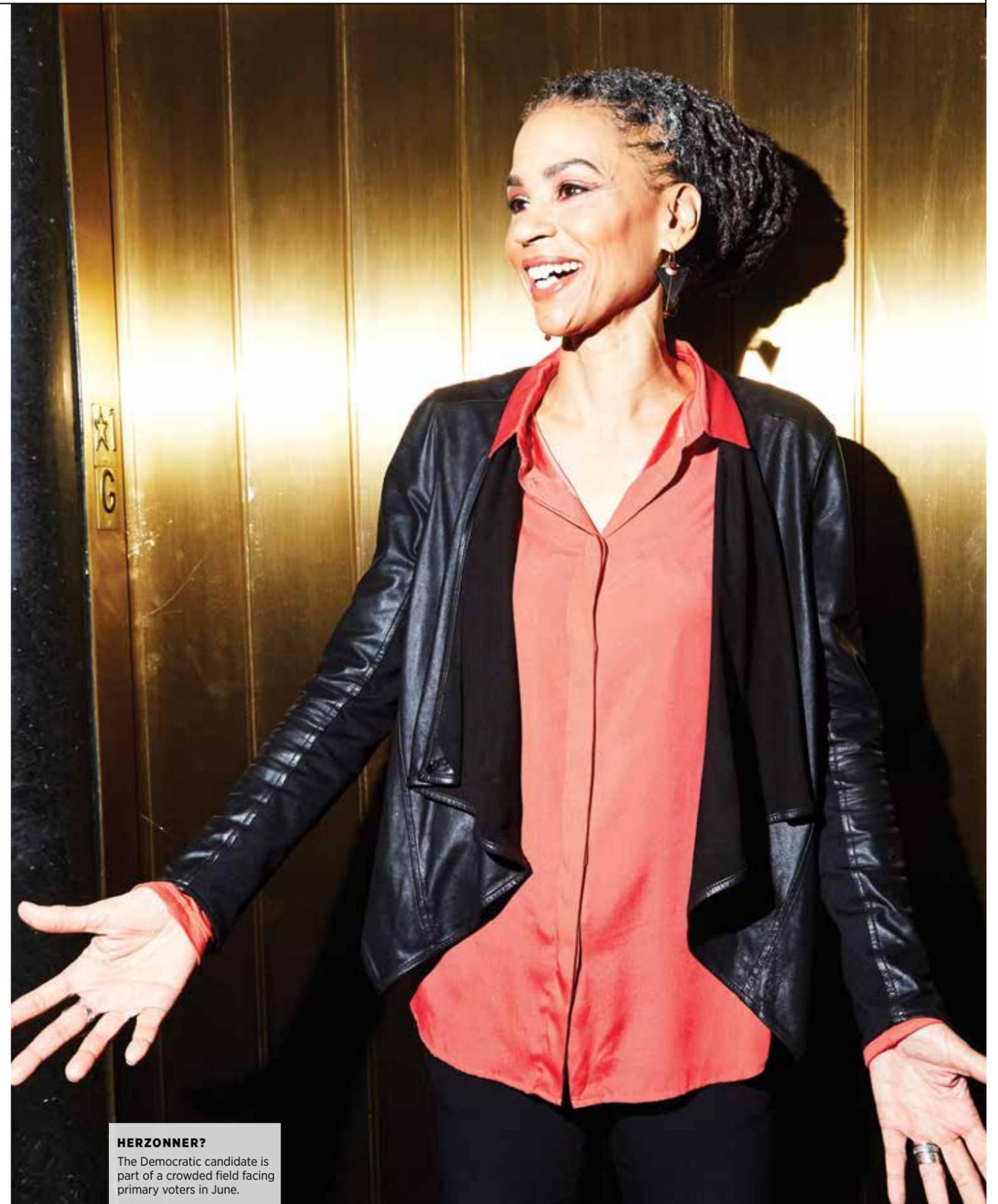
You didn’t have an easy path.

I was so lucky. My father was Black, had gotten a Ph.D. from Cornell in organic chemistry and was on the faculty at Syracuse. But then he left to be 100 percent in the civil rights movement. That’s when we moved to D.C. My mom was a white woman who had grown up in a really racist little town in Texas. She went to Southern Baptist University and fought racism tooth and nail. I watched my father die when I was 9 and my brother was 10—he fell off a boat and drowned. My mother had always been the breadwinner, which was unusual enough. But now she worked from home, as a management consultant. So I had pretty much the opposite parental arrangement of most kids in the 1960s and 1970s. They were both incredible.

Finally, why on earth would anybody want this job?

[Laughs] Because I am not going anywhere. This is my city, my children’s city, the city where my partner was born. And we’re in an existential crisis. So, you either wring your hands, or you say, “I’ll take the body blows for my city.” ■

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HERZONNER?

The Democratic candidate is part of a crowded field facing primary voters in June.

Monkey Business

What do mummified baboons have to do with the origins of international commerce? Everything!

Ancient Egyptians revered baboons. But unlike other sacred creatures—hippos, cats, and crocodiles—the monkeys are not native to Egypt. So where did the many mummified baboons in royal tombs originate? Anthropology prof Nate Dominy is part of a team that has identified an area in the Horn of Africa—the fabled kingdom of Punt—as the source. More than 4,000 years ago, Egyptian envoys ventured far to trade for those baboons, and it was no small task for their unkeeled ships. The 845-mile route on the Red Sea required advanced nautical skills, resulting in “the first known example of peaceful, international maritime commerce—and the longest lasting one—in human history,” says Dominy. “Exotic goods from Punt were a driving force on the evolution of seafaring technology.” Eventually, 1,000 years of trade between Egypt and Punt expanded into the spice route—and the start of what we now call economic globalization.

Dominy used stable and radiogenic isotope analysis to determine the origins of a baboon mummy from Egypt that has been housed in the British Museum for decades. He sought grants and conducted the work in his Dartmouth lab, using hair from the back of the arm of the 3,300-year-old specimen. He also examined bone and tooth enamel to verify that the baboon originally came from the Horn of Africa.

His team’s work is the first to put Punt on the map—it existed in what is now Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia—and demonstrates that ancient Egyptians traveled and traded across great distances.

—Sean Plattner



Probable location of Punt

INCREDIBLE JOURNEY
Emissaries in search of baboons ventured from the Mersa Gawasis, an Egyptian port on the Red Sea, to Massawa, Eritrea—the likely location of the trading center of Punt. “The Egyptians were highly motivated,” says Dominy.

MUMMY DEAREST
Dominy hopes to get a closer look at this mummified baboon, a specimen from the Valley of Kings that was most likely a royal pet. He has sought permission from Egyptian authorities for more than a decade to sample the tissues for isotope analysis.



THE ART OF THE DEAL

A wall painting from an Egyptian noble’s tomb, above, depicts a variety of foreign tribute animals, including a baboon. The Egyptian god Thoth often took the form of a baboon, as represented by this figurine from 332-30 BC.



BABOON MUMMY: SALWA IRKAWI; MAP: JONATHAN CHIPMAN AND NATHANIEL DOMINY; FAR LEFT: STATUE: BANIC; TOMB WALL PAINTING: SANDRO VANNINI

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A Tragedy Runs Through It

Writer Paul Maclean '28 lived hard, died young, and became the center of an acclaimed novel by his brother, Norman Maclean '24. **by RICHARD BABCOCK '69**

He was the real deal, the basis for the swashbuckling protagonist of an acclaimed novel. A young Brad Pitt played him onscreen. An artist of that elegant and graceful sport, fly-fishing, he also fought, gambled, and drank heavily. He wrote well, often using his talent to blister the bigwigs in his Montana town. And after a short life he died in a brutal killing that remains a mystery.

Paul Maclean would be little more than a forgotten obit in the 1938 alumni magazine if his brother, Norman, hadn't written a late-in-life autobiographical novel, *A River Runs Through It*, that was made into a 1992 movie. In lyrical prose, the book recounts a father and two sons, emotionally constrained yet deeply loving, bonded by their joy in fly-fishing. The father and the older son are haunted by their inability to rescue the younger man from his self-destructive ways.

Because of his portrait in the book and on the screen, Paul stands as a wonderfully romantic figure, one of the most vivid and intriguing in modern American literature. Stories about him still pop up in the newspapers, and a 2012 blog post about his death has drawn more than 100 comments, some from as recently as last fall.

"Paul was the star. He was just so beautiful," says Richard Friedenberg, the screenwriter on the movie who did extensive research in preparation. "As far as his untimely end, there was a strong feeling in the family that he was headed south."

Norman and Paul grew up in Montana, the sons of a strict Scottish Presbyterian minister who nonetheless enjoyed raising tough boys who could fight and win. Norman went East to Dartmouth, but throughout his life never abandoned a disdain for the school and relished tales of how he swiped dates from the prep-school swells and took their money in poker. Paul shared the conceit. "If anything, it was stronger

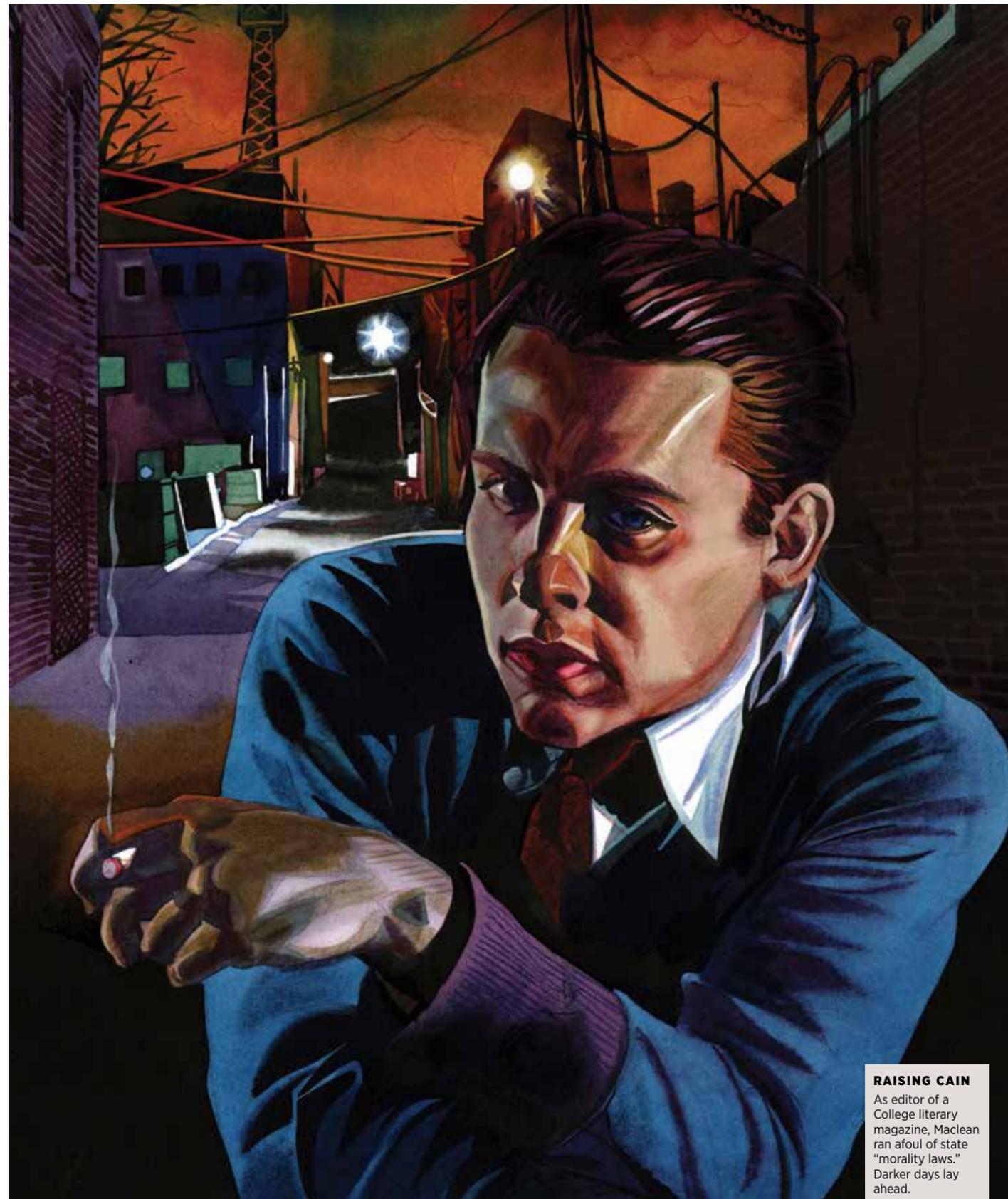
than Norman's," says Joel Snyder, Norman's son-in-law. Still, two days before his death, Paul mailed a contribution to the Alumni Fund.

When he was in high school in Missoula, Paul played football as a lean, 5-foot-10 halfback. After a year at the University of Montana he transferred to Dartmouth, where Norman had remained after graduation to teach English. Paul's wild streak and eagerness to defy authority had already surfaced, and Snyder thinks the family hoped Norman could "play sheriff" for his younger brother. The two roomed together part of the time, though in 1925 their boarding-house burned down, apparently destroying Norman's early efforts at fiction.

"He was taking on the world all the time."

Like Norman, Paul was drawn to writing, and at Dartmouth he devoted his attention to *The Dartmouth*, where he served on the editorial board, and *Jack-o-Lantern*. In those days neither publication carried bylines, so Paul's contributions can't be identified. But the most intriguing incident in Paul's Dartmouth life came the spring of his senior year. He and a colleague edited a literary magazine, *The Tower*, and at one point their local printer decided three stories in an issue violated New Hampshire morality laws. Paul and his coeditor couldn't win their case with state authorities and hence resigned. The dustup drew the attention of the Associated Press, and stories ran around the country.

In a letter to *The Dartmouth* signed with his coeditor, William A. Hunt '28, Paul wrote in part, "Tired as we are with the



RAISING CAIN

As editor of a college literary magazine, Maclean ran afoul of state "morality laws." Darker days lay ahead.

never ceasing struggle with smug hypocrisy, and convinced that defeat by such an august authority as the Law of the State of New Hampshire renders any further resistance on our part embarrassing rather than helpful to *The Tower* and the College, we feel it is best that we retire from the scene."

An unsigned editorial in *The Dartmouth* the same day commented: "The resignation of *The Tower* editors is nothing, by itself. But as a small part of the increasing pressure which threatens to engulf the clay-footed colossus of Puritan propriety, it may have some effect. We hope so."

The Tower stopped publishing long ago. Rauner Library holds only a handful of copies, and the offending stories have disappeared.

Paul should have graduated in the spring of 1928, but a problem surfaced: He was missing an algebra requirement that he should have picked up in high school. He sent Norman a telegram: "I can't get out of this damned place because I never got in."

Dartmouth worked out an arrangement allowing Paul to take a makeup course during the summer at the University of Montana. As Norman's son, John, relates in an upcoming book, the teacher was "a political radical who, like Paul, hated the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. that dominated the political and economic life of the state. The two got on famously." Paul passed the course and earned his degree.

He went to work immediately for several Montana newspapers, ending up at the Helena *Independent* (now the *Independent Record*). A longtime Montana newsman, Terry Dwyer, arrived at the paper after Paul's death and heard stories about him from Paul's contemporaries. "He had a nasty temper and an impatience with racial slurs," Dwyer wrote in 1993. "He was intemperate and would not back away from a barroom brawl, regardless of the odds."

Nonetheless, Dwyer continued, Paul proved a good reporter and strong writer. He covered the Montana legislature and enjoyed calling out the powers that be. "There was a big streak of the adversary in my brother," Norman said years later. "He was taking on the world all the time."

By the late 1930s Norman was teaching at the University of Chicago on the city's South Side, and Paul joined him there. Again the family hoped the big brother would have a taming influence. Paul took a job with the school's press department, writing about sports, and he studied toward



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PERSONAL HISTORY

a master's in English. He had a girlfriend, who spent the day with him on Sunday, May 1, 1938, but they parted after dinner. The next morning he was found crumpled and badly beaten in a South Side alley not far from his home near the University of Chicago campus. He died of head injuries, and, the *Chicago Tribune* reported, "The victim's body and clothing showed he had fought his assailants."

The newspapers carried several theories of the crime, including robbery, and an inquest ruled Paul died "at the hands of persons unknown." The family never believed the killing was random. "Norman was clear about what he thought," Snyder says. "Paul gambled, he gambled on the South Side. He got in over his head and paid the price."

John Maclean has looked extensively into the murder for a book coming out this spring, *Home Waters: A Chronicle of Family and a River*. "Facts go only so far," he says.

Norman accompanied his brother's body home to Missoula, and Paul, 32, was buried there after a funeral attended by hundreds, according to the local paper. Norman brooded on the death for four decades before grappling with his guilt and his brother's character in the pages of *A River Runs Through It*, published in 1976. Snyder points out that Norman was also something of a hell-raiser as a young man until his self-discipline and love of literature turned him into a revered teacher.

"I knew there were others like me who had brothers they did not understand but wanted to help," Norman wrote in the book. "We are probably those referred to as 'our brothers' keepers,' possessed of one of the oldest and possibly one of the most futile and certainly one of the most haunting of instincts. It will not let us go." ■

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GONE FISHIN'



When Paul Maclean worked as a reporter in Montana, he also edited Montana Fish and Game Notes, which featured both signed and unsigned stories. The following short item titled "Unique...If True" from the February 1936 issue was unsigned, but seems likely to have come from the pen of Paul Maclean.

Years ago, near the State Penitentiary, a certain deputy game warden encountered a problem that even the attorney general or Blackstone himself could not have solved. The story goes that a group of prisoners detailed to road work was near a choice fishing stream which had been closed by order of the Fish and Game Department.

In the group there were a few followers of Isaac Walton who had fallen from the "straight and narrow" but still were followers of that great leader of the angling fraternity.

In their spare moments the prisoners improvised fishing rods and other equipment. At any rate, while they were supposed to be constructing roads and literally making "little ones out of big ones," they sauntered away with their fishing stuff and tossed a hook into the favored but closed stream nearby. A deputy game warden surprised them as they were enjoying this sport with the fighting, ravenous and plentiful trout abounding in the stream.

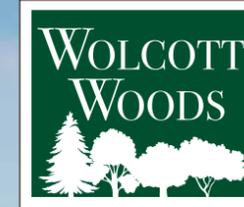
"You are under arrest," the deputy game warden said, "and I'll have to take you to jail."

"You can't arrest us," they said in chorus, as they continued to cast their lines upon the enticing ripples of the closed waters.

"And why not?" inquired the deputy game warden, disclosing his badge.

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Trailblazer

Allie Young '13 got voters to the polls—on horseback.

by ELIZABETH JANOWSKI '21



Allie Young rode into the national spotlight last fall for her unusual efforts to get out the vote. A member of the Diné, or Navajo Nation, she led two 10-mile horseback rides across the Arizona desert to a polling site in Kayenta as part of her “Ride to the Polls” campaign—an initiative that earned her a shoutout from former First Lady Michelle Obama and a Congressional Medal of Honor nomination.

Young says she felt compelled to mobilize Navajo voters when she learned how disillusioned many Native youth felt about politics. Given the high stakes of the 2020 election, the question became how to get people to the polls. The self-proclaimed “straight-up cowgirl” says the idea for a trail ride came from her father, who was planning one of his own leading up to the election.

“I started thinking about stories of our elders who rode horseback to the polls because they didn’t have vehicles but knew how important it was to exercise their right to vote because someone before them had

to fight for that,” Young says. “I believed that was something that our youth would get excited about because they are more eager nowadays to reconnect to our culture than ever before.”

Between the two rides—one during the early voting period and the other on Election Day—Young’s entourage grew from roughly 25 to 45 people, with a larger group of followers trailing behind. The campaign’s influence quickly extended far beyond the Arizona desert. Social media users around the country “told me that what we did was inspiring and truly healing for a nation that needs healing,” Young says. Analysts credit the Navajo Nation’s increased voter turnout with helping to flip traditional red-state Arizona to blue.

An aspiring screenwriter dedicated to preserving Native voices through art and storytelling, the film and media studies major emerged as a community leader last spring when the Covid-19 pandemic began to ravage the Navajo Na-

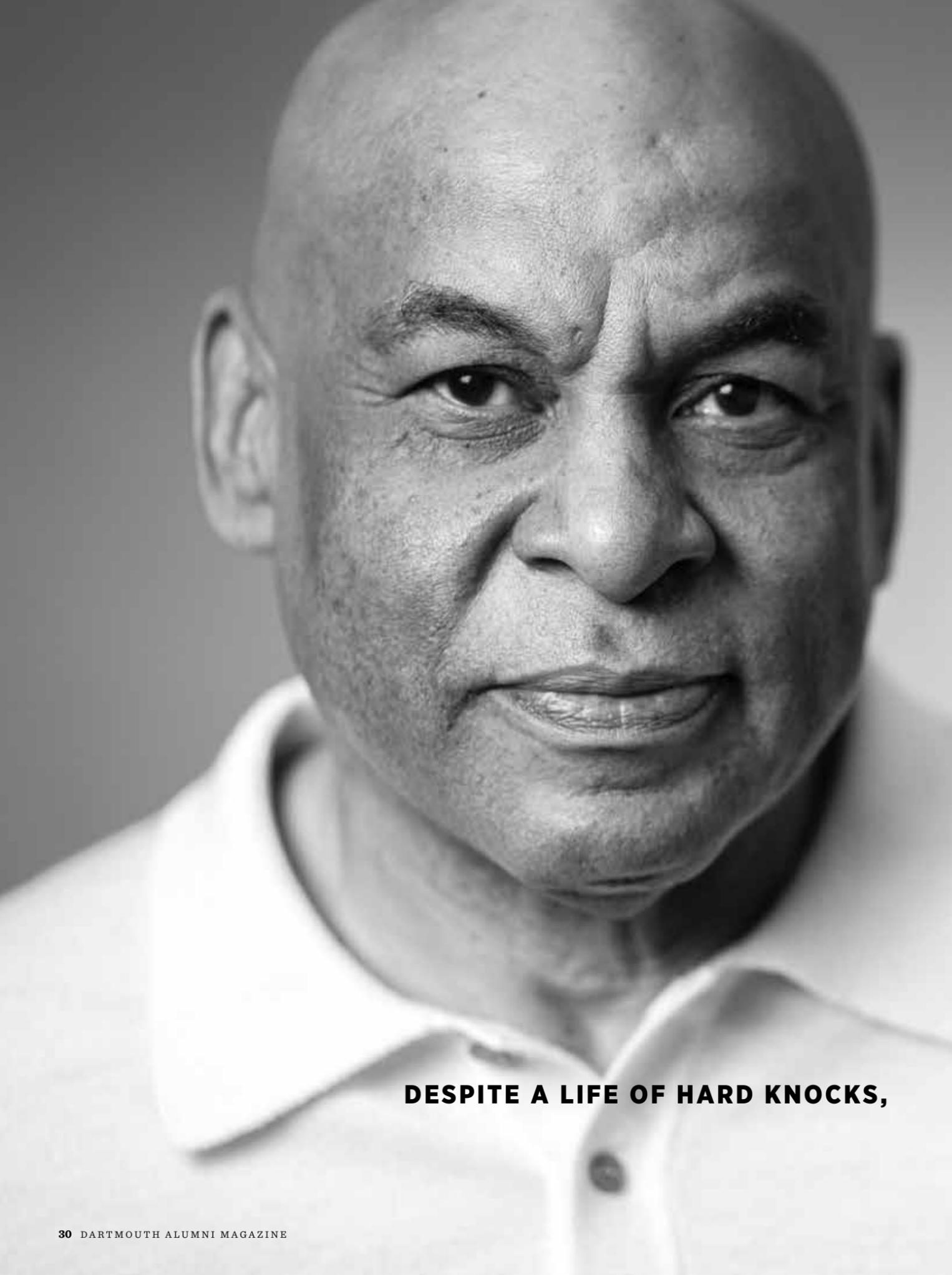
“They have no choice but to hear us.”

tion. She returned home to New Mexico from Los Angeles and founded Protect the Sacred, a grassroots organization that promotes health awareness, preserves Navajo culture, and empowers Navajo youth by encouraging them to reach out to tribal elders. For her work, Dartmouth gave Young its 2021 Emerging Leader Social Justice Award.

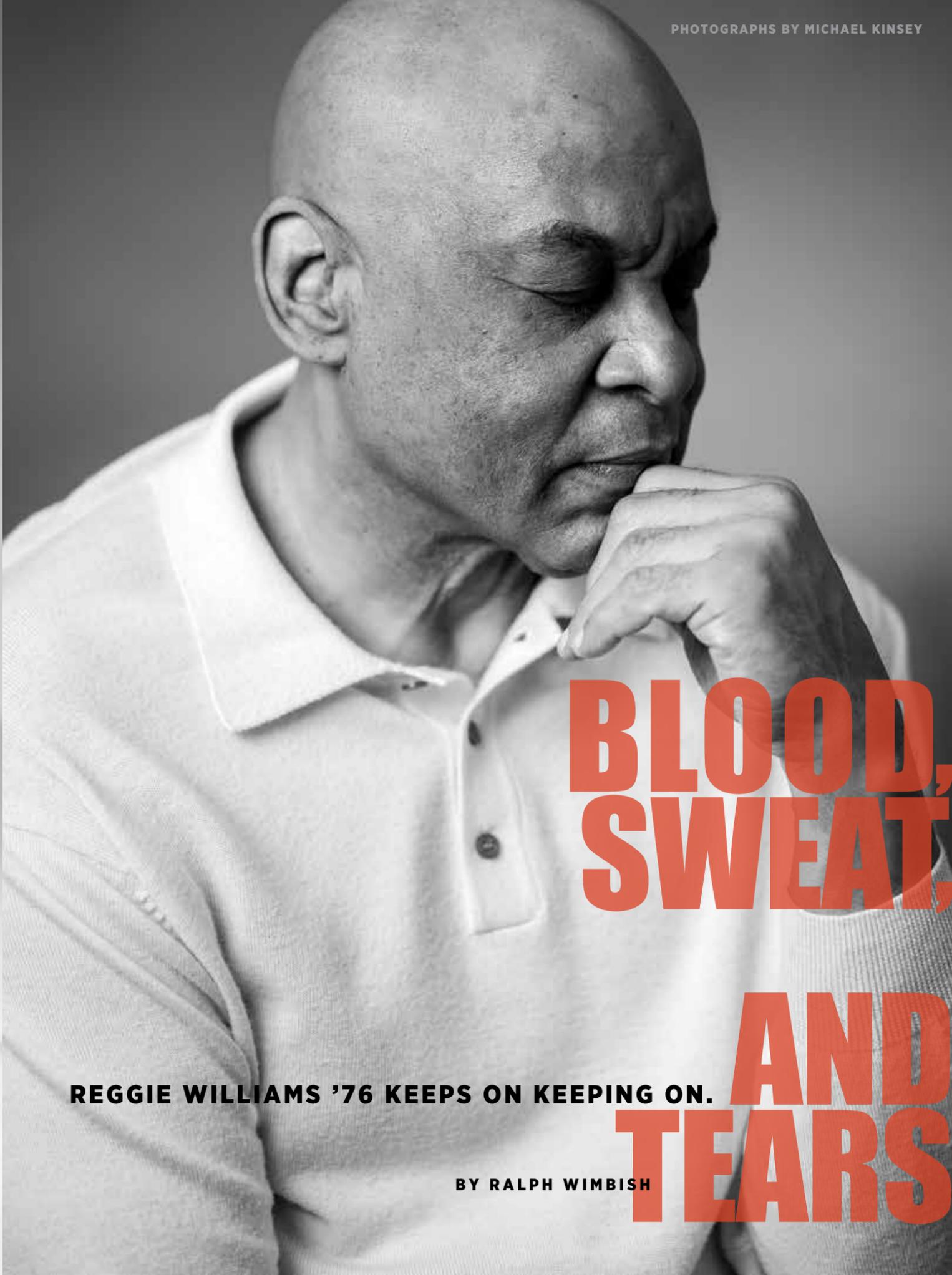
Looking ahead, Young plans to keep pushing politicians to recognize Native rights. “Coming off the vote, people are seeing that we’re still here and we still participate,” she says. “When we show up in a big way and it pays off, they have no choice but to hear us.” ■

RIDING HIGH

Young’s father rode in the Indian National Finals Rodeo and her brothers and uncles were professional bull riders.



DESPITE A LIFE OF HARD KNOCKS,



**BLOOD,
SWEAT,**

REGGIE WILLIAMS '76 KEEPS ON KEEPING ON.

BY RALPH WIMBISH

**AND
TEARS**

IF HE COULD SUIT UP TODAY, Reggie Williams says he would gladly take a knee as a sign of protest against racial injustice. But no way in hell will he ever let a surgeon take that knee away from him.

Now 66, the man whom many consider Dartmouth's greatest football player refuses to stand down. For years doctors have advised him to have his troubled right leg removed—it is 3 inches shorter than his left because of 28 surgeries and looks like it belongs on the cover of an orthopedic medical journal. Long gone is all the hair he routinely stuffed inside a football helmet. Otherwise, Williams still looks capable of sacking the likes of Terry Bradshaw.

"I support everything the kneelings have done in terms of awareness," says Williams, who endured 14 years in the NFL as a hard-hitting linebacker for the Cincinnati Bengals. "What Colin Kaepernick did was brilliant in the simplicity of a silent, peaceful protest. When I played I used to sing the national anthem from deep in my soul. It was like my battle cry. I could see myself singing it—and kneeling. I can easily see that."

Williams, who can't even bend his lumpy right knee—it's been reconstructed and replaced four times—lives in an artfully decorated penthouse apartment in Sarasota, Florida. From here he can gaze at the Gulf of Mexico and look back on a remarkable life, one he details in his new memoir, *Resilient by Nature* (Post Hill Press). It's filled with tales of awards and achievements, such as being named one of *Sports Illustrated's* Sportsmen of the Year in 1987 and landing a seat on Cincinnati's City Council one year later. It's also full of dreams, demons, and disappointments. Some of his most vivid dreams were never realized—like the one where he wins a Super Bowl ring or the one where he gets inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Some of Williams' most memorable dreams are terrifying, such as the one where he went to hell to save the soul of his best friend who died by suicide. Sometimes he dreams he didn't need the aortic dissection that almost killed him in 2014 or the stroke in 2015 that temporarily left him speechless. Heck, he dreams he was never accidentally hit by a car—which has occurred on three occasions.

Then there are the dreams that came true, such as when a \$100-million, all-purpose sports complex was built across 220 acres near Orlando, Florida, at Disney World. Now known as the ESPN Wide World of Sports, it is a place where hundreds of professional and amateur athletes can train and compete to fulfill dreams of their own. The complex opened under his guidance in 1997 and offers 11 softball and baseball diamonds as well as 17 outdoor multipurpose fields and three indoor arenas. Williams was particularly proud to see the NBA complete its 2019-20 season there last fall in "the bubble" during the pandemic.

"It was a long journey to convince everybody that this complex was a good idea," says Williams, who joined Disney World as its first black executive in 1993 after working four years for the NFL. (He retired from Disney in 2007 because of leg issues.) "The business got turned down six times."

Williams has always been a fighter. He grew up in Flint, Michigan, the son of an Alabama-born autoworker named Eli and a Puerto Rican mother, Julia. As an infant Williams was diagnosed with a hearing disorder that would affect his speech and require two surgeries to correct. On his way to kindergarten one day in 1959, he was hit by a car. In ninth grade, he says, he suffered the first of his four known concussions when he fell out of a tree while trying to impress his baby brother's friends.

