

Once more, I must appeal to classmates for mail, phone calls and news articles — any material that would be useful to the column since we have hit another dry spell.

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Apparently, with Christmas fast approaching and just coming off the 30th reunion, all of you thought I had enough information to entertain and inform you without contacting me. Not! I did hear from Harrop Miller through email — isn't technology amazing? He gave me two items. First, by way of back-handed self promotion, he reported: "Sorry I missed our 30th. I intended to come, and even had reservations at The 1896 House, but it conflicted with the Texas Urological Society Annual Meeting, which I was going to skip, even though I was the secretary-treasurer, because it is after all annual (as opposed to our reunion), until the nominating committee asked me to serve this year as president, which I had not expected for another year, so they had me and I had to forego Reunion."

He also reported that he "ran into Rusty Powell and wife in the elevator of the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth. They were there to represent The National Gallery at the 25th anniversary of the Amon Carter Museum, and we were there for parents weekend at TCU where our daughter Katie is a junior. Rusty said he did not make Reunion either. He did not say what his excuse was."

My own new favorite pastime, sort of along the lines of technology, and perhaps along the lines of aging, is watching movies on the Sundance Movie Channel. While it may be a passing fancy, I find about every third movie either interestingly thought provoking or "laugh out loud" funny. Other than that, Teddy and I fill our nonworking hours golfing and boating.

Sherry and Kent Titus joined us for Thanksgiving. As always, it was delightful to see them. Kent reports that Mary and John Schelling were in Richmond who, in turn, indicated they were on the way to see Lee Smith and Hal Crowther. From election results, it appears that I live in a state that elects a 93-year-old former Dixiecrat candidate for President to the Senate, and Hal and Lee live in a state that elects a present-day Dixiecrat to the Senate.

Teddy and I also spent a delightful evening in late October with Nancy and Peter Richardson and Larry Niles in Peter's new home in Charlotte, Vt. It is a great setting and, if I didn't love living here, I would be jealous of Peter for his move from Chestnut Hill.

Sadly, I have been informed that Jon W. Olson died on Oct. 10, 1996, in



Scott Brittingham '84, Jack Lane '66, Michael Engl '66 and Ben Brock '98, left to right, break during their summer trip down the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho.

Mountainview, Calif. We should all take a moment of silent mediation in honor and memory of Jon.

Lisle Dalton reports that he took a wonderful trip with the Williams alumni group to Switzerland. He met "many great people including Rob Bradley's parents and brother, Frank." Teddy and I also recommend the Williams alumni tours highly.

Roger Harman reports that he continues to own and operate his restaurant, The Palladium, in Philadelphia — "in the heart of the Penn campus." He has been doing it for 17 years and apparently is doing a good job.

Finally, the Williams alumni office sent me a long newspaper clipping of a story on Arthur (Bing) Benson from the July 14, 1996, *Kansas City Star*. I knew that Arthur was involved in the Kansas City desegregation case, but did not realize that it had been going on for 17 years or that "Benson [had] exercised a more sustained influence over the nation's most radical desegregation remedy than any person except U.S. District Judge Russell G. Clark." Keep up the good work Arthur.

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At the top of this issue is word from Bob Tyre that their first daughter Megan was married on Dec. 28. That was also, coincidentally, Bob and Meg's 30th anni-

versary. Among the guests were Jinxie and John Hufnagel.

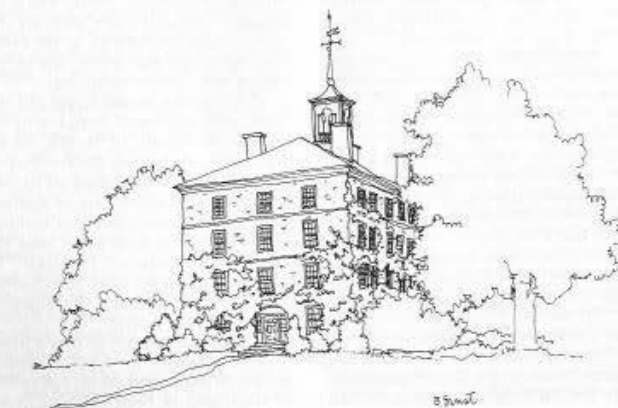
Wes Westmeyer was also married recently. He is acting CFO of Medicaid Managed Care HMO. He expects to be at the reunion.

Don Steinsuller's oldest daughter Nicole has joined the Class of 2000. Although Don and his wife spent a rainy Parents Weekend in Williamstown, they look forward to frequent visits.

Fred Sleezer sends greetings from south Texas (San Antonio). He recently joined Reddie & Co., as vice president of marketing. The firm is the largest Texas-based outplacement-organizational consulting operation. Fred says, "I am also learning to read Bermuda greens — great courses in the San Antonio area."

Jon Vipond participated in the September Annual Bacchanalia hosted by Liz and Van Hawn in Wayzata, Minn. (suburban Minneapolis). Also in attendance: the Covingtons, Olsons, Ackerlys, Gillespies, Hayeses, Comforts and Smiths. Jon also participated in the reunion planning meeting in Williamstown in early November. He comments, "We salute Mark Piechota for agreeing to be chairman."

