

Chick Tucker oriented Bill into crew parentdom. Bill says, "It's all new to me, as well as Cam, and in typical Williams style, everyone has fun and wins too!"

Bryan Hickman launched a new company last summer, Leadership & Productivity, LLC, to help improve these issues in small and medium-size businesses. Suzanne and **Harry Tether** visited Bryan's cottage on the Finger Lakes last summer. Bryan says all is well with the Tethers. Chase Bank provides Harry with five weeks of vacation and lots of travel to Paris and the Caribbean. **Andy Cadot** has been appointed by the Maine governor and confirmed by the State Senate, to be a member of the Board of Environmental Protection. Otherwise, Andy and Lindsey have been paddling kayaks on lakes and seas in the region.

Rob Hammell was featured in the *Washington Business Journal* for his accomplishments as managing principal and vice president of URS Greiner. The firm is the second-largest architectural and engineering group in the U.S., with 68 offices and 3,075 employees. **Steve Watson** was named last summer to head the retail chain, Gander Mountain. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of Shopko, a 130-store chain with locations stretching from the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest. That's it for now.

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Reminder: Our 30th Reunion is in June. Join us for a great weekend! **Henry Hecht** says he's looking forward to it. Watch out if he starts asking you questions. In the past year, he has published three texts: *Effective Depositions*, a hardcover book from the American Bar Association, and two multi-media CD-ROMs on the same topic, from the Practising Law Institute.

Bill Calfee who joined Cliffs Inc., a Cleveland minerals business, right after the Navy in 1971, was promoted to executive vice president/commercial last summer. He's responsible for iron ore sales, the reduced-iron business and a company-owned mine operation. **Spencer Beebe**, president of Ecorust in Portland, reports that his organization and Chicago's Shorebank Corp. have just opened Shorebank Pacific. "We will translate your FDIC 'ecodeposit' into loans for businesses that save energy, reduce waste, improve land use, etc. Cool. **Herzog** thinks it's okay too."

Setting sail again is **Ron Toschko**: "Having commissioned a relatively small steel boat to be built, and invested two years of intense preparation, my British physician wife, our three children and I will be sailing down the east coast of South America to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, thence around Cape Horn and across the 500-plus miles of Drake's Passage to Antarctica, where we will explore and, if all

goes well, celebrate with gusto the new millennium. Thence back across Drake's Passage and up the west coast of South America, eventually circumnavigating that continent, returning a year after our departure." (Long journeys make for long sentences.) Not yet, though, for Ron also says he's looking forward to the June reunion.

Still in foreign territory, *New York Times* Op-Ed columnist, Thomas L. Friedman, cites **Jim Lowenthal** as a "one-man American Foreign Legion." He continues: "Once an AID official in Morocco, Mr. Lowenthal started his own communications firm which is now the largest Internet service provider in Morocco. Recently, US AID asked him to help set up Internet nodes throughout French-speaking sub-Saharan Africa, so that from any village in Mali or Rwanda you could make a local call and get on the World Wide Web." (You can check it out yourself, at www.mtds.com.)

Christopher Owens reports "a major career move, but very exciting," into a role as COO of a new private venture-capital firm. "My significant Williams involvement has been as an executive committee member of the Williams Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Network of the Society of Alumni. Last year, I served as membership chair when we published our first directory."

Having trouble understanding the current President of the United States? I recommend *First in His Class*, a fascinating biography of Bill Clinton up until the time he announced for president, by David Maraniss. Among the sources quoted are **David Schulte**, the late **Tom Bell**, and **Bill Coleman** '70.

I spent a stimulating two hours recently with Los Angeles architect **Barton Phelps**, including a half hour at his current project, the renovation of Royce Hall, the signature building of the UCLA campus. Barton is provocative and thoughtful on the subject of campus design.

