

John A Gambling  
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the University of Wisconsin during WWII. He served as a line officer in the Pacific theater in command of landing ships, retiring from active duty as a lieutenant (j.g.) in 1946. He was married a month later, and returned to Dartmouth to graduate in 1947. He then joined R.H. Macy in New York and became a buyer of men's hosiery and neckwear, leaving a few years later for Burlington Industries. He soon was made president of the Burlington-Balfour division, and became president of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers. In his spare time Hootsie also served as trustee and mayor of Garden City, New York. An enthusiastic supporter of Dartmouth athletics, Howard was a past president of the Dartmouth Club of the Upper Valley and deeply involved with 45 class activities. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Lillian; sons Geoffrey '70, Michael and Thomas; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Charles Waldo Murphy** died of natural causes October 7, 2003, at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas. A native of Pleasantville, New York, Chuck came to Dartmouth from the Hill School and served in the Navy as a pilot in the Pacific theater during WWII. He worked for many years in management levels at several textile companies, including Cluett & Peabody, Fisher Mills and Rapid America in New York City. He lived in the Netherlands for a while, then returned to the United States, where he was a resident of Palestine, Texas, for the past 13 years. He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Mary Louise Bailey, then by his second spouse, Hendricka Jacoba Murphy, and son Jan-Paul. He is survived by son Thomas, daughters Sharon and Emily and three grandchildren.

**George Bruce Pierce** died December 16, 2003, of vascular complications. Intensely devoted to his Dartmouth class and to his wife and family, his career in the electronics sales and engineering business was an outgrowth of his WWII experience as a radio technician in the Navy. Entering that field upon his release from service, "Shorty" attended night classes for seven years at Northeastern University and graduated in 1952 with a B.B.A. in engineering and management. He pursued his vocation as a manufacturer's representative throughout New England for more than four successful decades. For years Shorty served as secretary/treasurer of the Charles River Dartmouth Club, as a member of the enrollment committee, as a class agent and on the 1945 executive committee. Survivors include his wife for more than 55 years, Allon, daughters Wendy and Allon, son Bruce, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Winthrop Twining Sargeant** died October 21, 2003, as the probable champion in Dartmouth kin. At one time he listed more than 34 blood relatives in the College, dating back to his great-great-great-grandfather, Rufus Fairbanks, class of 1784 (whose cousin was Daniel Webster, class of 1801),

and continuing brother John from the Army as a merchant earned his in-

of Business in 1947. A 20-year career in the human relations management field then ensued. He worked in New York City and in Pennsylvania before returning in 1974 to his original home in New Hampshire, where he spent 10 years in the executive search and management consulting field. He retired in 1985 to a home in Savannah, Georgia. His first wife of 50 years, Marianne Jaques (Ann), died in 1995. Survivors include his second wife, Shirley, son Paul, daughters Carol and Louise and eight grandchildren.

1948

**Robert E. Huke** died January 17 in the company of his family at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He first came to Hanover in the Marine V-12 program. A member of the Psychology and Camera clubs, he moved on to Syracuse University for his master's and doctorate in geography, returning to the Dartmouth faculty in 1953, gaining full professor status and chairing the department during his 43-year tenure. His focus was on food and population, taking him on research fellowships to Burma and the Philippines and continuing for many years with the International Rice Institute in the Philippines. He received many awards for teaching and research and published a number of publications and maps. His world travels were extensive, and he and Ellie led many tours for Dartmouth and his geography colleagues. With Ellie he co-edited our 50th reunion book and was class secretary at the time of his death. He leaves Ellie and daughters Beverly, Deborah and Patricia.

**James John Nicholson** passed away on December 28, 2003, at his home in Pelham Manor, New York. Jim had a debilitating stroke in November 1997, but wanted to stay in touch with Dartmouth through the newsletter and this magazine, which his wife, Margaret, read to him. Born in Flushing, New York, he came on campus in the Navy V-12 program, majored in economics and was a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa. He subsequently earned his law degree at St. John's University and practiced law in Glen Cove, New York, prior to joining Corn Products Refining Co. (now Best Foods-Unilever), from which he retired in 1988 as vice president, corporate financial services. He dedicated long hours to education serving on local school boards and chairing the trustees of New Rochelle College from 1981 to 1997. Survivors are Margaret, daughters Louise and Jeanine, son John '82 and many grandchildren.

1949

**Francis Temple Chase** died July 2002 in St. Louis, Missouri. Francis came to Dartmouth from Utica, New York, but after only three weeks was drafted into the Army, in which he served as a combat infantryman, progressing to second lieutenant and decorated with the Purple Heart and Distin-

ing in distribution, merchandizing and store operations. He also spent some time as a taxi cab driver in New York City. He is survived by his five children: Thomas, Daniel, Susan, Mary and Anna.

**John Seymour Ransom** died on November 13, 2003, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Jack came to Dartmouth from Buffalo, New York, completed his undergraduate work and then graduated from Tuck School in 1950. During that time, he was a member of Green Key and Chi Phi and a manager of both basketball and football teams. After graduation he went to work for IBM, eventually becoming director of marketing. After leaving IBM he became president of Capital Structures Inc., a venture management organization. He made many contributions to his community, especially in the areas of music and the art. His father, Philip W., was Dartmouth '19. He is survived by his wife, Sarah (Sallie), and sons James, Robert and David.

1950

**John F. Meehan** died on August 30, 2003, in the hospital at Burlington, Ontario, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Joan, son Don, daughter Laura and five grandchildren. Jack came to Dartmouth from New Britain (Connecticut) High School. He was a member of Zeta Psi, played in the band, and went to Tuck School. After graduation Jack worked briefly for the Stanley Co. and then joined the Army during the Korean War, serving as an officer in Japan. He rejoined Stanley and the family lived in Connecticut and California before moving to Canada. In 1966 Jack formed his own company, now run by his son, dealing in construction and building materials. He was an avid golfer and involved in Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic community activities.

1951

**John A. Gambling** died in a Venice, Florida, hospital of a heart attack on January 8. John prepared for Dartmouth at Horace Mann School in Manhattan, majored in English drama, joined Tau Epsilon Phi and cut his broadcasting teeth at WDCR/WFRD. He joined his father, John B. Gambling, as his assistant at WOR, where *Rambling with Gambling* was a long-running morning radio show. John replaced his father in 1959 and doubled the audience. His show became the longest-running show to hold a No. 1 spot in the ratings with the same family hosting it, and is in the *Guinness Book of Records*. His son, John R., succeeded him in 1990. His outside interests included sailing and a long list of directorships, including a bank, airline, school, university, yacht club and nonprofits. Surviving John are his wife, Sally, children John, Ann and Sarah and seven grandchildren.

**Peter Owen Stamats** died on December 12, 2003,