Ted McPherson's daughter Beth graduated from Williams last June and now works for ABC in New York. Their son Edward is enjoying his sophomore year at Williams. Sally and Ted came up from Texas for an 11-day stay in Mass. and Vt., viewing the foliage and taking in 10 collegiate/professional soccer and football games! They enjoyed seeing friends at the homecoming game.



Terry Sands — not to be done in by the big "50" — ran the 100th Boston marathon in April. He said he even felt human after the race, a switch from the previous three years, which found him in the medical tent. Last summer he wrote and produced a musical for the 100th anniversary of their local yacht club. Peter Bent (ex-Commodore) made a "smashing" cameo appearance. Terry wrote that he was hopeful that classmates would have sent their contributions in early so he could avoid the time-consuming phone calls. He could use the time to train for the 101st Boston marathon.

Mark Piechota, our Reunion Czar, to whom we are all indebted, asks any who have not sent in their postcards indicating their reunion intentions, to please do so at your earliest opportunity. So far it looks like a good turn out.

Tom Ehrlich has succumbed to the entrepreneurial bug and launched Journey Publishing Company. It publishes faith-related books and manages the column that Tom writes weekly for 100 newspapers. His second book came out late 1995, and his next is under way. Tom is marveling that his oldest son is college-bound next year.

Chris Covington provided a synopsis of the mini-reunion-planning meeting held after the Wesleyan game. Tailgating was courtesy of Mark Richards. Mark Piechota laid out the program. John Hufnagel and Greg Meister are coordinating the phone tree. Lyn Comfort is handling entertainment and has lined up a fun band that some are familiar with. John Olmstead is coordinating golf. Chris's wife Bonnie is arranging a tennis tournament (Dave Nash need not enter), and a parent-child tournament. Still needed is a volunteer for souvenirs. Turner will bring back the balloon if available.

Chris encourages all to attend in June and emphasizes that there are no real good excuses for not attending. He would like to hear any creative ones, though. Dial 508-281-8753.

Tom Mahler plans to attend what would be his first reunion. He sends a message to Paul Lipot — "Bring the sink!"

Your secretary, in one of my other lives as a captain in the Naval Reserve, has been assigned to the headquarters of the commander-in-chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific (CINCPAC), Hawaii — as chief of the logistics readiness team. That should get me out of the frozen

over the winter. That's it for now. Make it through winter, and you'll be being at the big reunion in June.

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From West to East this issue...

Dodger Newhall reports on a reunion of Berkshire House and "other unsavory types" at XZ Ranch in Stanford, Mont.,

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in September. "Highlights of the four-day Bacchanalia included fly fishing, a day-long hike in the Little Belt Mountains, a cattle roundup and a square dance. Everyone was much more spry than 30 years ago because they weren't burdened by so much hair." Dodger enclosed the photo to prove the latter point, and probably because he has the shortest male forehead in the group.

"Still involved in real estate and sports in Jackson, Wyo.," says **Bruce Simon**. "My plate is always full with managing a growing company in a very competitive market. My Williams education enables me to compete successfully. Still playing tennis tournaments too, but most improved is my skiing. Last winter I skied some extreme couloirs that I have been looking at for 28 years at Jackson Hole, but was too chicken. I think I'll enter the 50-and-over extreme skiing championship." More power to you, Bruce. Most of us are glad to enter the 50-and-over IQ test and think the couloir is where the beer is kept.

Peter Rice and **John Schmitz** went heliskiing in the Canadian Rockies last winter and enjoyed "an incredible week of deep powder." Peter filled the summer with the marriage of his daughter and the birth of his second grandson (son of **Peter '92**).

Jim Thompson reports from North Carolina that he "had an excellent 29-year reunion with Susan and **Bob Wall** in Charleston. Most casual, comprehensive and (they cannot deny) blissful hosts. Soon after saw **Hal Crowther '66** and **Tom Cary '67** to initiate discussions of Geezers International."

John Oppenheimer is wrapping up the investment fund he headed for 15 years. After an exceptionally successful run, he decided last spring that the pace had overcome the fun. John, **David Schulte** and I had breakfast in New York in October. I was just off knee surgery and John was on a cane and close to surgery. At 50, the warranty is up, the parts start to wear out. David, who seemed to be just fine, was in the city to raise money for his new fund, with a \$5 million minimum. He bought the breakfast, which seems only appropriate.

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From the Big Apple, **Paul Kessler** reports he has "completed my mid-life crisis, moved back to N.Y.C. and...become a professional actor full-time. Currently on the national tour of *The Sound of Music*. Did the national tour of *Gypsy* last winter, as well as some television and film. I am very happy and doing just what I want to do. Life is good."

Across the nation in Estacada, Ore., **Dave Nebel** has changed employers. "After 23 years as a staff attorney, lobbyist, and program administrator with Oregon Legal Services, I have a new employer. Congress enacted restrictions on legal



A reunion of '68ers at Dodger Newhall's XZ Ranch in Stanford, Mont., brought together classmates: (back row) Ted and Prudence Ragsdale, Sally and Dodger Newhall, Tad Piper, Tom Carothers, (front row) Bob and Karen Scott, Susie and Mark Donovan, Cindy Piper and Merilee and Rod Dimock.

aid programs preventing some of its most important activities — lobbying, representing undocumented workers, class actions and challenging appalling provisions of what passes for 'welfare reform.' As a result, I do what I've always done, but with a new private nonprofit that gets no federal funds."