In 10th grade at Flint Southwestern, Williams wrestled and

made the JV football team as an offensive lineman. A year later he made the varsity and played outside linebacker. By his senior year he was determined to go to the University of Michigan to play for legendary coach Bo Schembechler. "I was dead set on Michigan. I was sure that I would go there," Williams recalls. "But then one day Schembechler came to my school. He said, 'Do me a favor. If you come to Michigan, don't come out for my team. You're not good enough.' He was pretty clear. He said that to my face, in front of my high school coach, Dar Christiansen. Dar is beloved by Flint and a lot of players, but he was not in my corner that day."

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**I'M PAIN-FREE
AND LOOKING
FOR THE LOVE.**
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Williams' college choices came down to Dartmouth and Albion, a nearby liberal arts school that wanted him to play Division III football. "I didn't know anything about New Hampshire," he says. "Nobody I knew from Flint was encouraging me to go to Dartmouth. I had one recruiting trip in May of 1972 and fell in love with the place. I thought of it as an adventure. A pure adventure."

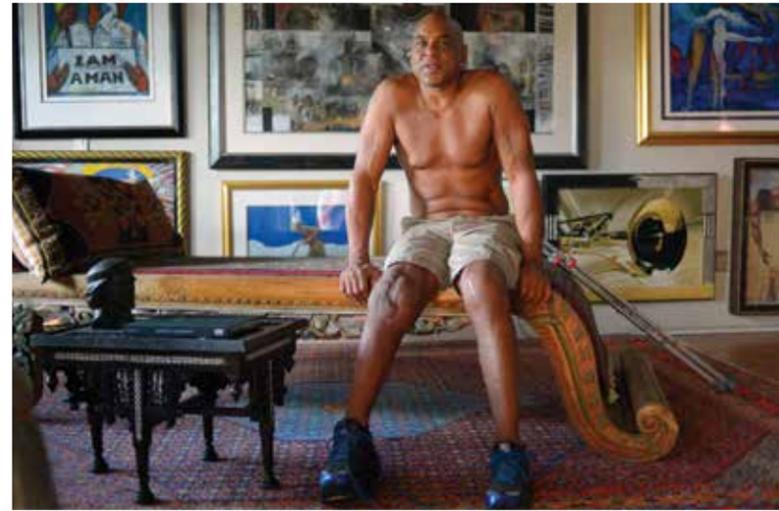
When Williams arrived in Hanover, the College was undergoing significant change. The athletic teams were no longer called the Indians. "To this day I still don't know what a Big Green is," he says. Also, women were admitted for the first time. Of the 150 women admitted, 29 were Black. The campus was becoming more diverse but was not without racism. At freshman football practice coach Jerry Berndt told Williams that two players from the South did not want to have their lockers near his, nor would they shower with him. Berndt responded by appointing Williams as the freshman team captain.

"It was a time of transformation," says Williams, pounding his fist. "All of a sudden you had these white athletes who hadn't played against or with Black athletes. Stu Simms '72 was the first African American captain of the varsity that year. That was a significant message to the student body. We were speaking in rhythm with James Brown: 'Say it loud—I'm Black and I'm proud.'"

Tyrone Byrd '73, a senior on the 1972 team that went 7-1-1 to capture a fourth straight Ivy League title, remembers scrimmages with Williams and the freshman team. "You knew he was going to be a star," Byrd says. "I played wide receiver and I tried to dodge him as much as I could in practice. I'd like to think I was his mentor, but nobody mentors Reggie."

With his outgoing personality, the psychology major had no trouble making friends. In the spring of 1973 he was in the initial pledge class of the Theta Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Dartmouth's first Black fraternity. Many of those friendships with his

brothers have endured. "I made friends in every sport I played and every classroom I was in," Williams says, his eyes lighting up. "My best friend was Lenny Nichols '76. I met him on the first day of freshman football. Ken Mickens '76, Fairfax Hackley III '76, Steve White '77—many of my fraternity brothers are still my best friends. Lawrence Ivey '75 was from Cincinnati. Once I got drafted by the Bengals, we became best friends and he ultimately became



my banker. I consider Tom Price '71 a mentor and big brother and role model. Willie Bogan '71 is one of my heroes. So proud to try to walk in his footsteps, but I never could because he was a Rhodes scholar. Grayland Crisp '76 is a good friend of mine. Wallace Ford '70—I have great appreciation for his leadership. There's Tyrone Byrd and Paul Robinson '76, who is related to Smokey Robinson. You should have heard him sing at my wedding. Harry B. Wilson '77 was like a little brother to me. His son is the quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks."

On the varsity as a sophomore, Williams missed the first three games because he was hit by another car. This time it happened in Flint during the summer, when a hit-and-run driver clipped him crossing the street. The resulting knee injury forced him to sit out losses to New Hampshire, Holy Cross, and Penn, but his return keyed a turnaround that resulted in a 6-3 record and the Big Green's fifth straight Ivy championship. Williams led the team in tackles and was named to the All-Ivy and All-East teams.

"He was just lights-out one of the best football players I've ever seen," says Buddy Teevens '79, Dartmouth's current football coach who scrimmaged against Williams as a freshman quarterback. "He was serious but had a sense of humor. The supreme compliment would be if Reggie would say, 'A pretty good day,' which he did to me on a couple of occasions. He was

PAIN AND GLORY

The linebacker spent 14 seasons in the NFL. "He could play the game," says former teammate Archie Griffin. "He could play the heck out of it." Cannabis helped Williams deal with the toil.

always dialed in, inspiring to everyone around him. We always talk about recruiting guys like him. He epitomizes it all."

Williams was "the best player physically Hanover has ever seen," says John Carney '78, a sophomore defensive back in 1975 and now the governor of Delaware. "He was a larger-than-life super-athlete. One game, against Holy Cross, he dove over two offensive linemen, and I said, 'Oh my God, did I just see that?' He was big, strong, fast, and tough, but he had a gentle spirit off the field. An interesting combination."

After the 1975 season Williams was a consensus All-American. That winter he became the Ivy League heavyweight wrestling champion and finished his studies after three and a half years. He was ready for the NFL. Gil Brandt, the Dallas Cowboys' executive vice president of player personnel, assured Williams the Cowboys team would draft him in the first round, according to Williams.

"He wasn't the first person to lie to me," Williams says, "and he wasn't the last." The Cowboys didn't take him, but the Bengals did—in the third round with the 82nd pick. The alternative was to play in the Canadian Football League with the Toronto Argonauts, which selected Williams in the first round of their draft.

Mike Brown '57, a former Dartmouth quarterback whose family has owned the Bengals franchise since its inception in 1968, laughs when he says it was "coincidental" that Williams' uniform number was 57, Brown's class year. Williams had asked for 63, the same number he wore at Dartmouth as a tribute to his idol, Willie Lanier, the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame linebacker. "Reggie was someone I had a special interest in since the time he came here," says Brown, the Bengals GM since 1991. "I consider him a friend and hold him in high regard. He had a remarkable will. He wanted to achieve. He was dedicated in the weight room to make himself bigger and stronger. He dedicated himself in every way possible to be the most successful at whatever he wanted to do. That stayed with him after football as well."

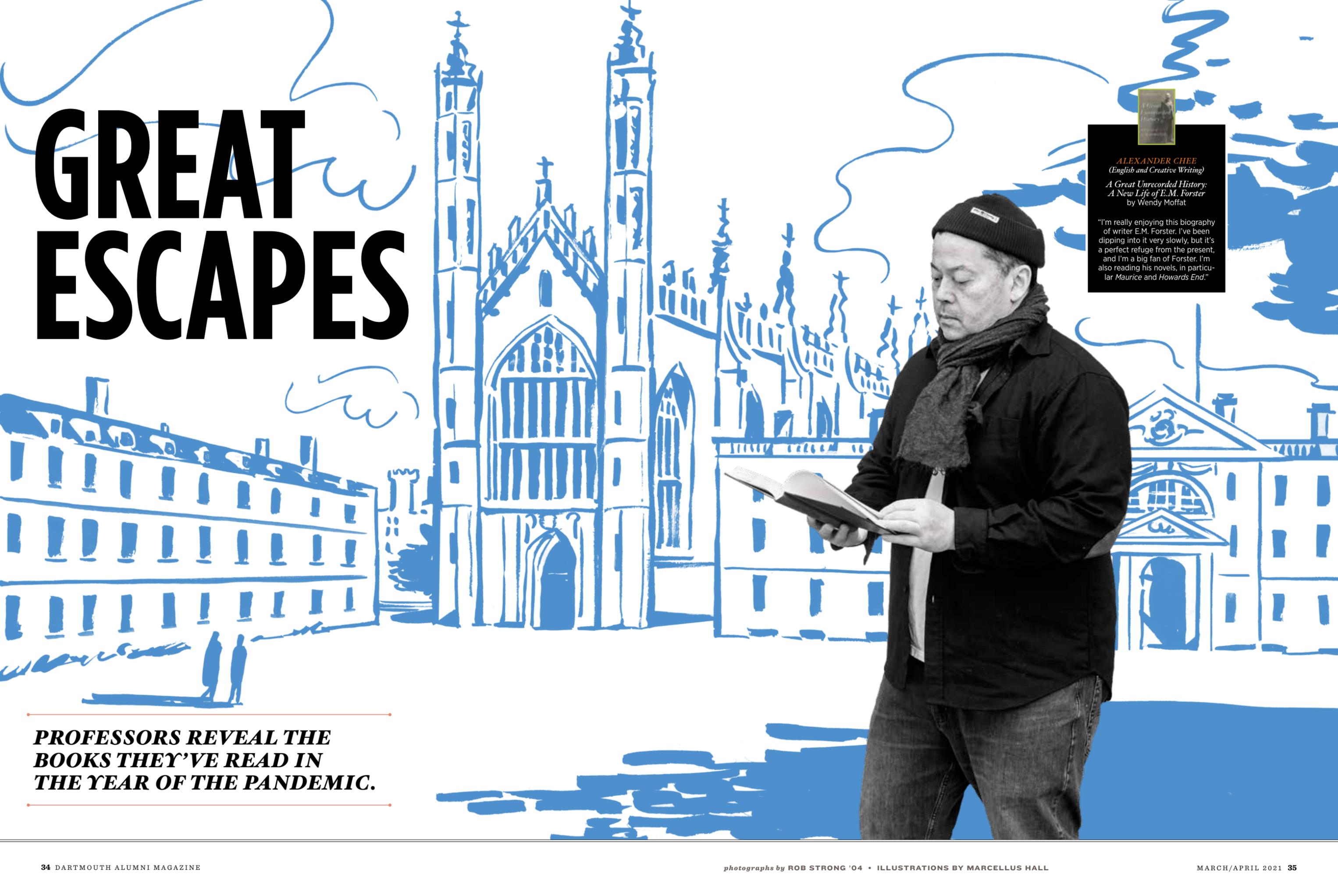
Archie Griffin, the two-time Heisman Trophy running back from Ohio State, was drafted in the first round ahead of Williams and played seven seasons with him. "He could play the game, he could play the heck out of it," says Griffin. "I so enjoyed being around him. I loved his intensity and leadership. He was extraordinary. He was outspoken. He was never afraid to speak his mind. He'd say what he would do and he would do it."

Williams became a Bengals starter in the third game of the 1976 season and never looked back. A tackling machine, he played 206 games for Cincinnati, mostly on rock-hard artificial surfaces. "Those AstroTurf burns, man, I still have 'em," he says. "Yeah, they got nasty during the week. It was part of the game, almost like concussions. All my knee damage came from that stuff."

His 16 interceptions and 23 fumble recoveries are still franchise records, yet Williams never was named All-Pro or played in the Pro Bowl. He played in two Super Bowls—in 1982 and 1989—but those losses, both to the San Francisco 49ers by a combined margin of nine points, still haunt him. In the 1989 game he sat out the final five plays as Joe Montana led the 49ers to a last-second, 20-16 victory. "We were in a prevent defense and I was on the sidelines," Williams says, shaking his head. "That's one of my nightmares, watching my team give up all those yards. In my dream I was on the field and I made the big play. I was able to take our team to victory and I felt the warmth and love of my teammates. The hugs, the confetti were so real. But then I wake up and realize it was all a nightmare, and you have to live with the hurt."

Hurt also would come in other nightmares. In 2008 Williams had a vivid dream in which he went to hell to save Lenny Nichols '76, his best friend who had died in 1996. When (*continued on page 79*)

GREAT ESCAPES



ALEXANDER CHEE
(English and Creative Writing)
*A Great Unrecorded History:
A New Life of E.M. Forster*
by Wendy Moffat

"I'm really enjoying this biography of writer E.M. Forster. I've been dipping into it very slowly, but it's a perfect refuge from the present, and I'm a big fan of Forster. I'm also reading his novels, in particular *Maurice* and *Howards End*."

PROFESSORS REVEAL THE BOOKS THEY'VE READ IN THE YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC.



JUSTIN MANKIN
(Geography)

The Memory Police
by Yoko Ogawa

"This dreamlike novel is told by a novelist living on an island off the coast of Japan, contending with all these normal things disappearing from daily life—birds, flowers, photos—and the rapid readjustment people make to their losses and to the losses they know are coming. It's hard not to see the parallels with our present moment of collective forgetting about the present losses with the pandemic or our expected losses with climate change."



TOMMY O'MALLEY
(English and Creative Writing)

The Cormorant and The Woodwitch
by Stephen Gregory

"Reading fiction in recent months I've been looking for light in the dark, but I've also been wallowing in that darkness, returning to older works that seem to offer no hope at all and newer ones from the British gothic and folk-horror revival. These works seem particularly relevant for these times. Both of these books are haunting, strange, perplexing—and gruesome enough to prevent sleep at night."



IVY SCHWEITZER
(English / Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

"The author, a professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, brings these two roles to bear in this gorgeously poetic account of what nature and, in particular, the sweetgrass plant can teach us about collaboration, healing, and survival. Every chapter is a revelation urging us to braid analysis with emotion, utility with beauty, science with ancient wisdom."

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—JUSTIN MANKIN



MELODY BROWN BURKINS
(Environmental Studies)

Siddhartha
by Hermann Hesse

"I walked by a dog-eared copy of this book several times a day while working from home. Assigned to my high school son, it was a book I had never read and my curiosity finally got the better of me. I could not put it down, drawn to the personal journey that unfolds as Siddhartha learns that his search for the meaning of his existence was never one idea, nor one answer, nor one text. Instead, he realizes that meaning must be experienced through each individual's meandering journey of connection and isolation, love and loss, beauty and tragedy."



JANICE MCCABE
(Sociology)

Wildwood
by Colin Meloy

"A friend gave me this book and I was skeptical that I'd enjoy it, given its label as 'middle-grade fiction.' Wow, was I wrong. The adventures of Prue and her friend Curtis in the secret world that the residents—people and animals—call 'Wildwood' was just the break I needed from the realities of the pandemic. The amazing illustrations are a bonus. My next step: the other books in this trilogy."



ROBERT ST. CLAIR
(French)

New York 2140
by Kim Stanley Robinson

"This superbly dark tale of ecological and political collapse is set in New York 120 years from the present. What I enjoyed the most was the believable sense of inevitability that shadows the descriptions of terrifying climate catastrophe as well as the uncanny texture of everything and nothing having changed at all. The narrative follows the somewhat weirdly normal bustle of seven characters in Manhattan, where everything below 30th Street has been submerged by the rising tide."



VAUGHN A. BOOKER '07
(Religion / African and African American Studies)
Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents
by Octavia Butler

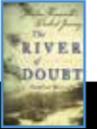
"The late sci-fi Afrofuturist author's two *Parable* novels reveal her wise and eerily prescient insight into how religious movements emerge and transform into religions under tumultuous circumstances."



COLLEEN BOGGS
(English / Humanities)

The Weight of Ink
by Rachel Kadish

"During the pandemic I have especially enjoyed books that are large in ambition and long in page count. Returning again and again to the same novel makes time feel less fragmented and gives my days a sense of narrative cohesion. This novel set in London interweaves two suspenseful plots, one set in the 17th century and the other in the early years of the new millennium. Each revolves around a strong female character whose love of learning is central to the challenges she faces. The novel speaks to our troubled times in its depictions of the plague."



LISA BALDEZ
(Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies)

The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey
by Candice Millard

"Millard follows Teddy Roosevelt's ridiculous journey down an uncharted tributary of the Amazon River in 1914—ridiculous because of the unbounded arrogance, poor planning, and willful rescience that inspired the trip and nearly killed Roosevelt, his son, Kermit, and their crew several times. Her portrayal of men walking willfully into a completely unnecessary danger revealed to me an aspect of masculinity that I've long struggled to understand. She also describes the flora and fauna of the Amazon in splendid detail."





KRISTINA ANNE LYNCH
(Physics and Astronomy)

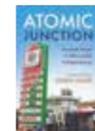
The Brandons and Pomfret Towers
by Angela Thirkell

"In the early days of the pandemic I worked my way once more through pretty much all of Thirkell's 1930s novels. The characters—set in the same villages as Anthony Trollope's a generation or two before—work through the trials and tribulations before, during, and after WW II. I found it very reassuring: People have been troubled before and have buckled down and gotten through it."



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THE SILVER LINING OF COVID-19: ONE GETS TO READ THE BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN LYING IN WAIT.
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—EZZEDINE FISHERE



NAABORKO SACKEYFIO-LENOCH
(History)

Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa after Independence
by Abena Dove Osseo-Asare

"This refreshing and lucid history of Ghana's post-independence ambitions to achieve nuclear power and nuclear equity traces the careers and aspirations of the key scientists at the helm of the country's nuclear enterprise. In this exceptionally rich study, the author also brings in the experiences and deep inequities that shaped the livelihoods and claims of everyday people and communities at the peripheries of those nuclear ambitions."



DANA WILLIAMS
(Mathematics)

The Fall of Japan: The Final Weeks of World War II in the Pacific
by William Craig

"This eye-opening history details how uncertain the Japanese surrender was, even after the emperor accepted the Allied terms, and the horrific grip that the military had on the populace of Japan. If the surrender had not held, Americans' loss of life would have been tragic and the Japanese people would have suffered unimaginably worse. It is sad to read how a great country can devolve into tragedy when led by a corrupt government."



MATTHEW AYRES
(Biological Sciences)

e: The Story of a Number
by Eli Maor

"This book provides wonderful historical context to appreciate the brilliance of Jacob Bernoulli, who first derived e, in 1683, and Leonhard Euler, who proved its power and gave it its memorable name. By virtue of knowing e, we can age the tooth of a woolly mammoth, understand how caterpillars can grow so rapidly, project the future value of investments, and model infections from a contagious disease. If that is not enough to leave you in awe, consider that e also gives us spirals."



JOHN PFISTER
(Psychological and Brain Sciences)

Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio
by Derf Backderf

"I thought I knew the story through photographs, but in this absolutely brilliant graphic novel Backderf goes to the trouble of documenting personal lives and the stories that run through that fateful day on May 4, 1970. There are lessons to be learned here: Using force to put down discord can only result in tragedy. He can show you more about what someone is thinking in two panels of his drawings than some can in 10 pages of prose."



CLAUDIA OLIVETTI
(Economics)

The Lying Life of Adults
by Elena Ferrante

"This was the most representative book I read during the lockdown. I also loved Ferrante's *My Brilliant Friend* series, with its nuanced descriptions of Italy and female friendships. I have not been able to travel back home and see my family and friends for almost a year now. Reading this book was my way back home."



FAITH BEASLEY
(French)

The Lady and the Unicorn
by Tracy Chevalier

"I turned again to the author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and read the rest of her well-researched historical novels, notably *Falling Angels*, *Burning Bright*, and particularly *The Lady and the Unicorn*. Chevalier's compelling and beautiful writing draws you completely into the stories. I live with her characters long after I've finished the book. These novels were a great way to escape from reality."



EZZEDINE FISHERE
(Middle Eastern Studies)

The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went to War in 1914
by Christopher Clark

"This analysis of the changing foreign policies of European powers during the weeks leading up to the First World War shows how historical events as big and devastating as WW I could result from large structural changes but also how small but incremental decisions, including by individuals with no formal authority, can play crucial roles in shaping events. It is one of those books you resolve to read but never do. The silver lining of Covid-19: One gets to read the books that have been lying in wait."



LAWRENCE KRITZMAN
(French / Comparative Literature)

Love in the Time of Cholera
by Gabriel García Márquez

"The author plays on the double meaning of the Spanish word *colera*, which refers both to the disease cholera and also to the extreme anger or rage associated with the plague of love. He puts us in contact with the need for love in the time of cholera and how waiting affects character."



RANDALL BALMER
(Religion)

Reconsidering Reagan: Racism, Republicans, and the Road to Trump
by Daniel S. Lucks

"In his eye-opening account of the former president's history of racism, Lucks argues that Reagan's sunny demeanor and aw-shucks denials masked a long pattern of racist policies and statements. The most recent one to come to light was his phone conversation recorded by Richard Nixon in 1971, when Reagan complained about 'those monkeys from those African countries—damn them, they're still uncomfortable wearing shoes.'"

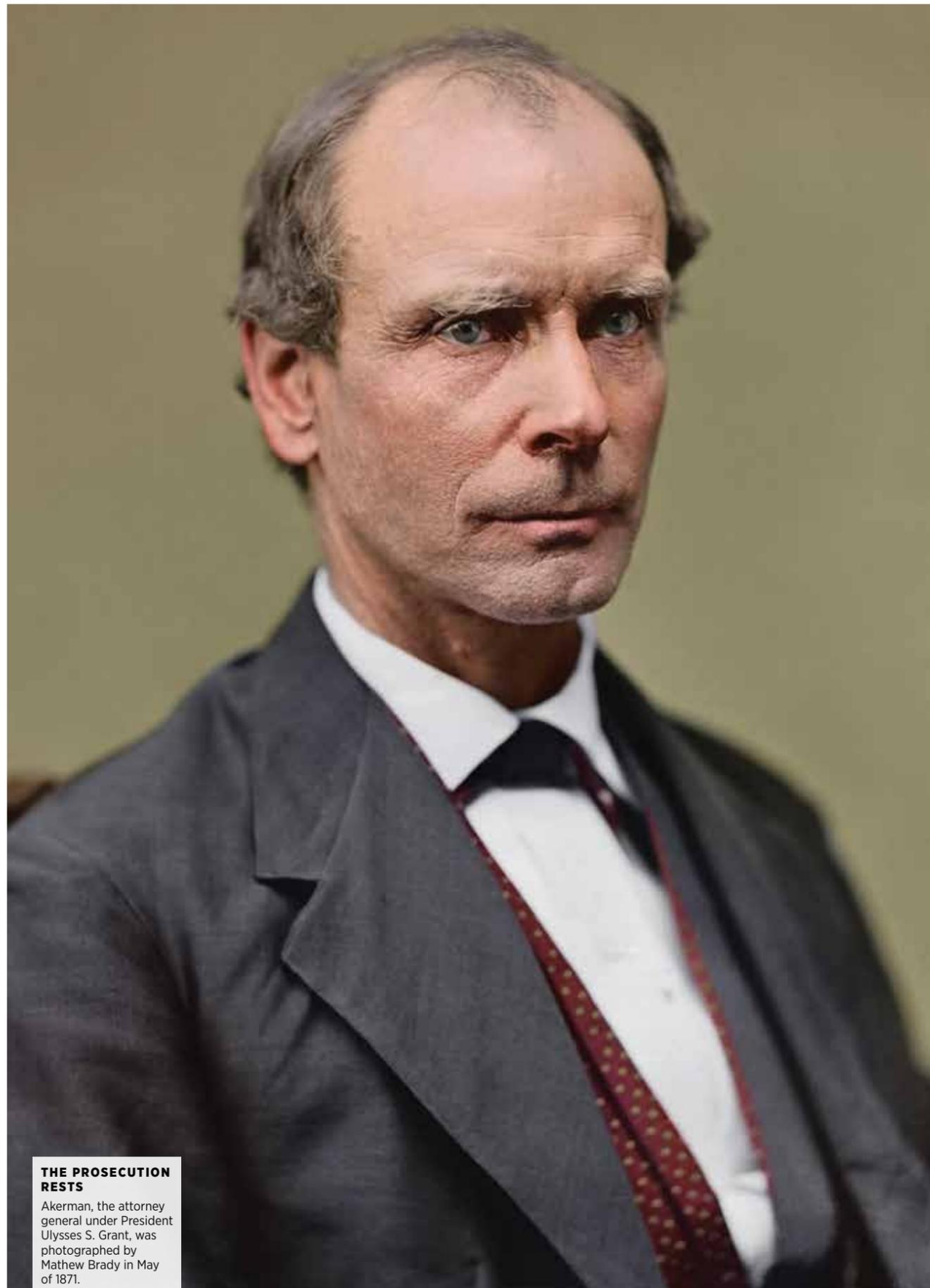


JEFF SHARLET
(English and Creative Writing)

Of Walking in Ice: Munich-Paris, 23 November-14 December 1974
by Werner Herzog

"Upon learning that a dear friend was dying, the filmmaker decided to walk to Paris to see her, persuading himself that the long walk would delay her demise. His strange little record of the walk is as odd and mournful and lovely as its premise. I think of it often when I feel overwhelmed by the facts of so many lonesome deaths right now. I try to imagine all the loveliness that we mourn."

Compiled by Nancy Schoeffler, Emily Sun '22, Madison Wilson '21, and Elizabeth Janowski '21



THE PROSECUTION RESTS

Akerman, the attorney general under President Ulysses S. Grant, was photographed by Mathew Brady in May of 1871.

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BY ALLAN A. RYAN '66

COLORIZED PHOTO BY SANNA DULLAWAY

IN

the turbulent years of Reconstruction, lawlessness and violence ran rampant in the South. The conflict pitted Republicans—especially the Radical Republican wing that sought to protect the rights of 4 million newly freed Black men and women—against Democrats, whose political strength was rooted in a doctrine of white supremacy.

Amid this backdrop, a little-remembered Georgia lawyer and former slaveholder originally from New Hampshire rose to become the country's top law enforcer under President Ulysses S. Grant. Although Amos Tappan Akerman served for only 18 months, he was "honest and incorruptible...one of the outstanding attorneys general in American history," according to Ron Chernow's authoritative 2017 biography, *Grant*.

Akerman took on the menacing challenge of stopping the major perpetrators of Reconstruction terrorism, the Ku Klux Klan. The Ku Klux, as it was often called then, grew out of a relatively inoffensive social club formed in 1865 by a group of young professional men in Pulaski, Tennessee. In three years it rapidly metastasized throughout much of the South into a band of night-riding white supremacists who attacked Black families and a good many white Republicans as it sought to cripple the party and its supporters.

The Klan's aims were "to destroy the Republican Party's infrastructure, undermine the Reconstruction state, reestablish control of the Black labor force, and restore racial subordination in every aspect of Southern life," writes Eric Foner, the preeminent historian of Reconstruction. He characterizes the Klan as "a military force serving the interests of the Democratic Party, the planter class, and all those who desired the restoration of white supremacy."

Gangs of Klansmen wearing robes and masks rode in darkness to attack their victims, whipping, burning, raping, and killing, often leaving them hanging from trees. They did not spare women and children. Many of the Ku Kluxers were Confederate veterans prominent in their communities: merchants, lawyers, businessmen, even clergy. Sheriffs and local officials often donned masks and joined them. They made few arrests. Victims who sought the intervention of the law found themselves targeted for retribution, sometimes fatally.

As a countermeasure, the solidly Republican U.S. Congress invoked the 1868 Fourteenth Amendment, which prohibited states from denying any person the equal protection of the laws, and the Fifteenth (1870), which prohibited states from denying any citizen the right to vote because of race. To implement these amendments, Congress in 1870 and 1871 passed the Enforcement Acts, a series of laws that made it a federal crime to "go in disguise upon the public highway or upon the premises of another" to deprive any person of equal protection or to conspire to use force or intimidation to

obstruct any person from voting. As Congress intended, Akerman seized upon this significant expansion of federal authority.

The new attorney general's abhorrence of the Klan's actions was visceral. "That any large portion of our people," he wrote in his diary, "should be so ensavaged as to perpetuate or excuse such actions is the darkest blot on Southern character in this age."

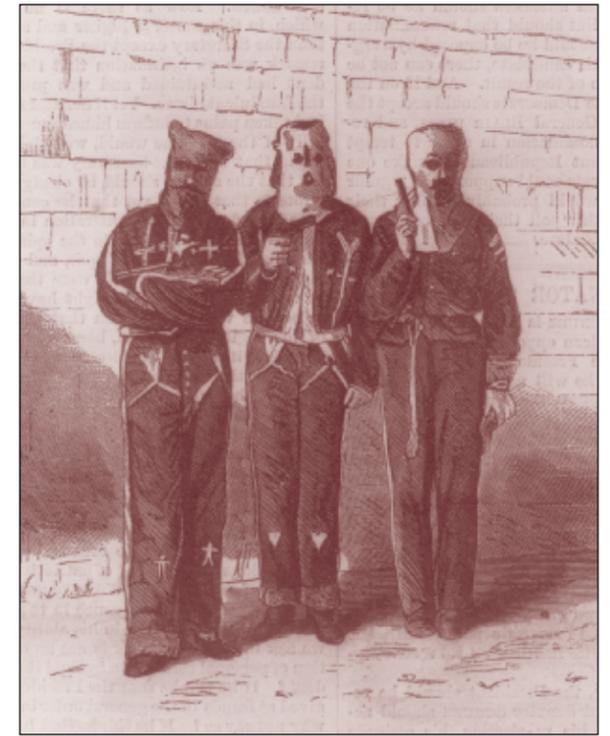
Akerman decided to focus his efforts on the upland corner of York County, South Carolina, where the KKK was pervasive. The Enforcement Acts authorized President Grant to suspend habeas corpus, thereby permitting the arrest and jailing of suspects with no recourse to a court. Akerman prevailed upon Grant to suspend habeas in York and then sent federal marshals—the new law enforcement arm of the U.S. Justice Department—to arrest Klan kingpins. Some leaders fled into neighboring North Carolina, others as far as Canada. Many Klan foot soldiers turned themselves in and, hoping for leniency, provided information on their officers. Some Klan cells surrendered en masse, leaving the marshals with more lawbreakers than they could possibly try.

Akerman wanted to do more than convict motley, low-level hoodlums—he wanted Klan leaders. With the U.S. district attorney for South Carolina—fellow Dartmouth graduate David Corbin, class of 1857—he devised a litigation strategy. They decided to use the trials of the York County Klansmen to secure rulings from the federal court in South Carolina that confirmed the constitutionality of the Enforcement Acts, which they could then use to convict Klansmen of the atrocities local authorities ignored. The federal government had never before attempted to prosecute those crimes, but Akerman and Corbin felt the newly enacted laws could provide the sweeping expansion of national authority they had in mind.

If Akerman and Corbin succeeded, they would establish that the violent denial of civil rights was not only a new crime but a new kind of crime—a federal offense, to be prosecuted by federal prosecutors in federal courts that bypassed local judges disinclined to crack down on their Klan neighbors.

Akerman had spent 25 years after graduation often aimless and morose—until a tentative step into politics led him in just three years to the highest legal office in the country, an office whose authority he energized and, in many ways, defined.

