

Dale E. Runge
10/7/1942 - 9/2/1977

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dale E. Runge. Dale achieved great academic and social distinction while at Dartmouth. In 1964 he received the Barrett Cup. He was an outstanding tackle on the football team, an outstanding student, president of SAE fraternity and Dragon senior society, and vice president of the Dartmouth Society of Engineers.

Dale received an B.M.E. degree in 1965 from the Thayer School. He participated in the Peace Corps from 1965 to 1967; from 1968 to 1970 he did research at U.C.L.A. In 1971 he joined the Auto Club of Southern California as a research associate and was involved in traffic safety research. He recently lived in Arlington, Mass., before moving to Belchertown, Mass. He is survived by his parents.

Dale was one of those exceptional people who became instant leaders. His giant physical size was balanced by his soft-spoken, considerate manner. Dartmouth can be proud that one of its issue was Dale Runge.

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As most of you are aware Dale Runge died in September of last year and his passing came as a great shock to those of us who knew him well. In recent years Dale had kept his contacts with classmates at a minimum, so any news of his activities and accomplishments was sketchy and scarce. In recent weeks it became known to us that Dale had remained a close friend of Jim Hughes. Although Alex Varkas provided the official copy for the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (vide supra), Jim was kind enough to compile an obituary from his closer and more personal relationship with Dale. I include it here for all of you. It clearly shows just how great the loss of Dale was to the ranks of the class.

Dale Runge, a most distinguished member of the Class of 1964 died on September 2, 1977.

Throughout his life, Dale was the recipient of many awards for outstanding achievement including Dartmouth's most coveted honor, the Bartlett Cup. His sterling human characteristics, his inspired leadership and his valued friendship was held in highest regard by those who came to know him. Dartmouth is deeply grieved to lose one of its most able sons.

Dale grew up in the small town of Higginsville, Missouri, the first in the family of three children. In high school he was an outstanding student, athlete and class leader. At Dartmouth Dale majored in engineering science and graduated with distinction. Although Dale was modest and unassuming, he became well-known during his years at Dartmouth as an exceptional football player. He played tackle on two Ivy League championship teams, winning 31 of the 36 freshman and varsity Dartmouth games in which he played. Dale was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, president of the Dragon senior society, vice president of the Dartmouth Society of Engineers, a member of the Dartmouth Undergraduate Council, a member of the Green Key Society and served as the 1964 Class Marshall. In addition, Dale was an accomplished banjo player and raconteur. It came as no surprise to his classmates that Dale was the unanimous choice for

Dartmouth's top honor in 1964, the Bartlett Cup, awarded to the outstanding all around individual in the graduating class.

After receiving his BA degree at Dartmouth in 1964, Dale continued at Thayer School to receive a BE in 1965 and then joined the Peace Corps to become a professor of engineering at a university in Chile. He quickly became Fluent in Spanish, formed many strong friendships in Chile and founded a remarkable 'Jug Band' which toured that country.

After returning to the United States, Dale worked briefly in California and eventually moved to Boston to join a doctoral program at the Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dale received a PhD in 1976 and became a professor in the systems dynamics group at MIT. His contributions to his colleagues and to MIT research work have been widely acclaimed.

Dale Runge has left many friends and admirers who feel a deep sense of loss with his departure. He is survived by his dear friend Heather Grey, his parents, a sister and a brother.