In Rutland, Vt., **Herb Ogden** has become a partner in Liccardi, Crawford & Ogden. "We've doubled the number of lawyers. Now if I can just manage to pay myself as much as I pay the hired help." Herb said his 85-year-old father (Williams '35) died in October, and he's taking more of a role helping his mother, which leaves little spare time.

From Austin, Texas, **Fletcher Clark** attended his stepdaughter's wedding in Yosemite last October and then "spent three days in Pasadena with Jim Halstead, formerly professor of economics at Williams, and now department head of economics at Occidental. We spent most of our time sampling the products of the better brew pubs in the area. 'H' will meet me and my family in Big Bend for a three-day river raft trip on the Rio Grande through Santa Elena Canyon for New Year's. I do these trips as a musician for Far Flung Adventures."

The high-school soccer dynasty continues in New Mexico led by a Williams '69 grad, as **Jorge Tristani** sent along a news clip reporting his fourth consecutive state championship for his boys' team at St. Pius X high school.

Craig Townsend from the department of chemistry at Johns Hopkins says "my son Reed started at Williams this fall, the millennium class. I have watched Williams over the years, and it is a better place than in our time. Saw my freshman year roommate **Lloyd Constantine** and **Chris Kinnell** dropping off their sons too, during First Days. We've gotten some e-mail and a few phone calls from Reed. He's having a great time despite requesting a quad with nonsmokers and getting a single surrounded by smokers."

Speaking of Kinnell, he wrote to say his son **Brendan '00**, and he would be a groomsman and best man at oldest son Jason's wedding Dec. 28 at Punta Gorda, Fla. Jason is completing his master's in

environmental economics at Penn State.

Rick Corwin sent a feature from a publication called *Touchdown Illustrated* that he spotted in the Cornell-Columbia program Nov. 16. Titled "Underground Football: For the Sport of It," the story is all about the "tradition-laden Amherst-Williams rivalry that captures the true spirit of college football." The story begins with a Greg Schneider, Amherst '66, interviewing with a Williams grad to get a teaching job at Hawaii Preparatory Academy. He got the job. We can't confirm it, but we think the unnamed individual is **Gordy Bryson**, chairman of the English department at aforementioned secondary school. If anyone can confirm that Bryson hired an Amherst grad, please write ASAP.

From Ohio, **Gary Robinson** wrote to say he attended the 20th anniversary of **Sandy Smith** and wife Sally. Sandy, who celebrated in Maine, recently moved back to Concord, Mass., from N.Y.C.

Sal Mollica and wife Mary Beth are now empty nesters, with their two children off to college. Son Mark is a junior at Skidmore, after taking a year off traveling to Brazil and hiking most of the Appalachian Trail. Daughter Lauren spent a week in Ecuador helping to build a woman's crisis center. She's now at U. of Colorado in Boulder. "We're happy to have renewed feelings of independence, although we miss Mark and Lauren." Sal and Mary Beth are into some major renovations at the family cottage in New Hampshire, where they spend most of their summers.

More kudos for **Rikk Larsen** and wife Pam, who both were honored in November as "Parents of the 90s" by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children on its 10th anniversary of celebration of families. "The adopted and biological children the Larsens have embraced," read the citation, "include children of multicultural backgrounds and children with physical and other challenges — none too tough to love."

Finally, it was good to hear a hello from **Dick Starbuck**, my top-floor roommate with **Joth Blodgett** in Sage B. It's been 27 years, after all. Hope all is well, Dick.

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Kathy and **Joe McCurdy** spent two weeks in August at their Popponesset beach cottage on Cape Cod, where they partied it up with **Brook Newcomb** and **Gif Whitbeck** and their respective families. Kathy ran into a walker on the beach fully decked out in Williams gear — hat, shirt, shorts. Not an Eph, but a guy whose last name is Williams, so he buys all the purple paraphernalia. When the McCurdys returned home, they found the house painters at work, and one of their cars had an "Ephs" sticker on it. Turns out one of the painters was Williams senior football player Patrick Moore, "a super kid."

Don Berens sent a picture of himself and **Kevin Austin** taken at Indian Falls in the Adirondacks. Don was hiking up Tabletop Mountain when he spotted a Scout leader sporting a Williams hat, and it turned out to be Kevin. Don and Kevin used to commute between home and college as undergraduates.

Life for **Matt Bowman** has involved a lot of travel lately. Since last summer he has been on a family trip to Kenya and Egypt, a trip to Brazil with his daughter Emily, and a solo trip to China for business. He's also managed to fit in a couple of recruiting trips to Williams.

Bob Delfausse is now a tenured associate professor and chair of the music department at Wagner College on Staten Island. He says that if any of us have anything left after giving to Williams, Wagner could use about \$15 million for a new music building.

