

dent of the chamber of commerce, president of Saratoga Lions Club, president of the Saratoga Polo and Golf Club, and was a driving force and first president of Saratoga Hotel Corporation.

He was a local chairman of the 1961 Skidmore College Development Fund, president of the Saratoga Bowl, district enrollment chairman for Dartmouth College, a member of the Pillar Society of Saratoga Springs, a member of the Glens Falls Country Club, and was one of the men responsible for the exclusive 24-day racing meet in Saratoga.

Tom was also commissioner of the New York State Racing Commission from 1973 to 1981, a member of the Capitol District Planning Board, and worked on the Saratoga Springs Charter Revision Committee.

Survivors include his wife, Jane; two sons, William T. Ashton Jr. '71, of Woodside Calif., and Robert S. Ashton '73, of Waterville Valley, N.H.; one daughter, Mrs. William (Barbara) Carey, of Boxford, Mass.; one sister, Elizabeth Filmore, of Syracuse, N.Y.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Our class extends its sympathy to all members of his family.

## 1948

LOUIS NORBERT PERRY died of a heart attack December 2, 1985.

Lou graduated from St. Michael's High in Union City, N.J., in 1943. He was immediately inducted into the navy for V-12 training at Cornell over the period of July 1943 to February 1944. In March of 1944 Lou first saw Hanover on his transfer to the navy unit at Dartmouth, prior to tours of duty on LCI's and LST's in the Pacific. At the end of the war his vessel was instrumental in evacuating a wartime prison camp occupied by British civilians in China. At the time at age 20 Lou was one of the youngest officers in the U.S. Navy.

By fall of 1946 Lou was back at Dartmouth. He was active on campus, lived mostly in New Hampshire Hall, where he had many friends, was a member of the Outing Club, and majored in economics.

After Dartmouth and graduate work at N.Y.U. Lou pursued a career in finance. Among the firms he served were Irving Trust, I.B.M., and Associates Corporation of North America. At his death he was a vice president with the Financial Corporation of America in Manhattan.

Lou's other activities were as important to him as his work. He was a wildlife conservationist and supporter of Ducks Unlimited; an official artist of the U.S. Coast Guard (he did not begin to paint until his forties); his works were exhibited at the Seaman's Institute in New York; he was an avid deep-sea fisherman; and he served his class of 1948 as Alumni Fund head agent, class agent, and treasurer.

Lou was a constructive doer throughout his life. He had been married but had no children. He is survived by three brothers.

## 1951

MYRON J. CONWAY JR. died of cancer at his home in Point Reyes Station, Calif., on August 1, 1985. He is survived by his wife, Harriet, and his brother, John '54.

Mike's life was something of an odyssey: at college, Mike was active in the Camera Club, the Handel Society, and the DOC. In

his senior year he entered Tuck School, taking his M.B.A. in 1952; thereafter, he went to Clemson, where he studied engineering, and then to Ohio, where he worked as a ceramics research engineer in Zanesville during the late fifties. Upon developing physical illness at this time, Mike decided to rethink things and went to live in San Francisco, where he was active during the sixties with a group which made and gave away thousands of pounds of bread. Later he went to Washington University for a degree in education and returned to California to begin a teaching career.

His brother, John, reports that Mike wrote poetry most of his life. The result is *The Odyssey Singer*, published after his death. Perhaps Mike's own words "About the Author" for his book best describe his positive outlook in the later part of his life:

Michael Conway is one of the personae of a man who lives in the west of Marin Country. He taught school in that area for about 25 years. Subject integration being one of his strong commitments, he was innovative in many areas: math, art, literature, science, social studies, multi-media, computers. He taught art to math students and math to art students and music appreciation to both.

A copy of Mike's book of poems has been sent to Baker Library.

## 1961

WILLIAM WALTER LEVEEN JR. was one of the few who had the guts to quit what he referred to as "the rat race" and do something because it looked like fun.

After Dartmouth, Bill went into a family business, Carleton Woolen Mills, where he sold textiles (except for his active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve). In 1968 it was on to the whirlwind of business in New York — first with Merrill Lynch, then with White Weld and Company.

Bill gradually realized he wasn't happy in that world of business. He was drawn to a different world, one outdoors, one on the tugboats in New York harbor, a job that seemed at once exotic and exciting, glamorous and mundane.

As he described it in *Reflections* (our 25th reunion yearbook), "It took me a year to realize that there must be a better way to earn a living. Office life was becoming a bore!

"Nineteen Seventy-four arrived, and I had no doubts that I was not going to continue in the rat race much longer. Tugboats appeared each day through my office window and in them I found my salvation! I quit my job, threw away my business suits and became a deck hand on a harbor tug for Moran Towing and Transportation Company. After four years, I sat for a coast guard license and I am presently a captain and mate on a tugboat. Wealth has escaped me but happiness has not."

Unfortunately, Bill got only 12 years to enjoy that new career. He died of a heart attack on September 18, 1986.

Bill's father and namesake and his brother, Jeffrey, attended the College. His daughter Julie is a member of the class of '87.

He is survived by his wife, Michele, and daughters Julie, Lauren, and Jennifer.

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