

and Bruce Kraig and Judy and Gary Lamphere joined them there. Bill reported that the golf course is as beautiful as ever, and "Gary and Bruce are as easy touches as they were in '67."

Gregg Meister's company, Interlink Video, just won another production award, his fourth in three years. He claims, "We're no threat to Disney yet, but we're gaining ground."

Albert Simms is working half days as a lawyer in Taos, N.M., and the other half for the local non-profit recycling center. His volunteer work is "in payment of a big debt of gratitude for my son's survival of a terrible auto accident a few years ago."

Leslie High is in the midst of a tour as cultural attaché in Prague. Like Dave Nash earlier in this report, Les terms Prague "a city of many splendors and still relatively low prices." He loves it and is not looking forward to returning to the political turmoil of Washington.

Sally and Ted McPherson's two children are both at Williams. Beth is a senior and Edward a freshman. When Sally and Ted were in Williamstown for school opening they were delighted to see a number of classmates who have offspring enrolled: Peter Krause, Marty Samuels, John Olmsted, Warren Suss, Dave Saylor, and Dave McCarron. Ted and Sally say they are thriving as empty nesters. Sally is director of development for Good Shepherd Episcopal School of Dallas. Ted's consulting firm, Intersolve Group, continues to perform well.

That's it for now. See you next issue.

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"Exciting and challenging times" reported by Bob Bendick. After 25 years in government, he has become director of the Florida chapter of The Nature Conservancy, in "a race against time to save remarkable natural systems in the face of very rapid growth."

Puget Sound Business Journal carried a front-page profile of Tod Hamachek, CEO of Penwest Ltd., describing him as "a genial 47-year-old who has achieved success without adopting the typically frenetic style of corporate leadership." The article quotes Tod, "When all is said and done in life, it's not Penwest that is important, but my wife, my children, and a few other close friends."

Those are familiar thoughts for Jeff Stiefel. A remarkable article in *The Wall Street Journal* in November detailed his departure from the presidency of American Express, beginning with the chairman's announcement that Jeff would "work at a less intense pace and spend more time with his family." Jeff reflects on the cost of corporate success with striking candor, describing the evolution from workaholic to family man as "growing up." Among other sources quoted for insight is Clark McFadden, who was also Jeff's classmate at Harvard Business School. Jeff is moving to southern California and hopes to advise small companies. It takes some guts to open yourself up for an article like the *Journal's*, but Jeff's up-front honesty can lead many of us to reflect on balance in our lives.

Also making a media splash is Andrew Weiss. A September article in *Forbes* focused on his investment counseling activity, centered on single-country, closed-end funds. An accompanying photograph ran two-thirds of a page, posing Andrew holding a globe on top of his head. Williams anecdote included: As a student in 1966, he borrowed money from his father to buy into the Japan Fund. He sold it in 1986, for a gain of 5,650%. *Forbes* notes, in passing, that Andrew is also a full-time professor of economics at Boston University.

Lowell Davis reports that former roommate Tom Pierce received "a very notable community service award from the good people in Burlington, Vt." Lowell adds that the only excitement in his area was when "a big tree fell through the Davis household. Coaches, wives and friends had vacated just 15 minutes before."

A note from John Diriam describes the agony of watching a nephew play football for Amherst. There was agony all around in the Williams-Amherst 0-0 tie last fall, but it could have been worse. It could have been 2-0, but for the play of the game, a punt by Mark DeCamp's son, Matt. Lined up at the 23-yard line, the center snapped the ball over Matt's head and into the end zone. Matt ran back, scooped it up, ran to his right, and got off a line drive between defenders that landed 13 yards from the line of scrimmage, but far enough to keep Amherst out of the end zone. *The New York Times* called it "the greatest 13-yard punt in the 110-year history of the game."

Bill Blanchard writes of a family-centered life that includes hockey, ballet and figure-skating for his two children, family skiing, coaching the Larchmont "mites" hockey team, boating at the Larchmont Yacht, where Bill is a trustee, winter Saturday afternoons at the Larchmont Badminton Club for mixed doubles, vestry meetings and twice-weekly hockey. (Note to Stiefel: Ask Blanchard about the relaxing pace of family life.)

Also sticking close to home is Spencer Beebe, "mostly to pay bills for Silas Beebe '96." Spencer is still with Ecotrust, developing environmental businesses in the rain forests of the Pacific Northwest. "I see Herzog now and then to stay crazy," he adds. "It works."

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Sandy Smith has returned to his New England roots after a few decades, moving back to Concord, Mass. at the end of August from N.Y.C. Sandy left J.P. Morgan and started a new job at Cambridge Associates, a firm that provides consult-

ing services for non-profits and family offices in the asset management area. "It's good to be back in Boston."

Bruce Campbell also moved back to New England (two years ago) after 14 years in California. "I'm currently a senior vp at Aetna Health Plans with business development and managed care operations responsibility. Although I've somehow become integrated into corporate America, my world view and internal dialogue hasn't changed much in the last 26 years. I'm still not sure what I want to be when I grow up."

Rikk Larsen, writes from Cambridge, Mass., "I am approaching three-fourths of a year in my new position as senior vice president of marketing for the United Way of Mass. Bay. My job was going great until I found out I had to work closely with our esteemed class secretary, Rick Gulla, in order to get any coverage in *The Boston Globe*. My job is now much worse. I am now working for the aforementioned Gulla, since his boss is our campaign chair for next year."