Things are hectic for Barbara and **Dick Cooch** with their son Richard Jr. (8) and daughter Merritt (6) involved with all the usual activities. Dick continues to enjoy life on the bench as a superior court judge. He says, "Don't believe Hollywood's depiction of judges — I've yet to use my gavel."

Alice and I have had a chance to see or talk to a few classmates lately. In early fall we helped **Sluggo Stearns** and **Janelle Gamble** officially christen Janelle's remodeled house in Bloomington, Ind. We drove down for a fun cookout and stayed overnight. Next day we had a nice time just hanging out — had a late breakfast, drove to a local lake where we soaked up some welcome sun and talked about all manner of weighty and trivial stuff, and poked around a neat used bookstore before Alice and I finally headed for home. By the time you read this Sluggo may be back from a temporary assignment in Africa with CARE.

In September, Alice and I were in Williamstown for a meeting of the executive committee of the Society of Alumni. I managed to touch base briefly with **Kim Montgomery** on the Taconic golf course. He wanted me to cut my meeting and play golf, but I guess I've finally gotten moderately responsible because I dutifully hiked back to campus for the

Lorinda Reichert who live in Palo Alto. Tim is a junior high school principal in Fremont while Lorinda is a senior executive at *Sunset Magazine*. Their daughter, Jessica, is a sophomore at Palo Alto High School. Our older daughter, Liza, has begun a new job at ABC Television working for a marketing executive who works closely with Alex Wallau '69. I persuaded Liza to introduce herself to Alex who was very gracious and friendly in spite of his "awesome position and title" within the company.

Trying to remain active in the equity markets, I have begun to publish an institutional research venture called *Merger Insight* which attempts to sell trading and investment ideas to large investors. The process is humbling, but invigorating. I have been quoted in general news articles and in the trading press as I try to increase the visibility of the service. Life may not begin at 54, but it need not end there either.

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Thanks to the fundraising, I have heard from some of you. To me, the most exciting news is from David Batten. He reports succinctly that he is "sailing around the world." At the reunion, he reported that he intended to sail from England to the U.S. in the fall on a boat that he had bought and was, at that time, being refitted. Going around the world is quite a risk and very exciting.

Roger Kubarych reports that he is one-third through "higher education" - his son Kevin finished at Brown in physical chemistry and is seeking a PhD at the University of Toronto. Apparently, he has two more children not through college yet. Alan Pearlman wishes everyone a healthy '97 and reports that his two-year term as president of the American Society of Echocardiography (a 5,000 member national professional organization) ends in June. While it has been fun, he is looking forward to devoting "more time to my other job as 'just dad'." Along the lines of family, Al Kirkland notes, "Gadzooks! I'm a dad with eight kids and a grandchild - where did the time go? All the children are my good friends, still, and so is Janine - so life is good." In my opinion, that's a lawyer with priorities in the right place.

Tom Anathan, while not sailing around the world, is also in for risk-taking. He reports that after 21 years with Aetna, a group of which he was a member and a private equity capital company in Boston bought the real estate advisory business from Aetna. His reaction, "scary but fun." He also reports that his family is doing well.

Daniel Conquilette has been named as J. Donald Monan University Professor at Boston College. Congratulations, Dan.

From the Aug. 2 edition of the *Al-*

lanta Journal an article by Hal Crowther is entitled, "Rednecks and lintheads: The South's hereditary underclass." I see from reading it that Hal is still doing well and remains pithy.

I finally got the Basnight Christmas letter in March - but upon reading it, I learned that it didn't go out until mid-February. Regretfully, Tom fell quite ill on Dec. 21 and was hospitalized until early February. I urge that we continue to remember Tom in our prayers, not only for the fight against leukemia but also help in the daily routine of rehabbing legs, etc. "for the umpteenth time." Amazingly to me, Tom continues upbeat, ending the letter with his hope that "this was the last major bump in the road and [he] looks forward to a suitably boring convalescence."

I saw John Ashton in early February. His office in the Met Life building has a delightful view, looking downtown over Manhattan. We had a nice lunch at his "club," but I did not have the proper gear to engage in a squash match. I later spoke to John who reported that the Williams annual class dinner went well - Mike Burroughs led an adventuresome group through various escapades following the dinner. John did not partake, but headed home. I smiled, thinking of the escapades Mike had led me on during my Williams career. Jack Vroom reports that Nancy (wife), Margaret (daughter) and Peter Richardson (husband/father) visited Jack on their way to Hawaii this winter - a nice place to go from Burlington, Vt.

Teddy and I continue to love Charleston - March was unbelievably beautiful and anyone coming this way should stop - if not for the southern "tradition," then for the simple beauty of the ocean, marshes and rivers.

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Leading this pre-reunion report of the Class is a note from Tom Haack. He wanted to be sure that we knew that all three of Mark Richards' kids will be Williams students - Peter graduated in 1995; Drew is '99; and Annie has just been accepted, early decision, to '01.