He was born in 1821 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the ninth of 12 children raised to work hard on the family farm. In his diary he said he also managed to be a "tolerably good scholar." At 15 he enrolled at nearby Phillips Exeter Academy. In 1839 his grandmother and an Exeter classmate loaned him \$325 to attend college. Akerman traveled to Hanover and was promptly admitted



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FEAR IN THEIR HEARTS

Terrorist Klansmen of the 1870s hid behind ghastly costumes (above right). To combat their crimes, which local judges ignored, Akerman sought an expansion of federal authority.

as a sophomore. He became president of the debating society and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In his senior year he was an editor of *The Dartmouth*, then a startup literary magazine. At his Commencement he gave an address on "The English Poets as Advocates of Liberty."

By 1846 Akerman made his way to Savannah, Georgia, to work as a tutor to the children of John Macpherson Berrien, a U.S. senator who had been attorney general under President Andrew Jackson. Though unsure whether he wanted to pursue a legal career, Akerman spent his afternoons and Saturdays reading law books in the local courthouse. With little more preparation than that and a few months of apprenticeship in a law office, he applied for admission to the Georgia bar. He opened a law practice the following year in rural Elberton and began farming on the side.

At 34 he was bereft of any romantic relationships. "My life is lonely," he lamented in 1855. "Would circumstances permit it to be more social, I should be gratified. I am daily sensible of the evils of solitude."

In 1863 Akerman joined the local unit of the Georgia militia. He also met Martha Galloway, a local schoolteacher 20 years his junior. In May 1864, when he received notice that his

unit was being activated, they quickly married. The next day he departed for Atlanta.

Although he had been a Unionist with little sympathy for secession, he seemed to regard slave ownership matter-of-factly. Akerman wrote to his wife a month after their marriage, as she prepared to move to Elberton, providing her with the names and ages of the 11 "negroes" she would find there, only one of whom was "hired." Akerman also wrote of his hope that when the war was over "we can subside into plain husband and wife, and if Heaven will let us, lead quiet and peaceable lives." After a few months without seeing action, his unit disbanded, and Akerman returned home.

In 1867 Akerman was elected his county's delegate to the Georgia convention to draft a new constitution, as required by Congress for readmission to the Union. He emerged as a prominent speaker and caught the eye of newly elected Grant, who named him the U.S. district attorney—what is now called U.S. attorney—for Georgia. The following year Grant appointed him U.S. attorney general, the first to preside over the newly created U.S. Department of Justice. Only five years after his service with the Confederate Army and less than three years after his first public role at his state's convention, Akerman had risen with exceptional speed to become the nation's chief federal law enforcement officer, as well as the first Southerner in a postwar presidential cabinet. Grant's nomination of Akerman on June 16, 1870, stunned most of the nation. "Universal Surprise at the Choice," headlined *The New York Times*.

He was a man of some paradox: a New Hampshire native turned Georgian, a Unionist who became a colonel in the Confederate Army, a former slaveowner who at the state convention advocated

“equal and political rights for all men,” a man whose opponents found him “cold-blooded, calculating, persistent, energetic, and tireless” and who yet was described by a reporter as a man of “affable manner, with a quiet self-possession, which make him at the same time easy of approach and dignified of demeanor.”

In taking on the KKK, Akerman and Corbin faced formidable headwinds. Southern Democrats raised enough money to retain Reverdy Johnson of Maryland and Henry Stanbery of Ohio, each a former U.S. attorney general, as heavyweight defense counsel for the accused Klan members.

The issue before the court was clear: Could Congress authorize the Justice Department to prosecute and punish men who threatened, abused, and killed Black citizens to prevent them from exercising their constitutional rights? If the U.S. government were denied this authority, the real issue was whether Black citizens would have any constitutional rights at all.

The defense sought to persuade the court to dismiss the defendants’ cases, contending that the Enforcement Acts in no way authorized Congress to create new federal crimes, much less crimes based on threats, assaults, and murders. Such prosecutions were the traditional responsibility of the states, the defense argued, and the national government’s assertion of authority was an unconstitutional overreach.

After seven days of arguments, the court ruled mostly in favor of the defense. But it upheld the validity of indictments against conspiracies that impeded the rights of Black voters. Although the court had rejected their novel constitutional arguments for a muscular reading of the law, Akerman and Corbin pressed forward with prosecutions based on conspiracy, and in the following weeks Corbin won convictions of Klansmen in four cases. The legal duo had successfully developed a strategy that could be used in later trials. As the Department of Justice proceeded to arrest Klansmen when it could and won convictions and prison sentences, Klan members grew unnerved and the group fragmented and collapsed. “By 1872, the federal government’s evident willingness to bring its legal and coercive authority to bear had broken the Klan’s back,” writes Foner, “and produced a dramatic decline in violence throughout the South.”

Still, endemic racism persisted. White supremacists regrouped into small offshoots and Jim Crow laws ensured that former slaves and their descendants would remain subjugated well into the future. Congress repealed the Enforcement Acts in 1876 and the government abandoned Reconstruction. Southern states circumvented the Fifteenth Amendment with literacy tests, poll taxes, and property requirements to deny Black citizens the ability to register and vote. Atrocities continued.

A new generation revived the Klan in the years after World War I. The Supreme Court upheld segregation in schools and public accommodations for 70 years. But the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s mitigated these practices—largely based on the arguments that Akerman and Corbin had raised.

In 1872 Grant asked Akerman to step down—“much too soon,” according to Chernow—probably because Akerman riled railroad moguls seeking government largesse to expand. If Akerman was

LOST CAUSE

Despite Akerman’s efforts to fight racism, the U.S. government abandoned Reconstruction in 1877. Eventually, the Klan would return. Meanwhile, Southerners deployed poll taxes, property ownership, and literacy tests—which were lambasted in this editorial cartoon from an 1879 issue of *Harper’s Weekly*—to circumvent the Fifteenth Amendment.



frustrated that he had been denied necessary resources to continue Klan prosecutions, he said nothing publicly about it. He declined Grant’s offer of a federal judgeship and returned to his law practice, cornfields, and family.

Prosecutions continued, but they decreased, as both resources and public support deteriorated. The outrages of the KKK recurred only sporadically and in isolated locations. It was under Akerman’s “inspired leadership,” Chernow concluded, that the “Klan had been smashed in the South.”

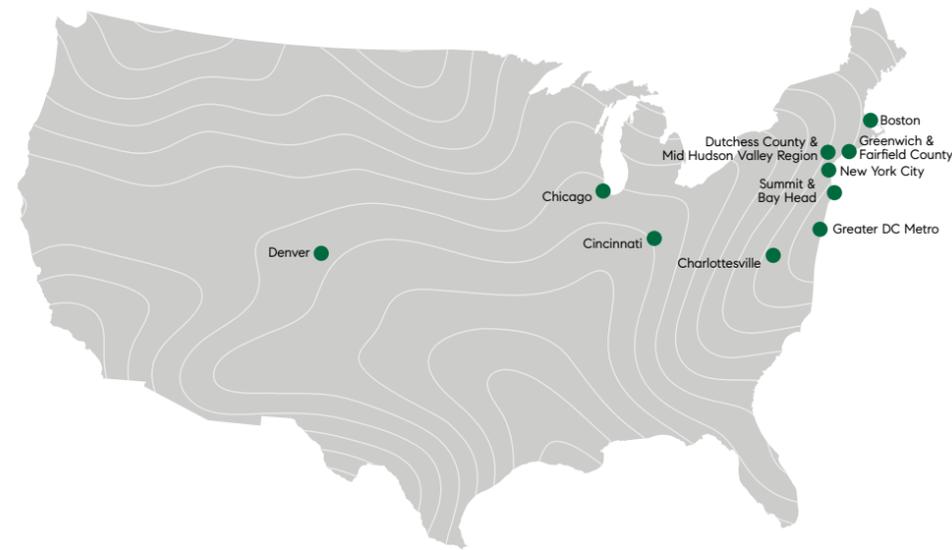
When Akerman left Georgia for Washington, D.C., in 1870, he and his wife had three sons under the age of 5. After his return, she gave birth to four more sons. The youngest was only 18 months old when Akerman died of inflammatory rheumatism a few days before Christmas in 1880. He was 59.

“Akerman left an enduring legacy of courageous leadership during challenging times,” a U.S. attorney wrote last January in a Justice Department journal. “The window of opportunity for dynamic and effective Klan prosecutions was a narrow one, and Akerman made the most of it.” ■

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SPOTLIGHT

KATE COHEN '92

Unflinching Observer

Columnist casts her eye on our culture—and her kitchen.

AS A NEW CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST for *The Washington Post*, Cohen isn't trying to provide analysis or inside baseball when it comes to current happenings. Instead, Cohen says she seeks to "distill observations of family, politics, and culture into moments of clarity and insight." Cohen, who with husband Adam Greenberg '89 has three children—ages 15, 18, and 20—insists "you can't leave your kids and kitchen out of it." Especially when everyone is at home during a pandemic. Recent columns range from how she reluctantly canceled her family Thanksgiving trip to what she gained by rereading *War and Peace*.

Cohen, a comparative literature major, cites the late professor Terry Osborne for helping develop her essayist's voice. He taught her first creative writing class. "He was wonderful to me," says the Albany, New York, resident. "I miss being a student." English professor Peter Bien is another influence. "He expected us to say interesting things about what we read," she says. Cohen is also working on her third book, which will argue that atheists should live more honestly, despite "our reflexive deference to religion."
—Sean Plottner

"Your intellectual life and politics are intertwined with your family life," says Cohen.
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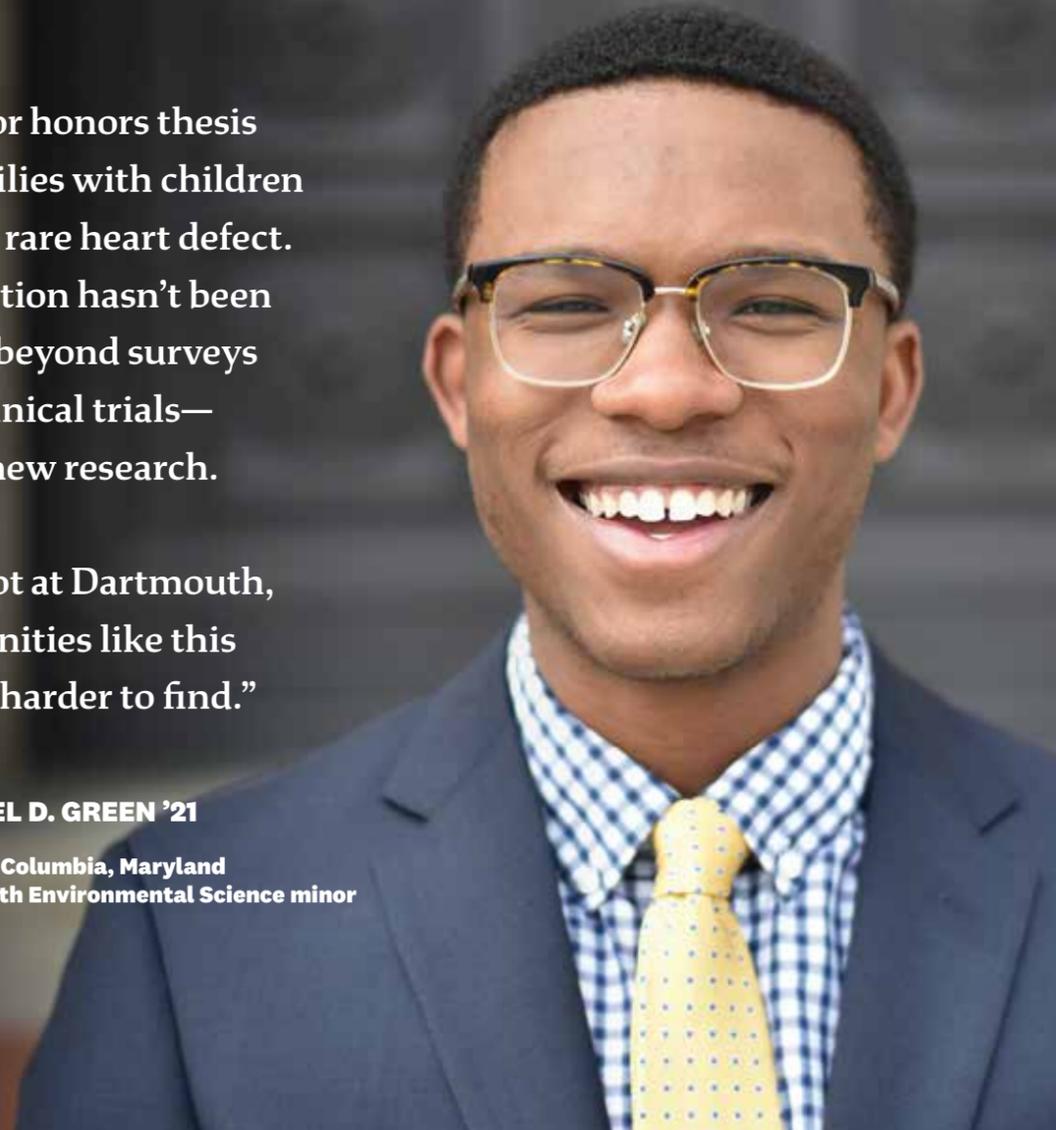
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BONNIE AN HENDERSON '89, DMS '93

Visionary

Ophthalmologist innovates for cataract patients.

HENDERSON'S FIRST TIME PERFORMING CATARACT surgery was harrowing. "It was traumatic," she says. "It was a grueling, white-knuckle experience. I was so exhausted I had to take a nap after I got home." Years later, in 2005, she invented an aid for surgeons-in-training: a cognitive virtual-reality simulator. Today it is used worldwide as a way to teach cataract surgery.

Since then Henderson's career has been a whirlwind of publications, honors, and more inventions. When she's not in the OR, she teaches at Tufts University School of Medicine. She and husband Ted Henderson '89 have three children, all with Dartmouth ties (one alum, two students).

Now the biology major is focused on an invention to help aging patients. Cataract surgery is on the rise, she says, with people in their 70s and 80s playing sports. "It's common to see people in their 90s living independently and tied to their communities through email and cell phones," says Henderson, past president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

But science hasn't kept up, says Henderson, and the artificial lenses available to replace clouded lenses—the cataracts—could be better. She teamed up with Liane Clamen, who had secured a patent for a new type of lens in 2019 and needed help finetuning the science and getting the lens to market. What makes it different is a new flexible polymer that allows the lens to more closely mimic nature.

"I thought of all the brilliant people I knew in ophthalmology and of course I thought of Bonnie," says Clamen. The two met decades ago at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, where Henderson was an attending physician and Clamen a resident. "She understands the science of what works," says Clamen, CEO and founder of Adaptlens, where Henderson is chair of the scientific advisory board. They are talking to investors now and hope to develop a prototype this year.

—Lisa Kocian '94

TRACEY DEER '00

True Stories

Mohawk filmmaker fights stereotypes.

DEER, WHO GREW UP IN THE MOHAWK COMMUNITY of Kahnawake in Quebec, was 12 when her father started renting a VHS player and movies. That's when she set her sights on a career in film, an "impossible dream for an Indigenous girl," she says, "but I wanted it so badly."

That same year Deer also endured what she describes as "the most traumatic moment of my life" when an angry crowd pelted her family's car with rocks and asphalt during the 1990 Oka Crisis. The violence of the 78-day armed standoff between Mohawk groups and the Canadian government—over the proposed expansion of a golf course onto ancestral land near Montreal—shook her to the core. "I came to understand what it means to be Indigenous—and that the world can be very dangerous because of who I am," she says. "My innocence was shattered."

The racist attack left Deer suicidal as a teen, but she sought refuge in the movies—and at Dartmouth, where she majored in film studies. "Those four years were transformative," she says. "Everybody was so supportive and invested in my success."

Deer aims to replace Hollywood's stereotypical depictions of Native Americans with "authentic, three-dimensional, rich storytelling about my people, by my people." Her feature film *Beans*, about a 12-year-old Mohawk girl caught up in the Oka Crisis, will open in the United States this year. "I thought the way to draw people in would be to tell this story through the eyes of a child, because it's very hard to judge and disregard children," says Deer, who last year received the Toronto International Film Festival's Emerging Talent Award. It took her eight years to write the script. In recreating the traumatic event, Deer impressed actress Rainbow Dickerson, who plays *Beans*' mother. "To do it justice, process it, and just do her job," Dickerson says, "that was extraordinary." —Abigail Jones '03



Deer shoots a scene for *Mohawk Girls*, her award-winning TV series available in the States this year.

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ERIC WEBER

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J. KIRBY FOWLER JR. '88

Animal Magnetism

Zoo CEO walks on the wild side.

APRIL WAS A HARD TIME FOR FOWLER to come aboard as president and CEO of the 135-acre Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. The zoo had shut down because of the pandemic and did not reopen until the end of June. "We lost about \$4 million—which is about 25 percent of our budget," Fowler says. "It was a tough, tough year." The zoo had to terminate 21 percent of its workforce. Since reopening, the number of visitors has surpassed previous years. "We had to institute greater protec-

tions because of the susceptibility of certain species to Covid," adds Fowler. So far those animals, such as the cats, chimpanzees, and otters, are disease-free.

The zoo is home to about 1,500 animals and 200 different species, including the Baltimore NFL team's raven mascots. (Fowler is a huge fan.) A government major who lives in northern Baltimore with his wife and two daughters, Fowler praises the zoo's global conservation efforts, focused

on six signature species, from tiny Panamanian golden frogs to African elephants and great apes. "It has been wonderful to see Kirby's energy and enthusiasm for the mission of the zoo," says Jen Lowry '90, chair of the Maryland Zoological Society's board of trustees.

Fowler is fascinated by the zoo's 15 chimpanzees, including three babies. He's not alone. "The minute people see them," he says, "they forget all about Covid." —Sue Shock

Fowler's staff manages the largest colony of endangered African penguins in North America.

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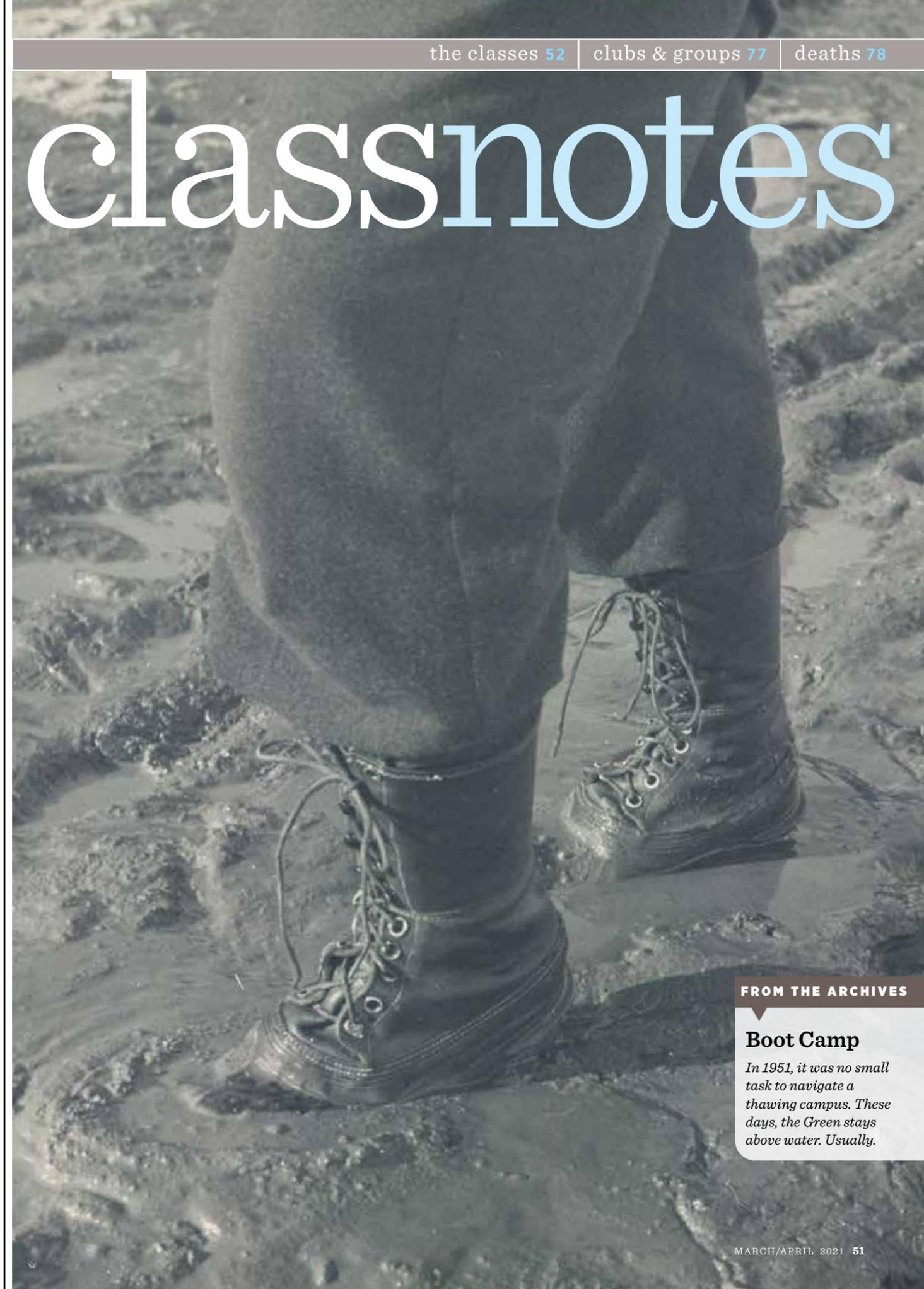
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Boot Camp

In 1951, it was no small task to navigate a thawing campus. These days, the Green stays above water. Usually.

The Classes

38 As I write this column at the very end of a tumultuous 2020, I find it's not always easy to have hope in your heart. But I believe we all try to have hope and peace in the future. Spirits can be lifted in so many ways. I want to share a moment that brought hope to me in a very small, but all-consuming way.

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42 Editor's Note: The first half of this column was inadvertently dropped from the November/December issue. We regret the error.

When you all read this column it will be on or close to the eve of the most historic election of our time. Please vote! It is the most important thing you will do on November 3.

I read in the Dartmouth news that Dance Theater of Harlem has forged a new partnership with Hopkins Center. I just read good news that Dartmouth, after much consideration, has decided to open the campus so that the incoming class will get a campus experience, though reduced in size. I know we all have been reading and hearing of colleges that have opened only to close, such as

Notre Dame, because of an outbreak on campus. Dartmouth feels with its well-thought-out plan for safety and control it can accomplish an on-campus experience.

I spoke with **Jon Mendes**—he continues with his daily walk to the park where he sits and otherwise stays safely in his apartment. I also talked with **Stu Finch**—who just celebrated his 99th birthday. He is still doing repairs of small items, such as jewelry for fellow residents, some pool (not swimming) exercise, and he and others contributed to a putting green for all to enjoy.

Today I spoke with **Bob Gale**, who is writing his 67th book, about Walter Noble Burns, whose notable works include *Tombstone*, *Iliad of the South West*, and *The Saga of Billy the Kid*. Bob is unstoppable. I wish I had half his intellectual energy. Your secretary in Manhattan is experiencing a little more freedom—outdoor eating has opened up and it makes the streets look quite festive toward dusk. Waiters wear masks, most patrons wear masks, and people are pretty good at social distancing. I reduce my people-to-people contact except for shopping for household supplies. I spoke with **Ginia Allison**, who is healing from wrist surgery. She also had Mohs on her nose, which fits right in with the need to wear masks.

For this March/April column, written at the end of December, I wax emotional. With next to no interaction other than phones, emails, and Zooms, a new social app to me, and a few medical face-to-face meetings, it's been more than nine months. First, I wish all of you a Covid-free 2021 and a much better year. I'm not sure I even know how to interact. We are all looking forward to getting the vaccine that will finally put Covid-19 in the rearview mirror. For Zoom events, I attended **Jon Mendes'** 100th birthday with 12 or more of his friends and family. It was fun with lots of reminiscing and laughing. His birthday was November 3, yes, Election Day. He held a Zoom party the weekend before with 25 of his family. The one I attended was the weekend following. Jon continues to walk daily to Central Park and live by his health doctrine. You can receive a copy by emailing me or Jon.

I am sad to report the death of **Bob Gale**, age 100. He was a member of the executive committee and one of the six editors of *Dartmouth at War* as well as a contributor. "His body of work, an astonishing 68 tomes written over decades, includes biographies of literary giants such as Mark Twain, Henry James, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. He was penning yet another book when he fell November 11—Veteran's Day—severely injuring his hip. He died November 26 of complications related to his injuries." I attended the funeral via FaceTime. We hope to bring you his entire story in more details in the class newsletter in the spring.

I spoke with **Stu Finch** at the end of December. Three of his four children attended or graduated from Dartmouth. He has two sons, one retired and living in North Carolina, the second retired and living in Austin, Texas. A daughter who lives near him spent a semester at Dartmouth while attending Smith and wanted to finish at Dartmouth, but Smith would not let her. His fourth, a daughter, lives in Houston—her husband is CEO of the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical facility in the world. They don't fall far from the trees.

I need your news!
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43 It is Sunday, December 7, 1941. It is chilly and gloomy outside, warm and cozy inside. I was in Dick's House, admitted three days earlier with fever and flu. There was no more golf and tennis and I was looking forward to indoor squash. Winter months are closing in, exams are forthcoming, and Christmas is in our thoughts. There are six of us in our ward, we are just lolling around, and I am reading the sports pages of *The Boston Globe*. The New York Yankees had routed the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series in October. And then—boom—it happens! An exciting voice hollers, "Turn on your radio!" An announcer says, "...Pearl Harbor under attack by Japanese dive bombers!" None of us knows where Pearl Harbor is. As we gather around the radio, we hear, "Pearl Harbor is the U.S. Navy base in Hawaii, outside of Honolulu."

The first bombs and tornadoes exploded at 7:55 a.m. in Hawaii. Twenty-two minutes earlier, radar reported unidentified objects to headquarters. Headquarters had thought they were a squadron of new B-17 bombers flying in from the mainland and did not sound the alarm. To me, 22 minutes is a lot of time to prepare to repulse an enemy air attack. Pearl Harbor was a complete shock: 2,335 American servicemen died, 19 Navy ships sunk or damaged, 325 Army and Navy aircraft lost, the vast majority lined up wingtip to wingtip on their designated air strips. On that traumatic afternoon, I just could not believe the news. Here I was in the junior class, the only Nisei on campus, with my parents in Japan. As I looked around, I saw all eyes on me, suspiciously, no doubt. I realized that my life on campus had changed instantly and drastically. One patient, a senior, told me, "Don't worry, George, we know you're an American." A nurse added, "We also know you're from Tokyo. We also know, from all reports, that you're more American than lots of others here in Hanover." I thought, "I am lucky I am a junior. Everybody knows me and my roommate, **Nobu Mitsui**. If we were freshmen, it might have been a different story." Every one of us wondered, "What now?" I was especially worried about my best friend, **Mary Yamamoto**, in Los Angeles. America's entry into World War II would change our lives forever.

Note: Mary and I would later marry—on April 2, 1943—while I was at the Army's Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage, 15 miles outside of Minneapolis.
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44 Greetings from another housebound alumnus. This is being written in late December, and I hope you are well. I haven't heard of any class or family member catching the virus and, with the vaccine nearby, let's hope we can keep it that way. What a long haul this has been. We have received news that our classmate, **Alan Epstein**, has died. Alan was class vice president and a longtime fundraiser for '47 activities. More information will appear in the next issue.
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45 Not much going on in our class right now with our diminishing vigor and with Covid, traveling and visiting is at a minimum. Our fully funded scholar-athlete award is suspended until the Ivies resume competition. Our president, **Bud Munson**, hopes to keep the class operative until the 75th reunion, which reminds me of some of the nice physical things we have left the College. We continue to support our rocking chairs on the porch of the Hanover Inn for the next five years and, I hope, in perpetuity. The program we established with the Hood Museum is noted by a plaque there. We have a recent chair on the north end of the campus south of Hitchcock. Last and probably least, but one of my favorites, is a little garden in front of Crosby that gets overgrown and which I weeded out on two mini-reunions.
Neil Gilbert, professor emeritus at University of California Davis (UCD), passed away last April. He completed his A.B. at Dartmouth, where he enjoyed hiking and camping with the Outing Club, and a Ph.D. at Columbia in the history of philosophy. Neil went on to teach at North Carolina State College, Cornell, Columbia, the University of Buffalo, and UCD, where he helped establish a religious

46 The past year is one for the history books. Speaking of history, fellow class secretary **Val Armento '73** shared pages of **David Hooke's '84** *Reaching That Peak: 75 Years of the Dartmouth Outing Club* with stories of '45s. In your freshman year the DOC-sponsored Winter Carnival was canceled. **Hooke** wrote that a smaller winter weekend was held instead, featuring a ski meet, informal social events, and fraternity snow sculptures. The grandiose plans of the out-

door evening, the center of campus snow sculpture, and queen coronation had to wait until many of you returned to campus after the war. In the summer of 1943 the DOC had new responsibilities. **Dave Kendall** was quoted in the book saying that he and the club were asked by the Navy to provide recreation for the 2,000 V-12 Navy trainees who were on campus. This challenge helped to revive the vitality of the DOC lessened by the war. In 1946 the DOC *Trailblazer* was back to its weekly schedule, thanks to editor **Ned Miller**. The first Woodsmen's Weekend was held in 1947, and **Burt Hicock** provided an amusing mishap. He capsized while canoeing a Cub Scout around **Storrs Pond**! In 1944 **Bill Ashley** coached skiing and **Pete Brundage** finished his V-12 Marine tour of duty and did his best to pack snow on the ski jump. He worked with **Al Hall '47** using two shovels, a couple of pack baskets, and an old tin bathtub with long ropes attached to the handles! Also in 1944, **Roger Brown**, assistant hutmaster, led a party up **Moosilauke** to provide the conclusive report that the Summit House's heart-breaking demise was due to a lightning strike. Hats off to our former DOC leaders! I am saddened to share that I was notified of the deaths of **Hugh "Bud" Morris** and **Henry "Hank" Moore**, as well as the passing of **Allon Pierce**, wife of **George Pierce**. Stay well. Send me your silver linings of 2020, news, and updates.
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Ed "Nick" Nickerson lives in a retirement home in Salisbury, Connecticut. At 95, he still walks without a cane. Nick retired as an English professor at the University of Delaware, where undergraduate **Joe Biden** preceded him. Nick asked a fellow prof what he thought of Biden. Answer: "He was the nicest guy I ever gave a C (grade) to." **Ed MacBurney** is doing well in an assisted living home in Bettendorf, Iowa. Ed retired as the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy, Illinois. (Quincy and Bettendorf are both part of the "Quad Cities.") **Bob Weber** is happily married and still traveling when he can (Covid-19 permitting). Bob lives in Santa Barbara, California, and fortunately escaped the terrible wildfires in the area.
I caught up with **Dick Hook** in Denmark, Maine, in the middle of a blizzard. He likes really cold weather, a contrast to the climate in Kenya, Uganda, Indonesia, and other warm places where he consulted on microfinance for the Harvard Institute for International Development. Dick oversaw loans of \$15 to \$1,000, with a better than 95-percent repayment rate. He's happy and in good health. **Frederick Smith Jr.** died on November 10, 2020, in Laconia, New Hampshire, where he lived. Entering Dartmouth at 15, Fred was the youngest member of our class. He earned a law degree from Cornell and a master's in public administration from Harvard. Fred spent a 31-year career with the U.S. State Department in a variety of assignments around the world. After retiring at 70, Fred moved to New Hampton, New Hampshire, and worked as a consultant, helping negotiate treaties, among other projects. Fred is survived by his wife, Jane; daughters Allison and Tory; son Adam; and four stepchildren.
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studies major. In 1968 he received a Guggenheim fellowship, which he considered one of his life's highlights, to research manuscripts and ancient libraries of Europe.