Rick Corwin in Belmont, Mass., "enjoyed seeing many friends at homecoming for the football reunion. Ross Wilson and his look-alike son showed up for an early-morning game of touch football against much younger alums. The '69ers did well."

Speaking of the homecoming weekend, a number of classmates — some regular homecoming groupies and some spurred by a first-ever football reunion — were in attendance: John Hallbrooks, Geoff Wickwire, Alan Kelsey, Bob Brokaw, Bob Quinn, Yogi Santa-Donato, Dick Peinert, Bill Oliver, Lloyd Constantine, Chip Broadhurst, Rikk Larsen. Called away on business to Singapore at the last moment, Sal Mollica was ably represented by his better half, Mary Beth. If others were there and not listed here, my apologies. My memory and my eyes are getting older together, and neither works as well as before.

David Grant from Bainbridge Island, Wash., writes to say "after 21 years of being abused by others, I decided to abuse myself (while at the same time significantly reducing my overhead) by starting my own firm, called Kelly/Grant P.S. As my partner is not a Williams alum, I doubt he will be aware that I have staged a coup after only three months. The recent floods notwithstanding, my family has generally found Seattle to their liking, and my practice continues to provide as much stimulation as my doctor will allow. "Last summer I had the good fortune to be able to take our daughter, Samantha, on a tour of New England schools, and was pleased to see that Williams was as lovely as ever. I was distressed to find, however, that despite years of subliminal messages, my daughter failed to get violently ill when we visited Amherst and Wesleyan. I, on the other hand, did produce a mild case of nausea."

Tom Foster in Shaker Heights, Ohio, says he's just completed a long-term project, with the publication of *A Year in Poetry* (Crown). "This ends a project I

started in 1988." Another published author for the class.

Jorge Tristani, as coach of the St. Pius X High School boys varsity soccer team, has won his third straight New Mexico State Championship at 17-1-1 and was ranked 23rd in the country in the final MESA Today poll. Jorge has built a dynasty: "This makes five titles in the last eight years. Sorry I didn't make the 25th Reunion. It looked like a lot of fun."

From Payson, Ariz., Steve Rensch says "I enjoyed the reunion pictures, though I recognized few of you. My home, church and law office sit in a northern Arizona forest. Life has turned from what I expected as a young man: city boy goes to the woods, choosing life of service and relative austerity. Six children and two grandchildren ensure that all happenings become ancient history overnight. Am at peace with God and my heart."

From Ireland, Dave Mason sends regards. "I follow the Williams scores in *USA Today* and get nostalgic. I wish I were closer and could maintain more class ties. No friends are cultivated like friends from those days."

Denver attorney, Mike Sabbeth, reports "all is well with my family, wife, Nancy, the doctor, and three exquisite children. The law practice is rolling along; more exciting, I've completed a novel, a medical-legal murder mystery, and am now looking for a publisher." Mike also has been freelance writing and returned from a trip to northern Spain to write an article about an elite shotgun manufacturer in the Basque region. He also volunteers at writing and teaching children's ethics programs in the Denver metro schools. "My work has gained the support of the University of Denver Graduate School of Business and soon may be funded by a local philanthropist. Any classmates with similar interests should give me a holler."

From Paula, wife of Mike Himowitz, in Owings Mills, Md.: "Rick, Mike will never write you, but since one picture is worth a thousand words, I need add little. Mike and I were at Lake George last summer and a little historical note in the local propaganda indicating that Eph Williams died nearby caught Mike's eye. He donned his Williams cap, grabbed the camera and we were off. Although there were few signs and no large parking lots marking the way, we found Eph's (or most non-alums say Mr. Williams?) grave. I declined to tromp down the hill through the poison ivy, but the top of the marker is visible between Mike and the sign."

Henry Walker at Grinnell College reports his fifth book has been published, *Computer Science 2: Principles of Software Engineering, Data Types, and Algorithms*. He dedicated it to his teachers throughout the years, and specifically acknowledged in the book professors Feeman, Grabois, Hill, Oliver, Spencer, and Wright in the mathematics department of Williams.

business of personal computers from the late seventies, I have suffered culture shock moving from the DOS environment to the Windows and the steep learning curve of the new software. I guess one cannot become ten years out of date in this technological age. We continue to ride our bicycles and bush walk when we are not playing at farmers, but the future for farming looks extremely bleak and increasingly risky."

Con O'Leary expresses his amazement at how quickly we are aging in reporting that one of **Dick Dubow's** former ten-year-old basketball players is "a mature man in my law school class." **Howard Buschman** reported to the Alumni Office that his new occupation address is Gilman, Poster, & Shafro, at 1 Williams Street, N.Y., N.Y. My memory is that Howard was a bankrupt judge, so this new address signals a move to the other side of the bench, or perhaps down into the trenches.

Tom Gunn reports from Key West that he is the regional manager for sales in Mexico and the Caribbean. While many of us were enduring a cold, snowy winter, he and Pat suffered through the winter in the Florida Keys scuba diving and "playing at being fishermen [sic]." On the intellectual side, **Jay Goldsmith** reports from New Orleans that he and a colleague have edited a book *Assisted Ventilation of the Neonate*. **Douglas H. Stevens** heeded the call back to the Purple Valley, he reports, on his way to Vermont for Thanksgiving. On his way through Williamstown, he stopped for a family picture "in front of the zoo." My memory is that would also be known as the DU House or Garfield House.