President **Barton Jones** represented the class at the official beginning of an endowment for which a big part of our 25th Reunion class gift was earmarked. His report: "Sterling Lloyd and his colleagues arranged a tremendous weekend celebrating the life of **Sterling A. Brown** '22 in Washington, D.C. I witnessed this phenomenal review of Brown's poetry, intellect and contribution to the identity of the Afro-American community and American culture in general. The Class of '68 has made a valuable contribution to efforts to promote cultural dignity and understanding through our contribution to the Sterling A. Brown Visiting Professorship at Williams."

Finally, this obituary, excerpted from comments submitted by **Jim Thompson**: Competition for Grosswinner among the Class of '68 cannot have been close. **Doug Jones**, whose college career exemplified joyful dissolution and an endless (and successful) pursuit of the fair sex, had no real rivals. When Doug died Oct. 11, 1997, at his home, *Casa Iguala*,

in Yelapa, Mexico, less than a week after his 51st birthday, he had to the end retained his youthful exuberance, zest for life and quest for personal freedom that characterized his undergraduate days. Doug's solution to the Vietnam dilemma was to spend the summer of 1967 in Harlem working for VISTA, and on a fast track to the Peace Corps which sent him to shepherd a troop of Boy Scouts for two years in El Salvador. (Doug had been an Eagle Scout himself.) The rest of his life was peripatetic and picaresque. His adventures were extreme, entertaining and often abortive. Having successfully exorcised all middle-class ambitions and pretensions, Doug concentrated on long and short-term employment that would allow him as much time as possible in the great outdoors.

A postcard writer without equal, Doug hoped one day to publish some fiction. He loved all women, and in the end, only one. After a painful bout with colon cancer, he rejected medical advice urging yet another extended sequence of chemotherapy and x-rays. The cancer metastasized and went after his liver, a heroic organ if ever there was one. As Doug lost weight, he became more essential, almost exalted, with a courtly grace and dignified civility. He knew where he wanted to rest. His Yelapa gravestone, which he hoped friends will visit, reads, "Lived, Loved and Died in Paradise." He is survived by his wife, April Jones, four children and two stepchildren.

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Wow! Forget Harvard-Yale. This game was the game. Apply all the clichés you want, they'll fit. However you describe it, the '97 Amherst game was one you had to see to believe. (The tape is coming.) Class Agent **Terry Palmer** was one of several '69ers who witnessed this miracle finish game, along with **Bob Quinn**, **Rob Brokaw**, **Bill Conrad**, **Chip Broadhurst**, **Bill Oliver**, **John Halkrooks**, **Geoff Wickwire**, **Tom Palmer**, **Mike Goodbody** and your humble class scribe. Terry also renewed friendships with '68ers **Trav Auburn**, **Ned Williams**, and the inimitable Coach Red of Berkshire House intramural hockey team fame, Dr. **Mark Donovan** '68. **Lee Griffith** was at the Log post-game with a terrific-looking Golden Retriever, not his, he claims, but his friend's.

Agent Palmer urges us to "keep your checks, pledges, and gifts of appreciated stock coming in - we're trying for a new class record gift to the Alumni Fund." Speaking of fund-raising, spotted at a recent Palmer-convened phonathon in Boston were **Glenn Shoaley**, **Dick Palmert**, and **Dan Cianfarini**. The game was a highlight for many that weren't there. **Gordie Bryson** from Hawaii wrote that "My former assistant Greg Schneider, Amherst '95, returned to his Alma Mater

to get his heart broken. One of my other assistants, **Tom Goodspeed** '86 and I have been torturing Jordan Hayslip, Amherst '93, about the game. "Gordie says he is 'doing well, had a good time coaching this year, and the family is fine.'"

Earl White in Wilmington, Del., "saw several area alumni at the game telecast. The waves of emotion were incredible." Among those present were **Gerry Kelly** '79 and **Bob Glen** '79, along with several parents of students and alum families. "Earl is doing substance abuse counseling for a nationally recognized treatment program, the CREST Outreach Center, televised on ABC news this past spring. He and wife, Mary, recently visited Williamstown."