Jon Cannon is finishing his second year as assistant administrator and general counsel of EPA. He dined recently with Warren Suss and Sandy Specter. He also reunited with Les High, who has moved into Alexandria, Va. Les and his wife Judy have been on tour in Europe with USIS. Another Cannon, George B., sends best wishes, and regrets that he won't be at reunion. He has to attend the National Wolfhound Specialty.

Tom Ehrlich has succumbed to the entrepreneurial bug and launched Journey Publishing Company. He publishes faith-related books and writes a weekly column for 100 newspapers. His second book came out late last year, and his next is underway. With incredulity he

notes that his oldest son will be college-bound next year. Bill McClung is still chair of the Math/CS Department of Nebraska Wesleyan University. His wife Hannah Jo is teaching voice in nearby Concordia College and is still choir director of the Catholic Cathedral. Neither of them is happy with the conservative Midwest ethic of right-wing extremism of the Catholic Church there. But the presence of the State University results in excellent schools, and Charles (first) and Andrew (third grade) are thriving.

Rob Hammell's family has enjoyed living for the past two years in an old house in Alexandria which has finally given the kids (Hilary 14 and Davis 11) the space they need. Rob spent four days a few months ago at an Episcopal monastery. He said it was a remarkable experience. It reinvigorated tired and wilted spirits. The place, the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, is modeled after Sienece and Perugian abbeys.

Scanlon Gail recently finished working with Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta in the newest film of Oscar winning director Constantine Costa-Gravas. It is called *Mad City*. He is uncertain whether he will be able to make it to reunion, although he would dearly love to have Sara experience the place and meet all the great people. Sara has been working the past 9 months on the film *Contact*. It is based on Carl Sagan's novel and stars Jody Foster.

Jack Hunt has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He is president and chief executive officer of King Ranch. Mike Haugh is still in L.A. working on the turn-around of a plumbing parts manufacturer. However, he is coming up on four years of cross country commuting and feels he has enough frequent flyer miles. He would like to see more of his wife and the house they just built in Rochester (NY). He ends with an appeal, "Anyone know of a troubled company needing a president in the Eastern Time Zone?" Lee Haynes is an internist as a day job; a music promoter by moonlight. He has set up the Austin-Acadia connection, which brings Texas musicians to Maine for working vacations.

Josh Berman is about to retire after 20 years in Army medical research. Lionel Hest has joined the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski in New York. This follows 11 years as executive vice president and general counsel of Gruntal & Co., a Wall Street brokerage firm.

Bill Crane reports one of his daughters will be graduating from Haverford in May. The other is a freshman in Lexington High School. His wife Barb continues to create quilts to hang on walls. His highlight last year was a week backpacking and hiking in Yosemite with his daughters. He and his brother are planning a one-week backpacking trip in the Northern Cascade Range in Washington. Six years ago he gave up the practice of law to become a state bureaucrat.

He is special assistant for human rights at the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He writes that he misses Rod Schnur, but hopes to be at Rod's daughter's (Robin) graduation from Williams and at Rod's older daughter's (Alden) marriage, both in June.

That's all the news for now. Hope to

you can read all about it in the next issue of *Spring 1997* newsstand near you a couple of months.

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Bob Scott becomes the first member of '68 with a heart attack that makes *The New York Times*. At the time, he was on a Caribbean vacation, but in his relatively new role as chief financial officer of Morgan Stanley he was also leading the merger of that firm with Dean Witter. Sounds like serious stress to us, no matter how often you get to St. Bart's. We wish Bob the best in his comeback.

Allen Swan is now Judge Swan, to you. Earlier this year, Massachusetts Gov. William Weld named him an associate justice of the Haverhill District Court, a court of broad, general jurisdiction, in keeping with Allen's previous general practice of law. Rob Lord and Mike Herlihy were there for the swearing in.

Allen also reports hearing from Glen Warren about an even bigger career switch. In his 25th Reunion essay, Glen fondly recalled a year-long trip to Latin America in 1979-80. The effect was lasting. He has left his law practice and is with the foreign service in Santo Domingo.

The editor of *The Williams Record* is back in the newspaper world. After a career of wandering through the magazine desert, John Stickney has joined *The New York Times* Syndicate as marketing director. He manages sales of the syndicate's features, including ones that never appear in the parent paper, and because of his background he is also involved in content. "I speak to you today," he told me recently, "as the editor of the *Duchess of York*." He claims perfect preparation for the task in his most recent past, as features editor of *Fitness* magazine. "Debt, overweight and fashion are the stuff of my career. I'm like an honorary woman."

Congratulations to proud '68 parents of several '97 graduates: sons of Chris Dornin, Dick Means, David Schulte. Bob Stanton and Dobby West; daughters of Bram Jelin, Tom Pierce and Jake Van Dyken.

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Well, the big reunion is now in the history books, and a grand affair it was. The weather was unbelievable, and the campus looked magnificent. The arrangements shepherded by **Mark Piechota** were impeccable, and everyone had a marvelous time. We had about 50 of the class in attendance. With family and friends the total was roughly double that. The only disappointment was that many of you were not able to join us for the festivities. You were all missed. Please try to make the next one five years hence.