Last, but certainly not least, **Alan Pearlman** reports that his daughter, Melissa and niece, Nina, both graduated with honors from Williams last June. He goes on to keep us posted that his younger children, Matthew (9) and Megan (7½), are thriving. "Regina is very busy with school, as I am with my day job at the University of Washington School of Medicine and my other job as president of the American Society of Echocardiography." He sends his best to all of us.

Thank you all for sending in updates. By the time we are reading this, our 30th reunion will have passed — another milestone.

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Leading off this issue is word from **Ed Wing**. Ed is interim chairman of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is also chief of the division of infectious diseases. Rena is very active in research on behavioral medicine at the University, where she is a professor of psychiatry. Their two boys have left home. Jon is finishing law school at the University of Pennsylvania. He took a job as a public defender



This past winter, the slopes of Okemo hosted 1967 classmates: Bob Ingalls, Harry Tether, Brian Hickman and John Hufnagle who describe themselves as "A group of 50-year-old skiers."

in Nashville. Ken is finishing at Tufts with no plans so far. Ed says that after the boys left, they brought a larger home and have been sinking money into it ever since.

Rick Ackery's big news is the marriage of his daughter **Brooke** '88 on Aug. 19, 1995 to Bill Zinke, an Amherst man! Rick laments, "Oh, me, oh my, what's the world coming to? Maybe this awful heart-rending rivalry car now end." **Scanlon Gail** appears in a current Compaq Computer ad that is getting heavy international play. Because of a hair piece he is wearing he was afraid we might not recognize him. He says he maintains a "small fleet of hairpieces." "Curly" works the best, but "Slick" and "Bob the Pony-tail" see quite a bit of action too.

Bob Ingalls ran into **John Hufnagle** while skiing at Okemo this winter with **Harry Tether** and **Brian Hickman**. **Paul Lipof** attended the first annual football reunion at Williams last November. Also there were **George Cannon**, **George Lee**, **Kirk Varmedoe** and **Ted McPherson**. The 0-0 tie with Amherst was a dud, but he says it was fun seeing old friends. On another trip, while stopping off in Denver on a skiing trip, he was able to spend two very pleasant hours with Carol and **Al Lotman**.

Jerry Frank Jones has moved his law practice to Austin, Texas from Elgin. He represented the probate section of the Texas Bar Association before the Texas legislature in January. Meanwhile he has become a grandfather by his oldest, and his middle one is headed for college in September. **Paul Atkinson** was married to Mubecel Valtat in a small family ceremony at his local town hall in Paris last June 14. **Robert Holst** received his PhD in musicology from the University of Chicago last August. He adds that he is now looking for a job.

Bill McClung is still chair of the math/computer science department at Nebraska Wesleyan University. He is a tenured associate professor as of last year. He is taking organ lessons and playing it at Saturday mass at the church where his wife, Hannah Jo, is choir director.

His sons Charles (5) and Andrew (8) are doing well on the track to Williams. Bill wonders, "But who will pay?"

Ron Bodinson's law office grants three-month sabbaticals every six years. This is his year (Aug.-Oct.), so he plans to do some traveling both with wife, Ellen, and kids Sara (19) at Smith, Lily (4) and Maya (2) and some without his family. He will start in Alaska and end in Nepal with raft trips and will sandwich family-oriented travel in between.

Jonathan Lovell at **Bob Conway's** invitation heard Bob give "an engaging and informative" talk in a private gallery in San Francisco on the works on paper of Louis Lozowick. Lozowick is a leading artist of the American Scene school (late 20's, early 30's cityscapes).

Lindsey and Andy Cadot have enjoyed two weekends cross-country skiing on the carriage trails at Acadia National Park in Maine. They had views of the ocean while skiing the low mountains. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in Bermuda. Andy is president of the Maine Audubon Society, which celebrated the opening of its new visitor center in Falmouth in March. **Damon Hart** has moved to a new address in Bethesda in an effort to downsize after the boys moved out. His oldest son, Ben, graduated recently from the Univ. of Colorado with a degree in business. His stepson, Amos, is at Beloit College (Wis.) as a junior. His two younger sons, Will and Peter, are typical adolescents with the usual ups and downs. They live with their mother nearby.

Your secretary and Winnie spent a fun couple of weeks in Europe last fall. We got back in time for me to hit the duck blinds with **Tom Mahier** in October. Tom and his wife, Barb, have been able to get away to their Mexican condo a number of times over the past several months for some warm R&R. Tom's oldest son TR recently passed his CPA exams and plans to wed this summer.

That's it for this edition. Enjoy the summer. I'll see you in the next issue.

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From out of the past, **Fred Fox** (Harvard '68) reports in: "I left Williams after freshman year to be more in the center of music in Boston, and for the past three years I have been a full-time oboist, performing on historical ('period') oboes." Fred performs in the Bay Area, where he lives, and is also the regular oboist with the Portland Baroque Orchestra. **Steve Fisher** joined Nextel Communications last year as vice president of financial planning. By publication time, he was scheduled to have relocated to Bellevue, Wash. "Looking forward to making Williams a household name in the Pacific Northwest," he promises.

Also changing jobs is **Tom Pierce**. "I've started a management consulting firm which is named, of course, StayTuned. What else would you name it after four years of college radio at Williams and 25 years in real-world radio with CBS in Vermont?" "Still a small town/rural ophthalmologist in New Hampshire," says **John Herpel**. "Medicine is going to pot as a profession, but I love it. I've made my pile and am looking at early retirement." John lives just two hours from Williamstown and can "magically roll back 30 years once in a while."