Jerome H. Zins died October 4, 2020, with his wife of 68 years, Edith, at his side. After graduating from Dartmouth, where he was a member of Pi Lambda Phi, and New York University Medical School, Jerry joined the U.S. Air Force. He went on to a fulfilling career in private practice as an internist specializing in cardiology. He raised his family of four children in Short Hills, New Jersey. While he had strong instincts and opinions, he was always open-minded in lively discussions and willing to listen and learn.

Donald H. Smith died November 12, 2019. He was a member of the French Club and *Jack-o-Lantern* at Dartmouth, where he earned his A.B. before earning an M.C.S. at Tuck in 1949. He subsequently earned an M.B.A. at Stanford in 1954.

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49 I'm going into my 11th year as class secretary, which is more than twice as long as any of my predecessors. As the class ages, this job gets tougher. If you can, I need you guys to call or write to bring your classmates up to date.

Ed "Nick" Nickerson lives in a retirement home in Salisbury, Connecticut. At 95, he still walks without a cane. Nick retired as an English professor at the University of Delaware, where undergraduate **Joe Biden** preceded him. Nick asked a fellow prof what he thought of Biden. Answer: "He was the nicest guy I ever gave a C (grade) to." **Ed MacBurney** is doing well in an assisted living home in Bettendorf, Iowa. Ed retired as the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy, Illinois. (Quincy and Bettendorf are both part of the "Quad Cities.") **Bob Weber** is happily married and still traveling when he can (Covid-19 permitting). Bob lives in Santa Barbara, California, and fortunately escaped the terrible wildfires in the area.

I caught up with **Dick Hook** in Denmark, Maine, in the middle of a blizzard. He likes really cold weather, a contrast to the climate in Kenya, Uganda, Indonesia, and other warm places where he consulted on microfinance for the Harvard Institute for International Development. Dick oversaw loans of \$15 to \$1,000, with a better than 95-percent repayment rate. He's happy and in good health. **Frederick Smith Jr.** died on November 10, 2020, in Laconia, New Hampshire, where he lived. Entering Dartmouth at 15, Fred was the youngest member of our class. He earned a law degree from Cornell and a master's in public administration from Harvard. Fred spent a 31-year career with the U.S. State Department in a variety of assignments around the world. After retiring at 70, Fred moved to New Hampton, New Hampshire, and worked as a consultant, helping negotiate treaties, among other projects. Fred is survived by his wife, Jane; daughters Allison and Tory; son Adam; and four stepchildren.
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Give a Rouse

>>> **Robert Hatch '60, Tu'62**, chairman and CEO of Cereal Ingredients and Great Plains Analytical Lab, has earned a University of Missouri-Kansas City 2020 Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The award recognized his efforts leading Foundation for International Community Assistance, a microfinance nonprofit that pioneered the "village banking method," which offers small loans to those without access to traditional banks.

>>> **Frank B. Wilderson III '78**—profiled in the November/December 2020 *DAM*—has been named the University of California, Irvine, Chancellor's Professor for exceptional academic merit. Wilderson's latest book, *Afropessimism*, was longlisted for the National Book Award in nonfiction.

>>> **Johns Hopkins Hospital Surgeon-in-chief Robert Higgins '81**, M.D., has been named senior associate dean for diversity and inclusion at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Higgins will lead initiatives to recruit, retain, and advance diverse faculty, staff, and students.

>>> Reporter **Geeta Anand '89** has been named dean of the University of California at Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. As a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, Anand shared the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for explanatory journalism for a series on corporate corruption and was a finalist for the 2004 Pulitzer for contributions to a series on decision-making in healthcare.

>>> **Peter Kilmarx '83** earned the Distinguished Service Medal from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for his work responding to HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases and building health research capacity worldwide from 1996 to 2019. Kilmarx is currently the deputy director of the NIH's Fogarty International Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

>>> Attorney **Richard Roberts '83**—who specializes in municipal law out of the Hartford, Connecticut-based office of Halloran Sage—has been named a "2020 Municipal Champion" by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. He was recognized for his work on executive orders issued by the governor since the Covid-19 pandemic began.

>>> **Carl DeSelm '04**, M.D., has earned the 2020 Early Career Professor Award from Agilent Technologies. DeSelm, who is an assistant professor of radiation oncology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, was recognized for research in cellular immunotherapy.



50 I've gotten some nice notes from classmates about other classmates, but before I get into that I must tell you that another tree in our forest has fallen. **Jacques Harlow**, a longstanding member of our executive board succumbed to a heart attack in December. Past president, treasurer, fund cochair (with **Bill "Carp" Carpenter**) Jacques moved to Quechee, Vermont, years ago to be nearer the College (and the class). He will be very much missed. **Doug Smith** has agreed to take over the reins of treasurer that Jacques so capably handled. Speaking of Doug, his note to **King Kenny** revived King's tale of the liberation of a small town not far from the Normandy beachhead and King's recent return to celebrate the 75th anniversary of same. **Joel Leavitt** writes of an incident he and Ruth shared with **Frank** and **Joanne Dickinson** on antiquing. It seems Ruth fancied an item that she thought the price was too high. Frank put on his best "down East" accent, approached the owner, and said "Tell me friend, do you dicka?" The man answered, "Yes, we dicka," and Ruthie got a deal. That was so Frank. **Bob Kirby** writes of an email with **Ken Rothschild** about mutual pal Ben Johnson and the discouragement of their lack of conversation with Ben, who is in a Maryland veteran's home. Ken's attempt to reach **Bob Kilmarx** met the same end. Bill "Carp" Carpenter has survived a bout with cancer (operation and all) enough to play tennis and enjoy his 17 great-grands. **Frank Lion's** Dorothy writes of his passing from their shared life in a Bridgewater, Virginia, retirement community. A note of great sadness for me is the passing of my former roommate and lifelong best pal **Joe Ely**. Other deaths to report include the passing of **Leonard N. Radio**, **Monte F. Huebsch**, **Donald E. Krueger**, **Conrad R. Bohuslav**, **John E. Wulp**, **William E. Tallow**, **Glenn L. Fitkin Jr.**, **Richard L. Johnson**, **John J. Cobb**.
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51 Be on the lookout for email announcements of class of '51 Zoom events. The most recent, in mid-December, brought together (virtually) 27 of us to celebrate Dr. **Al Tarlov's** receipt of our "Spirit of '51" award. Al has made extraordinary contributions to understanding and responding to the causes of declining life expectancy in the United States. See the next issue of *'51 Fables* for the complete citation accompanying his "Spirit" award. I was especially glad to see **Howard Glickstein**, **Giles Hamlin**, **Lu Martin**, and **Jim Tobin** among the most recent Zoomers; it had been much too long since we had connected. It was another reminder of what interesting and accomplished classmates we've been privileged to know. **Chuck Nadler** fits that description to a T. He was an active outdoorsman at Dartmouth (Bait & Bullet president and Outing Club member). After graduation from medical school at Northwestern University, Chuck focused his research in biochemical genetics on the evolution of Asian rodents and their relationship to the Bering Land Bridge. He and his late wife, Nancy, and their three children made numerous research trips to Iran, Siberia, Alaska, and Canada, working as a team in the field and the lab. Hunting and wilderness canoe

trips were favorite recreation activities. Jean and I had dinner a few years ago with Chuck and Nancy in their beautiful Chicago apartment overlooking Lake Michigan. Among lasting memories of that event: a long, somewhat scarred hallway where Chuck sharpened his skills with a crossbow (his preferred deer-hunting weapon), and a slightly worse-for-wear front window ledge where Chuck picked off annoying pigeons with a rifle.

Welcome notes and phone calls this month came from **Fumiko Halloran**, **Herb Sorensen**, **Tom Barnett**, and **Doris Lindner**. Tom and Doris are recovering from recent strokes. Tom and his wife, Suzanne, are moving to Round Rock, Texas, near their son's home. We have lost five more members of the '51 family: **George Biggs**, **Nina Geilich**, **Marr Mullen**, **Nancy Roberts**, and **Hal Stahmer**. We remember fondly these longtime friends.
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52 Through the years it has been our pleasure, in this space, to report on class lunches, dinners, mini-reunions, and, of course, reunions as our class has displayed strong bonds of friendship. The year 2020 and early 2021, however, are missing this component. Instead, most stories coming to us are a reflection of our age and our responsible behavior in this time of the coronavirus pandemic. A few examples are worth reporting, but other classmates could be as easily inserted with equal credibility and relevance. **Bob Brace** and his wife, Pat, decided well before this past year to move to a retirement community in the Boston suburbs. As longtime residents of Boston, this has worked out well for them as we confirmed in a recent conversation. On the other hand, **Doug Corderman** and his wife, Joan, when they decided this past year to make a similar move, left their longtime Washington, D.C., area residence and journeyed all the way to Portland, Oregon, to be close to family. They are now settling in for this new experience and report all is going well. Variations on these two stories abound and we assume it will continue. Unfortunately, it often comes with the loss of a beloved partner, making the change ever more difficult. In any event, if you have made this move or are contemplating it, we hope all goes well as it has for the **Brace** and **Corderman** families. We also recently had a good conversation with **George Sherman**, calling from his home in Michigan. He is doing well and is deep into another pastime of our age, culling out what to keep and what not. In his case, he has many remembrances of his days as a newspaper reporter and foreign service officer—lots of memories. We regret reporting the passing of **Robert Jahrling**, **Danforth Hall**, and **Robert Ringstad** in late 2020. **Bob Ringstad**, for many years, was co-chair of our annual New York City fall class luncheon and, as with the others, an active and loyal alumnus.

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53 As I sit here at my window, I am looking out onto a panorama of huge trees emerging from a bed of white snow. Within those woods runs the Appalachian Trail

on which, should I be able, which I am not, I could hike right up to Hanover. It is quiet. The inhabitants of that wood are silent; some are happily hibernating; others amble through the woods making nary a sound. It rekindles my memories of another time in Hanover in the evening when the snow is upon the ground, the Christmas tree is lighted in the center of the Green, and all is serene. And that is a very good feeling in this time of the pandemic.

I received a lovely letter from **John Kennedy**. In it he included an article which appeared in the *Westerly Sun*, his local newspaper. The subject of this newspaper article was his daughter, Linda, who, having morphed from a dance career on Broadway to a physical trainer, has added a certificate for massage therapy to her job description and has taken it all back to Mystic, Connecticut, so she can be of help to John and Barbara. Lucky Kennedys.

Once again, I have the pleasure of reporting of a new book written by **Peter Bridges**. This one, *Woods, Waters, Peaks: A Diplomat Outdoors*, is a beautifully written memoir. In it Peter relates a lifetime of adventures he and Jane have enjoyed as they traversed the various mountains and trails of each of the places in which he was stationed as a diplomat. They have hiked from the endangered forest in Somalia to the Corsican maquis to the Caucasus to the highest peaks in Italy's Apennines to the Dolomites, through the Czech woods. In addition, they have canoed through the wilderness in Panama and met a wolf on a ridge in Mongolia. This firsthand account of his adventures is inspiring and seductive as you are taken on the trails with him.

I am saddened to report the loss of another dear classmate, **Arthur Frank Amick**. I offer our condolences to his family.

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54 News from **Dick Lewis**: "I have recently completed my residency at the Piper Shores Retirement Community. I am now for the time being living with my daughter, Tracy, and my son-in-law, Larry, at Kettle Cove in Maine. Down the street live my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Looking forward to getting together in Hanover later on this year (when the virus is gone)."

And from **Jim Tofias**: "By now you have all received the only dues letter you will receive this year. Our dues help support our class activities—such as the upcoming mini in Hanover on September 24, 25, and 26, and, most importantly, our four-times-a-year newsletter—all working to help us stay connected. Make your check out to Dartmouth '54 and mail to me at 39 Bermuda Lake Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418." I am looking for volunteers to work on the obit committee. As you will note they are coming more frequent lately.

We are saddened by the passing of **Dana Low**, **Raymond Corwin**, **Richard Pearl**, **Joe Migley**, **Dr. Robert Canestrari**, **Anthony Lukeman**, and **Sue Case**.

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55 As this is being written, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are being distributed to local hospitals and the first shots are being given. A welcome positive change in the news for sure. Optimistically, let's be thinking that we'll soon be getting out and visiting again.

The Olympics article in the most recent issue of *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* led me to think of our Olympic skier, **Ralph Miller**, who was featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, February 6, 1956. In August 1955 in Portillo, Chile, while serving in the Army, he was the first to ski more than 100 mph. In 1957 he was the first NCAA skimeister. He graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1959 and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1961. He had a 39-year career with the University of Kentucky hospital and medical school. He and Pam are retired in Lexington, Massachusetts. In a jolly Christmas card **Dick Mount** notes that he has four to go on his solo youth tennis fundraising climb of the alphabet of New England mountains. **John LeFever** and his partner have relocated from Kingston, New York, to the warmer climes of Pompano Beach, Florida, nearer to family. **John Barker** and **Barbara** are now comfortably set up in a Kendal retirement center in Mitchellville, Maryland. John golfs frequently, is active in the community, and serves as chair of the association. Their Dartmouth family includes son John '83, daughter Julie '86, and granddaughter Elizabeth '24.

I had a good series of emails with **Magne Johnsrud**, Horby, Sweden. After Tuck he worked for a few years at J.P. Morgan in New York City. City life was unappealing, and he became a professional horseman based in France, Norway, and the United Kingdom. He sold his horses and farm in Normandie and retired to Horby, Skåne County, about an hour north of Malmo. His hometown is Oslo, Norway, but Skåne is more central for him. He has positive memories of his happy years in Hanover.

Sadly, we report the passing of **Doug Archibald**, **John Baldwin**, **Jed Isaacs**, **Harry Lewis**, and **Richard Swenson**.
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56 Ladies and gentlemen of 1956, the late **Joel Ash** in a recent column referred to the phrase, "lest the old traditions fail." **Jack Billhardt** recalls speaking of a classmate, possibly Dr. **Eric Jensen**, who might have said, "Dartmouth today is not the college I knew in the 1950s." Jack opined that nothing is the same 65 years later! So, what's up? I submit that recollections of classmates and events are the stuff and substance of tradition! The road trips, the seven fires, the chipping for a keg, the first crisp breath and squeak of snow underfoot while heading for an 8 o'clock class, the sound of Baker bells (are they next to go?), the uniqueness of the Upper Valley to us city kids—these are the traditions that stay in our hearts, in our minds, and in our souls forever! And, **Linc Spaulding** adds, "Would you agree that we are living in a brand-dominated age? Whether it's sports, commerce, or education—brands dominate! Which begs the current question: What is Dartmouth's brand? Do we have a symbol for it?

Should we? Big Green is a slogan, but does it cut it as a brand? When I think of brand I think of form and substance, like a Nike swoosh, and something that can be easily recognized from row ZZ. In the 'old days' (1920s-80s), the Dartmouth brand was an undergraduate body of doers. This was enthusiastically explained to me by a Wellesley graduate friend of my parents, who, upon learning that I was headed to Dartmouth, exclaimed how marvelous that was because 'everyone knows that if you want to get something done, find a Dartmouth grad. Dartmouth grads are doers!' In those days, the admission protocols pretty much guaranteed an action-oriented student body. Our isolated northern New England location put a premium on self-reliance and well-honed decision-making skills, all so essential to 'thriving in the howling wilderness,' as Michael Wigglesworth put it in 1662!" Part two of the brand in the next column!

See you in the woods. The Indian will never die.

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57 *DAM's* November/December 2020 interview with Frank B. Wilderson III '78, "On Afropessimism," was back-page dynamite. Wilderson's bold and provocative statements created such furor in our class that I contacted **Skip Traynham** for comment. Skip was dean of the Tucker Foundation when Wilderson was at Dartmouth, and I thought his point of view would add value to our search for any grand "reckoning" ahead on the great issue of racism.

Here's Skip: "I've read the interview with Frank Wilderson and, of course, find myself in agreement with some of his remarks and at odds with others. This will not be a surprise. The Black community is not monolithic. Like everybody else, we vary in experiences and in perspectives.

"Clearly my experience with Dartmouth was very different. I enjoyed my undergraduate years. If I had not, I doubt President Kemeny would have invited me to join his administration or that I would have accepted the appointment.

"One reason our experiences were different, I expect, is that I entered Dartmouth before the civil rights movement, while Frank entered after. Our expectations of college years were quite different and, as a result, our experiences were as well.

"I do agree with Frank that ours was, and remains, a racist nation with much to answer for, though colonialism and fascism indicate we are not unique in the community of nations. He says the United States has no right to exist. But it does exist and, because it does, I think it is my duty to vote and to do whatever else I can to make it better, because it shapes the lives of millions of people of all races and colors. I note that he teaches at UC Irvine. I hope that means that he is working, if not to change the nation, then to change and improve the lives and perspectives of Black people in it.

"Finally, I am puzzled by Frank's optimism about Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin being convicted for his actions. Unarmed Black people continuing to be killed with impunity by the police is one of many testaments to our nation's racism."

Thanks, Skip, for providing context. The year

1957 is not 1978 is not 2021. **Gene Booth's** and **Garvey Clarke's** thoughts will appear in a future column. Let's hope the long arc of history truly bends toward justice, as we've been taught. We have miles to go.
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58 Phew! Somehow we made it through 2020. Now we're off and running into 2021, which may be even tougher. The good news, though, is that more than half of the 749 pea greenies who matriculated in September 1954 are still standing (more or less) 64 years later—391 of us, at last reckoning.

So how are we doing as our journey continues (to parrot the title **Larry Weltin** suggested for our 50th reunion book)? Quite well, all things considered. Our unexpected high point in 2020 was the October 3 virtual Homecoming via Zoom organized by **Frank Gould** and **Sandy Swain Bromwell**, driven into reality by president **John Trimble**. Thanks to their efforts we got to see, in living technicolor, not only the usual East Coast suspects who come to Hanover each October, but also the likes of **Hal Douglas** in Oregon, **Dave Bowman** in Los Angeles, **Tryg Myhren** in Colorado, **Glower Jones** in Georgia, and a host of others rarely seen east of the Rockies or north of the Mason-Dixon line.

As a result, our mailbox is chock-full of notes from '58s hither and yon. One received as 2020 ended came from Helga and **Larry Hampton** in Portugal's Algarve, wishing '58s holiday greetings in six different languages, from *feliz Natal* to *frohe Weihnachten*—with a fervent plea for a return to "normalcy" in the United States, to which I can only say hurray!

Another from president John reports that the Weltins have moved from Alabama to Aitken, South Carolina, to be nearer family, and that **John Otis's** son has just graduated from Roanoke University. We also had word from other seldom-heard '58s, including **Fred Hart**, **Jim Crawford**, and **Mel Croner**, plus reflections from **John Whiteley's** widow, Kim, which space limits force into abeyance. On deck for future revelation is a book review by John Trimble about the sinking of the WW II cruiser *Indianapolis*. These and other entertaining tales must wait until the next *Sound & Fury*, which will appear when I recover from 2020. Stay tuned: I'm still standing too (more or less).

Lastly, and sadly, we note the passing of three classmates since the last *DAM*: **Tom Green**, a Tuck M.B.A. and highly regarded retailing exec; **Donald Thomas** of Sudbury, Massachusetts, a noted scrimshaw collector; and **Tom Chementowski**, an ex-Marine who once played Philadelphia area basketball against Wilt Chamberlain before Doggie Julian recruited Tom to Hanover.

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59 With every aspect of "normal life" now being challenged, we relish our memories of Dartmouth, embrace the hopes of 2021, and look forward to our next class virtual event.

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60 Authoring this column in December makes it difficult to predict the state of affairs by the time of printing in March/April, but I intend to be optimistic. I introduce the scholars paired with the Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund for the 2020-21 academic year: Sarrah-ann L. Allen '23 from Saint Catherine, Jamaica; Rodolfo Flores '23 from Los Angeles; Nora W. Guskowski '22 from Pomfret Center, Connecticut; Keli E. Pegula '24 from Scranton, Pennsylvania; James N. Yeagley '21 from Berwyn, Pennsylvania. You may reach out to these students with their respective emails: sarrahann.l.allen.23@dartmouth.edu, rodolfo.flores.23@dartmouth.edu, gus.guskowski.22@dartmouth.edu, keli.e.pegula.24@dartmouth.edu, and james.n.yeagley.21@dartmouth.edu.

Robert W. Hatch, chairman and CEO of Cereal Ingredients Inc. and Great Plains Analytical Laboratory, was honored as a visionary leader by the University of Missouri-Kansas City Bloch School. Hatch founded Cereal Ingredients, a specialty-food ingredients manufacturer, and Great Plains Analytical Laboratory in 1990. Hatch is also chairman of Foundation for International Community Assistance International, a not-for-profit micro-finance organization with a mission to provide financial services to the world's lowest-income entrepreneurs so they can create jobs, build assets, and improve their standard of living. When asked what would be their first priority after receiving Covid vaccine, a few replied as follows. **Marty Weiss**, like so many others, would visit his children and grandchildren, unseen since last March. **Jonathan Tuerk** would either go shopping in person to his local grocery store or go by plane from the East to the West Coast to visit grandkids in San Francisco and eat in their restaurant Firefly in Noe Valley. **Dan Wilkinson** is booked to play banjo in Sweden on July 31 and in Napa Valley, California, in October. Meanwhile, the intrepid **Joe McHugh** and **Brenda** are eager to finally join a twice-postponed Dartmouth travel group to Israel, Jordan, the Red Sea, Egypt, and Greece. Most importantly for Anita and **Ed Henriquez** will be to try to resume some traveling; they have booked two cruises in 2021—with the full realization that anything they plan will depend on the Covid situation. **Joel Black** will hug his kids, grandkids, and great grandson.

Denny Goodman, we miss you and love you. —**Sid Goldman**, 78575 Avenida Ultimo, La Quinta, CA 92253; (305) 849-0475; sidgoldman@gmail.com

61 As we begin the new year, we see a country and a world still mired in the worst throes of the Covid-19 pandemic, which began exactly a year ago. However, a light has appeared at the end of the long dark tunnel—a viable vaccine that is first being distributed and administered to people around the world. In the meantime, life goes on in a limited and restricted manner.

The class of '61, however, has not been sitting idly by. After a most successful two-day virtual reunion in October, the class is following this up with one-day quarterly virtual Zoom reunions beginning in January. These will be led by **Maynard Wheeler** (nominated to become the next class president in June) and ably assisted again by **Harris**

McKee, Pete Bleyler, and Don O'Neill.

As our class moves toward its 60th reunion, scheduled for June 14-17, it has become necessary for Pete Bleyler, chair, and his committee as well as the class executive committee led by class president Don O'Neill, to make certain decisions. Our 60th reunion is planned to take place in June; the reunion will be planned to be multi-day and entirely virtual; the reunion will be free to all classmates, spouses, widows, and other guests (including the reunion booklet and all or most other planned reunion gifts); should the College permit any on-campus activities, the class will evaluate whether to integrate any activities into its 60th reunion planning. By having all or most of our 60th reunion as virtual, we anticipate a larger turnout than if held entirely on campus because of the participation by those either unable, due to health or financial considerations, or unwilling to travel a long distance. **Oscar** and **Nyla Arslanian** graciously volunteered to produce the booklet for our 60th reunion.

One last sad point of irony, the November/December issue of *DAM* reviewed 12 recently published books by Dartmouth alumni. The first book listed, written by classmate **Tony Horan**, M.D., and titled *The Rise and Fall of the Prostate Cancer Scam*, was both fortuitous and too late for Tony, a fitness buff his entire life who passed away from prostate cancer around the time his book was published.

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62 **Manuel Buchwald**, M.D., who retired "happily" in 2005 after 35 years at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, the last 10 as director of the research institute and chief of research, writes of his adjustment to the pandemic: getting to know neighbors through daily walks, a jazz concert on his front lawn to celebrate his 80th birthday, but a suspension of his winters in Paris every other year.

Our best wishes go out to **Bill Gamble** and **Ross Burkardt**. Bill's infusions of Keytruda in his battle with stage 4 lung cancer have made progress in reducing the tumor. Ross, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2016, reports medication and exercise have stabilized his symptoms, permitting him to maintain a steady output of wry poetry commenting on the Trump follies, much to our delight. Both men maintain a positive mental attitude and remind us to enjoy and appreciate life.

Eric Dalrymple writes: "After losing my wife of 49 years in early 2015, some friends fixed me up on a blind date three years ago with a widow in town, Alice Jennings. We dated quite steadily and in August of this year were married. Life is good!" The Dalrymples will be dividing their time between a retirement community in Naples, Florida, and Connecticut.

Richard Hanna, M.D., writes: "Joan and I are alive, well, and soldiering through the Covid-19 maelstrom. Although retired for eight years from active practice of general medicine I still miss being a doctor. Sometimes."

David Langum recently published his memoirs, *The Joy of Scholarship: Teaching Law and Writing History*. While focused on his teaching and

scholarship, David also includes reminiscences of Dartmouth.

I regret to report the deaths of **Roy J. Halstead** of Brussels, Belgium, on November 28, 2020; **Derek H.L. Buntain** of Brackley Beach, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on November 29, 2020; and **James A. Eldridge** of Denver on August 2, 2020. Obituaries posted to the class website. We send our condolences to **Phil Margolius** on the recent loss of his daughter, Jennifer Fisher, and to **Albert Cantril** on the passing of his wife of 47 years, Susan.

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63 Following a contentious presidential election between two septuagenarians, I spoke with classmates who know something about such contests: **Don Sherwood**, Republican congressman of northeastern Pennsylvania from 1999 to 2007, and **Tim Kraft**, who managed Democrat Jimmy Carter in his bid for a second term against Ronald Reagan in 1980.

"Sure, we will get this resolved," said Don at home in Tunkhammock, Pennsylvania. While alleging the outcome in Philadelphia is "suspect to say the least," Don was quick to credit "both candidates for setting the all-time record for votes," adding, "I have great faith in America. I am not concerned about Joe Biden, who in his heart will know where we want to be. This has got to work." Don misses the more bipartisan U.S. Congress of the past, but these days his focus is on family—Carol, wife of nearly 50 years; three daughters; and three grandchildren—and on business, including successful car dealerships that kept staff employed in the Covid summer when business rebounded after an "awful" spring.

Tim Kraft also had grandchildren in mind after driving home to Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Seattle, Washington, where he and wife Molly quarantined before visiting granddaughter Sloane, born August 4, 2020, and grandson Beau, 3, children of Josie and son Colt, who manages technology for Washington Federal Bank. On return Tim busied on Zoom with several former colleagues and reporters and with Jonathan Alter, author of *His Very Best: Jimmy Carter, A Life* (Simon & Schuster, September 2020). Tim believed Biden benefited from the presidential debate, after what he considered poorly run primary debates, and from a discreet selection of vice presidential running mate Kamala Harris.

In early December **Arnold** and **Junko Low** joined San Franciscans in a Covid stay-at-home order. "Each person has a responsibility," said Arnold, who retired in 2011 from running Low+Associates, an international technology consulting firm. Arnold's long career includes computerizing the Southern Pacific Railroad, designing systems for I. Magnin & Co., and heading information technology for First Nationwide Bank. Arnold volunteers for his church and museums and keeps in contact with Alpha Delta brothers. Daughter Sarah lives on the East Coast. Arnold joined more than 800 alumni who registered for Dartmouth's virtual "A Celebration of Light" December 17. Other registered '63s included **Dick Kline**, **Norris Siert**, **Tom Kraig**, **Jim Clouser**, **Bill Subin**, and **Paul Binder**, whose mid-summer virtual cabaret won class recognition

by the Dartmouth Volunteer Officer eXperience Conference October 16 for "featuring several talented classmates during the pandemic."

Launny and **Louise Steffens**, **Doug** and **Olivia Floren**, **Barry** and **Jane Linsky**, and **Lou** and **Robin Gerstner** were honored for significant support of Dartmouth's Call to Lead campaign in the fall edition of *Occom* published by the office of advancement. Mini-reunion chair **Chuck Wessendorf** reserved rooms at special rates for classmates for Yale Homecoming, October 8-9. For more info email ckwessendorf@yahoo.com.

I regret to report the passing of **Alan Creamer**, **Bill Bates**, **Gary Underhill** and **Phillip "Jim" Quigley** Classmate obituaries by **Tige Harris** appear in the magazine online edition.

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64 Your classmates met the challenge when asked how concerned they should be with the soaring national debt. Not a one offered the canard that we owe it to ourselves. We have some thoughtful classmates, but no easy solutions.

Roger Nastou sensibly points out that debt for infrastructure should be less concerning than for consumption and that we have taken on debt recently in the battle against Covid.

Paul Hale notes that "modern monetary theory, which conveniently states that deficits don't matter, rules the day." **Ivars Bemberis** says that the "long-run impact of the high debt is lower growth, higher prices mostly offset by higher pay, savers will get screwed (that's us), and economic inequality will increase." **Will Madden** adds that U.S. debt is almost \$80 trillion. Hard to fathom, it equates to \$109 million a day since the common era began. He notes that politicians will let it increase "just to keep the handouts flowing. Our generation grew up knowing that if you borrow money, you have to pay it back. The latest generation now thinks that is outdated and unnecessary."

Don Mutterperl comments that "someday the party might end and we'll be left with a huge mortgage on our future as well as a reduced credit standing in the world. Leaving the problem either ignored or unsolved isn't a reasonable legacy for our heirs." **Lance Keeler** adds that we are fortunate to benefit from low-interest rates as the dollar is the preferred reserve currency for the world. It's been easy to sell our debt, but, as he says, "this can change and lead to a weakening of the dollar, contribute to inflation, and put pressure on interest rates." **Tony Orr** says, "Higher interest rates are likely and payment of interest on the debt will increase dramatically, causing hard political choices." Increased payments on our debt may force our aging population to accept cuts in Social Security and Medicare. **Steve Blecher** says, "Don't let anyone tell you it's different this time!"

Meanwhile, an assertive China is pushing to substitute the yuan for the dollar. This major threat needs to be addressed. We can fight to support the dollar or shift the effort to promote a new, world currency, blocking China's efforts. Send in your thoughts.

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65 I've talked before about our monthly classmate breakfasts in Hanover, Florida, and Lake George, New York. I've met many great classmates; this month I'm featuring two Florida breakfast friends by starting at the end of the alphabet. **Bob Ziemian** says his first Florida experience was entering Navy flight training in Pensacola. He flew out of Pensacola for the craziest moment of his life, landing on the aircraft carrier *Lexington* for the first time solo. After getting his wings he flew regularly into other Florida air stations. In his second career as a Massachusetts judge he realized that our justice system was not dealing effectively with substance-abusing defendants. He visited the first drug court, in Miami, where the chief prosecutor was Janet Reno (later attorney general). He was then successful in establishing the first drug court in Massachusetts (1995), expanding the system to more than 50 courts, and becoming president of the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals. He continued his professional contact with the Miami court judge; now a Florida resident, he says, "I just want to get out of the cold in winter!"