We had some big recognition this year. **Bob Bahr** received the Fred Copeland Award from the Society of Alumni for his remarkable efforts for the College in Rhode Island. Bob has been the admission chairman for Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts for the past 20 years. In addition he has been the president of the Rhode Island Alumni Assoc. for the past 15 years and is completing three years on the executive committee of the Williams College Alumni Assoc. It is quite a record of service to the College, and we were all very proud of his award.

In the much anticipated elections people were shocked at the results that swept **Chris Covington** and **Jon Vipond** to five more years of their joint presidency. In a parallel wave of grass roots support your secretary and **Andy Cadot** (deferred gifts) were confirmed for another term. Mark Piechota agreed to chair the reunion event again in 2002. He did a marvelous job this year and we all owe him a great debt for his labors. It all came off without a hitch.

Thanks also to the other members who helped in the planning and execution: **John Hufnagel**, **Greg Meister** and **Peter Krause**, who managed the telephone tree; **Dave Nash**, who handled tennis arrangements, and **Turner Smith**, who brought the wonderful helium purple cow head back for the alumni parade.

Chris Covington needs special mention for corraling one of the best bands that has ever played for our reunion. They were infectious, and the dancing was so energetic that ibuprofen was the menu of choice for the muscle protests come morning. Although the band arrived one week early for the event, Chris was able to mollify their disappointment that there was no one to play to and convince them to reappear the following week on the correct day – apparently something about a date typo on the contract. Chris used his amazing powers of persuasion, as well as cash, to save the day.

One member was most noteworthy because of his absence. **Bob Tyre** missed his first reunion ever. He was reportedly flying back from Finland. A sad note was the information shared with us prior to the reunion regarding the death of **Phil Taylor**. He had most recently been the



U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. A career diplomat, he was previously consul general in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Many of you will remember his deep dulcet tones that found him on the North Adams radio station during his days at Williams. We will miss him.

Ko, Ching Po (aka Ken Ko) came the farthest for the reunion – Hong Kong. He is teaching English at the new City University of Hong Kong. He was able to describe in depth the frenzy of activity in Hong Kong in anticipation of the turnover of the colony to China. He does not expect much change in daily life, but foresees a much more powerful and influential China post-Hong Kong acquisition.

Rich Gehrman is an independent consultant in St. Paul. He works with non-profit organizations dealing with the changes in welfare and effecting major systems shifts in the delivery of services. This involves collaborations with private, public and corporate entities.

Harry Tether was recently elected to the Bronxville board of education. He is a managing director of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Jack Hunt has been named to the board of trustees of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Jack is president and chief executive officer of King Ranch.

Chuck Glassmire is the new headmaster at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale. He will also teach chemistry.

Bill Clendaniel was unable to attend reunion because of a new assignment as trustee of the National Association for Olmsted Parks, an urban open space advocacy group. He is on two additional boards and writes and speaks frequently as a spokesman for historic cemeteries and landscapes. His son Cam has been accepted at Williams for this fall.

That's it for now. See you in the next issue and at the 2002 reunion. Many thanks again to Mark Piechota, Chris Covington and Jon Vipond.

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A note of smooth sailing from **Jay Healy**: "Things are going extremely well for me. I greatly enjoy helping preserve thousands of acres of land through my position of Mass. Commissioner of Food and Agriculture. My body has not broken down (yet), and I recently won the state over-50 squash championship. Our teenage son and daughter still talk with us (sporadically), so things could be much worse."

Rougher waters reported by **Garrett Thornburg**: "I went on a sailing trip in February with **Debbie** and **Bart Jones**. On a sail from Anguilla to St. Barth's we were in such heavy seas and strong winds that only Bart and the captain were left standing. I've become a fair-weather sailor. In May, I went to French language school in Roanne, France, for two weeks. My French was worse than I thought when I arrived, but I did manage to make some progress. At least enough to travel in Provence and St. Tropez. *Bien sûr, et avec du vin, sans doute.*"

Jeff Connor, still practicing law in Princeton, has devoted some time to rebuilding his home, which partially burned down in 1995. His wife, Holly, is a curator at The Newark Museum.

A short but welcome note [and I am not making this up] comes from **Bob Wilson**, ex-'68, in Greenville, S.C.: "I am doing well – a 3-year-old and a 5-day-old son – still busy in my practice as a plastic surgeon, also gardening and running. Hope you all are fine." Well, yes we are Bob, even those of us who have grandchildren of that age. Something tells us there may be more interesting details to your story. Tell us more when you have time, which will be about 15 years from now.

Two classmates were the subjects of lengthy profiles in publications of their businesses.

Building Stone magazine, in a section on 1997 Best and Brightest American Architects, devoted six pages to **Barton Phelps**, in his own words: "In 1973, I left London and my first job after architect-

tural school, for Los Angeles, to look around. I had become interested in landscape studies – reading the collective built environment as cultural expression. I had also been exposed to popular culture – as opposed to the other kind in which I had immersed myself as an undergraduate art major at Williams College....

"I like to imagine [Jefferson's] reaction to my Los Angeles with its ever expanding grid as an armature for the temporary use of space – surely America's greatest landscape distinction; communities shaped by the supremacy of the single-family house, the private car, and the pick-up truck as workplace; exotic gardens supported by water brought six times as far as the Romans ever tried; and the simultaneous sense of liberation and loss one feels in a city nearly devoid of monumental form."