Did you read *The Fan*, by our own **Peter Abraham**? Didn't have time? Catch the film this summer, being released by Tri-Star, directed by Tony Scott and starring Robert DeNiro, Wesley Snipes and Ellen Barkin. Wow! Get in line. **Nat Batchelder** received a 1995 Oklahoma Human Rights Commission award. The Oklahoma Observer, an alternative monthly newspaper, says, "Wherever there is injustice, Nat is there, fighting it with gusto."

Familiar last names dot the list of those scheduled to graduate from Williams in June: **Beebe**, **Crafts**, **Crickard**, **DeCamp**, **DeOreo**, **Donavan**, **Sartorius**, **Wall** and **Wasserman** will hear their names called again. They'll feel a lot older this time around. In fact, more than 30 students at Williams today are sons or daughters of '68 classmates. It's something to keep in mind at Annual Fund time. Your gift helps students you do not know, but it also helps the children of some very good friends.

Robin Norris reports the birth of Camilla Maere Equilibra (what did you expect from Robin — a girl named Sally?). She arrived on Dec. 15, Robin's 50th birthday.

And how old do you feel now?

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I start these notes with a tip of the hat to class agent **Terry Palmer**, who efforts this past year resulted in an increase in participation in class giving to the Alumni Fund. Asking for money is never

new home and Nancy will seek employment. Their daughter, Margaret, will begin in Pete's footsteps at Andover. **Larry Niles** has too many graphics in his Bike Vermont web page. **Low Sears** should have loaned his ponytail cap to **Steve Atlas**. **Coleman Bird** married a dance champion — actually I noticed that Judy danced more Friday night than Saturday. It is a mystery to me whether that has to do with age or that she prefers records to live bands. **John Schelling** may come out of retirement to do some more footwear — keep your eye on the Orvis catalog.

Tom Basnight was unable to attend the reunion. "I'm not antisocial, but in June (1) my daughter returned from France and started summer quarter; (2) Jeanne and I celebrated our silver wedding anniversary; and (3) I am recovering from bone marrow transplant. Maybe the 35th." Tom asked that we continue to keep him in our prayers — he is only 10 percent through the process.

Technology moves on and I have an e-mail address — makes it easier to send me random thoughts and news. Try it.

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Most of you likely know by now the sad news that **Damon Hart** died on May 6, in Bethesda, Md. He had suffered from liver cancer for the previous 18 months. He contacted your secretary some months ago to tell me. He said he felt so close to the class that he wanted someone to know, although he did not want his ailment publicized. He said he felt lucky to have had 12 months after diagnosis to travel and spend time with his family. He asked that I let you know how important all of you and his years at Williams were to him. Damon was an awfully bright, well-liked and respected member of our class. His career was unusual, challenging and characteristically successful. We will dearly miss this remarkable classmate and friend.

John Olmsted's daughter, Leigh, finished her first year at Williams and loved it. John has relished the opportunity to visit her there, remember, and meet old friends. He is now on-line if anyone would like to email him (jbo5@star.net). He would like to put together a class directory and share it with others.

Brian Murphy shared a winter cabin for the 10th year with **Leon Goldberg** and family. He also organized the "San Francisco Economic Summit." Brian hopes that classmates will work to take back the Congress from the "idiots of '94."

Rick Williams left a big company life last year to start a new company with venture capital backing. So far so good. The company (Intelligence) hit \$1 million in revenues after the first seven months and should do \$8 million for the year.

Wes Westmeyer writes that so far, the significant downsizing in New York

City's public hospitals has both skipped him and expanded his contracting responsibilities. He was chosen for an executive development program, emphasizing leadership for the changeover to managed care.

Hugh Smyser enticed a competitor to buy his computer systems company in 1994. He subsequently joined Chyron Corp. (a NYSE listed computer-video systems company), as director of international sales and marketing. The result is that his family and he are a lot happier.

In June, **Chuck Glassmire** and his family moved to Carbondale, Colo., where he is the newly appointed headmaster of the Colorado Rocky Mountain School. **Jim Lindheim** spent his 50th birthday in Vietnam. He said it somehow seemed appropriate to see the place. He concluded, "Beautiful country, fine people, wonderful sites. As someone has said, 'It turns out to be a country, not a war.'" (Of course, some of us lucky (?) members of the class were able to see the place as members of the U.S. military. We have quite distinct impressions of it as very much a war, perhaps less so a country. So it goes...).

David Hanni has re-entered the world of corporate finance with Bank Austria, based in Chicago. This followed a two-year digression into print communications. He would like to hear from any '67ers passing through the city — 312-263-6835.

John Babington has a part-time law practice in Wellesley, Mass. He has been coaching cross country at Wellesley College for the last nine years. John will be on the U.S. track & field coaching staff at the Olympics this summer. He still runs competitively and recently came in last (5:16) in a master's mile won by **Ken Leinbach** '77 (4:27).

Congratulations to **Marty Samuels** who was named the distinguished alum of the University of Cincinnati Medical School this past spring. He has been working with Paul Solomon, head of the neuroscience program at Williams, where they would like to see the program developed into a full major. They contacted all Eph grads who work in the field and formed a directory called Neuro-Ephs. They have also organized a neuroscience conference in Williamstown. Marty says, "It has been fun taking this field to the undergraduates. They love it."

That's it for now. See you in the fall.

