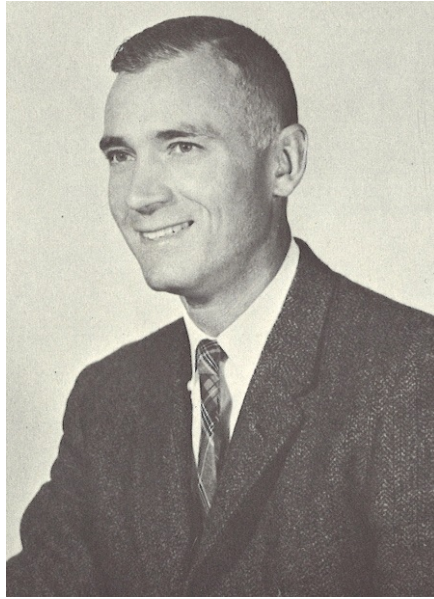


Davis (Ducky) Washburn '44



Dave Washburn arrived at St. Andrew's in 1943 as a sixth former. After graduation in 1944, he attended the University of Pennsylvania majoring in math and rowing in their lightweight crew program. From Penn he went on to Mercersburg Academy to teach math and chemistry for four years. In 1951, then SAS Headmaster Pell, in need of a teacher and coach, contacted Dave and he enthusiastically agreed to come back to the place he had grown to love. He arrived on campus with his wife Ellie Edberg and their infant son Peter.

He spent the next forty years of his life on this campus as a math teacher and coach of football, basketball and crew. Dave chaired the math department and served as faculty advisor to the honor and disciplinary committees. He tirelessly gave of his time as an alum and helped to fund raise for a school with a mission in which he truly believed. He was a staunch member of St. Anne's Church and a member of the church choir.

His career coincided with that of three different headmasters - Pell, Moss and O'Brien. He always referred to himself as a learning facilitator rather than a teacher. As a coach, he won several conference championships in football and basketball and took a few trips to Henley with his crew teams. Many students he mentored went on to row in college and or became crew coaches.

Dave and Ellie raised five children on the SAS campus.

Peter '68, Susan, Andrew '71, Thomas '76 and Janet '82 Washburn have all been or still are teachers - a tribute to their father and boarding school life.

In the spring of 1989, the cove around the boathouse and boat launching area was named Washburn Cove in honor of Dave and his success with the crew program. In 1991 he and Ellie retired to Maine (where they spent many summers) to be close to family and for Dave to pursue other interests like sailing and camping. In March of 2004, he died in a car accident at the age of 77. Dave Washburn, for years to come, will be remembered for his dedication to St. Andrew's School and especially the crew program - it was his passion.