Native Clevelander **Mike Zare** marvels that his path to Sarasota took an amazing Asian detour. Freshman year he bonded with Tokyo native Tetsuro "Ted" Inaji, a one-year exchange student, while playing ping pong and listening to classical music together in Little Hall. This inspired Mike, a French major, to minor in Asian studies. When Dartmouth brought in Yale professor emeritus Henry C. Fenn our senior year to start a Chinese language program, Mike enrolled and found it a delightful challenge. What a fortuitous happenstance when, while teaching at Honolulu's Punahou School, Mike fell in love with Joan, a Chinese Jamaican who has become his bride of 52 years and counting. The next logical step was for them to travel to Taiwan, where Mike taught at Taipei American School before they eventually chose Sarasota to raise their four sons, who have so far blessed them with six grandchildren. I met Mike years ago when he saw my Dartmouth sweatshirt on Siesta Key Beach, Florida, and introduced himself. It's a small world indeed!

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66 It's two days after Christmas 2020. Covid-19 virus has been disrupting our lives for 10 months and, in many ways, the virus is worse than ever.

Thankfully, there are glimmers of hope—the vaccines are here (and we are old enough to be in an early cohort); Trump has less than one month more to pardon his lawbreaking allies and veto necessary bipartisan legislation, and the *Outlander* series has returned to Netflix, with *Ozark* not far behind.

Many classmates are using this virus-caused life interlude as a time for personal growth. **Bill Ferris** has been teaching at Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts, since 1980, most recently as a professor emeritus specializing in organizational management. For the last 18 months based in Fort Myers, Florida, Bill has become a passionate online bridge player. He went from zero points to "Life Master" in two years and national tournaments are on the horizon. Wife

Cheryl has taken up golf. These activities, plus keeping in remote touch with daughters Cheryl and Laura and the four grandkids, prompt Bill to conclude, "In short, we've never been busier!"

After practicing utility law for nearly 50 years, **Jeff Futter** retired at the end of 2019 and started reading more and getting back in shape. And Jeff has become the key organizer of his high school 60th reunion coming up in 2022. Many of us might, in fact, have that event on our own long-range calendars. Contact Jeff for pointers. Covid or not, some classmates just can't stop helping others. **Ed Dailey**, longtime litigator at Sunstein, a Boston intellectual property law firm, has been spending much of his time during the past few years teaching and mentoring boys in an inner-city Jesuit middle school. He's guided three to Dartmouth. Ed also continues to race his sailboat at a competitive level.

After Dartmouth the Rev. **Jack Donovan** served as a Peace Corps teacher in Micronesia, a USAID refugee officer in Vietnam, a staff member of Boston's Community Action Agency, and a consultant on federal social programs. Then, in the mid-1980s, Jack switched gears but not goals and entered the ministry. "I thought I had retired from ministry (Unitarian, Presbyterian, and hospice) and anti-poverty work seven years ago in favor of grandparenting duties in St. Petersburg [Florida]," Jack says, "but I've ended up serving a congregation (Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg). Not a career path I ever envisioned back in Hanover, but an endless growing experience. And I'm still happily grandparenting and encouraging Alisun, my artist-minister wife." I thought we might all benefit from Jack's late December message to his congregation: "At this season of International Migrants Day and winter solstice, my wish for you and our world is that trustworthiness will grow, tribalism will diminish, and contribution of each one's best will be encouraged universally." Amen.

Don't miss **Allan Ryan's** fascinating article on Amos Akerman, class of 1842, up front in this issue of *DAM*.

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Scott Cheyne**, a Vietnam Navy vet and acclaimed advertising executive who passed away in November. More at dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/obits.

Right now 55th reunion plans are up in the air, but we are continuing to support the Class of 1966 Dean Thaddeus Seymour Endowment for the Dickey Center. Get in on the action. Visit dartmouth.66.org. Be well and stay safe.

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67 At the end of a most exhausting year, **Gary Atkins** offers this: "Forgetting about dreidels and latkes, the message of the holiday is hope that things will get better. *Gam ze yavor*—this too shall pass. On the shortest days of the year, we light lights and do our best to banish the darkness." **Tom Maremaa's** latest novel, *Man on the Isle of Jura*, about George Orwell's time spent writing *1984*, has just been published. Another '67 author, **Ted Haynes** says, "One thing lockdown was good for was writing my third murder mystery: *The Mount Bachelor Murders* will be published February 2." Early in the year Ted also "became

the second-fastest swimmer in the country in my age group at 1,650 yards, and right after that everything went to hell." It's "wait 'til next year" for **Ellis Regenbogen**. "March 2020 was our 50th anniversary, but the big week with family in Turks and Caicos couldn't happen. We finally managed to get the whole family here in Charleston, South Carolina, for Thanksgiving." **John Lobitz** is also "hunkered down and safe but had no large family gatherings for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Decided not to ski this year, a real bummer, and canceled our annual January trip to Hawaii, another bummer! Getting really bored playing a lot of online bridge, reading books, and binge-watching TV series. Can't wait for the vaccine!" **Don Kress** reports, "My wife, Beth, and I continue to work, which is helping to keep us sane during the pandemic. I hope to ski this spring in Winter Park, Colorado, where I've skied for 60 years!" **Fred Behringer** says, "Since we can't travel or go to the gym, I am working much less and am playing a lot more golf, spending enough time on it now to begin to have a little understanding of the swing. There is a lot you can learn on YouTube!" Our congratulations go to **Ron Fagin**, who was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He is also a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. **Jon Ingersoll** sent along some vicarious travel adventures for all those hunkered down at home: "One blog I wrote driving the length of Route 66, Lake Michigan to the Pacific, and another during my 2012 small boat voyage from northern Montana to Key West, Florida." **Bob Sanner** writes about his pre-lockdown visit to Indonesia with Barbara, hanging out with the Komodo dragons, and spending days diving to explore magnificent marine life. Bob adds, "Every week that goes by our 'gratitude list' grows as we learn about people who are working so hard, often at great risk, to care for humans and the planet. It inspires us to learn about the often unknown and underappreciated workers tackling the many challenges that have occurred this year."

You can read all our classmates' greetings along with links to Jon's blogs, by going to our class website, 1967.dartmouth.org, and may 2021 bring you peace, joy, and happiness!

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68 Zooming downhill took on an entirely new meaning for annual fall Western ski mini-reunion veterans in November. With gatherings and travel stymied by Covid-19, the always resourceful **Rick Pabst** proposed a virtual version of the gathering. Instead of physical exercise, the event involved heady discussions on a variety of subjects, including one that will be of interest to all of us bright Dartmouth lads who've never stopped learning and have been (and will continue to be) spending much of our sequestered hours with books. Here are some recommendations from attendees.

Tom Stonecipher recommends *American Nations* by Colin Woodward, a description of the 11 founding cultures that formed our value systems and governing and societal beliefs; also *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson, by which title she describes the relationship of Black and white Americans.

Reunion co-organizer **Dave Dibelius** recommends *Doomsday Book* by Connie Willis, an award-winning sci-fi novel that, though written in 1993, "provides a remarkable perspective on 2020." More sci-fi comes from **Jim Lawrie**: the Bobiverse books by Dennis E. Taylor as read by Ray Porter.

Voracious reader **Gerry Bell** recommends current books on politics by Barack Obama, John Bolton, Mary Trump, and Bob Woodward; William Manchester's *The Glory and the Dream/Prologue*, which describes situations in 1932 that are "beyond eerily similar" to 2020; and (for fun) *Squeeze Me* by Carl Hiassen, which is also recommended by **Peter Fahey**. Gerry and I also agree on Robert Crais.

Other mini-reunion attendees included **Peter Emmel**, **Richard duMoulin**, **Sandy Dunlap**, **Paul Fitzgerald**, **Rusty Martin**, **Joe Lowry**, **Scott Reeves**, **Steven Schwager**, and **Paul Schweizer**. Another virtual event is planned for March, and the Greenbrier 75th birthday reunion situation will be resolved at the February class committee meeting.

Several other classmates offered their book lists and suggestions. President **David Peck** liked Doris Kearns Goodwin's *The Bully Pulpit*, about Teddy Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Progressive movement. **James Noyes** proposes Jane Mayer's *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*, which he describes as a "real-life version of Ludlum's *The Matarese Circle*." Newsletter editor **Mark Waterhouse** is currently enjoying Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly Everything: Special Illustrated Edition*, which was researched in part at Baker Library. The very generous **John Blair**, when he's not helping me with my golf swing, reads about food and nutrition (*The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meats*), politics and current events (*That Used to Be Us*, by Friedman and Mandelbaum), historical fiction (*All the Light We Cannot See* and *Daring Young Men*), and, of course, sports (*The Boys in the Boat* and *The Match: The Day the Game of Golf Changed Forever*).

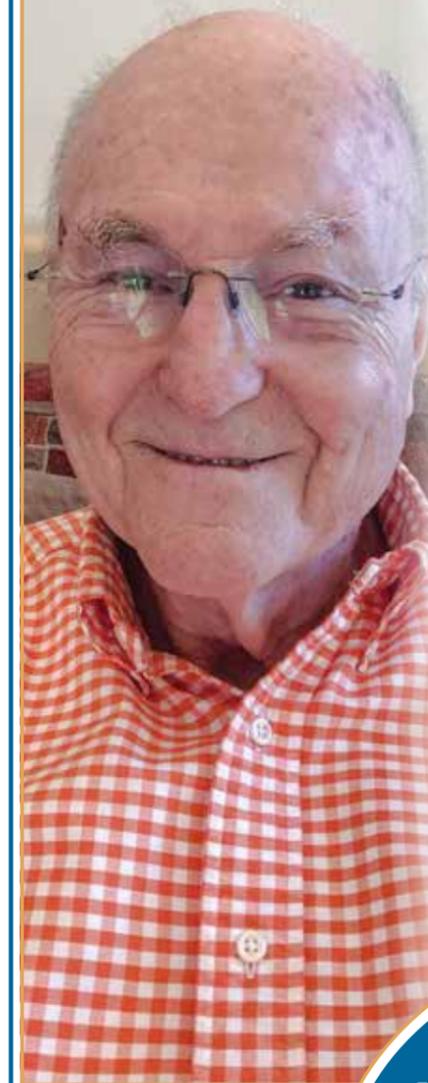
While we're talking books, let's note that **Bill Zarchy's** new one is out. Look for *Finding George Washington: A Time Travel Tale*.

It is now, unfortunately, time to say goodbye to **Charlie Lenth**, **Dick Stowell**, and **Mike Glass**. We will miss them as we look forward to a better 2021. —**Jack Hopke**, 157 Joy St., River Ridge, LA 70123; (504) 388-2645; jackhopke@yahoo.com

69 This has been a tough year. We endured a worsening pandemic, a contentious election, and another winter of discontent. Our class fellowship, however, has rarely been stronger. There is more going on with the class of '69 than we could pack into a dozen pages. Zoom meetings abound, and **Arthur Ferguson** coordinates a diverse series of mini-reunions online: poetry readings, a Civil War seminar, a Jewish culture discussion group, and more. **John Mathias**, a tireless class leader, presented a fascinating conversation about legal representation in death penalty cases. We were delighted to see old friends **Chip Eitzer**, **Vaughn Taylor**, **Warren Simpson**, **Phil Bush**, **Greg Dobbs**, and **Benjamin Marcello** among the two dozen folks sitting in on the session—too many to name everyone!

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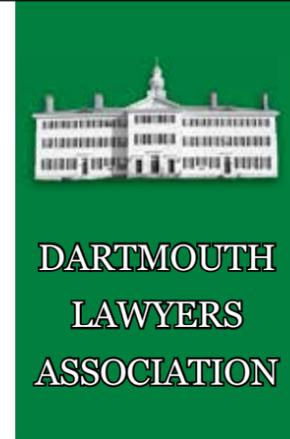
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to list here) continue to host bimonthly play readings, and to our delight **Jim Becker** joined this month as we presented “Professor Benhardi,” a dark comedy about ethnic prejudice. The weekly 12-step meetings attract a solid group as well. (All are welcome. Contact Tex for details.) In other news **Pete Lawrence** writes thoughtfully from Pasadena, California: “I hope all of us will have some remaining good years doing what we enjoy after the Covid crisis. ‘Life is short’ becomes truer every day.”

Bamboo Gandy writes that he’s in the Moderna vaccine trial but gargling local south Texas tequila “just in case,” wishing everyone a happy holiday. **Steve** and **Jo Larson** have decamped courageously from Georgia to Montana, planning adventures in the great Northwest, “masked, healthy, and waiting out the pandemic.” **Terry Light** challenges Tex to online chess!

With genuine sadness we report the passing of **Richard “Deke” Olmsted**. We affectionately remember that Deke called himself a “small tackle” in football, a gregarious guy with a sharp wit and a sense of adventure. His loving sister, Jill, wrote a heartfelt essay in “The Book” about Deke’s life, hampered in recent years by illness. An anonymous teammate comments: “Deke ran over me many times in freshman football, and he always helped me get back up.” Good words.

Bruce Alpert and **Peter Elias**, et al., post updates on Covid-19. Join our mid-month Zoom social hours with **Jim Staros**, who invites you to raise a glass: “Join us for an hour of interesting conversation with no formal agenda. Conversations often focus on current events, including our life experiences, hopes, and concerns vis-à-vis the pandemic. Any topic you bring to the table would be welcome.”

Andy McLane, **Paul Tuhus**, and the DOC project team report impressive progress that’s on schedule. It’s not too late to make a donation, and every dollar counts! We have more news than we can cover here, so watch for your newsletter and check the website. Your friends and classmates, old and new, are getting together at www.dartmouth69.org. Pay your dues and send us news.

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70 At this writing the Christmas holidays are in the past and a new year with a bright and healthy horizon for all of us is, I hope, here. By the time this column hits your mailbox, the Covid vaccines should be filtering down to the general populace, including old folks like us. We still have no indication of a reunion in 2021. Plans for a variety of alternatives are in the works. Until travel and mingling freely with large groups becomes possible, most plans will center on virtual or regional events.

Peter Logan organized a follow up to June’s Foley House 1970 virtual mini-reunion with the addition of seven members of the class of 1971 in November. Everyone had a great time, with topics from the present to the past and future and thoughts from the personal to the political. The 15 participants included three exchange women. The ‘70s were **Peter Logan**, **Tom Reddy**, **Louise Weeks Thorndike**, **Rick Kenney**, **Rick Sprague**, **Donald Hess**, **George LeMaistre Jr.**, and **Peter Kardon**. The ‘71s were

David Aylward, Bruce Barker, Randy Pherson, Rick Bates, Floran Fowkes, Paul Velleman, and Judith Dern. The bonds with the College and each other were reinvigorated and remain strong.

Bill Darter posted a lengthy annual update on our 1970 Facebook page in December. A very brief synopsis provided here. At the end of 2020 he can thankfully say that the Darter-Dobles clan in Virginia is all healthy. Grandchildren are managing remote learning and an effective vaccine is in distribution. As with many of us, plans for the 50th reunion, 50th anniversary, and trips were canceled or postponed. However, a January 2020 trip to Costa Rica did start as planned and included a side trip to Ecuador and Galapagos along with visits to three of Vera’s sisters. The group saw giant tortoises on the Darwin Research Station, where they are being raised in a population recovery effort. The biggest surprise flying into Galapagos archipelago was that Baltra, the island where the airport is located, is a complete desert. Bill celebrated his birthday during the trip. Coming back to the United States from Costa Rica was ugly. Bill had reservations for early April, as usual. Then in March things turned bad, with mask wearing and social distancing everywhere. Despite very difficult travel arrangements, they wound up flying out from Costa Rica first class. In lieu of a planned family reunion, Bill and Vera were given a four-day stay in a beautiful cabin in the Shenandoah Mountains near the Skyline Drive, Virginia. They toured the Luray Cavern and also followed the Shenandoah River from Luray to Front Royal, Virginia, Bill’s birthplace. This year was their first virtual Thanksgiving, and like most firsts, there were hiccups. Depending on how the pandemic goes, Bill thought a virtual Christmas was likely. Bill wishes health and wisdom to do the right thing to stay healthy.

Stay healthy and don’t forget to write your lonely class secretary.
—**Gary Miller**, 7 E Hill Road, Canton, CT 06019; garettmiller@mac.com

71 As I write this Class Note in early December, I’m reflecting on one of the most tumultuous years that many of us have ever experienced. I hope that you and your families are safe and well. Better days are ahead of us next year once Covid is under control and therapeutics are available. Our resilient class has stayed connected throughout these difficult months despite the cancellation of class and College events in the latter part of 2020. Many thanks again to **Willis Newton** for organizing and hosting his weekly Zoom calls with **Sam Cuddleback**’s able assistance. Kudos also to **Dave Reingold** for assembling a group of classmates who’ve been participating in lively and informative email exchanges on a variety of political and social issues. I’ll share some of the many well-written and thoughtful emails in my expanded Class Note that’s published in our class website, 1971.dartmouth.org. **Ted Eismeier** continues to run the class book club. To date classmates have read and discussed books on the lives of John Ledyard, Samson Occom, and Daniel Webster, along with Clay and Calhoun. Finally, our class is indebted to **David Aylward**, editor-in-chief of our 50th reunion book; **Mark Bellonby**, coeditor; and **Jim Rager**, whose captains reached out and solicited essays with

amazing success from classmates in fraternities, teams, clubs, and organizations. Classmates submitted 332 essays to the 50th reunion book (note that our 45th reunion book had only 86 classmate essays). The class reunion book participation rate is more than 51 percent when the number of submitted essays and updated profiles are combined. Our 50th reunion book will be a masterpiece that we’ll cherish with our families. Wah hoo wah to all classmates who contributed essays, remembrances of fallen classmates, photos, and other reflections on College experiences. The reunion book will be three times the size of our 45th. It will be mailed to every classmate. Now some sad news. The pandemic will cause the cancellation of class and College events in the first quarter of 2021, including the Naples, Florida, mini-reunion in February; CarniVail; live Hanover performances of Pilobolus and Momix in late March (these performances will now be streamed); and class dinners in Denver, N.Y.C., and San Francisco. In late November the alumni affairs office notified me to suspend further planning for our 50th reunion in June. The College hasn’t yet made a decision about Commencement in June but I hope it will do so by year’s end. I’m doubtful that our 50th reunion will take place as a potential post-holiday Covid spike may continue to disrupt large campus gatherings in Hanover. Stay in touch with communications in our class website for updates on reunion status and any live or virtual class events to be scheduled in 2021. Finally, in honor of our 50th, the executive committee has set a goal of 100-percent participation in class dues and a contribution in any amount to the Dartmouth College Fund as it’ll support 62 percent of the student body, which is on financial aid.

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72 This may truly be the “winter of our discontent” as each of us awaits their turn to get the Covid-19 vaccine. It has been a challenging year unlike any we have ever known, but I think for some of us it has put things in perspective. We have slowed down a bit, perhaps traveled a little less, and come to treasure some of those precious things that we typically take for granted, such as our health and the chance to spend time with family members. I hope that you and yours are safe and healthy as we all long for a return to some semblance of normalcy.

For me, staying in touch with classmates brings some light and joy to what could be an otherwise grim landscape. **Shel Prentice** reached out from Naples, Florida, where he lives with his wife, Barb. Here is his report: “Barb and I spent 10 days out in Los Angeles and Newport Beach, California, visiting our ‘01 daughter. We spent a lovely part of an afternoon with **Chuck Leer** and his wife, Mary, who had just returned to their condo in Marina Del Rey, California. Chuck looks great after having some medical challenges a few years ago. Chuck and Mary were married on June 24, 1972, and had dated for several years before that. I also heard from **Jack Manning**, who had finished off quite a tour in his new RV. Jack was dropping off Peggy in Oregon and then driving the RV to Phoenix for the winter. Jack offered to stop in Los Angeles to pick me up for the rest of his trip. It was a tempting offer, but

I stuck to my travel arrangements and came back to Naples with Barb.” I don’t know, Shel. A road trip with Jack might have been pretty interesting, but I’m sure that Barb was glad you made the right choice! Obviously, Shel’s report predated the more recent lockdown of California ordered by Gov. Newsom in December 2020.

Wayne Pirmann also checked in. Wayne is the managing member (general manager and owner) of Mighty Kicks East Valley and Mighty Kicks Phoenix, “part of a nationwide franchisor operation that focuses on developing basic soccer skills and character simultaneously as soon as kids can walk.” He recently self-published a book directed toward American Christian men, but readable by anyone, titled *Self-Control: No Compromise*. It is available through Amazon under his name or that title.

Sadly, I must report the deaths of three of our classmates. **Frederick Giandomenico** passed away in November of this year at his home in Walpole, Massachusetts. **Henry Menzel** died in December of 2017, but his death was only recently confirmed to us by the College. And finally, **Peter Gambaccini** let us know that his friend and our classmate **Harry Falls** passed away in July last year in Las Vegas. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of all these men who are gone too soon. The hill winds know their names.

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73 There is a light at the end of the tunnel! We just do not know how long the tunnel is.

Check out the alumni small business directory. Classmates include **Chuck Appleby**, **Bob Jones**, **Richard Merrill**, **Hilary Miller**, and **Steve Toll**. Appears Hilary used his college yearbook photo.

Bob Jones reported in late October “my wife and I zoomed with **Tom Beckmann** and his wife and **Steve Quigley** and his wife, and Dr. **Jeff Adam** (all former swimmers). I also see Mark Luning ‘77, who works in Naples, Florida, and who has helped me reconnect with **Craig Colberg**. Early this year I enjoyed a lunch with **Bunk Rosenblum** at one of our favorite places here owned by fellow swimmer Mick Moore ‘93. Dartmouth’s decision to cancel men’s and women’s swimming because the College has a higher percentage of entering athletes (as explained to me by the athletic department) compared to the entering class (because we are the smallest Ivy) makes no sense to me practically and experientially. Many of my clients tell me they hire only former athletes and a few clients focus on hiring only former swimmers or crew (rowing) members because of the demands of the sports.” Tom also rues the cancellation of swimming. “Unfortunately, I feel more disconnected than ever—with Dartmouth, not with my classmates. As a member of the swimming team for three years, I was disappointed to hear that the team was being cancelled, along with golf and rowing. And the reason? Because Dartmouth likes ‘other’ people better than it likes athletes—as if the two were mutually exclusive.”

Those who listen to *Marketplace Morning Report* on NPR may have heard **Bill McDonough** speaking on eliminating the concept of waste from the economy. “What we’ve been doing is take,

make, waste. That’s a linear economy. That’s why it’s known as ‘cradle to grave.’ What we’re saying is, materials and things, you can take them from nature, and then we make things with them. But when we’re finished with the use of it, we can start to imagine what its next use is and design it for its next use. That’s what’s so much fun. Then you end up with a circular economy. It’s for intergenerational benefit.”

Nick Chamousis reported, “I am particularly excited to be building another pod of Dartmouth lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgender (mostly) mentees, including a kid from Hempstead High School, a ‘20 Latino, who may be the first kid from Hempstead since me to make it to our beloved College on the Hill! It is so often said that college admissions at the highest levels is a crapshoot, but from what I have observed firsthand, the College has done an incredible job of ferreting out talented young people. Though most of ‘my kids’ came from nothing, each and every one of them is extraordinary and has done exceptionally well.”

Sadly, **Jethon Sharrieff** died in June, **John Murray** died in July, and **Ken Swinski** died in November. Obits can be found at dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/obits.

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74 Classmates, I am writing to you after Christmas, shortly after a warm, rainy burst melted all the snow and left us a brownish green landscape as we await the advent of 2021 and the hope of a new year. With pandemic relief (social, political, financial, and medical) in sight, yet the winter surge persists, unabated, while the entire nation emulates New England and hunkers down until spring.

Class president **Matt Putnam** sends greetings: “Happy New Year! Having reached this point where I know that each day is a gift that I cannot buy, I find myself more appreciative of the good fortune I had to meet so many in our class and share the Hanover Plain for our time on campus. In the context of remembering I’ve sent letters of thanks to former teachers and sought out their quotes of wisdom. Here is one from President Kemeny: ‘If you have a large number of unrelated ideas, you have to get quite a distance away from them to get a view of all of them, and this is the role of abstraction. If you get far away things may appear simpler because you can only see the large, broad outlines; you do not get lost in petty details.’”

Mike Thomas reports on the working group regarding accelerated mortality among Black alumni. He and **Bill Geiger**, **Rocky Whitaker**, **Walt Singletary**, **Rick Ranger**, and **Gerry Bowe** were joined by **Nathaniel Hagler** and **Bill White**. “During this period of time not only have the disturbing mortality rate statistics proven to be accurate for our class but similarly so for the classes from 1973 through 1977. To say 2020 was anything but normal is an understatement, as we all now know. Group milestones were set, reset, and reset again. Progress we expected—for charting a clear course to a defined objective; engaging the College administration as well as subject matter experts on sociology, health disparities, and social change; and reporting on exciting progress—was

delayed but not deferred. Advancement in these areas is the first order for 2021, along with a renewed commitment for more active facilitation of the group’s objectives.”

Chris Pfaff encourages classmates to read **Rick Ranger**’s most recent newsletter since it was so well done and notes that there was a nice tribute to **Ellis Rowe** in the latest Call to Lead Campaign piece on financial aid and included some nice quotes from his wife, Toni, and son Marcus.

Jim Taylor is sad to report that we have been unable to make any connections with the incoming freshman class of 2024. He is looking for suggestions on how we might reach out to them virtually until the pandemic is past.

Finally, we have lost another classmate since our last column. Please see **Rick Sample**’s class obituaries at www.dartmouthalumnimagazine.com.

Hope to hear from more of you in 2021. Blessings.

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75 Well, happiest of New Year’s to all of you. Let’s hope that 2021 progresses better than 2020! While many of us have hunkered down during the pandemic, news trickles in from **Marty Kenner**: “Patrick (my son) has been our biggest worry, since he lives in Manhattan, but he’s avoided the virus and yet been able to work enough to pay all his bills. His acting career has definitely gone on hold though! Abbi (my daughter) is doing very well—she works in healthcare on prescription management software, so has been able to work fulltime the whole time from home. She, her husband Steve, and my grandsons, Wyatt, 8, and Will, 3, all live just a couple of blocks from us, so we have included them in our family unit and have therefore been able to see them throughout the year. We’ve kept our sanity (so far) and our health, but definitely will be happy to see the year go away.”

Alan Fishbein also checked in from seclusion near Riverhead, New York. Like us, he has stayed isolated whereas he might normally be ensconced in his loft in Manhattan. He states that, “‘We’ is just me and my girlfriend Tracy; she can’t take the cold and goes to Florida for a month or two after the new year.” Clearly her blood has thinned, just as Eliza’s and mine. I still love that first snowfall, but I start to shiver at less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit now. Alan, try Galveston Island, Texas, sometime, way funkier than Florida!

Alan reminded me of his love of jazz, which led me to consider our class’ support for the Coast Jazz Orchestra. Just as an update, here is a note from **Lon Cross** on the subject: “The Coast’s guest residency program has been suspended this year. As such, we’re being asked to redirect our support. In lieu of funding guest resident musicians in the fall and winter terms, we will underwrite the purchase of technology that will enable the Coast Jazz Orchestra musicians to practice and perform together regardless of where they are physically located. I would imagine that this technology would include the ability to livestream the Coast’s concerts.”

Finally, I caught up with **Sheldon Finch**, who has graciously agreed to work on our website. He and his family now live in Austin, Texas. Apparently they are some of the California diaspora (like

us) that has migrated to Texas for any number of reasons. The two of us never actually connected out there, although we lived within a stone's throw of each other. I used to ride my bike through his community of Pescadero, which I miss. Perhaps we can find the time to connect in person (post-Covid) in Texas. *Vox clamantis in Tejas.*

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76 Despite diminished interactions and blanker calendars during the past year, classmates continue to demonstrate a high level of activity and productivity. **Julie Schuetz Lowe** continues her excellent work for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of eastern North Carolina, where she is vice president of mission delivery. The challenge of the past year has been the inability to grant travel wishes to many families. She plans to retire in March, explaining, "My husband has waited patiently for me to finish my professional career so we can travel. We're coming up on our 40th anniversary, so it seems like it's time." **George Keagle** and his wife, Ronna, who moved from suburban Washington, D.C., to Texas upon George's retirement six years ago, have been doing a ton of hiking and biking. He finds this a welcome shift from his 30-year career strategizing employee benefits and compensation for Lockheed. He looks forward to resuming road trips exploring the West and visits to children and grandchildren on the East Coast and writes, "Among our extended family, there are many teachers and healthcare workers. The roll out of vaccines is a great relief." **Doug Kimball**

has published his second novel, *Virga Joy, or the Adventures of El Colonel De Corona*, available as an ebook at Barnes & Noble, Apple, Kobo, Scribd, and Smashwords. **Fern Bennett Phillips** is making more than lemonade out of Covid lemons; she has established her Maine company, Little Big Farm Foods, as a force in bake-at-home foods. The company's premium baking mixes, free from artificial colors, flavors, and preservatives, are delicious and idiot-proof (as I am your witness). For you, my classmates, I placed a massive order and donned stretch pants to fulfill my editorial verification responsibilities. I am midway through testing sugar cookies, white chocolate coconut brownies, chocolate chip blondies, banana bread, peppermint-flavored chocolate molten lava cake, and pumpkin latte and can report utter bliss other than the fact that I may need to be cut out of these stretch pants.

Paul Lazarus has launched a spoken-word album of 10 short stories by Russian writer Alexander Tsypkin read by heavy-hitters Stacy Keach, Vanessa Williams, Tim Daly, Jason Alexander, and Rachel Dratch '88, among others. Paul being Paul, it wasn't enough to produce the project, he translated the stories with the author and is learning Russian in the process. He says, "It's an amazingly hard language and starting a language learning process at an advanced age is not for the faint of heart." Class communications vice president **Dana Rowan**, **Ralph Damiano**, **Scott Fraser**, and their wives gathered for a fall weekend in Woodstock, Vermont, venturing to Hanover to indulge in nostalgia and fall colors. Techno-wizard and webmeister **Joe Jasinski** has made sure our class website, 1976.dartmouth.org, is chock-full of great ways to stay in touch with

Dartmouth and each other including live campus webcams, class project info, and...wait for it...easy online dues payment!

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77 **Steve Pitschke** organized an Alpha Theta Zoom reunion. Present were **Steve Koch** and **Chris Schmidt**, as well as **Jeb Burns '76**, **Gregg Dougherty '78** and **'79s Paul Berryman**, **Brian Breneman**, **Bill Fleming**, and **Evans Huber**. "Many of us had not 'seen' each other for 40 years. We shared stories, reminisced about beer pong and Whale's Tails, and had a great time." Steve Pitschke works at Synopsys, a high-tech firm, as a senior software manager and architect. Steve Koch has his dream retirement job as a ski host at Mammoth Ski area in California. He actually gets paid to ski! Chris Schmidt is a psychotherapist living in Northampton, Massachusetts. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health CEO and president **Joanne Conroy**, M.D., was elected as a regular member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). Joanne was selected for leading one of the nation's most rural academic medical centers and being a pioneer in telemedicine. Election to NAM recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.