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Tod Hamachek has been elected an Alumni Trustee of the College for a five-year term. This also puts him on the executive committee of the Society of Alumni. Congratulations to Tod, and thanks to those of you who sent in your ballot. If you have a child at Williams and wish to comment on current tuition charges, please add Tod to your mailing list.

Ten class members saw children graduate from Williams in June, and several gathered for traditional refreshments on Friday evening.

Peter Sartorius and **Mark DeCamp** had an additional link beyond the graduation of sons, Scott and Matt. By the luck of the draw, their younger sons, Eric and Aaron, were roommates in Williams Hall this past year as first-year students. Also present for the gathering were **Robert Wall**, **Peter DeOreo**, **Mark Donovan**, **John Palmer**, your secretary and numerous members of their respective families. Among them were Susan Wall's parents, **Bobbi** and **Frank Taylor** '40, also parents of **John Taylor** '67. Late arrivals for the weekend included **Kent Crickard**, **Roger Crafts**, **Mike Wasserman** and **Spencer Beebe**.

Spencer got to sit on stage as the recipient of an honorary degree (see coverage elsewhere in this issue), but he still almost missed son Silas's graduation, because Silas almost missed it. Partying till 5:30 a.m. will do that. At the time for his diploma, the dean reading the names noticed Silas's absence and ad libbed an "in absentia." Moments later the graduate himself showed up in line, and the dean topped his own ad lib, reading Silas's name again, this time "in presentia." It was a Sage B moment.

Also in this issue of the Review is coverage of the new W.L.S. Spencer Studio Art Building. Among the major benefactors mentioned at dedication ceremonies in April was **David Schulte**. Among those present for the ceremonies were **Dick Means** and his daughter, **Lela** '93. Lela is married to **Christopher Wadsworth** '91, son of the new building's principal donor, **John S. Wadsworth** '61. The new building is spectacular, and the weekend was a justifiably proud one for the extended Wadsworth family.

An endowed fund established in memory of Professor Robert Gaudino focuses on experimental learning techniques. **Robert Herzog** has been named a trustee of the fund. This seems appropriate on all counts.

A pleasant card comes from **Gordon Juan** in San Francisco: "This morning, as I bite into a cinnamon roll that I heated in the microwave, with a bit of butter and a sprinkle of sugar, my limbic system and temporal lobes kicked in and took me back to a snowy afternoon in Baxter Hall, chewing on a toasted honey bun — what a taste! I sometimes run into **Jack Graves**, who lives down the block from me, tending his front yard or taking a stroll with his handsome black lab. So, it seems, even though this bag of skin I sit in continues to change, Williams remains with me."

Finally, the saddest news of the recent past: Our classmate **Tom Bell** died May 26 from a heart disturbance while riding his bicycle. Except for the timing, he might have chosen the circumstances. He died during a visit to his beloved hometown of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, enjoying one of his favorite pastimes and in the company of his brother and two of his oldest friends.

Tom was justifiably proud of his place as lawyer and active civic worker in New Richmond, Wis.; he was a great defender of small-town life. I recommend re-reading his essay in our 25th Reunion book. You can almost hear that rapid-fire voice carrying across the room.

Our most direct memory, of course, is Tom's role first as class president, then as chairman of the 25th Reunion Gift Fund. He led by demonstrating his love for the College, and his enthusiasm touched many. A next-door neighbor graduated from the College on the day after his memorial service.

Among the hundreds attending the memorial service were **Bob Bendick**, **Bill Shapiro**, **Bob Stanton**, **Jeff Stiefler** and **Bob Groban** '69. They describe a unique and emotional ceremony, punctuated by the music of a New Orleans-style Dixieland band and a single, distant roll of thunder. Moving eulogies were delivered by **Bob Bendick**, by Tom's 80-year-old father and by a judge before whom Tom had frequently tried cases. Shortly after the service, Hillary Clinton, a friend of Tom's since their days as Watergate investigators, called his wife, Gretchen, to extend her condolences.

Gretchen, is one of those understanding spouses, who, over time, merely smiled and slightly shook her head when Tom got going on the subject of Williams. All of us who listened to Tom and smiled with her extend our deepest sympathies to her and their three children.

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Get to start these notes with news about **Rikk Larsen**, who with wife Pam and family — all 12 of them — were the subject of a story, with full-color cover in *Parade* magazine on May 12. The story was titled "They Built an American Family." If you went inside, you saw two more full pages with five more photos about Rikk and Pam and the wonderful family they've built: four of their own children and six others adopted from points around the globe: American cities, Cambodia, Vietnam, El Salvador. All of this attention was preceded by their first grandchild in April! Could be the first granddad of '69. (If there's another in the class, please write.) Rikk says other offers such as made-for-TV movies, etc., have started to emerge. I keep telling Rikk that when he and Pam get to the Pearly Gates for their final review and evaluation, St. Peter will say, "Come right in. You're overqualified."

Two more classmates had offspring admitted to Williams, graduating class of 2000: **Lloyd Constantine's** (N.Y.C.) son, Isaac, who is also godson of **Abraham Jelin** '68 and nephew of **Patty Friedman** '77 and **Chris Kinnell's** (Bridgeport, N.Y.) son, Brendan. Chris writes: "At our ten-year reunion, Brendan unknowingly wore

Karl Thon included in a recent letter the following comment: "One of the many 30th reunion highlights for Sherry and me was meeting author Lee Smith, wife of Hal Crowther and Hollins College classmate of John Schelling's wife, Mary. Lee writes about life in southern Appalachia in a lyrical style with a captivating sense of place and idiom. Sherry and I just finished her latest novel *Saving Grace*, which we highly recommend along with earlier novels such as *Fair and Tender Ladies*. It was a lot of fun talking with Lee and Hal at the reunion." I second Karl's emotions. I enjoyed talking with Hal and Lee so much that I also am consuming her books and trying to figure out how to subscribe to Hal's newspaper. It should be fun being a spectator through Hal's looking glass of the Gast/Helms race this fall.