Paul Stach "misses the game, but loved the result. Same day saw watching our son, Justin, and his Potchick School water polo team finish third in the New England. Very proud of this kid. Daughter, Jennifer, is at Roanoke College as sophomore, class of 2000. Boy are we old. Met up with **Sandy Smith** in Boston. His consulting firm and our money management firm will probably do some business together. He's still too tall. Last note: The letter from Terry Palmer was the most refreshing and enjoyable infomercial on Williams that I have ever read. Having just filled out the pledge envelope, it obviously worked."

The high-school soccer dynasty continues in Albuquerque, with **Jorge Tristani** winning his fifth straight New Mexico State Championship in varsity soccer at St. Pius X High School with a 22-1 record. Team "got ranked fifth nationally in the Nov. 12, 1997, edition of *USA Today*." Jorge also says his "sister, Gloria, was just sworn in by a high-school classmate of mine, VP Al Gore, as a new commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission."

Rev. **Chris Kinnell** in Bridgeport, N.Y., "met **Herb Shultz** '67 and **John Olmstead** '67 at the fall gala for **Lane Faison**. It turns out that these former Fort Hoosac brothers have now become real brothers in our Christian faith." From the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area comes greetings from **Jim Azumeno**, who is "staying busy with a few community health projects." Jim is working on a Kellogg Foundation grant for a bicultural, bilingual Hispanic health agency and is completing a community fund-raising project to construct a dialysis wing at Hood River Memorial Hospital. "Passing through the National Scenic Area? For local hospitality to Ephobias, call 541-387-2868."

Long absent from this space, **Chuck Collins** wrote: "Just wanted to say hello, Paula and I are experiencing empty nest syndrome. We are still out here on the west coast (San Francisco) and love visitors." **Richard Whitten-Stovall**, M.D., gave himself an unusual 50th birthday gift. "I am quitting my job as medical director of Gracie Square Outpatient Clinic and going into research." From Towson, Md., **Ruby Spraycar** writes about his "family without Williams legacies." Daugh-

24, 1997, *Wellesley Townsman* newspaper article about the formation of a small bank in Newton, Mass., called Middlesex Bank and Trust. Jim joined Middlesex after 27 years at a large regional bank and he sounds happy in his new role as a large fish in a small pond.

The Jan. 26 issue of *Baron's* had a photograph and extensive interview with David Testa. The flattering piece described David's career path which has culminated in being named chief investment officer at T. Rowe Price, the giant investment company and mutual fund complex located in Baltimore.

The return letters from classmates generated several recommended books some of which are *The Coming Plague*, *Metaphor and Memory*, *The Perfect Storm*, *The Horse Whisperer*, *Balkan Ghosts*, and *God Has Ninety-Nine Names*. To that list I add my favorites: *Katherine Graham - A Biography*, *A Fine Balance* by Rohan Mistry and *Guns, Germs and Steel* by anthropologist Jared Diamond. Many thanks to those classmates who responded to my news pleas and I gently remind all readers to note and use my email address.

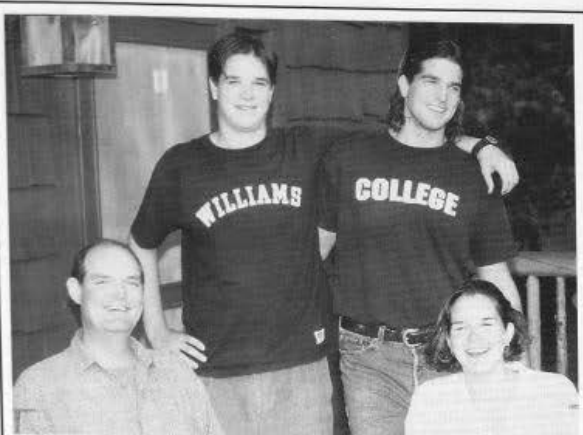
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The combination of email and notes on fundraising envelopes has provided news about many classmates. **Grigs Markham** reports that he and Pat have been rebuilding and running, since 1993, the Windham Hill Inn in West Townsend, Vt. They love it there. The location provides easy access to visit their daughter, Robyn, who is in the Class of '99 at Williams and also to visit Whitney at Skidmore (Class of '02). Grigs reports that the "new campus" (it was new in '66) "has mellowed quite a bit since then." He promises to lay out the red carpet for any classmates who might find themselves straying a little north on their next trip to Williamstown up to West Townsend.