Since 2010, on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, **Phil Andryc** has participated in the Covenant House sleepout to raise funds for and to show solidarity with homeless youth. This year 3,000 sleepers in 31 cities across North America participated. Phil spent the night in the parking lot of the Javits Center in New York City on a piece of cardboard with just his sleeping bag. "I wake up more stiff and with more aches every year, but, unlike the homeless, I am reminded how fortunate I am to have a safe home and warm shower to which to return."

Susan Dentzer, **Dan Lucey**, **Jan Malcom**, and **Steve Mentzer** participated in a Zoom call for the class titled "77 Eyes on the Pandemic." Susan is senior policy fellow at the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy, where she has written articles and papers on the Covid pandemic. Dan is a physician and the originator of the Smithsonian "Exhibition on Epidemics 2018-2021," based on his experiences overseas with SARS, MERS, Ebola, flu, and Zika. He is teaching a course on epidemics at Dartmouth this winter. Jan is commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health and has a leading role in the state's response to the pandemic, reporting to Gov. Tim Walz. Steve was part of an international team of researchers who recently published an important article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* chronicling how they identified surprising new features of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its impact on the lungs and the body's vascular system.

In *The Water Defenders: How Ordinary People Saved A Country from Corporate Greed*, **John Cavanagh** and his wife, Robin Broad, tell the harrowing, inspiring saga of El Salvador's fight—and historic victory—against "big gold." John and Robin helped build the network of international allies that spearheaded the global fight against mining in El Salvador that began with the discovery that mining could lead to the catastrophic contamination of the river system supplying water to the majority of Salvadorans.

Note: The previous column contained comments that many found offensive. We apologize for their inclusion. In the future, we will avoid political opinion and social commentary.

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78 As I write in December I wonder about the state of things as you read this. Have you had your vaccination? Did we turn the corner? Are we on the road to herd immunity? No way to know from this vantage point, but fingers crossed as the snow is melting and the flowers blooming that life is returning to normal for all of you. One good thing about 2020 was the positive attention that **Frank B. Wilderson III's** book *Afropessimism* drew from many quarters. Blending groundbreaking critical and theoretical reflection with moving passages of memoir, the book was longlisted for the National Book Award and featured in *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*. Covid-19 did not stop Frank's international book tour. He "visited" four continents and gave more than 50 bookstore and university launch presentations. UC Irvine (where he works as chair of African American studies) named him a chancellor's professor. This title is bestowed on professors who have demonstrated exceptional academic merit and whose continued promise for scholarly achievement is unusually high.

In the early days of the pandemic, looking for something to keep me from going crazy, I started a history livecast called *History Happy Hour* with my friend and fellow historian Chris Anderson. Well, lo and behold, we have now done nearly 50 shows, interviewing an amazing array of authors including Chris Wallace, Adam Hoschschild, Andrew Roberts, Hampton Sides, Lynn Olsen, and Susan Eisenhower. We broadcast weekly on the Stephen Ambrose Historical Tours Facebook and YouTube pages. **Jim Lattin** has been a loyal viewer and a number of other classmates have tuned in as well from time to time. It's been great fun, a yearlong history seminar. And its not too late to participate—all the programs are archived on the Stephen Ambrose Historical Tours website (stephenambrosetours.com).

We have learned of the deaths of three more classmates. Dr. **Jared Bremer** of Newton, Wisconsin, died on October 8. **Paul Johnson** of Nashua, New Hampshire, passed away on August 1. **Paul Nemcek** of Prior Lake, Minnesota, left us on November 21. I want to express condolences to all their friends and families. Look for remembrances of them on the class website: 1978.dartmouth.org/in-memoriam.

Continuing on this somewhat uncomfortable topic for a moment: As you have probably noticed, we instituted a new policy this year of emailing the entire class every time a classmate passes away, both to make sure people are notified and to seek comments and thoughts for their remembrance on the in-memoriam page. I want to say thanks to class president **Barbie Snyder Martinez** for the work she has taken on writing these missives, to **Brooks Clark** for making sure they go out, and to web guru

Dave Hathaway for making sure we stay current on the website. Your efforts are appreciated by all!

Send news!

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79 We have fascinating classmates.

For **Rick Leonardi**, "drawing comic books had been my aim from grade school onwards; I'd never seriously entertained any other career. I went to work the January after graduation with a tryout issue at Marvel Comics. After that apprentice job (Thor #303) came issues of Spider-Man, X-Men, and Cloak and Dagger, which I worked on from a succession of Upper Valley rentals. Later, I continued drawing for Marvel and DC from Ketchum, Idaho, sending in product via FedEx and racking up ski days at Sun Valley. Back east finally in Boston, I met Cynthia Kellogg, M.D., and settled down with her outside Philadelphia in 1991." Enjoy samplings of various projects @rick_leonardi.

Martin Venezky writes, "Dartmouth was a complicated time for me; I survived within a small circle of friends. I started off in the Choates, then moved into the very small, mostly unnoticed housing at 44 College Street, not really a dorm, but a converted house, cool and friendly, but unlikely to broaden one's social circle. Although I began as a math major, my interests shifted to graphic design and photography, neither highlights (to say the least!) of Dartmouth's visual studies program. Honestly, I only blossomed when I pursued an M.F.A. in design at Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1991. There the deep love I have for my work was kindled and new creative possibilities were unleashed. This led to my satisfying and renowned career in design along with an unexpected teaching career, now as full professor in the design M.F.A. program at California College of the Arts in San Francisco. My own work in complicated, abstract photography is a constantly rewarding challenge." See @martinvenezky.

Bob Keefer, led to ministry by his boyhood pastor and involvement in the Church of Christ at Dartmouth, finds the pandemic an opportunity "to focus on what is essential and to be creative. Our church had long talked about expanding our online presence by webcasting; suddenly it became necessary. Now our church has a live webcast, also available recorded. We met in the sanctuary only once, but we never stopped our outreach: Sunday worship, weekly devotions, children's messages by Murphy the Dog (Interested? See pcmomaha.org). Nevertheless, doing these tasks with little real human contact is wearing. I miss shaking hands, fist bumps, and hugs. Most of all, I miss the children. Pastors, generally, are not well paid, but our rewards are in the possibility to be present with people in ordinary times and times of crisis. I do the tasks and miss most of those rewards. I know this is temporary; someday one of the children will give me that first hug and one of the women will ask me to pray for her grandson and one of the men will tell me my sermon made his brain hurt. We'll get through this."

Sadly, **Stacy Smith Quinn** reports that her husband, **Patrick Quinn**, M.D., died in November

2020 of complications of neck cancer, diagnosed in 2005.

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80 You should know by now that our class has new co-presidents, **Joe Mannes** and **Cathy McGrath**. Joe is the president of Samco Capital Markets in Dallas, where he has worked in a variety of capacities since 2001. After Dartmouth Joe earned an M.B.A. from Wharton. Joe also judges chili contests.

Living in Fairlee, Vermont (population 980), Cathy is a senior consultant at Marts & Lundy Inc. Cathy advises nonprofits about fundraising programs. And you thought your job in a pandemic was tough. "No, really, Zoom galas are fun."

Hesitate to write about holdover presidents, but **Susan Fagerstrom** and **Mark Alperin** will continue to provide their expert assistance, at least through our 40th reunion. Or, as they say in Bulgaria, "When the pig in yellow slippers climbs the pear tree."

Our new treasurer is **Brian Boyer**. Brian has worked at Wespath Institutional Investments (WII) since 2003 and currently serves as director of private markets. Like Joe, Brian also has an M.B.A. from Wharton. WII is a not-for-profit subsidiary of Wespath Benefits and Investments, a general agency of the United Methodist Church. In operation since 1908, Wespath manages the largest reporting faith-based pension fund in the world. Who knew the Methodists had so much money?

Our new secretaries are **Rob Dinsmoor** and **Meg Coughlin LePage**. Rob lives on the North Shore of Massachusetts, where he writes about health and medical issues. He also writes fictive memoirs, pieces in which he disguises real characters he has encountered. If you are not in one of Rob's books, you do not know whether to be relieved or insulted. Rob's life changed dramatically when he started practicing yoga, and even more when he started teaching yoga. Whenever I tried yoga, pre-pandemic, the instructors always gave me concerned looks that loudly telegraphed, "Please, old man, do not die in my class."

Meg is an attorney, a partner at Pierce Atwood in Portland, Maine. She is the mother of four, including twins. Just writing that makes me tired. Meg lives with her husband, Mike, in Cumberland and is a dedicated runner. Meg is a very nice person, especially for a lawyer.

We have lost another classmate, **Joni von Herrmann**, who died in October. **Carol Burns**, Joni's freshman year roommate, remembers her as "a force of nature, beautiful, self-confident." Carol further recalls, "We had many fine adventures (including early morning breakfasts with **Brent Bilger** at Thayer, which we referred to as 'Brekkie with Brent')." Joni was kind and fun and passionate about Dartmouth."

Jerry Jeff Walker also died in October. He performed in Spaulding in 1977 and in the Bema at our 25th reunion. Walker made a number of definitive Texas outlaw recordings, notably "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mother." As for the Spaulding performance, I was there, a terrifying experience because I was far too sober for the drunken mob

of an audience.

Mr. Bojangles. Mr. Bojangles. Dance.

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81 Thank you, '81s, for your responses to the musical memories big question No. 10. So many vivid (and hazy) memories were shared of Dartmouth concerts. **Marc Chabot** caught more than most: "**Alan Johnson**, who ran the lights for numerous Hop performances, let me watch concerts for free alongside him in the Spaulding lighting booth." Not content to listen passively, Marc also played the violin in the Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra. Most memorably, he and **Jim Kenealy** "dressed up in lab coats and gas masks—singing 'Men of Stockroom' at the chemistry department party in the fall of 1978, a song they co-wrote. It closed with, 'They have acetone on their breath, ethanol in their veins. And spectro-grade benzene in their muscles and their brains.'"

David Townsend recalls producing and DJing "the 'Pumpkin Smash,' a huge public dance-costume-party that featured New Wave music, decorations, carved pumpkins, strobe lights, and a large facsimile drawing of President Kennedy made to look like a vampire. My dorm-mates from Lord Hall and collaborators from the *Jack-o-Lantern*, helped organize and put it all together."

On a more somber note, **Tucker Gilman** remembers the day in December of our senior year when John Lennon was shot in New York City. "Most of us were celebrating the end of exams and looking forward to going home for the holidays. I was in the hot, packed, basement of Phi Delt, playing pong and listening to juke tunes when the word passed quickly throughout the crowded house" (via Howard Cosell and the *Monday Night Football* game in the tube room). "What I recall most vividly is that within minutes, the house cleared. The party was over and a hush fell over the campus. Not long after someone (along Webster Avenue) placed their speakers in a window facing out and cranked up 'Imagine' and 'Revolution.'"

Turns out that was David Townsend, DJing after he heard the news. "Yes, I blasted 'Revolution' at full volume from Lord Hall. I had a paper due the next day, and I was planning an all-nighter, but I couldn't concentrate."

Meanwhile classmates in medicine are concentrating on making news. **Wyn Harrison** writes, "After leaving the granite hills of New Hampshire, I have been an academic hepatologist and therapeutic endoscopist at Mayo Clinic. In the last chapter of my career I had the honor of leading the development of a new, four-year medical school campus at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. With our inaugural class approaching graduation in May, I am passing the baton to the next academic affairs dean." And **Allen L. Smith**, M.D., M.S., will become the next president and chief executive officer of South Shore Health of Massachusetts. Allen most recently served as president of the Brigham and Women's Physicians

Organization, a faculty practice plan for more than 1,800 physicians.

Congratulations, Wyn and Allen! Wishing all good health and harmonious memories.

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82 How did '82s spend this past Covid-quarantine year? Innovating, surviving, grieving, reflecting, protesting, turning 60, and celebrating personal milestones that marked a year like no other. Here's a roundup from the past 12 months.

John Gaudio quarantined in New Jersey, "I'm equidistant between my boys, one in New Haven, Connecticut, one in Baltimore. My daughter is out in Denver. This is the longest stretch ever (more than a year) without seeing her."

Multitalented Dr. **Tea Lotson** joined the board of directors of the N.Y. Road Runners Club. Hat tip to **Tom Daniels**, a fellow road runner, for that news.

It's been a decade since **David Plekenpol** rode the smartphone wave to take a job with AAC in China. But during Covid David and Victoria quarantined in Colorado—living, not vacationing, in their U.S. residence. Starting in 2021 Plek anticipates splitting time between Shenzhen, Colorado, and Europe. Archaeologist **Eric Cline** has been busy—if not collecting artifacts from beneath the ground, then collecting accolades for his recent book, *Digging Up Armageddon*, which was named one of *The Federalist's* "Notable Books for 2020."

Jay Geller, lawyering in Falmouth, Maine, reflected: "I think the pandemic has been much harder on young families than on us old farts. I am most looking forward to the relief that they will experience by getting their lives back—returning to school and a more normal work environment. I miss seeing and being able to hug my godson and his siblings and occasionally giving their parents a break while the kids do a sleepover at our house."

Betsy and Doug Latham quarantined with their youngest son (age 30). Doug works for a company that provides ebooks to college students. Betsy is a certified public accountant near Boston. "Being able to see friends and family is our wish for the new year. We are grateful to have jobs, a home where we can get out into nature, and the love of family and friends."

We've got some inspiring amateur photographers in our class, among them **Sarah Riddle Lilja**, **David Silbersweig**, and **Dan Gilman**. If you are a photographer, feel free to post to the '82 Facebook page, and if you delight in interesting photos and are on Instagram, do follow our official class Instagram account: @Dartmouth1982.

Class of '82 doing good: Belated kudos to **Steve Whitely**, a York (Pennsylvania) Suburban High School teacher who received the 2020 Mini-Thon Leadership Development Award for helping his students raise more than \$480,000 toward the fight against childhood cancer.

On his 60th birthday **Hank Malin** reported that it was a "beautiful day in Ohio (not an oxymoron) and our younger son is here to celebrate, so it's a great day to turn 60. Here's to a healthy and more civil and harmonious year ahead. I'm already look-

ing forward to our 40th reunion, which will be here before we know it!" Hank's right: Your class officers are starting to make a plan for June 2023! If you'd like to be involved in planning our 40th, please let our class president, **George Thompson**, know at gthompson@gthompsonlegal.com.

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83 Happy New Year, '83s! During the season of giving, several of our classmates were recognized for making a difference in the lives of others. **James McKim** was honored by Volunteer NH with a 2020 Spirit of New Hampshire Award for his contributions to social justice as president of the Manchester, New Hampshire, NAACP. Responding to the racial tensions of 2020, Gov. Chris Sununu appointed James to serve on his new commission on law enforcement accountability, community, and transparency. Just to the south, **Rich Roberts** was recognized recently as a "Municipal Champion" by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities at its statewide convention for his work on a wide range of executive orders from the governor of Connecticut that have impacted local governments since the Covid-19 pandemic began. Following graduation from Dartmouth, Rich earned a J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law. Rich practices law at the Connecticut-based law firm Halloran Sage, where he focuses on municipal law, providing counsel to cities and towns on real estate acquisitions and sales, land use, charter revisions, ordinances, the Freedom of Information Act, elections, and property tax issues. The Dartmouth College Fund recently recognized **Roger Baumann**, class head agent, in the *Greenline Dartmouth College Fund* newsletter as an outstanding volunteer for leading our class to record participation rates during our two most recent reunions. Inspired by the generosity of alumni through the generations, Roger says, "It's a privilege to be able to continue this tradition, and most people are happy to support deserving students in whatever way they can." Unseasonably warm weather in November allowed **Kelly Fowler Hunter** and **Andre Hunter** to host a physically distanced outdoor '83 New York lunch at their home in Bedford. Armed with outdoor heaters (which proved unnecessary) and Dartmouth masks for everyone, attendees included **Jessica Rosenberg Brown**, **Robin Henning Rocci**, **David Ellis**, **Jean Hanff Korelitz**, **Michelle Ott Crookenden**, and **Kathy Bowler Mitchell**. On December 15, numerous classmates participated in a non-weather-dependent '83 Boston area Zoom chat, including **Anne Blanchard**, **Thea Calkins**, **Dean Cascaden**, **Susan Donovan**, **Walter Foster**, **Michael Hjerpe**, **Peter Kilmarx**, **Jean Hanff Korelitz**, **Chris Marquet**, **James McKim**, **Kathy Bowler Mitchell**, **Dave Persampieri**, **Kathy Provost**, **Patty Shepard**, **John Westney**, and **Laura Vail Wooster**. Not surprisingly, Peter fielded a lot of questions about vaccines and quarantine.

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84 I'd like to begin this column with a correction. According to **Dave Cost**, everything I wrote in my last column, after the words, "As I write this column, filled with falsehoods and innuendo about our classmates," was, in fact, filled with falsehoods and innuendo about our classmates. I deeply apologize for the transgression. Anyway, onward to our next column.

Where do I go from here? How do I regain your trust? Well, just get back on the bike, I say. Just like my freshman trip, biking through the woods of New Hampshire with **Charlie Pappas**. Charlie stopped riding long enough to go to medical school and become a radiologist in Barre, Vermont, which is somewhere in the middle of nowhere. Charlie is likely still riding his 10-speed through the mountains of Vermont. I wonder if he ever runs into fellow freshman trip attendee **Mike Salzhauer**? Mike may not still be riding. Mike seems to live in N.Y.C., where he spends his time driving around on a boat and catching fish. None of these things seem to make it likely that Salzhauer will cross paths with Pappas. Mike is way more likely to run into fellow tripee **Ken Ackerman**. Ken is an internal medicine physician on Long Island. He takes care of both of my parents, so I have nothing negative to say about Kenny. He's the best. Truly.

Here's a surprise. **Eric Dezenhall** is publishing another soon-to-be-bestselling novel. The novel, titled *False Light*, contained both words and pictures. Eric asked for my advice throughout the creation of this work. He didn't actually ask, but it was implied. He didn't not ask, so I took this as a cry for help. I try to be helpful to all classmates. I initially suggested a pop-up book. He politely declined. I next suggested more pictures than words. That guarantees a bestseller. He ignored me. Scratch-n-sniff perhaps? Not even a response. He took none of my advice. As a result, the book is likely filled with nouns, verbs, and some adjectives. Perhaps an adverb or two. I don't even want to think about the punctuation marks.

Peter Ellis remains a famous film and TV editor. He's currently working on a new show, titled *Citadel*, to be broadcast on Amazon. Peter can't talk specifics about the show yet. I assume that means that Peter doesn't really know what the show is about and needs advice. Peter, I'm here for you. Give me a call.

Kathy Krause is a professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. In addition to teaching French and medieval studies, her research explores the role of women in French Middle Ages. Kathy recently edited a book, titled *Reassessing the Heroine in Medieval French Literature*. I was far too cheap to buy the book, but, based on the cover alone, it is filled with pictures, pop-ups, and quite likely a scratch-off or two. I'm sure it will be a hit. Dezenhall should have listened to me.

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85 As you read this, it's 2021, presumably much to the relief of everyone. How do you effectively describe 2020—challenging, thought provoking, enlightening? Whatever it meant to you, may this serve as a wish that

2021 brings you happiness, health, rewarding interactions, and whatever else you're seeking.

I often think of many of you and wonder what/how you're doing—thinking back to our last interaction or connection, thankfully mostly favorable. Is anyone else into sports officiating? Any standup comedians or skydivers among us? Maybe competitive eaters? Who has their own Wikipedia page? (FYI, only one of those applies to me.) Whatever you've done, I hope you'll be back at our reunion June 17-20 to share your exploits.

Give a (quiet) rouse for our own **Ken Kaliski**—the Institute of Noise Control Engineering (INCE) honored Resource Systems Group (RSG) senior director Kenneth Kaliski with the William W. Lang Award for the Distinguished Noise Control Engineer. This award acknowledges Ken's meaningful service to and enthusiastic support of INCE board certification, notable contributions to the field of wind turbine acoustics, and use of rigorous analytics and novel approaches to advance the field of noise control engineering. As the 12th recipient of this award, Ken joins an elite group of acousticians. A biology and environmental studies major at Dartmouth, Ken later received a degree in engineering from Thayer in 2002. He has been with RSG for more than 30 years, since its founding in 1986, and is a 15-year board member. His work at RSG focuses on community noise monitoring and modeling, architectural acoustics, transportation noise, and industrial noise control projects.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of our classmate **Charla Tolbert McMillian**. While I didn't know Charla well, I felt we were connected since she (with a bright smile) was listed next to me in the *Freshman Book*. An English major and Kappa Kappa Gamma member, Charla earned the Gurdin prize for best directing in theater and was inducted into the Green Key Society and Fire & Skoal. She joined the U.S. Marine Corps officer candidate school in Quantico, Virginia, in 1986 and served as a specialist in Russian intelligence while stationed at Camp Pendleton, advancing to the rank of captain in 1989.

Charla earned her J.D. in 1993 at Boston University Law School and, in 1997, created and became owner and principal of FitBoot, a first-of-its-kind military-style fitness business. She trained hundreds of clients in Boston and in the Bay Area of California for more than a decade. The pioneering FitBoot program was featured in national media and emphasized teamwork, mental focus, nutrition, and physical performance. Charla was a certified national strength and conditioning specialist, a Kenpo karate competitor, and the author of several fitness books. Throughout her life Charla loved to sing, play, and compose music, leaving a collection of more than 300 original compositions and musical recordings.

Reach out and connect with someone you miss—you both will enjoy it.

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86 Extra, extra, read all about it! Find reunion updates on our class website this month for our 35th reunion—1986. dartmouth.org—and Class Notes from our classmates. In beauty.

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87 What better panacea for our socially distanced lives than gathering with our fellow '87s! Our 35th reunion, with the theme "The Spell on Us Remains: Apart, Yet Connected," is scheduled for June 17-20. Give a rouse to reunion chair **Tim Parker** and his team, which includes many of our class officers (whose titles are omitted for space considerations): **Hermann Mazard** and **Stacey (Wolff) Savas** (registration); **Sarah (McCraw) Crow**, **Julie (Park) Hubble**, **Tom Palisi**, **Gregg Rippey**, and **Betsy (Wall) Rutherford** (communications); **Deb (Rowe) Marchiony** and **Scott Rusert** (activities); **Bob Charles**, **Dennis Goldstein**, **Anne Kubik**, **Holly Silvestri**, **Lisa Snyder**, **Regina Speed-Bost**, and **Sarah Woodberry** (programming); **Margaret (Carter) Farinella** and **Tracey Salmon-Smith** (catering); **Jennifer (Lane) Hamlin** (beverages—I love how beverages warrant a separate leader!); **Ben Moynihan** (entertainment); **Crystal Crawford** (memorial service);

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Kathleen (Joyce) Kusiak (swag); **Maurice Holmes** (treasurer); and **Karyn (Wienski) Calcano** and **Peter Murane** (reunion giving). As I write this column in December, Tim remains optimistic that we will be together in Hanover. “We’ll leverage technology to bring Dartmouth beyond Hanover,” Tim said. “Content streamed online will complement the energy and excitement of being on the Green and connect those unable to join on-campus festivities.” Thanks to Tim and the reunion committee for their flexibility and perseverance during these uncertain times.

This past fall Betsy spoke with London resident **Wendy Becker** and learned that Wendy was recently appointed to the council of the University of Oxford, England. As the university’s executive governing body, the council is responsible for both Oxford’s administration and management of its finances and assets. Wendy reported that she is the first non-alumni member of the council in the university’s more-than-900-year history. Impressive!

Many classmates were similarly impressed (and thrilled) to hear the voice of **Pam Metzger** on the radio in December, albeit on an unhappy topic. A professor and director of the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Pam was a guest on an NPR program titled *Vaccinating Inmates is Good for Public Health: Why Aren’t More States Doing It?* Pam discussed the health risks to inmates—including pre-existing conditions, cramped living areas, poor nutrition, and problematic ventilation—and explained that “all of these conditions mean that the jails and prisons are breeding grounds for illness and disease long before you add something highly contagious like Covid-19.”

As we continue to look for light in the darkness, **Ricki Stern** encourages us to tune into Netflix to watch Break Thru Films’ *Surviving Death*, an in-depth investigative series exploring the possibility of an afterlife through innovative, new research and firsthand accounts. Ricki directed and executive produced the series, based on Leslie Kean’s book, *Surviving Death: A Journalist Investigates Evidence for an Afterlife*. A slew of other Dartmouth alumni worked on the project, including entertainment attorney **Emerson Bruns**. “Given how our world is suffering so much loss, my wish is that the series will speak to people in grief and provide a bit of hope,” Ricki said.

—**Laura Gasser**, 746 17th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121; marcklaurag@aol.com

88 Greetings, ’88s! I am writing this column, my first of 2021, at the end of 2020 in the midst of devastating pandemic news across the United States. Like many of you, one of my pastimes during the last nine months has been searching for good news in the face of the global health crisis. Happily, I have been able to find much good news, and it appears in various forms, from the kindness of a stranger to the generosity of a neighbor to the dedication of an essential worker to the willingness of a teenager to take a walk with his mother. So, too, have I found positive news about some of our classmates:

Moira RedCorn was one of several Osage artists featured at the recent virtual opening of “Creativity

2020: Art from the Community,” at the Osage Nation Museum in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The show highlighted a colorful and moving painting that Moira created this year. It also included a short video of Moira discussing her art in the time of Covid and giving a tour of her studio, where she has other art projects underway, from beading to ribbons to drawing. Congratulations, Moira!

Charlie Wheelan, who is a senior lecturer and policy fellow at the Rockefeller Center, has published a new book. Titled *We Came, We Saw, We Left: A Family Gap Year*, the book describes the trip Charlie and **Leah (Yegian) Wheelan** took with their three teenagers to six continents in nine months a couple of years ago. An advance release from the publisher, WW Norton & Co., calls the book “a winning blend of humor and humility” as it “juggles themes of local politics, global economics, and family dynamics.” Congratulations, Charlie!

Tyler Hoffman, who is a professor of English at Rutgers University-Camden, published a book in late 2019 titled *This Mighty Convulsion: Whitman and Melville Write the Civil War*. As coeditor of this collection of essays published by the University of Iowa Press, Tyler is credited with presenting an important critical examination of Walt Whitman and Herman Melville as Civil War poets. Tyler currently serves as chair of the department of English and previously was associate dean of the college of arts and sciences. Congratulations, Tyler!

Howard Roughton also published a new book in late 2019, cowritten with James Patterson and titled *Killer Instinct*. This book is Howard’s most recent collaboration with James Patterson, with whom he has now written eight books; Howard himself also has written two novels. Congratulations, Howard!

Karen Morton continues to live in the Upper Valley, where she serves two roles important to the local community. She is the executive director of Good Beginnings in West Lebanon, New Hampshire, which provides support to families with new babies, and she and her husband, Craig Morton ’89, are lead pastors at a nondenominational church in West Lebanon called Wellspring Worship Center. Congratulations, Karen!

As always, I invite you to share your news, updates, and stories with me.

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89 Before iTunes, before Spotify, we had two Dartmouth radio stations—WDCR 1340AM and WFRD “99 Rock FM.” Here are stories from fellow ’89s who brought us amazing music, news, sports, promotions, and events.

Mark Wachen says, “We had an absolute dream team with the **Seths [Rosenblatt and Skolnik]** as general managers, **Carolyne Allen** doing wonders with WDCR, **Jennifer Avellino** spearheading an incredible news department, **Dave Kramer** in sports, and everyone else too. Our weekly staff meetings were like having your 50 best friends all in one room, eating EBA’s, hanging out in front of that incredible mural of our logos that **Catherine Truman** painted.”

Seth Skolnik says, “I went into Robinson Hall to sign up as a WDCR freshman trainee and made it my last stop before heading out of town in June

’89. For many of us the stations were where we chose to spend a significant portion of our time at Dartmouth.”

Seth Rosenblatt says, “The radio station was my fraternity, and we will always have that bond. A bunch of us went to the local arcade over weeks and months playing those games where you collected tickets to ‘buy’ the station its first CD player. There’s not much I remember about many of my classes at Dartmouth, but I sure remember Dartmouth Broadcasting.”

Jennifer Avellino says, “More than 90 percent of my radio time on WDCR and WFRD was doing news and I did a small amount of DJing on 99 Rock. Other news folks included **Geeta Anand**.”

Dave Kramer says, “WDCR was the ‘Voice of Dartmouth Sports,’ responsible for airing dozens of athletic events every year from all across the country. Because of the tremendous announcers and producers and countless MacGyver moments with equipment salvaged from middle school AV clubs, we somehow pulled it off.”

Peter Zinman says, “Our senior year winter WFRD did a remote broadcast at Ascutney Mountain. An 11-year-old boy and his friend approached me and asked, ‘Are you Pete Zinman? Can I have your autograph?’ I signed both of their lift passes and gave them a pair of 99 Rock bumper stickers. I have never, before or since, felt so famous as I did at that moment.”

Carolyne Allen says, “Some guys from a local band that often played the Tabard used to come into the station to try to get us to play their music. I don’t know if we ever did. That band was Phish.”

Jeff Gerst says, “I interviewed Don McLean; halfway through Seth Skolnik walked in and I madly motioned for him to switch the tape reels. I got Don to do all sorts of deep-cut stuff like chord structure on songs, inspirations, and a ton of IDs for the station. When we finally finished, I went to play back the tape and, unfortunately, it was blank!”

Mark Wachen remembered **Karl Olguin**: “I had trouble finding someone to be on-air during the Sunday 9 p.m. to midnight shift, and Karl was a metal fanatic. We came up with the ‘99 Minute Nightmare,’ where Karl could run wild. He relished that show and so did a fanatical following in the Upper Valley.” Carolyne Allen added: “Karl also did a Sinatra show! Such diverse music tastes.”

Apologies if I’ve missed any ’89s who worked on WDCR or WFRD—please email me your stories!

Min Kocher has a new book out, *Staying Out of Trouble in Pediatric Orthopaedics*. As Min said, “The book is a different type of medical textbook. Really more the ‘art’ of medicine than the ‘science.’ Tips, tricks, advice, support to stay out of trouble.”

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90 I recently asked ’90s, “What’s the best (or most impactful or memorable) book you’ve read during the last three years?” Here is Part II of your responses: **William Boulware**: “*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot is a phenomenal read.” **Ute Bowman Otley**: “*Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak, which I finished in the Williams College Bookstore while waiting for a basketball game between my daughter’s Tufts Jumbos and the Ephs. I found myself

sobbing in public. It’s that good.” **Julie Urda**: “*Alif the Unseen* by G. Willow Wilson had an imaginative plot mixed with exciting storytelling. I was really impressed by how she intertwines the ancient with the contemporary. It introduced me to a new world of Middle Eastern mysticism.” **Eric Wellons**: “*Why Buddhism is True: The Science and Philosophy of Meditation and Enlightenment* by Robert Wright.”