Finally, Teddy and I visited Pam and David Harrison and family in July. We had a delightful time. David and I even were in contention in our flight of his member-guest golf tournament, but missed too many putts in the final 18 to win. My goals of the visit were accomplished, however—I enjoyed myself thoroughly and we did not finish DFL. We have just endured Hurricane Fran without a problem, but Wilmington and eastern North Carolina took a big hit.

Hopefully, some of you who attend weekends in Williamstown this fall can drop notes (or send e-mail) to me about who you see and what happens. I am also hoping to see Lee and Jon Linen at a weekend in Burlington, Vt.—I understand we both have freshmen there this year. We may both end up seeing Peter Richardson who, you may recall, has moved to Charlotte, Vt.

John Ashton reports that the only news he has is that he knows too much about Wink Willett. He reports that the third annual New York gathering is being planned for January. Watch your mail for an invitation. He promises that the complimentary cigars will be of high quality this year.

I heard from Ron Prombain via e-mail. He suggests that we exchange addresses among ourselves to facilitate intraclass communication. If you send me addresses, I will forward them to those you request. Finally, did I see it wrong or was Billy Roe improperly condemned to the class of '65 (or '67) in his picture in the spring issue of the *Alumni Review*? It was good to see him and I hope he is doing as well as he looked.

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You all know from the obituaries in the last issue of the *Review* and Chris Covington's letter that Rod Schnur died last May. Unfortunately, the news came after the due date for class notes. Bill Crane wrote of his last meeting with Rod. His family and Rod's were friends for 25 years. About ten days before his death,



Running for the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge in the Boston Marathon were Samantha '96 and Tucker Jones '66. Samantha ran in honor of classmate, Matt Stauffer who was being treated for leukemia at Dana Farber while Tucker ran in memory of a friend who had died four years earlier from cancer.

Rod told Bill that he did not have much time left. Bill was able to visit him. Although Rod was weak, he was eager to relive old adventures. Bill writes, "The past became more alive as we both appreciated how blessed his life had been. When I had to leave, we hugged and held each other and said a few more words. I left with a deep sadness but so grateful for our last time together and the memories I carry with me." We all carry fond memories of Rod. He was so very talented and dedicated yet humble and always positive and good humored. We will miss him.

From Colorado Springs Jon Macomber writes he has been in the intelligence business as a defense contractor, working primarily on space systems. But he is beginning the transition to a new career in education technology. He and his wife, Ann, have spent increasing time touring on their tandem bicycle. Last year it was Victoria, B.C. This year it was across the Rockies to Durango.

Rich Gehrman's daughter, Kristina, started Williams this fall as a member of the Class of 2000. Mal Getz has another book coming out, *Veterinary Medicine in Economic Transition*, from Iowa State University. It deals with the idea that the U.S. is producing too many veterinarians. Daughter, Kiesa graduated from Bowdoin last May and is now in a grad program in clinical psychology and son, Wylan, has moved to Emory's law school.

Jeff Eckardt recently returned from an admission's interview at Williams with his daughter, Jennie. With his sons David (11) and Mark (9), he feels it will be his first of several interviews there. Jeff is professor of orthopedic surgery and chief of the section of orthopedic oncology at UCLA. He was elected this year president of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society and to the board of directors of the International Society for Limb Salvage, which he terms "truly an honor and the highlight of my professional career." Jeff was on the receiving end in September when he underwent a total hip replacement operation.

Richard Bernstein writes, "Continuing in my career as a late bloomer, Last year I became a vice-president of the National Lawyers Guild."

Bill Ciendaniel was recently elected a trustee of the National Association for Olmsted Parks, an advocacy group of professionals promoting preservation of historic parks and landscapes. His sailing adventures include recent trips from Bermuda to Maine and from Maine to New Brunswick, Canada. He and his oldest son attended the wonderful new studio arts building at Williams as part of a college tour trip earlier this year.

George B. Cannon says he is enjoying life in Springfield, Mass., as a "quasi-country lawyer." He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 30th Reunion.

Lee Haynes in Bar Harbor has started a new business: the Austin-Acadia Connection, which brings Texas musicians to Maine for working vacations and concerts. Their first concert with Jimmie Dale Gilmore was a sell-out. He writes, "Our second with Jo Carol Picnic (Texas musicians must have three names) took place Labor Day weekend."

Chuck Glassmire, now headmaster of the Colorado Rocky Mountain School, writes that his wife, Eileen Bochenek '82, have found a classmate, Katie Scott '82, on the faculty there. Gove Effinger reports all well in Saratoga Springs, where he and Alice have been for the past 10 years. Last spring's main event was that both twins (now 11) had parts in the Schenectady Light Opera Company production of the musical *The Secret Garden* with son, Sean, playing the lead role. Gove also ran the 100th Boston Marathon.

Bob Gross has left New Hampshire Legal Assistance after 20 years as its executive director. He is now the acting associate director of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in Washington, D.C. New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Brock said, "Bob Gross has devoted almost his entire professional career to helping those who need it most." He won much recognition and a number of awards for his efforts there.