Email has also informed me that **Tom Gunn**, with his family, has just returned from a six-month tour as director of operations for Fresenius Medical Care in Mexico. He returned to Plantation, Fla., where he is regional sales manager. "Mexico City is terrific and the people and their history are fascinating. We will miss them. Our new address and data are: 11920 NW 27th Street, Plantation, Fla. 33323. Phone: (954) 916-5114 and email at tomgunn@bellsouth.net."

Peter Hoyt reports (through email) that in September 1996 he and his family moved to London where he is director for Gensler, the largest architecture and interior design firm in the world. Just before Christmas '97, Peter and Fran moved to a new mews house just off Portobello Road in central London - "it is quite a change from 1.5 acres in



A reunion all in the family of Jake Taylor '67 (front left), with Lizz '98, Stephen '01 (back left), and Peter '95.

Princeton! The street market is just outside our mews and it is a very funky neighborhood. More like the London version of Greenwich Village." Peter's daughters, Kate and Beth, visited London for the holidays. The older, Kate, is finishing a Masters in social work at Washington U. in St. Louis, and Beth is a "second year person" at Williams and loving it.

Lois and **Terry Irwin** reported through an email Christmas card: "For those of you in the northern hemisphere, I merely want you to think of Lois and me walking on our beach on Christmas morning while you people shiver in the cold and snow." Perhaps as Terry and Lois read this, we are on our beaches.

Bill Ewen reports that he is busy in his 30th year of teaching and coaching at Hopkins School in New Haven, Conn. At the time he sent the note, he was gearing up to spearhead "our church's outreach in Project Angel Tree - a nationwide project to provide presents for children of prisoners at Christmastime in the name of Jesus on behalf of the parent in prison." **Marty McLean** hits close to home: "I must be getting old. I just became a grandfather, and am planning to retire from the Foreign Service next year. In my current assignment, I inspect embassies overseas." In this capacity, he recently visited **Kevin Brown** in Rangoon.

Charles Debevoise has spent the last twelve years in Manhattan handling real estate/venture capital investments for a Greek shipping family. His oldest son, Marc, is a senior at Tufts where he is president of his fraternity (they still have those?) and plays on the varsity basketball team. His younger son, Aaron, will attend Williams in the fall. **Alan Pearlman** gives the following tribute: "Saddened by recent death of Coach Muir from whom I learned a great deal about hard work, attention to detail and focus."

Tom Anathan checks in from Hartford that he is doing well, notwithstanding another busy year. His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, is doing her second semester junior year abroad in Cork, Ireland. I highly recommend a visit. Tom invites anyone coming through Hartford to give him a call. **Jody Dobson** has moved back to Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia) where he remarried this spring and set himself up as an independent educational counselor/advisor. Good luck,

David B. Young reports from Austin, Texas, where is of-counsel to a law firm, that he received an award for the Outstanding CLE Article in 1997 presented by the College of the State Bar of Texas.

Finally, Teddy and I passed a seemingly lackluster (but warm) winter in Charleston after spending a week at Christmas in Paris with our four children. As delightful as they are, I am accustomed to my life without them in the house.

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Rena and Ed Wing, after 20 years in Pittsburgh, Pa., are moving to Providence, R.I., where he will be the Chairman of Medicine at Brown University School of Medicine. Rena will be professor of psychiatry. The move has been totally discombobulating for them. Ed says that **Bob Bahr**, who is an ophthalmologist in Providence, has been a great help in making the transition.