Kyle Davis: “*In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson is the true story of William E. Dodd, the first American ambassador to Nazi Germany. It’s a great lesson on how ‘good’ Germans and the rest of the world watched while the Nazis became exterminators of ‘undesirables.’” **Laurie Isbell Donaghu**: “My favorite was *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson and my second favorite was *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.” **Jen Gittes**: “*A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World* by C.A. Fletcher was dystopian adventure with a satisfying twist. I loved it.” **Tony Jones**: “*Deliverance* by James Dickey. A friend recommended it and said it has some of the best hunting scenes ever written, which is true—even if the protagonist is on the hunt for a human. It’s a stunningly well-written book.” **Peter Jennings**: “*Grant* by Ron Chernow. I also listened to Chernow’s *Alexander Hamilton*, which was life-changing as well.” **Gary Katz**: “*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles had prose so good I held myself to 10 pages a day to savor it. It’s a must-read for anyone who took ‘Introduction to the Soviet Union.’” **David Sherwood**: “*July 1914* by Sean McMeekin serves as a stark reminder that we should strive to ensure that our government is competent, transparent, and accountable; the failure to do so can lead to incalculable loss.” **John Stouffer**: “*Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann was a really interesting, true murder story about the Osage tribe in Oklahoma and how the case helped develop the FBI.” **Rob Harris**: “*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles was beautifully written. Also *Black is the Body* by Emily Bernard, a collection of personal stories and anecdotes from a Black woman from Nashville. It teaches us much and opens our eyes without being preachy or handbook-ish.” **David Janssen**: “*How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt felt like an intervention or one of those old ‘this is your brain on drugs’ commercials in its context for our politics. But the analysis was somehow comforting. The first step to recovery is understanding the problem.” **Mark Sterman**: “Roger Kahn’s *The Boys of Summer*—it’s deep dives into baseball, newspapering, and urban living really resonated with me, as did the stories about visits to retired players, which illustrated the opportunities and perils of aging.”

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91 It’s the holiday season as I write this note—but when you are reading it, we will be approaching our 30th reunion. Three decades ago we graduated from Dartmouth, packed up our belongings, hugged our friends, and left the Hanover Plain thinking about the places we’d go. As reunion approaches, I’d love to feature your stories of classmates returning to Dartmouth. Did you go back for graduate school or to work at the College or to visit another family member there or for a Dartmouth



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As for news, one of the most exciting stories during this 10th month of the pandemic is the release of a vaccine. I've seen many of our classmates who work in the medical field posting on Facebook photos of them getting vaccinated. I hope by the time this magazine is in your hands we will be turning the corner and getting back to a life where we can work face-to-face with our colleagues, our kids can learn in real classrooms, and, most importantly, we can hug our friends and (if we are fortunate enough to still have them) our parents again.

John Sun wrote in this month. He's living in Gig Harbor, Washington, outside of Seattle with his wife, Yumee Shim '93, and two sons. "It's been a long time since I wrote in for class notes and have yet to attend a reunion, but I'm hoping to go next year if Covid-19 subsides! We were last at Dartmouth in 2016, when I ran into Chris Baldwin '89. Hanover is so different and I'm still trying to get over the closure of EBA's. I keep in touch with **Joo Choi** and **Ben Shim** from time to time, but, unfortunately, I've been delinquent and have lost touch with most of my Dartmouth friends. If anyone is in the Seattle area, please let me know!"

Daniel Bryant, who lives in Chicago and is also the parent of a Dartmouth '23, is in the process of publishing a book, which he was hoping to complete right around the end of 2021. Daniel got his master's in management from the Kellogg School of Management, worked in investment banking and private equity, and then founded Sheridan Road Financial, which he eventually sold. He's now the chairman of the Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation and on the board of the Hop at Dartmouth (along with **Anne Fleischli Blackburn**). Daniel's book delves into six trends that he believes will upend financial wellness in the workplace in the next decade. You can learn more and preorder *Borrow Less Today: You Can't Save More Tomorrow Unless You Borrow Less Today* at www.BorrowLessToday.com.

Finally, **Ross Mandell** joined Next College Student Athlete (ncsasports.org) to help student-athletes get recruited at the college that is the best fit for them. Ross wrote to me and wanted to let classmates know that if anyone needs any assistance for their kids, please reach out, as he's happy to help! He can be reached at mandell@ncsasports.org.

I hope to see many of you in June or whenever the College schedules our 30th. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe!

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92 Our 30th reunion is scheduled for June 16-19, 2022, in Hanover! **Joni McCray Wiredu**, our reunion planner, is building a team to organize the festivities. If you're interested in helping, email 30threunion.dartmouth92@gmail.com or visit the 30th reunion page at 1992.dartmouth.org.

Monica Hooks will deliver the 2021 Portman Lecture in the Spirit of Entrepreneurship, sponsored by Dartmouth's Rockefeller Center. The virtual event, titled "Women, Entrepreneurship, and Atlanta in the New South," takes place on February 17 (rockefeller.dartmouth.edu). Monica is

executive director of the Atlanta Development Authority's Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative, a business incubator for early-stage, female-led startup companies.

Lakshmi (Lewis) Emory, M.D., M.P.H., is running for mayor in Flossmoor, Illinois (emory4flossmoor.org). The election will be held this April. Lakshmi wrote, "If elected, I will be the first woman and the first African-American mayor of the Village of Flossmoor (a suburb of Chicago). I am celebrating 18 years of marriage to the Rev. Keitric Emory, who is nearing the completion of the ordination process, and we have a daughter who is a junior in high school. The three of us attended the 25th class of '92 reunion. Looking forward to the 30th. I keep in touch with lots of '92s mostly through Facebook. When I travel, I try to make meetups happen. Was fortunate to have breakfast with **Kim Malone Bobb** when I visited New York this time last year. I see **Stephanie Williams** with regularity in Chicago. She is the reason I came to Chicago for medical school. I am originally from California." A family physician for almost 20 years, Lakshmi is chief medical officer of a statewide managed care organization. She also served on the lieutenant governor of Illinois' health equity working group.

Teri Balsler, Ph.D., has been appointed provost and vice president (academic) at the University of Calgary in Canada. Teri was formerly the interim president and provost and vice president academic at Dalhousie University. The University of Calgary's president sung her praises: "Dr. Balsler is widely known in higher education as a collaborative and consultative leader—an advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion and a change agent and leader in STEM." Teri wrote, "I saw **Ann Schrott Gregoire** in Bozeman a bit ago while job hunting, and in 2019 I saw **Lynne Schifman Delise** at Christmas (her son, Will, is about to start college) and **Eagle Glassheim** in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia. It was great to reconnect. My partner and I have traveled around the world together during the past five or six years and we are looking forward to settling in Calgary and being near the mountains. Hoping to find Dartmouth connections nearby!"

Kathie Calkins Keyes reported on her second year in Arizona: "We love living in Tucson and hiking around the mountains. Look us up if you come to town. I had an opportunity to learn and teach grant writing at an education nonprofit for the last year, so that was cool. I can't wait for the next reunion! Love to you all!"

Axel Grabowsky '60 made my day when he emailed: "Since your classmate **Tara Grabowsky** isn't about to toot her own horn, I better do it. (I am her father and a member of the class of '60.) Tara has earned a black belt in Aikido! Quite an accomplishment! She's also a physician and the chief data officer for the life science group at McKinsey. She is married to Kev and has three delightful and accomplished (a grandfather's terminologist but nevertheless very true) kids, Christian, 15, Helen, 13, and Ryan, 10."

Attention parents of '92s who are reading this: please write in with your kids' good news!

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93 Great news haul—keep it coming! **Munir Haddad** reports: "We relocated the family from Marin, California, to Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, in September. We're living in West Tisbury and have seen **Tammy Fagell Sloan** and her husband, Adam Sloan, at a safe social distance. Come visit."

Tracey Pettengill Turner shares, "I don't have a lot of new news: still married and the three kids (ages 7, 9, 11) still have pulses, which is saying a lot in 2020; still running Copia Global, a mobile commerce business for East Africa; still running when I can; still living in and loving London and quite schizophrenic about moving back to the Bay Area. (I'll see when the world rights itself.) I am really missing Dartmouth friends these dark days but very happy I get to see **Dan Subin** here in London!"

Sam Cook conveys: "I was recently promoted to chief commercial officer of Tecnica Group North America. I have worked for Tecnica Group for 25 years managing various brands within our company's portfolio. For the past eight years I was the North American president of Blizzard Skis, Tecnica Ski Boots, and Tecnica Footwear. In my new role I oversee the alpine and footwear business units for Blizzard, Nordica, and Tecnica brands in the United States and Canada, focused on enhancing and optimizing processes and technologies to support the sales, product, and marketing teams. Our company mission is to inspire an active, outdoor life. While the pandemic has created incredible challenges for all of us, we remain committed to building outstanding products so people can enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly."

Andrew Weber reveals, "The nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes up for a five-year review early in 2021 and the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia is set to expire on February 5 unless both sides agree to an extension. As of now, **Marshall Billingslea** remains the chief U.S. negotiator."

Andrew Baker says, "Life during the past 27 years has been interesting. I'll start with the best stuff: **Laurel Deck Baker** and I have been together for 30 years now (we met sophomore winter). Our son, Bentley, is 14 and our daughter, Anna Claire, is 6. Needless to say, family life brings me joy and contentment in deep and abiding ways. A swift summary of the other stuff: I've worked at three different movie studios, a talent agency, and a couple of production companies. I taught Ice Cube how to use the internet, played on a softball team with Meatloaf, and got into writing arguments with Stan Lee (Los Angeles is a peculiar place). I wrote for a short-lived show based on *The Crow*, helped pioneer early internet animation storytelling with *The 7th Portal* and *Afterworld*, and contributed to the script that ultimately became *Lost*. Then, after leaving Los Angeles, I got a master's, taught college, high school, and middle school English. I've coached squash and baseball. We've lived in California, Alabama, and now Connecticut. And somewhere in there I became a certified yoga instructor. Now I'm back writing full time. I'm also collaborating to adapt a video game into a tween animated show, turn a film intellectual property into an esports video game, and waiting to see if two shows I helped with get set up. When I'm not writing I help run a charity event that gives people

an opportunity to play the game Survivor. For the most part, though, life is just the everyday: get up; see what joints aren't working that day; get the kids to school; hike, write, dream. It's a small life and yet there are those who love it."

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94 When I'm looking for more class news for our class column, I can always rely on our class president **Deme Navab Taleghani** for an update. I'm glad I asked this go-around—or our Class Notes section would be empty! *The National Herald*, a weekly Greek-American publication, recently featured Deme in a lengthy article about her upbringing in Iran and then in the United States as a Greek-Iranian immigrant, her work as a financial journalist and budding author, and the importance she places on family and civic responsibility. No doubt delighting the College alumni relations department, Deme speaks of her Dartmouth experience in glowing terms and of her continued devotion and service to our beloved College. The feature is a riveting read, and I'm surprised how much I learned about Deme even after knowing her for many years. I highly recommend it.

Please send me your news for our next class column.

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95 As I write this column, 2020 is coming to a welcome close. A year that began with excitement for our 25th reunion and other adventures certainly turned out differently than any of us could have predicted. If you summed up 2020 in 12 words or less, what would you say? My take: "Disruption brought awakening, appreciation, invention, reinvention, and a need for better wi-fi." **Alexandra Love** wrote: "I realized I really like spending time with my family." From **Lou Spelios**, "Working from home is the best! The best Jerry—the best!" **Lisa Catmull** "wrote three novels and self-published on Amazon. Thank you, free time." And from **Pam Brockmeier Armstrong**: "Never has asking 'How are you?' felt so important, fraught, or ludicrous." So true.

I realize that most of our 2020 journeys require more than 12 words. **Shara Frase** shared that the pandemic prompted her to make a big leap and (more or less) go into business for herself. "Right after the new year I will join Boersch & Illovsky, a small partnership in Oakland, California. Still doing all the stuff I love—criminal defense, internal corporate investigations, and a teaspoon here and there of civil litigation—but steering my own ship, so to speak. My kids, Bobby (3) and Shana (1), are somehow managing to thrive despite the many lockdowns and playground closures. We look forward to the end of this insanity and, I hope, all three of us coming to the next reunion."

Sean McSweeney found a significant silver lining during the pandemic. "I had been in Los Angeles since the late 1990s, but when the pandemic broke out my wife and I decided to throw all of our stuff

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from the house in storage and got out of town. Since the kids are doing virtual school and our work is essentially also virtual for now, we figured we can be just about anywhere. We got an Airbnb on five acres in the woods around Shasta, way up in the northern part of California for four months and now we are in the central coast wine country for the next six months, basically hiding out during the pandemic. We'll head back to L.A. when things get back to normal. In the meantime, we have had a chance to spend an incredible amount of time in the national parks, surfing at the beach, going to vineyards, going rock climbing, and doing other things that we just couldn't have done while in L.A. We are doing work Zoom meetings from the beach sometimes or working half day and then heading to the mountains in the afternoon." Sean is running a healthcare startup called Apache Health.

Sara Wasserbauer's 2020 reflection: "My medical office employs about 20 people, and it became clear that most of these people were the main breadwinners for their families. We had to find a way to keep things going when everything was just shutting down." Her silver lining? "Spending time with my children and realizing how much I miss seeing people! We were blessed and we didn't even know it. I started regularly meditating—it has been wonderful! Plus, I got another dog." And she most looks forward to "escape rooms, which is paradoxical in that I am looking forward to escaping to an escape room."

Whatever you look forward to, I hope you find it in 2021. And keep an eye out for Big League Chew. If there's a dog on the label, it may be Moose Fagell, **Steve and Phyllis Fagell's** pet and now Big League Chew's dog of the year!

Keep your news coming!

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96 With this, our first notes for 2021, I hope everyone in our extended '96 family finds him/herself happier, healthier, and wiser than we all were in a hardship-ridden 2020. This year marks our 25th trip around the sun since our full class Commencement; and we have much to look forward to in the months leading to that big 25th milestone this June!

In a completely unplanned coincidence, this first column of 2021 includes updates on two classmates who had great news in our first column last year—and the unexpected directions a year of pandemic can have on even the best-laid plans.

As of last report, **Lara (Burgel) Fowler**, husband Chris Fowler '97, and their kids (ages 13 and 10) had moved to Sweden for what was supposed to be the better part of one year. Lara had received a Fulbright scholarship to study water issues and Chris was on sabbatical (both on leave from their jobs at Penn State). Their kids were enrolled in an international school in Stockholm. They managed to travel to the Netherlands, France, Spain, and Norway in between working, studying and "eating cardamom buns." In late February they went to the French Alps for Sweden's "sportlov" (or sport week), returning to a Sweden changed by Covid. Chris contracted a mild case of Covid in early March; but his health deteriorated, including an unexpected trip to the Stockholm emergency room

in late April. They managed to extract themselves in May—returning to the United States as Covid surged across Europe (and as Sweden continued to take its own unique approach to the pandemic).

Lara returned to her instructor role at Penn State's Law School, but Chris was forced to take leave from teaching in the fall to handle the impact of Covid on his neurological system. As Lara put it, "All in all, it was an interesting year of wonderful adventures and serious challenges. If anyone wants a firsthand account of Covid and Sweden, feel free to reach out!" Continued best wishes for your recovery, Chris!

When we last heard about **Christopher Newell**, he had just won an Emmy Award for his documentary *Dawnland*. However, 2020 had its own plan for Chris as well! Growing up in Motahkmikuhk (a Passamaquoddy reservation in Washington County, Maine), Chris had long enjoyed festivals and events held in Bar Harbor by the Abbe Museum, a privately run exhibit space in Acadia National Park dedicated to the history and culture of Maine's Native peoples. But the Abbe itself had remained largely unchanged since its opening in 1928 and distant from the Wabanaki culture it was intended to represent; a site celebrating the Wabanaki living community gave way to highly dated items locked under glass. Last March Chris took over as the Abbe's new executive director and senior partner to the Wabanaki Nations—becoming the first Wabanaki executive director since its founding.

In some ways timing could not have been worse as the pandemic forced the museum to sit dark starting with Chris' second week on the job. But therein lay an incredible opportunity to decolonize a museum that was intended to represent the four tribes of the Wabanaki community. Its unexpected closure led to an "on-the-fly" reinvention of the Abbe, while still retaining its entire staff and keeping overhead costs down. Chris was able to help move lectures and other programming online, so that they could be attended by people around the world and significantly increasing participation in museum events. "The year 2020 has been a disaster for the world," according to Chris. "It's been a disaster for the museum in a lot of ways as well. But at the same time, it's been amazing. The sky is the limit, is what I feel like right now. That's a hell of a feeling to have when, a couple of years ago, it was a struggle to pay for socks. A lot of ancestors are really looking out for me."

—**Garrett Gil de Rubio**, 1062 Middlebrooke Drive, Canton, GA 30115; ggdr@alum.dartmouth.org

97 Congratulations to **Karen Stern Gabbay**, whose book, *Writing on the Wall: Graffiti and the Forgotten Jews of Antiquity* won the Association of Jewish Studies Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in the category "Jews and the Arts: Music, Performance, and Visual."

I asked Karen, a professor at Brooklyn College, about her work and research: "Until pretty recently, most histories of ancient peoples, including Jews, tended to focus on the lives and activities of ancient elites, analogous to today's 1 percent. My research, to this point, has used unconventional methods to focus on more overlooked and non-elite groups in antiquity, including Jews and their

pagan, Christian, and early Muslim neighbors who lived along the Mediterranean coastline. My current book project takes these objectives a step further. By scrutinizing seemingly odd and eclectic archaeological features—including magical amulets and tombstones, scrawled notes and marriage contracts, grave goods and graffiti, and even tiny amulets and human teeth secreted within synagogue doorways—it promises rare insights into the daily lives and cultural histories of non-elite Jews throughout antiquity while paying special attention to questions of class, race and ethnicity, status, life-stage, and gender. Working outward from written inscriptions, objects, and drawings, this approach challenges understandings of what today counts as Jewish history and why that matters, offering new insights into forgotten dimensions of the past."

Karen journeyed to Spain in January 2020 (pre-Covid) to see objects in Toledo and Mallorca museum collections. "But I am still waiting to resume my travel in North Africa, Greece, Israel, Turkey, and Croatia, among other places, to do additional field study for the book. I really hope this will be possible in the year or so ahead!"

Kristin Brenneman Eno was recently featured on early childhood educator Renee Dinnerstein's blog in a program called *Living by Wonder: The Imaginative Life of Childhood*.

Kristin teaches at Beginnings Nursery School, a progressive New York preschool inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, which emphasizes child-driven learning focused on exploration, creative expression, and active learning in a nurturing, relaxed environment. Kristin and early childhood educator Richard Lewis discussed their work and the nature and power of imagination.

"Our role is to validate that idea inside or that imaginary friend or that invention or that poem or that painting," Kristin said. "We as educators are given the privilege of listening to that. The question we then ask ourselves is how do we respond?"

Kristin has taught art to children for more than two decades and has documented young children's imaginative play and original stories in more than 20 short films, including *Spirit Ship*, a mystery shot in Brooklyn. Her work is also featured in several books.

Kristin explained her approach, which involves working with a wide range of materials for children to explore. "Once I've seen or heard from the children or heard from teachers what the children are interested in, I offer materials as vehicles to give depth to children's investigations. My presentation of materials and the words I say vary depending on the group, and thankfully my school works a lot with small groups, so this affords me time to have conversations with children about their work. The children's words give me more insight for what I want to present next time."

To check out the blog, visit www.investigatingchoicetime.com and search for "eno."

Finally, a big congratulations to **Alexandra Scheibe**, who welcomed Julia Clementine Scheibe to the world in New York on April 9, 2020. Alexandra reported Julia is "healthy and well and a total delight." Alexandra is a partner at McDermott Will & Emery in New York, where she co-heads the firm's fintech and blockchain practice group.

—**Jason Casell**, 10106 Balmforth Lane, Houston, TX 77096; jhcasell@gmail.com

98 For my fifth note of the pandemic I asked classmates to reflect on 2020. Here in Nashville, 2020 has brought the dismal trifecta of a tornado, pandemic, and Christmas bombing. We hope for better luck in 2021!

Tim Bruckner and wife **Melissa Lodoen** are professors at the University of California, Irvine. At the beginning of 2020 Tim visited Mexico City with **Steve Zrike** and both of their oldest daughters for their annual father-daughter trip. Tim is an epidemiologist, and when the pandemic began he led a seroprevalence study in partnership with Orange County, California. The study informed public health efforts to assist Latino communities hardest hit by Covid-19. Tim and Melissa have regular distanced gatherings with **Andres '97** and **Marlene (Sheehan) Dandler**, who live nearby. For Tim's birthday he shared laughs and lamentations via Zoom with **Matthew Blanton**, **Lia Monahan**, **Leah (Ferguson) Allen**, **Erica (McAuliffe) Erick**, **Kytja Wei**, **Barrett Shaver**, and **Catherine Baumann**. According to Tim, all these '98s (annoyingly) do not seem to age.

Doug Heyman reflected that 2020 helped us slow down to appreciate family, friends, and relationships. Over Zoom Doug reconnected with **Tom Loughrey**, **Adam Weigold**, **Damon Ferrara**, **Hank Brier**,

James Roberts, **Jason Jones**, **Jay Danzi**, **Spencer Doyle**, **PJ Halas**, **Paul DeGaetano**, **Joe DeCristofaro**, **Bill Tarr**, **Danny Gans**, **Peter Sperger**, and **John Coleman**. Doug commented that everyone looked terrific, albeit a little grayer. Professionally Doug moved from Goldman Sachs to BlackRock to lead opportunistic investing. He loves working from home with wife **Eva (Sheibar) Heyman '96** and their three children, one of whose middle name is Hanover.

Simone Swink and her team at ABC News went home in March and have not been back. Simone's workday is filled with Zoom calls, where she helps run *Good Morning America*. Simone is comforted by how technology has brought people together. In particular she has stayed connected weekly with her three senior-year roommates, **Kristin (Terry) Abati**, **Julie (Herron) Gendler**, and **Karen Yen '99**. Still, Simone cannot wait for the pandemic to be over. **Amy (Feldmann) Hauser** works as a general pediatrician at the Santa Clara Valley (California) Medical Center. As such she is grateful that children have generally weathered Covid-19 well. Outside of work Amy spends much time with her two young daughters. They have grown to love outdoor adventures and can entertain themselves with rocks, sticks, and dirt. Post-pandemic Amy looks forward to reuniting with friends in-person instead of virtually.

Peter Lanfer's update showcased his creativity. For example, he and wife Sarah have started recording songs and posting them to YouTube.

Peter also pulled off a pandemic live-action musical version of *The Greatest Showman* with his and the neighborhood's kids. Yet another musical effort is the Reindeer Tribe, which Peter described as an "ephemeral collective." This means the group comes together for a few days each year to create an album and share in a mutual love of music. Check them out at reindeertribe.com or on Spotify. Professionally Peter continues to teach, virtually, at Occidental College. During the pandemic he speaks regularly with **Alex Keally**, **Chad Trexler**, **Dan O'Neill**, **Blair Kenney**, and **Graham Gallivan**. Peter feels more connected to these friends than he has felt in years. Finally, Peter recently hosted the first '98 "Big Idea" gathering. He hopes it will be a quarterly Zoom call for classmates to share ideas growing out of the amazing things they are up to.

As class secretary I can attest to the amazing things you do. Thanks for the updates. I love hearing from you.

—**Gabe Galletti**, 4000 Utah Ave., Nashville, TN 37209; galletti@gmail.com

99 Hello, '99s! As I write these notes the year 2020 is coming to an end and I am happy to report on some wonderful news from our classmates.

Kyle Roderick writes, "I'm excited to share that I got married at Castle Hill Inn in Newport, Rhode Island, on August 27. Due to Covid we had a small

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ceremony overlooking the water and my 7-year-old son was the ring bearer and best man. It rained for hours and the skies parted just moments before the event, so we had the beach and bluffs all to ourselves."

Brian J. Reilly and his partner, Moira R. Dillon, welcomed their son, Seán Joseph Reilly, to the world in 2020. Seán will visit Dartmouth for the first time this summer at the biennial institute of French cultural studies.

Pam Smith Wildeman writes that "life in the Wildeman household is remarkably unchanged from our last update. I continue to work part time in business-to-business marketing for Criteo and **Roy Wildeman** is leading manufacturing analytics for Vistaprint. Clara is now 12 and in seventh grade, Lucy is 10 and in fifth grade, and Dash is 7 and in second grade. We have kept the kids home this year in a pod with some of their buddies, and it's been great—the academic experience has been decent and life feels a lot more stable and full with kids around all the time. Hope everyone is staying healthy and happy!"

Thank you for the updates, keep them coming!
—**Jackie Rioux Gladstone**, 21 Westwood Circle, Dover, NH 03820; jackie.dartmouth99@gmail.com

00 Hello, '00s. It feels good to be writing my last column of 2020. By the time you read this, I hope many of us will have our vaccinations and life will be on its way back to normal or "new normal," if you moved or made other big life changes due to the pandemic. I'm going to highlight some of those in the next issue, so please let me know—did remote work allow you to pick up and move to a dream location? Did you leave a city in search of more space? Did you hop in an RV and tour the country?

We have a couple of new members of the next generation, both born in October last year. Congratulations to **Allison Aab** on her daughter, Ella, who joins big brother Hunter, age 2. Allison and her husband, Max, live in Toronto. And **Nick Russell** and **Jennifer Caine** welcomed baby Natalie, who joins older siblings William and Marguerite.

Finally, I'd like to introduce a new feature—Class Notes fantasy draft! **Kamie Twomey** sent me a note in December as follows: "If you are reading this, you are probably like me and flip to the Class Notes first thing upon receiving the Dartmouth mag. Lately, it's been painfully empty, only adding to the disappointment of 2020. During the past few months, I've been relegated to reading about '99s and '01s and sometimes even '02s. Sad. In my pandemic-induced copious spare time, I've found myself thinking, 'I wonder what happened to [insert long-lost Dartmouth classmate name]?' As such, I'm making a cry for Class Notes content from five people in hopes of quelling my monthly disappointment. So, whatever happened to **Dana Loebman**, **Britt Myers**, **Jeremy Hammond**, **Jelena Madir**, and **Mike Poncy**? You five, we would love to hear your story and the five people you've been wondering about."

Thanks for the great idea, Kamie. I'll be following up with these five nominees for updates and asking who they would like to hear from next. And if any of you, dear readers, would like to nominate yourselves, send in an update and your five draft

picks. Best wishes for a good start to 2021!

—**Kate (Ryan) Stowe**, dartmouthsecretary2000@gmail.com

01 Hello spring, '01s! For this column, classmates reflected on how they have contributed to their communities during the past year. It is wonderful to hear about what people are doing to help improve the world around them. **Courtney Henning Novak** was struggling to manage distance learning for her second-grader but found an outlet for this angst that could help others. She published *The Distance Learning Activity Book for Parents Just Holding On to Their Last Shred of Sanity*. It is available on Amazon and can provide some light-hearted tips and distractions as parents try to close out what feels like the longest school year on record.

In the world of medicine, **Ali Rashid** described his year as the vice chief of the anesthesiology department in his Florida hospital. In addition to the routine management, this year was filled with new challenges such as allocation of personal protective equipment and creative usage of space for increased numbers of patients. Ali also pitched in with the ICU when possible. This rollercoaster of a year ended with Ali receiving the first dose of a Covid vaccine. Reflecting on all that has happened, Ali remarked that what stands out to him most about 2020 is "the uncertainty of every day in contrast to the certainty to our commitment." These are great words for our '01 family. None of us can claim to know what the spring will be like, but members of the 2001 class will tackle whatever comes our way with hard work, perspective, and good humor.

—**Rachel Milstein Sondheimer**, 143 Branchville Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877; (203) 645-6938; rachel.sondheimer@gmail.com

02 Hello, '02s!
Tasha Francis Gerasimow was named partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where she practices intellectual property law. She and her husband, David, welcomed their first child, a girl, in early 2020. Tasha and David recently enjoyed a quick weekend visit to Dartmouth to see the campus again in the fall.

Molly Johnson and her husband, Jeff Hawkins, and two children moved from New York City to Vancouver, Canada, in July. The family loves beautiful Vancouver and they're enjoying a life of more outside adventures and pandemic skiing.

Charlie Trumbull, wife Hannah, and daughter Havana moved to Geneva, Switzerland, in August on a three-year assignment. Charlie is the deputy legal advisor at the U.S. mission to the United Nations in Geneva.

Jeff McDaniel wrote, "Meghan and I welcomed our second daughter, Jane Traveler McDaniel, to the world on September 4. Her big sister, Anne (8), has been amazing and we've already completed our first family trip to Tangalooma (Moreton Island off the coast of Australia). Can't wait to be able to bring the girls back to the United States to visit the grandparents and aunts, uncles, and cousins."

Mary Anne Mendenhall and her husband, Gordon Watson, welcomed their second son, Cary, on

October 21. Cary joins brother Oscar, 19 months his senior. Mary Anne added, "Someone recently said that raising small kids isn't the worst way to spend this strange year and I totally agree."

I hope you all are well and keep sending in your updates!

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03 Hi, '03s. Not too much news this time. I heard from **Oliver Bernstein**, who started his own strategic communications firm, Steady Hand PR, which helps nonprofits and foundations get their messages out. His children are in fourth and first grade and they are still in Austin, Texas. **Melissa Moody** reported in that she is now the president of the Dartmouth Club of Alaska, where she lives with her husband, Ryan Moody '00, their two kids, and their dog.

—**Megan (Riley) Kenney**, 3408 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20016; dartmouth2003notes@gmail.com

04 Hi, '04s! While some of us may still be feeling the last effects of winter, I hope this note finds many of you with a little spring in your step. And with the Covid-19 vaccination in full bloom at this point, I suspect a lot of us are anxiously awaiting our opportunity to get the shots and begin the process of starting our post-pandemic lives. To help usher in this new season, I am pleased to bring you some exciting news from our classmates. Congratulations to all!

Heidy Abreu King-Jones has joined the board of directors of the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, GBFB distributed the equivalent of nearly 81 million meals in 2020 through its network of nearly 600 dedicated food distribution partners and programs in the 190 cities and towns across eastern Massachusetts.

This past October **Carl DeSelm** received the 2020 Agilent Early Career Professor Award on the topic of cellular engineering and analysis. Dr. DeSelm is an assistant professor of radiation oncology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sharon Yoon recently published a book with Oxford University Press using research based on her dissertation. The book is titled *The Cost of Belonging: An Ethnography on Solidarity and Mobility in Beijing's Koreatown*.

Charlie Gardner and **Kathy Birchall Gardner** have welcomed their fourth son, George! George joins big brothers Charlie, James, and Henry.

Bart Elmore is pleased to report that he and his wife, Joya, have two awesome boys, Blue (4 months old) and River (3 years old). Blue was born during the pandemic, so suffice to say, it has been a fun adventure. Bart also reports that he delivered his book on the environmental history of the Monsanto Co. to WW Norton in December 2020 and it will be coming out in the fall of this year.

Please continue to send those updates, '04s, and remember to get out and enjoy some fresh spring air. Until the next time, be well and stay safe!

—**Johanna Thomas**, 14 Logan Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005; johannarthomas@gmail.com

05 **Tricia Shalka** and her husband, Steve, welcomed another daughter, Ella, in May. She joins big sister Harper, who is 3. For almost five years the family has been in Rochester, New York, where Tricia serves as an assistant professor at the University of Rochester Warner School of Education in the higher education program.

Brian Sylvester joined law firm Covington & Burling as special counsel earlier this fall in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. At Covington Brian is a member of the firm's internationally leading food, drug, and device practice.