Tom Phelan has been named a trustee of the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation in Mountainside, N.J. It is the state's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital.

David Jackson is the head of The Park School in Owings Mill, Md. He was formerly superintendent of a school district in New York with a \$53 million budget and 2,000 pupils. Although his new domain is smaller, he says it is more satisfying because he has direct involvement with staff and students.

Clint Remington has decided to close his family business, Remington Hardware and Lumber, in Burrillville, R.I. Although the business was profitable, he was faced with the decision to expand to meet larger competitors or try something else. After 25 years in the business, he decided on the latter.

Your secretary managed another great duck hunting foray last fall with Tom Mahler. We talked up the upcoming reunion. As Chris Covington pointed out in his letter, the 30th is low key and should be just a lot of fun. Do plan to attend.

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Chaplain Vic Smith and Marcia attended the Celebration of Art Weekend at Williams last spring: "The WCMA is truly wonderful with the variety of spaces; the lectures stimulated the mind, and seeing old-friend professors was a treat." Vic says the Internet connection required for his Navy work also allows him to keep in touch with Williams friends. Also last spring, Vic and Marcia's daughter, Allison, graduated from Vassar. "If anyone needs an excellent oboist—also baroque oboe—just call me."

It has been 28 years since *The Graduate*, but Kent Van Allen has finally taken the career advice. "Kay and I are moving from Summit, N.J., to our farm outside Lynchburg, Va. Beautiful mountains like Williamstown, but warmer. Bought into a plastics company in Greensboro, N.C., so will be working on that. Kay is looking forward to some sun for gardening."

Eddie Weeks sends a card as breathless as the activity: "Pat O'Grady flew his own Moonie plane from Santa Cruz—Tahoe—to Salmon River. Six friends floated the Middle Fork, including my son, Jesse (16) and Dan Hindert '71, overcoming a miscalculation by a day and extreme levels of pleasure to squirt out into the main Salmon. Pat then flew home."

In August, *The Wall Street Journal* featured the Vail vacation home of Cindy and Tad Piper in an article on log homes. The Journal apparently thinks the Pipers' 5,200-square-foot, 12-room, five-bedroom, three-level, two-office house fits in that category, but it also quotes Cindy as saying "I always feel at peace when I'm in my log home."

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Troy Auburn and I talked about the 50th when we ran into each other twice at the Olympics. At women's tennis, we watched the gold medal go to Lindsay Davenport, a niece of Edie Davenport Thorpe (Vassar '69), a good friend to many of us in Road Trip days.

Cynthia and **Ned Perry** and **Kathy and Tom Nicholson** attended class president **Bart Jones'** semi-centennial celebration in the Catskills. Ned also says he has become involved with a special part of figure skating through his oldest daughter's involvement on a nationally ranked team: "I agreed to help run the first ISU World Challenge Cup for precision team skating at Northeastern in Boston. Due to my working with **Paul Neely** and **Bob McCloud** on our 25th Reunion Classbook, I not only served as director of marketing, but also became the editor of the program for the event."

Peter Naylor, eschewing the free post card, has sent a three-and-a-half page letter about his year on sabbatical/Fulbright at the University of Namibia. It's impossible to repeat it all here, but Peter describes a rich experience teaching, developing faculty and curriculum, working in developmental economics and making friends. I recommend his letter/essay to any classmate with interests in those areas, and any who just wants to read what Peter has been up to. Drop me a line, and I'll send a copy of his letter to you. One excerpt as example: "I think the Namibians can also see that one of the advantages that we have as a nation is that we have short memories — we don't bear grudges — and that this may be related to optimism, confidence and an attitude of self-reliance that was discouraged among blacks by both the Germans and the Afrikaners, and among all Namibians, by the South African apartheid regime."

Ronald Teschke writes: "It gives me particular pleasure to report the completion of a 30,000 nautical mile, 15-stop circumnavigation via the Cape of Good Hope in just two days less than a year. Crew were my wife Caroline and our three children, Max (8), Mike (10) and Joanna (14). Though we spent 170 days at sea and truthfully relished every one of them, we still found plenty of time to tread the earth, spending three months in southern Africa (Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa). We bungee jumped from the highest fixed hump attachment in the world at Victoria Falls, safaried in all three African countries, rode out a Force 10 gale off Durban and nearly hit an uncharted five-foot high rock in the Timor Sea just before sunset. The Indian Ocean provided spectacular sailing and our own Gulf of Maine served up a collision with a sperm whale. Our less-than-a-year circumnavigation is, to the best of our information, the first ever for a family."

Sherman Jones is back in Atlanta after leaving the headmaster's job at the Southern Normal School in Alabama, where he had gone in an effort to res-



Last August, **Dan Hindert '78**, **Gerald Patrick O'Grady '68** and **Ed Weeks '68** spent 5 days on a 100-mile rafting excursion down Utah's Salmon River.

cue a small but special boarding school for black young men. "The Board has been deeply divided into two factions during my entire tenure at the school — those committed to the new direction and those generally opposed to it. Events in early August convinced me that the rift is intractable." Sherman went to Southern Normal at considerable personal sacrifice, and I know we all join in wishing him a strong rebound from his efforts there.