George Malnati, who has been enjoying another beautiful Georgia winter, says, "Life rolls on." His daughter, Melissa is graduating from Drew University in New Jersey. He has remarried again. He and his wife Sarah have a 6-year-old girl, **Avary**. **Dave Saylor** is reliving his Williams years very happily through his daughter, **Tracy** '99. He writes that she seems to be having a terrific time serving as a JA, women's rugby captain and planning on a legal career. Daughter Elizabeth graduated in 1997 from Northwestern and is working on a master's at Johns Hopkins, while holding down a day job as a psychology researcher at Baltimore's Kennedy-Krieger Institute. His son, Scott, is a high school senior, active in swimming, diving and theater. Wife Jinny serves on a wide variety of volunteer boards and community service organizations. Dave practices antitrust and communications law at Hogan & Hartman in Washington, D.C. **Gardie Gillespie** is one of his partners. Dave and Jinny had a nice evening with Paula and **Warren Suss** when they were down from Philadelphia.

Brian Murphy reports a lousy El Niño-driven winter in San Francisco with solid rains. On the good side, **Lenny Goldberg**

and he enjoyed their 11th year of sharing a ski cabin in Soda Springs and taking their families into the back country. Brian had lunch with **Burt Cohen** '68 a couple of months ago, the first time they had seen each other in 30 years. **Bob Tyre** recently had a Williams dinner party with the **Botts**, **Hufnagels**, and **Haacks**. Otherwise he and Meg are working hard but finding time for fun and travel.

Sally and **Ted McPherson** traveled to China and Argentina recently. Their daughter, **Beth** '96, ran the marathon and works in sports marketing in N.Y.C. Their son, **Edward** '99, celebrated his 21st birthday in Williamstown with them and many of his friends. Ted recently spoke about his company, Intersolve Group, to MBA students at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business. **Mark Piechota** has become a serious practitioner of yoga since reunion. He has taken instructions from the Kripalu Institute in Lenox, Mass., and found the yoga to be energizing and spiritually grounding.

William Woodworth's younger son's first book arrived from the publisher in early February. He is eighteen, and speaks of "having wasted so much time." Also that month their older boy headed out for a semester Down Under at the University of Wollongong. "Dad is green with envy." William joined **Gregg Meister** and **Peter Hassinger** for lunch in mid-February.

Harry Tether, **Bryan Hickman**, **Bob Ingalls**, **Terry Sands** and their spouses got together this winter for a New England ski weekend. Harry writes, "Some rare, almost perfect ski conditions and time to chat on those slow ski lifts encouraged us to think about making it a long weekend next time."

Leonard "Sandy" Spector has been appointed by President Clinton to head the Office of Arms Control and Non-Proliferation at the U.S. Dept. of Energy. **Bill McClung** is still chair of the math/computer science department at Nebraska Wesleyan University. His wife, **Hannah Jo**, is a doctoral student in voice at the University of Nebraska downtown. Their sons Andrew, 10, and Charles, 7, are doing well in school and headed for Williams, Bill hopes.

That's a wrap for this edition. See you next issue.

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Mention of **Spencer Beebe** pops up in *American Forests* magazine. A professor at Colorado College describes encountering a student in his course on sustainable economics and ecology who was "way good." It turned out to be Spencer's son, Sam, which gives the professor enough reason to launch into an article on Spencer and his Ecotrust, an environmentally-oriented development fund.

Checking in after a six-month working holiday in Australia is **Rob Bradley**: "We were on Mornington Island, situated in the Gulf of Carpentaria above Queensland. I was the medical superintendent of a remote, five-bed hospital serving 1100 aborigines. I was the only doc and 300 miles from the nearest referral hospital. It was an excellent cultural experience and adventure."

Curt Tyler says he was elected to the county council in 1996. "Hard work, but love it" is his total report, so we assume that the position is indeed time-consuming.

Tod Hamachek was featured, complete with photograph, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in the article, "University Presidents Increasingly Rely on Advisory Groups of Business Leaders." Tod is a trustee at Williams and a member of the Kitchen Cabinet at Washington State University, a group of 19 Seattle CEOs who are both advisors and fundraisers for WSU's president.