—**Matt Nicholson**, 5308 Yorktown Road, Bethesda, MD 20816; mtnicholson3@gmail.com

06 Dear class of 2006, what a year it has been. I write this column in December and hope that everyone had the opportunity to make the most of the holiday, relax, and spend time with loved ones. This year we have challenged ourselves to engage virtually, and I hope you have been able to connect and keep in touch with other '06s in meaningful ways. Thank you to everyone who continues to write in and share with all of us.

Dr. **Diana (Kirschner) Haddad** has been working on the Covid front lines since March. She is an attending physician in the pediatric intensive care unit at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, which is part of the Westchester Medical Center health network. In August she also gave birth to her fourth child, Michael. Never skipping a beat, Diana returned to work shortly thereafter, and those around her are in awe of her strength, tenacity, and compassion.

Jesse Brush and his wife, Liza, welcomed their second child, Kathryn Charlotte Brush, in July. Jesse, Liza, Katie, and big brother Nathan enjoyed a long trip to Quechee, Vermont, particularly their frequent takeout dinners from Simon Pearce and Molly's. The family lives in New York City, where Jesse is a capital markets partner at law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

Jesse Gero has moved back to the United States from France to take a new position as assistant general counsel with the U.S. International Development Finance Corp. in Washington, D.C. His partner, Jane Cowan '08, is finishing up her final year of general surgery residency at Columbia/New York-Presbyterian and will be starting a two-year trauma fellowship at the University of Miami in August.

Casey (Hazel) Nicholson and her husband, Matt '05, welcomed their third son in September. Callum Matthew Nicholson is the sweetest addition to their family and is adored by his two older brothers.

Jenna Harris's daughter, Gemma, turned 1 on New Year's Eve.

Sophie Hutson was married to Timothy Collins on October 24 in an intimate wedding in Central Park in New York City. **Yin Zhao** was in attendance and **Alyssa Minsky**, **Meredith Raucher Sisson**, and **Anne (Volanakis) Naftel** joined via Zoom.

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—**Cindy Tsai**, *c/o Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, 7 Allen St., Hanover NH 03755; cindaay@gmail.com*

07 As I write this column, 2020 is rapidly drawing to a close. This time last year, none of us could have imagined the year that was 2020. Each of us faced struggles as we adapted to an emerging health risk, changing economic realities, expanding family roles, increased isolation, and heightened stress. It was a year of transformation for us all, individually and collectively. But every challenge offers an opportunity.

Accordingly, we are pleased to launch the... drumroll, please... '07 Uplifters! (Credit to **Danielle Strollo**, whose submission won the recent initiative naming contest. Thank you to all who participated!) This enduring initiative seeks to acknowledge and support our classmates experiencing difficult times or struggles by offering sentiments of compassion and support. The '07 Uplifters will also include an in-memorial component, where we dedicate a page on our class website to honor our deceased classmates and their legacies and to provide information about how to make a donation to the charity of the family's choice.

We encourage you to learn more, including how to get involved, assist with the seed funding, or share a need, by visiting 2007.dartmouth.org/uplifters. Yours in green.

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08 Hello, fellow '08s. As I write this column, 2020 is in its final days, so I hope you're reading it in healthier and happier times! Thanks to all who wrote in.

First up, a couple of new babies to report. **Mike Milne** welcomed his second child, Nathan Hall,

on August 27. "Two kids are a wild but very fun time," he says. Mike was also promoted to partner at Cassidy Levy Kent in Ottawa, Ontario, where he practices international trade law. Congrats, Mike!

And **Whitney Norton** had a baby! Zoey Allyn Alexandra Gramis was born on September 26 and mom and dad (Evan Gramis, Occidental '08) are thrilled. Whitney says, "Z.A.G. singlehandedly turned around 2020 for her whole family, and we keep telling her she's good luck since she arrived just in time to phone bank for the election."

Corinne Foster enjoyed a very white Christmas season in Wyoming, having sold her coffee shop since she will be moving to New Zealand in July. She says she will not miss the cold. Corinne has also been accepted as a Keep Nature Wild ambassador, picking up more than 90 pounds of trash on the Wind River Indian Reservation. "It's been a blast, except for the cold, wet, white stuff on the ground. Once there's enough to ski on I will quit complaining however!" she says. I hope that has happened by now.

David O. Smith reports that things are going well with his art. He's still living and working in Seattle, drawing, painting. During the pandemic he enjoyed the company of fellow '08 lightweight rowers over Zoom.

Finally, **Bud Simis** writes in to say that he misses everyone dearly and would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite the entire class to the grand, themed, costume party he will be throwing when the plague year passes. Invitations, presumably, to come at a future date. I'll see you all there. Until then, keep on keepin' on.

—**Chris Barth**, *315 14th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413; (609) 405-9153; cbarthrun@gmail.com*

09 Hello, class of 2009! I'm writing this column at the end of 2020 and thinking about you all heading into the new year. By the time you read this, we'll be well into

2021, and I hope we have the chance to see each other this year. Just two updates this month.

Carmen Kilpatrick married James Lynch in a spooky micro-wedding in Atlanta on Halloween. The bride wore a black dress and spider earrings. They can't wait to celebrate with their Dartmouth friends and family in Monterey, California, once it's safe to do so! And **Syam Palakurthy** wrote in to share, "I recently achieved my life ambition of getting into *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*, in the 'Sibling Alumni' photo essay in the March/April 2020 issue. I want to thank my brother, Arun '02, for existing and having once been in a photo with me, as well as my parents and my wife, Kayla '09, for believing in me despite an accumulating mountain of evidence to the contrary. Mostly, I want to thank George M. Spencer, former *DAM* executive editor, for his gutsy decision to include me—he truly is a prince among us paupers."

—**Liz (Doolittle) Kahane**, *1023 Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; (617) 909-7669; elizabeth.d.kahane@gmail.com*

10 Hi, '10s! Short column this time around. **Francesca Bochner** says, "My husband, Timothy Brown, and I had a daughter, Franklin Poppy, in July."

James Hung says, "I had my second child last September (daughter Grace Hung '41) in Toronto and I just signed a contract to join the faculty of the University of Oklahoma next summer as a pollination ecologist! If anyone is living in the Oklahoma area or has family there, please hit me up!"

Johanna Evans says, "Matthew Fay '05 and I are engaged to be married. The date will be set as soon as it's safe to plan large festive gatherings again."

Eric Schildge says, "I'm teaching eighth grade in Newburyport, Massachusetts. My wife,

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Carleigh, and I are expecting our second child in March. I am also managing the campaign of small business owner and political activist Emmett Soldati to become the next chair of the N.H. Democratic Party. Email me at eric.schildge@gmail.com if you're interested in getting involved!"

Lily Chesnut and **Jan Gromadzki** welcomed baby No. 2. Juliette Leigh Gromadzki was born on December 12, on her big sister's third birthday! —**Jennifer Chong**, *7A Marine View, 19 Middle Lane, Discovery Bay, Lantau, Hong Kong; jenniferashleychong@gmail.com*

11 Please welcome a guest column from **Kalina Newmark**.

Hello from snowy Calgary! I am excited to be your guest columnist and share with you all my recent appointment to Dartmouth's Association of Alumni (AOA) executive committee in addition to other personal highlights for the year. As for many of you, 2020 has been a year of lows and highs, including the passing of my grandfather and great uncle, both Air Force veterans, the birth of niece Lily Jane, and the purchase of a new home in Seattle. Although 2021 cannot come soon enough, I am grateful for the time that I have spent with my family and loved ones.

In that spirit of gratitude, I will talk about Dartmouth. Almost 14 years ago (can you believe it?!) we embarked on our journey to Hanover—a place we would call home for the next four years. We went on DOC trips, ran around the bonfire during Homecoming, and participated in Winter Carnival. Although Dartmouth is not a perfect place, I have tried my best to make Dartmouth a better place than when we left it. Since graduation I have served on Alumni Council, the Native American visiting committee and the Native American Alumni at Dartmouth board, interviewed students as part of the admissions ambassador program, and presented my linguistics research on Native American English on-campus. Most recently I have been nominated and appointed as the second vice president of the AOA executive committee. As part of my appointment I also sit on the professional development and alumni liaison committees on Alumni Council.

The AOA was organized in 1854 to represent all Dartmouth alumni. AOA membership includes "every person who has ever matriculated as a fulltime student in pursuit of a Dartmouth degree." I am excited to contribute to this longstanding institution at Dartmouth and share my perspective not only as a young alumnus but as a Native American alumnus as well. Through all of my volunteer activities at the College, there is only one thing that I am constantly amazed by—the love our alumni have for Dartmouth and for our students.

It is an honor to serve as your second vice president on the AOA. If you have any concerns or feedback about the College, please feel free to reach out at kalina.newmark@gmail.com. **Mahsi cho** (thank you) for the opportunity to be your guest columnist. Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy, and abundant year.

—**Hillary S. Cheng**, *26611 La Roda, Mission Viejo, CA 92691; (603) 546-8452; hillary.s.cheng@dartmouth.edu*

13 Hello, 13s. We hope this will find you doing well! We don't have too many updates this edition, but they are good ones! Let's get to them.

Pauline Schmit defended her Ph.D. thesis in November 2020 on viral vector engineering at Harvard University and became Dr. Schmit! She was looking forward to relaxing over the holidays as she searches for biotech jobs in the Boston area. **Davey Barnwell** has continued her art practice since graduating (www.daveybarnwell.com), with a focus on oil paintings and painted murals. She now lives in Portland, Oregon, and would love to chat with anyone who needs some color on the walls—at home or at work, if there's a difference anymore!

Finally, **Alexi (Surtees) Coffey** made the *Forbes* "30 Under 30" list for 2021. She is the co-founder of Steward, a company that enables anyone to partner with nature. Steward combines technology with friendly guidance to take the guesswork out of growing plants. She would love to connect with other Dartmouth alumni interested in the future of nature, technology, and wellness. Feel free to email her at alexi@stewardhome.com.

We'd love to continue to hear from you in future editions! Sending everyone warm vibes for a great start to this new year.

—**Aly Perez**, *104 Ivy Drive, Apt. 8, Charlottesville, VA 22903; alyp625@gmail.com*

15 As I write this column 2020 is coming to a close; however, reading it you will be well into the second month of a new year. With it comes good news, renewed hope, and excitement for a return to what I'm sure will be a forever-different "new normal." Along with these things to celebrate is wonderful news from our classmates below!

Emily (Reeves) Nicholson and Caitlin Nicholson '12 tied the knot in a small backyard wedding in Ithaca, New York, on September 5, 2020. The wedding was full of Dartmouth folks: Caitlin's parents, Claire (Rehnberg) Nicholson '86 and Sean Nicholson '86; Emily's bridesmaids **Eileen Goodwin**, **Lily (Albrecht) Bowdler**, and **Meghan Hassett**; and the couple's good friends **Perrin Brown**, **Megan Bogia**, **Katie Bonner**, and Katie (Niedt) Arn '12. The newlyweds now live in Chicago with their puppy, Zeus.

Two '15s proposed to their now fiancées, within seven days of each other—**Nick Lombardi** in Huntington Beach, California, and **Bo Patterson** in Greenville, South Carolina.

—**Samantha Webster**, *665 Washington St., Apt. 711, Boston, MA 02111; (484) 356-3678; samweb15@gmail.com*

16 Hi, '16s! Just a few updates from our classmates.

Cecilia Lu was recently promoted to senior associate brand manager at Samuel Adams/The Boston Beer Co. and will be moving from seasons to the innovation and local marketing side of the business.

Mary Grace Weiss got engaged to Joel Graczyk in December. The couple is excited to celebrate their marriage with friends and family at the end of the year.

Robbie Tanner and **Dylan Krouse** got engaged in November after dating since freshmen year.

Jessica Avitable and Sean Baird were engaged in November in Washington, D.C. They also welcomed a golden retriever puppy, Henry, into their lives during the summer.

Thanks for reading! And, as always, feel free to get in contact if you have any news to share!

—**Feyaad Allie**, *212 Pine Hill Court, Apt. 103, Stanford, CA 94305; feyaad.allie@gmail.com*

17 Congratulations **Lotanna "Lota" Ezenwa** for commissioning as a second lieutenant of the U.S. Marines Corps! What an amazing accomplishment! Lota completed the officer candidates' school at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, where he was evaluated in academics, leadership, and physical fitness. Based on Lota's outstanding performance, the platoon commander recommended that Lota commission into the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant. In 2021 he looks forward to completing his next phase of intense training.

Lota's experiences at Dartmouth helped intensify his interest in civic duty and joining the Marine Corps. After researching and studying the national security issues surrounding technology in "Introduction to Computer Science," he realized that the most valuable thing he could do for the community would be to not only foster an interest in mathematics and systems science but also bring that interest to an area where it can be most usefully employed. At Dartmouth he double-majored in mathematics and engineering sciences and then finished the B.E. with a concentration in systems engineering. He was also involved in the rugby and powerlifting clubs, Sigma Nu, and Tabbard.

After graduating, Lota moved to Chicago to work at the proprietary trading firm WH Trading, LLC; his main focuses were options on corn, wheat, bitcoin, and interest-rate futures. In May 2020 he joined Bank of America as a contractor in the global market risk analytics department, where he developed applications that modeled the bank's risk exposures under extreme market conditions. Market volatility around the time of the initial worldwide Covid-19 response created ample opportunity to test, recalibrate, and adjust those models. While in Chicago Lota has been spending time with **Will Young** and **Kia Amirkiaee** '19. He and Will were freshman roommates in Fahey-McLane, so they do a lot of reminiscing!

Congratulations, Lota, best of luck with your next phase of training, and thank you for your service!

—**Dorian J. Allen**, *33 Tuckernuck Ave., Oak Bluffs, MA 02557; dorian.j.allen.17@dartmouth.edu*

18 Hey there, '18s! As we approached the end of 2020, I asked you to share something positive from the year. Here are some of the reflections you shared in the last days of 2020. I hope you enjoy and continue to find light in otherwise dark times!

Nicholas Norwitz had a successful 2020. He wrote, "November 3 is a date I will forever remember. It is the day I completed my Ph.D. in neuroscience and metabolism from the University of Oxford, as well as Election Day and my 25th birthday. I suppose I'm now Dr. Norwitz, which is pretty cool. I'm also proud to be launching a first-of-its-kind

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science-based cookbook. This book fuses my academic interest in metabolism with my recreational interest in cooking. While I feel I've achieved a lot in 2020, professional achievements mean little without health and family. The best part of 2020 was that the pandemic forced me to relocate from the United Kingdom to the United States. This unexpected truncation of my studies abroad provided the opportunity to spend six months with my whole family. It was a blessing." Nicholas is also looking forward to 2021. He shares, "In our senior year I was admitted to Harvard Medical School but deferred to complete my Ph.D. Along with the fun I had in my gap years, one of the great aspects of deferring was that **Dylan Cahill** and **Arielle Isaacson** effectively leapfrogged me and started one and two years before me. When I enter Harvard Medical School this summer I'm looking forward to having two Dartmouth friends ahead of me in the ranks." Congratulations on a phenomenal year, Dr. Norwitz! You can find Nicholas's cookbook at ketodietapp.com/books/new-mediterranean-diet and read about his journey to becoming an M.D.-Ph.D. here at www.metabolicmultiplier.org/palliative-care-to-an-md-phd-healthy-ulceractive-colitis-osteoporosis-ibs-keto.

Jerrel Catlett also accomplished much in 2020. He wrote, "Working with three of my fellow students at the Icahn School of Medicine in New York City this summer I developed an anti-racism discussion series open to faculty, physicians, students, and hospital administrators across the Mount Sinai Health System to engage in small group conversations focusing on how anti-Black biases and prejudices manifest in medical practice and research. The initiative recently finished its first series, with more than 150 diverse participants ranging from professors and hospital executives to students from the medical and graduate schools. I was also elected to serve as the sole M.D. student representative on Mount Sinai's workgroup on genomic medicine, which serves to create institutional guidance promoting inclusive, anti-racist research agendas and more ethical study of the important intersections between race, ancestry, genomics, and social determinants of health." Thank you for championing these initiatives, Jerrel, and congratulations on your success in promoting these important discussions!

Bryan Bliet and Olivia Bewley '19 were engaged in Washington, D.C., at the end of November. Congratulations, Bryan and Olivia—the class of 2018 wishes you all the best!

In October **Alexa Escalona** and **Thomas Lee Hodsden III** were married. Alexa writes, "This year I married the love of my life." Congratulations on your union and thank you for sharing your joy with the rest of the class of 2018!

In other classmate news, **Emily Everhard** served as the associate producer of the new Netflix docu-series *Surviving Death*, alongside five other Dartmouth alumni. Based on Leslie Kean's book of the same name, *Surviving Death* is a journey of discovery that investigates whether consciousness can survive bodily death. We look forward to watching the series upon its January 6 release!

Thank you to everyone who shared their reflections and life updates. Here's to more great memories in 2021!

—**Emily Choate**, 172 Commonwealth Ave., Apt. 3, Boston, MA 02116; (603) 305-5346; eschoate@gmail.com

19 Hey, '19s! I hope you are having a good start to your 2021! This month we have a short and sweet Class Notes, due to a lack of submissions. However, I was able to wrangle a few updates from our class, so let's get into them!

Congratulations to **Rachel Inman**, who has been accepted to Drexel University's master of science in nutrition and dietetics program as a dean's fellow. Rachel will begin her route to become a registered dietician this fall!

David Jelke has spent the break applying to graduate programs in human-centered design. He has also begun volunteering with his local Salvation Army food pantry, packing and distributing bags of food to those who need it. He has also begun teaching himself the coding languages of web design for free through Mozilla Development Network website.

Trevor Colby is living in San Francisco working as a full stack web-developer as well as doing freelance work and fun tech projects on the side. In February he plans on moving in with his tripee and former track-and-field teammate **Alec Eschholz**, who is moving to San Francisco for work. Trevor has taken up cycling during quarantine and has used it to get to know the beautiful Bay Area as well as a safe socially distanced way to connect with friends such as **Reed Horton** and **Bridget O'Neill '18**.

As always, feel free to share your updates by emailing dartmouth2019classnotes@gmail.com. You can also submit through the form in the bio of our class Instagram page (@2019.dartmouth).

Thank you to all who shared their news. I look forward to hearing more of your updates for the next edition of Class Notes!

—**Morgan Lee**, 417 Grand St., Apt. D1705, New York, NY 10002; morganwlee@gmail.com

20 As this issue of the magazine looks toward spring, this column will do the same. I am privileged to hand this Class Notes over to **Luke Bienstock** for our first-ever guest column! In it he documents a newfound appreciation for the New Hampshire wilderness we know, love, and miss as senior spring came to a close. Enjoy!

Hi, '20s! As I'm writing this at the end of 2020, I've been thinking back on two main things from this year: graduating from Dartmouth and adapting to the changes around me. I wasn't sure what to write for the guest column when a friend suggested describing how the outdoors influenced my time at Dartmouth. That idea broke my writer's block.

At the end of the winter quarter I remember realizing that my senior spring rugby season would be canceled. The disappointment I felt was overwhelming, as I was looking forward to the spring tour in Louisiana and competing at nationals. The outlook of spending the upcoming quarter in isolation in my off-campus apartment in Hanover was depressing. I momentarily found solace in the idea of skiing at the mountains, where I had a season pass, but that was lost when they all shut down.

Driving up to Hanover I couldn't imagine that

I would spend my last few months at Dartmouth in front of a computer. I decided to focus my free time on getting in peak physical condition for Navy officer candidate school, which I will be attending this February. I started to go on long runs in the area, which I hadn't done at school before as most of my time had been spent training at the rugby pitch. That's when I discovered the wealth of outdoor opportunities that were hiding in plain sight. I quickly got into trail running, hiking, and backcountry skiing.

During spring term I discovered the larger community outside the Dartmouth bubble. I started running in the trails along the Connecticut River, frequently hiking hills in the Upper Valley, and trekking empty ski hills in the area to ski down became daily activities. I began going to the Norwich, Vermont, farmer's market after running by one morning and ordering from places outside of campus on my way back from hikes.

While the pandemic closed the door on my rugby season, it opened another one to the New Hampshire outdoors around me. That spring I tried to fit more than three years of outdoor activities into one quarter to make up for the time that I hadn't been able to take advantage of. My highlights that spring were staring down Franconia Ridge from the peak of Mount Lafayette, skiing down the steep face of Profanity Chute on Mount Mansfield, and seeing the Atlantic Ocean from the top of Mount Washington. I hiked Mount Washington the day before I left campus that spring—I find it fitting that I started my four years at Dartmouth on the peak of one mountain, Mount Moosilauke, during trips, and finished it on another.

While so much of my identity at Dartmouth was connected to rugby, I've loved finding a new athletic outlet that I will continue in the Navy. While I'm sad to have not been with friends and playing rugby during my last quarter in Hanover, the flexible online class schedule opened up opportunities for new experiences that I wouldn't have had the time for otherwise. The outdoors was only a small part of my Dartmouth experience, but the lessons I've learned from exploring them have left a lasting impact on me. As I move onwards, viewing the unknown as an exciting opportunity to learn and grow will doubtless help me adapt to my new phase of life after Dartmouth.

—**Katie Goldstein**, 263 W Santa Inez, Hillsborough, CA 94010; katie.e.goldstein.20@dartmouth.edu

Clubs & Groups

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2021! As always, Dartmouth clubs and groups were creative in finding new ways to connect alumni to wrap up the end of 2020.

Barry Weeks '72, executive director of the **Dartmouth Club of New York (DCNY)**, provided an impressive tech team update. DCNY webmaster **Janet Lieberman '96** has long presided over a dedicated technology and social media team that now includes **Brianna Boyd '11**, **Lisa Chau, Adv'06**, **Victoria**

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Fener '08, Acacia Hoisington '18, and Katie Nice '11. The DCNY welcomes Priya Sankar '19 to take charge of Instagram for 2021!

The DCNY was busy with events these past couple of months as well. Community service chair Soh Won Cha '04 arranged a December "Reach Out and Read" book drive with the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center. Veteran's Day 2020 was also a time to send 100th birthday greetings to Col. Jonathan Mendes '42, who has spoken to DCNY several times on the anniversary of D-Day. Kimberly Robinson '90 coordinated a N.Y. Zoom singalong with Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association on December 18. Kimberly also produced and presented a November 18 Zoom talk, "African Americans and Covid-19: A Talk for Our Times." This event featured co-presenters Ken Marable '74 and Dr. Greg Johnson '94. Forty-five alumni ("artists in residence" at their N.Y.C. homes!) grabbed a paint brush and favorite beverage and participated in the DCNY's virtual paint night on October 30. During the class they painted an expressive image based on a photo of Baker Library just after sunset. Young Alumni at Dartmouth Activities chair Josiah Hannon '14 coordinated this successful new event. On October 28 Reggie Williams '76 gave an inspiring, poignant virtual presentation about his journey from Flint, Michigan, to Dartmouth and on to the National Football League. He overcame 24-plus knee operations while becoming a success on and off the field! As a VP of Disney he brought to life the Wide World of Sports Complex, which has been in the news as the "bubble" site for the National Basketball Association. Attendees were able to order autographed copies of his new book, *Resilient by Nature*.

John Bash '67, president of the Dartmouth Club of Sarasota, Florida, reports that on November 20, 2020, professor Richard Joseph '65 participated in a discussion of an essay he wrote for the occasion: "Narratives of Social Solidarity: Reflections of a Black Scholar-Activist." Ed Mazer '63 worked Zoom with aplomb.

Hank Amon '65 organized a virtual get-together for Dartmouth alumni in Teton County, Wyoming, recently. Though many alumni are seasonal in the area, and even more seem to have relocated for the pandemic, there are quite a few for whom Jackson Hole is home all year round. Those in attendance via Zoom included me, Stina Brock '01, Peter Ward '65, Rachel Stam '93, Liza Millet '92, Sean Stauth '01, Peter Van Genderen '81, Laura French '80, Daniel Simons '06, Scotty McGee '88, and Abigail Ridgway '05. Thanks to Hank and the College for arranging the gathering.

The Dartmouth Club of Suburban New Jersey's annual holiday party, in partnership with Women of Dartmouth New Jersey, was virtual this year and had more than 30 attendees on Zoom. District enrollment director Marco Zarbin '78 welcomed close to 20 early-decision admits from New Jersey and David Dietze '78 welcomed current students and alumni. Joe Dempsey '83 shared an update on our Alumni Day of Service partner, the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Tara Gulla '95 led the group in a virtual scavenger hunt and a breakout session where people discussed their favorite winter activity. Everyone had a great time!

Please stay safe and send me updates about

the great virtual events that your club, association, or affiliated group has organized.

—Stina Brock '01, P.O. Box 9274, Jackson, WY 83002; stina.brock@gmail.com

Deaths

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue. Full obituaries, usually written by the class secretaries, may appear on the DAM website at dartmouthalumnimagazine.com, where friends and classmates may post their own remembrances of the deceased. Please contact alumni records at (603) 646-2253 or obituary@dartmouth.edu to report an alumnus death.

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Williams awoke, he was in a New York City hospital bed and his right leg felt as though it was on fire. "It was the worst pain I ever experienced. That was osteomyelitis," Williams says. "It was like termites gnawing at my right leg 24 hours a day, a painful itch you cannot scratch."

Williams still cringes when he thinks about the five surgeries he had that year to save his leg. Through the years he has seen his share of titanium-rod inserts, concrete prosthetics, and skin grafts. Thanks to a specially built shoe, he can now walk unencumbered without a cane or crutches. To deal with the hurt, he has long been an advocate of cannabis. "When I was with the Bengals, there wasn't a day I didn't smoke weed after a game," he says. "It was my way of dealing with the stress and anxiety of playing football. It's a good prescription for pain."

Williams, who suffered at least three NFL concussions, says the use of CBD (cannabidiol) patches and an occasional doobie help him deal with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), which research has shown is caused by repeated blows to the head. "You really can't identify CTE until you're dead," Williams says. "I had a chance to attend a lecture by Dr. [Bennet] Omalu, the doctor who was played by Will Smith in the movie *Concussion*, and he told me that with three concussions and 14 years of playing in the NFL, 'You definitely have it.' Then I took tests for two days at the University of Florida. They concluded I didn't have CTE."

Williams knows what he's lost. "There are times I just lose track of conversations. Instead of trying to clarify what I'm trying to say, I'm on another train of thought all of a sudden," he says. "The other thing that happens, in the morning, I have to get in my good cry. Every morning there is something that drives me emotionally, usually a feel-good story. On the flip side, there are certain things that make me very angry, like the loss of healthcare in any way, shape, or form. It makes me angry."

Still, Williams looks out on the world and sees things that make him happy. The divorced father of three sons is all smiles as he looks to the future.

"I'm pain-free and looking for the love," he says with a laugh. "I'm looking forward to seeing my grandchildren blossom. That's what you wake up for—to see those dreams actualized. It is one of the great virtues and joys of living."

RALPH WIMBISH, a former assistant sports editor at the New York Post, has written three books, including his most recent, *Heroes: Stories of Sports, Class and Courage*.

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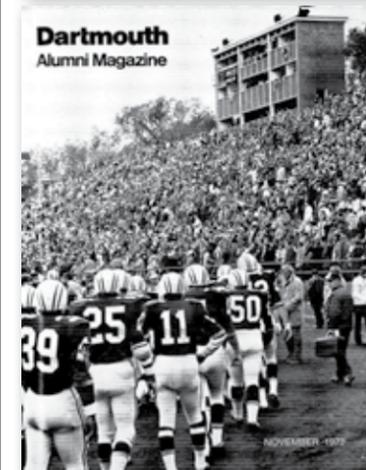
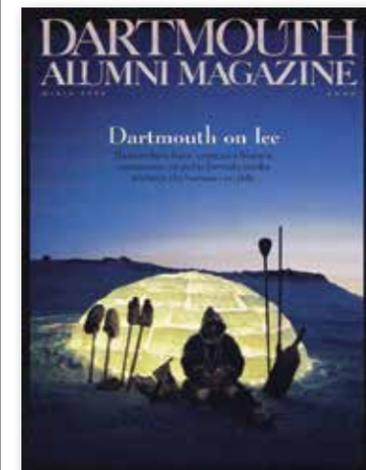
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Dhiraj Mukherjee '91

Shazam's cofounder on being a "wantrapreneur"

Interview by LISA FURLONG

"In the early days of Shazam I went to festivals and clubs, trying to understand the music consumer, and wound up with a bad dance-music habit. I'm taking my older son to my next reunion. My daughter has yet to forget seeing me dancing like a madman to 'Stairway to Heaven' at my last one."

"I'm not musical, but I did bring my love of classic rock to Dartmouth and spent a term at WDCR. I hear my son playing Rainbow songs, and I'm thinking, 'Hallelujah!'"

"Because my dad worked for Air India, we lived all over the world. It was hard in some ways but made me more adaptable."

"I'm forever grateful to the William Sleepeck '41, Tu'42, family for the scholarship that made Dartmouth possible for me."

"I have unbelievably happy memories and many close friendships from Sig Ep. I needed those because I didn't want to hang out only with other international students. I wanted American friends and the full Dartmouth experience. It's not about what you think—how you get the work done or the next step—it's about socializing and building human relationships along the way."

"Shazam was conceived by brainstorming over beers with my business partner."

"At business school everybody was a 'wantrapreneur.' I believed my grandfather's advice: 'If you put your mind to something, you can make it happen.'"

"Another big influence was my boss's boss at Oracle, who would come by my desk every couple of weeks and ask, 'Are you having fun?' That was all he ever said to me. My takeaway was that if you're having fun, it's all good."

"I tried to shape my life to be an entrepreneur. I lived frugally. When we started our company, it was full-on. No wife, no kids, not even a girlfriend. No responsibilities. I'd call my parents once on the weekend. I was mono-focused, and it was a long slog. We launched Shazam just as the tech bubble was deflating and hoped to sell the company right around the time of the financial crisis. I didn't expect it to take 18 years."

"Selling Shazam was kind of like having a grown daughter. She may not be living with you at home anymore, but you still care about her welfare."

"My advice to entrepreneurs is to find business partners with shared values. My cofounders and I agreed from the start we'd be equal partners despite very different skills. We share the same sense of humor, ethics, and work habits. We'd squabble, but friendship was always more important than the business."

"Thanks to math professor Bob Norman, I'm a big believer in running the numbers, but metrics can be a terrible trap. Soft skills matter."

"To me, Tech for Good means supporting the U.N.'s sustainability goals. I'm particularly interested in the climate crisis—a problem that can't be solved by a business, a government, or an organization. I'd like to make it easier for people who want to do something but don't know where to start."

"You don't have to be Bill Gates or Jeff Bezos to have an impact."

"Life isn't all about investing, but I believe in financial wellness—having your money work for you, consistent with your values. Then you have a voice. There are opportunities to invest even small amounts in things that matter to you."

"I try not to take myself too seriously. I keep a card in my wallet that says, 'Don't worry. Be thankful. Be generous.' I try to live by that."



HIS STORY

Notable: Cofounder of music-identification app Shazam, used by more than 200 million people monthly and acquired by Apple in 2018 for a reported \$400 million; proponent of "Tech for Good" movement

Career: Worked at Bain, Oracle, and Viant in Silicon Valley; in 2000, with three friends, founded London-based Shazam Entertainment, which he left in 2003 to work for Save the Children; Shazam board member next 10 years; investor in technology companies with positive social impact

Education: A.B., math and social sciences; M.B.A., Stanford, 1997

Personal: Lives in London with wife Rachel and their children, Tanya, 14, Max, 11, and Jeremy, 8

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