Rebounding another way is **Bob Scott**, who after two back surgeries by **Mike Layne** is finally feeling great, even playing golf again. He also remarried in 1995, and his son, **Matt '94** was best man. Bob is head of the Investment Banking Division of Morgan Stanley and on the side, owns part of the hot New York restaurant Gramercy Tavern. He is also chairman of Seeing Eye, the original guide dog school for the blind.

Bob Stanton follows up on the last issue's news. "Tom Bell's death really hit hard. He was always indestructible. To lose him was a major reality check. The service was very special. We hope to have a private ceremony in Williamstown this fall to spread some of his ashes." Tom's wife, Gretchen, had noted that memorial gifts to Williams would be welcome. Bob reminds us that Tom had previously established a scholarship fund at Williams in memory of his mother, Fyn L. Bell, and Tom's name will now be added to it. Unless you have special reason to direct a gift elsewhere, that fund would be an appropriate way to remember Tom. Please direct any memorial gifts to the Office of Development.

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Wes Howard in Denver says he's engaged in "helping to make major league soccer in Denver a success" as a member of the community advisory board of the Colorado Rapids, Denver's MLS entry. "Haven't been downsized or re-engi-

neered, although the legal profession in Denver is experiencing both. Wife, **Patti**, and kids, **Alex** and **Libby**, are wonderful. Recently spoke with **Dana Comfort '70** when I was in NYC on business. His sons are both in college and wife, **Sunny**, has a thriving thoroughbred horse business." Wes is planning his children's education and his retirement in 2019.

Bob Quinn "played with **Yogi Santa Donato** for a second straight year in the Annual Alumni Golf Tourney in July. We played well our first two matches, leading after the first day, but struggled a bit in our last three, finishing out of the money. Tournament impresses me as a true testament to typically classy Williams alumni and their guests and is very enjoyable. Saw **Art Cummings**, a perennial competitor in the tourney." Also playing was **Dick Peinert**, who "actually won a flight. Bad news is that we were in flight 16. Had a great time. Yogi continues to defy time. He has not a single gray or absent hair." Dick saw **Gordy Bryson** and youngest son, **Nathaniel**, in Boston, visiting from Hawaii."

Big news from **Tom Siphkins** in Idina, Minn.: "Starting a new law firm in Minneapolis — about 30 lawyers with specialties in health care, labor and employment, product liability and toxic tort. Pretty exciting for me and my partners. Regards to Boston area friends, especially Peinert."

"Alive and well as one feels in tiny Greenville, N.C.," reports **Bob Lunn**, who's working at Eastern Carolina University School of Medicine. "New news is Garrett (5 months), little brother to Hadley (25 months). With dad at 45 and mom at 47, we have to be settling some sort of record and definitely doing life backwards. Don't invest 80-hour weeks in medical management anymore."

Skip Constock, still lawyering in Boston, "had the pleasure of playing golf in Brookline with President Payne, **Jack Sands '71** and **Reese Hughes '85** from the development office. Jack and I took on the Williamstown contingent in a friendly 'Nassau.' When all was said and done, \$12 traveled back to Western Mass.

Also in Greater Boston, **Fred Vinick**, having recently located to the area, is on the move again, planning to build a house in Lexington. "Peter will be a Williams junior this fall majoring in economics. I'm still at Genzyme in Cambridge, happily running the drug discovery program."

From Ann Arbor, Mich., **Dick Tobin** says he now has a Wesleyan sticker on his car, placed there by his daughter, Emily, who is entering this fall. "I must say, I'm pleased. I think each 'Little Three School' is an extraordinary institution; and I strongly believe, in my daughter's case, that Wesleyan is a match. I might add, that in my job as college guidance director at Greenhills School, I regularly see students apply to Williams ... some get in and I am impressed by the conscientious, astute and principled job that **Tom Parker** and his staff do. But — Go Cardinals!"

In Rutland, Vt., **Herb Ogden** has put his name on the law firm, **Liccardi, Crawford & Ogden**, where he's been a partner since 1991. "We've also added two new associate lawyers, but problems persist since we can't add hours to the day." More changes for **Dudley Staples**, who has relocated to Frederick, Md., and has changed jobs after 19 years at a large law firm. Dudley has "become the general counsel at BioWhittaker, Inc., a company making cell culture product and endotoxin detection product for the biotech and pharmaceutical industries." Dudley is still in the Navy Reserve, taking command of another reserve unit, "the last of my Navy career."

Dudley has seen several '69ers recently. He attended the August wedding of the oldest son of **Cliff Low**. Cliff is still teaching at St. Paul's School, overseeing the lighting and sound systems for a state-of-the-art prep school theater, and teaching science courses on a sailing ship called the *Westward* that operates out of Woods Hole, Mass. Dudley says Cliff bikes 100 miles a week and looks to be in great shape. Dudley also attended the bar mitzvah of the youngest son of **Mike Himowitz**, where he saw **Dave Reid** and **Tom Goodbody** and spouses. "We should all watch for Mike's articles on computers in *Fortune* magazine. He has a great knack for writing about computers in ways that are funny and understandable for us novices."

Tom Goodbody in D.C. hasn't written in a long while, "in fact, I'm not sure if I've ever written, but as one of the first members of the class who will hit the big 50 - October - I have an increasing sense of the inexorability of time and so won't wait." Tom visited the Far East for the first time, spending two weeks in Manila in July consulting for the Philippine SEC on rebuilding their regulatory structure for asset-backed securities. "Manila is a big teeming city without much charm, but the country and its economy are growing by leaps and bounds. The work was interesting and I learned a lot."