Likewise, an article in *Lodging* magazine features **Bob Chambers** in its Who's Who: Industry Leaders section. The article focuses on Bob's career change in 1992-3, from owner of a private travel agency to director of travel tour programs at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In three years the program has grown from 25 tours to 57, and now Bob also heads up the Trust's Historic Hotels of America program. His directions to his staff: "Forge ahead, be creative, and we'll apologize if we have to."

Thomas H. Pierce, founder and CEO of StayTuned business consulting firm, has been appointed senior vice president and managing director of marketing at Banknorth Group, Inc.

Anyone written about you recently? Send it along.

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From **Fletcher Clark** in Austin, Texas comes the news of a new start-up company, Adorno/Rogers Technology, Inc. Fletch has left American Institute for Learning to work with **Jack Jacobs** in this new company. "We intend to bring to the marketplace a breakthrough wheelchair design for enhanced access and mobility. We believe we will be able to make a lot of money making a lot of people's lives a lot better. This, of course, is my favorite form of capitalism. I am excited about this newest chapter in my life, with the opportunity to focus my myriad skills and interests on one product, one market and one job." Fletch reports the company is developing its own website at www.adorno-rogers.com. Congrats and best wishes to both Fletch and Jack, as they start something new and exciting.

My last notes said **Rikk Larsen** left the United Way to return to the Boston Organizing Committee. Can't keep up with the guy. Rikk has moved on to become area manager for New England of Software Innovation, a Norway-based company. "A major career move into

just completed its 75th anniversary year. On a personal note, my institutional research venture continues apace with some 20 clients signed up so far. I have copyright protection for the name "Merger Insight" and have been quoted in several general interest and financial newspapers and magazines this year. The July 14 issue of *Barron's* published an article I wrote on the financial accounting impact of employee stock option grants on reported net income. In August, Harriet and I took ten days off to visit London and Paris where we experienced the pleasure of the "Chunnel" train and enjoyed excellent summer weather in those two cities.

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Teddy and I had a delightful summer in Charleston and, as of mid-September, we have made it with no hurricane threats. During the summer, our annual trip to Sacramento for golf tournament play with **David Harrison** was cancelled due to a back operation David had to have. I recently (post-operation) got a postcard from him indicating that his back was improving. It did not mention his golf. Teddy and I were lucky enough to see **Ginger, Grace and Jack Vroom** on their annual pilgrimage to Kiawah. Jack remains outwardly in good humor and, if he is to be believed, he is also inwardly in good humor. I can report that telling the mail order clerk for *Vroom* magazine that I roomed with Jack in college did nothing to get my back-ordered items shipped any quicker.

Through email, I learned from **Con O'Leary** that he, **Ed Grosewski** (of Rochester, N.Y.), **Jeff Jones** (Wellesley) and **Dick Dubow** (Wilton, Conn.) had a delightful get-together last spring in Hartford for dinner and some later activity. Con reports that Ed was coming to Connecticut to do some genealogy research, and Con put together the mini-reunion. According to Con, Ed looks great and is a secondary school principal in Rochester. Con and Dick visit regularly and Dick has a "large, beautiful family." Con and Jeff got together for the first time since 1966 at the 30th and he vows that thirty more years will not pass without contact.

I got a delightful note from **Anson Piper '40** reporting that **Michael Katz** is "heading for Middlebury College where he will be dean of foreign languages and director of overseas programs. Mike, a former student of mine at Williams, has been at the University of Texas where he was chair to the department of Slavic languages." Having spent almost twenty years in Vermont, I am somewhat jealous of Mike and suspect that the winters in Middlebury will be quite different from those in Austin. Good luck, Mike!



Dave Nash '67 played in the inaugural Ted Avory Cup, a Senior competition between the U.S.A. and Great Britain at Wimbledon. "The scene was wonderful and the grass the finest."

The news fairy reports that **John Amerling** has recently joined Verrill & Dana, a Portland (Maine) law firm. According to the article and my memory, John is widely regarded as a leading expert in the field of construction law and construction litigation, and has an international practice from offices in Portland and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The *Burlington Free Press* carried a profile of our own **Peter Richardson** not long after his move to Charlotte, Vt., from Boston. Peter was recently appointed president of Housing Vermont, a nonprofit group. I am wondering whether somewhere there is a connection in the future between John and Peter.

I also got news from the Utica, N.Y., *Observer-Dispatch* that **John Rugge** was inducted into the Mount Markham Central School Hall of Fame. John is the executor director for the Hudson Headwaters Health Network and CEO of the Upper Hudson Primary Care Consortium. I also have a cryptic announcement on Budget Rent-A-Car Corp. stationery that **John Kennedy**, president of Team Rental Group, announced that it had recently reached an agreement to acquire Budget Rent-a-Car Corp.

In hopes of being able to lengthen future columns, I am hoping that people can report to me on any news they have heard from **John Pryor** and/or **Gary Millett**. Every time I see an especially tall crane, I think warmly of Gary.

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It seems the Class took a bit of a news vacation following reunion. Your secretary's last appeal brought quality but not vast quantity. I am hopeful that you are all just saving it up for the next big issue.

Jon Vipond, our co-pres, writes that the 35th reunion could not have been more satisfying. He continues, "We are enormously fortunate to have nurtured such good and supportive friendships over the years without even trying! We came to Williams from all sorts of places and with all sorts of experiences in the early '60s; we shared a high common experience and now rely on one another faithfully, well and easily." Jon and Tim spent 12 days in Italy in late October. It was Tim's first trip; Jon, who had not been since '81 and '67, observed, "Every 15 years, it seems."

Chick Tucker sends many thanks to the reunion committee, which he says

did a "fantastic job." He writes, "Covington especially gets a Bravo Zulu for finding Freddie and the Maybellines." (Bravo Zulu means "well done" in signal code for any of you non-Navy veterans out there). **Marty Samuels** also enjoyed the reunion and the opportunity to see so many old friends. He too sends his thanks and congratulations to **Chris Covington**. He states, "Our party was clearly the best on campus." Marty and his son Charles completed their second (and last) tour of college campuses. Charles is trying to maintain his equanimity under pressure from his father and sister to become another Eph. Marty writes, "When he saw Williams again and met **Phil Smith**, he appeared to weaken. We'll see!"

John McCarthy reports from Switzerland on "a very interesting and informative" meeting with **Damon Vangelis '96**, in New York last August. Vangelis founded the *Williams Free Press*. John writes, "It exposes a side of Williams most alumni do not know about, including big changes in the curriculum, the influence of relativism, rampant multiculturalism, and the current obsession on campus with race, gender, and sexuality. John urges classmates to pick up a copy. The paper can be reached at 413-458-2710.

Your secretary spent a great duck and goose hunt in the wheat fields of Saskatchewan with **Tom Mahler** in September. The opportunity of plentiful rains and snows in the Canadian prairies have returned the snow numbers to levels not seen for many decades. Quite a spectacle!

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A number of follow-ups this time to previous items:

Last spring's class notes listed Class of '68 fathers of Class of '97 graduates - minus one. I left out **Tod Hamachek**. This is a fairly galling omission because not only do Tod and I sit on the College Board of Trustees together, but I also met his son **Mark** a couple of times on graduation weekend. This is why I am now a newspaper publisher. They don't trust me to be a reporter anymore. Belated congratulations to Mark and Tod.

From **Bob Chambers** comes news elaborating on his new job as director of travel programs for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, with an itin-

erary that sounds like a list of Jeopardy answers: "After two years of planning, I took 68 people around the world to visit some of the most celebrated historical sites - Tikal, Easter Island, Borobudur, Angkor Wat, and Kizhi Island in northern Russia, to name a few. We traveled on our own 757, equipped to seat a maximum of 100 in first class seats.... In May I attended a reunion in Williamstown of all past and present Ephs - a heartwarming, exciting weekend."

From another journey already noted here comes this note from **Ron Teschke**: "Having returned from an around-the-world voyage under sail via South Africa, I have this to say: For those of my colleagues who have yet to accede to emasculation, my British physician wife (an AIDS researcher) and I recommend *Rorke's Drift*. For lesser fare of courage, re-image sitting through Williams College's depiction of Mao's 'great' cultural revolution in those mid to late sixties."

Daddy Jim Thompson reports in from Asheville, N.C., with a follow-up of another sort: "I recently remarried (for the first and final time). My son Luke flew in from Hollywood to be best man. In addition to my estimable wife Mary, I gained two beautiful daughters, Raphaëlle and Nicole. The wedding became a major event when I coaxed out of semi-retirement four other '68 Gurgles (Grosswinner **Doug Jones**, **Bart Phelps**, **Bobby Wall** and **Curt Waugh**), along with distinguished Gurgle predecessor **Hal Crowther '66** and worthy 'Giggle' successor **Bill Messengale '71**. No wives were snaked, no lunch was lost, but one, maybe two but no more, buckets of bevo and champagne were consumed. Even after all these years, nobody was denying anything."

The *Jackson Hole News* published the important news that "Jackson resident **Bruce Simon** recently received a Tag and Release Certificate from the Pacific Halibut Commission for the successful capture of a 230-pound halibut in Gambier Bay on Admiralty Islands, near Juneau, Alaska. The fish measured 765 inches and put up a 45-minute fight on 80-lb. tackle." Bruce writes around the margin of the clipping that "while most classmates send news of their climb to CEO, CFO, Board President, Honorary Degree recipient, I send news of a big fish! However, I do have my share of management responsibilities with ownership of five different real-estate-related companies in Jackson Hole." [Class notes welcomes news of all big fish, literal or figurative.]

Other media attention goes to **Dave Strong**. A lengthy profile in the *New Paltz (NY) Herald* features Dave and his wife, **Laura Zeisel** - a town councilman and a village trustee, respectively. The article begins with their college days ("enveloped by the prestigious walls of Williams College") and follows them through a long career of social activism, in later years with special emphasis on local environmental concerns. Dave is also a teacher at the Division for Youth