From **Arthur Cambouris** and **Glenn Warren** comes news of **Bob Claridge's** death. From Arthur: "Bob and I met at Williams. The fact that both of us grew up in Queens – the only N.Y.C. borough without any personality – meant an instant bond between us. In the early '70s we travelled up the Pacific Coast and across Canada, and ended up working together in N.Y. City's Legal Aid Society." In recent years Bob was a litigation attorney in the Schenectady area. He died of pancreatic cancer, and Glenn adds, "He maintained as normal a life as possible while undergoing chemotherapy and continued working into December, when he went downhill rapidly. He endured with incredible dignity, concentrating on his friends and family, and never displaying anger at the unfairness of his predicament." Memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund for his children: The Jacob and Daniel Claridge Education Fund; c/o Legal Dept. at The Golub Group; 501 Duaneburg Road; Schenectady, N.Y. 12306.

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Catching up with correspondence that missed prior deadlines includes a note from **Dr. Chip Bolman** from Minneapolis: "Things are good here. Passed the big 50 last year and now have new worries – thinning hair, reading glasses, etc. I have two daughters at St. Paul Academy, both involved in sports. My wife works with me at the university, directing the residency in cardiovascular surgery. Life gives – great family – and takes – youngest sister to breast cancer, age 45. We are now becoming the older generation. I hope we handle it with the grace and generosity of our forebearers."

Chris Kinnell in Bridgeport N.Y., says that on a "recent trip to Williamstown to drop off our son, Brendan '00, we found our future career. We plan to work

at the information booth at the rotary." A great stop by the way, whenever you're in town. From **Mark Dempsey** in Rio Linda, Calif., "I understand that after years of begging for column material, the experience of having unsolicited communication might be a shock. (Yes!) Nevertheless, all you need to know about me: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Senate/1059>. Let's get this Class into the 20th century. How about a web page?" Not a bad idea, although it might crimp the class notes over time. Any takers to build the website?

Former vintner **David Tower**, who lives about four blocks from me, sends greetings from a "lost" classmate. "I switched from teaching in East Boston to teaching science at Rockport (Mass.) High School. I have been there for the last three years. Not much pay for all my efforts, but I love it. Both the school and community are a great match for me. After our kids are through the Melrose schools, we hope to relocate there. Otherwise, we are growing older as we must and our kids are growing up as they should!"

Out in the heartland, **Henry Walker** in Grinnell, Iowa, has been one busy guy, participating in conferences on the uses of computers in education in Sweden last June, working as secretary/treasurer of the Special Interest Group in Computers in Science Education, and serving as deputy from the diocese of Iowa to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church last July in Philadelphia. He also worked on several projects to help high school teachers improve their computer science courses. Henry says he doesn't see too many Williams grads, and encourages calls from those passing through Iowa.

Bill Hoffman was kind enough again to send along his annual family letter, mentioning several family transitions. Bill's wife, Marie, went back to work after a 17-year hiatus, as a part-time administrator of a research project on gender issues in economic development for the International Food Policy Research Institute. Daughter Kathryn is in her first year at Duke; son Matthew is a freshman at the Lab School in D.C.; and daughter Teri is a fourth grader. Bill continues his work as chief counsel at the Treasury Department, office of foreign assets control.

Sandy Smith and wife Sally sent their Christmas letter, eloquently written by Sally, detailing family trials and transitions. Both are well, with Sandy coaching two soccer teams, serving on the Church vestry and on the Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund Board. Sally is teaching voice at Wellesley College. Last summer the family took a vacation at a dude ranch in southwestern Colorado, then went to Telluride where they spent the night with **Hill Hastings** '70.

Jack Jacobs and **Fletcher Clark** in Austin, Texas, are moving along in their new business. Fletch says "we have been issued our utility patent on the innovative design for our wheelchair and have

hired a development engineer to do prototypes for us. Our intention is to focus on our strength – marketing – and outsource the manufacturing. We are starting to plan our distribution strategy, and hope to enter the market in the third quarter this year. If there are any Ephmen/women out there in the durable home medical equipment business, please contact me. We need all the help we can get!"

While working on the new business, Jack is still "traveling quite a lot. That's presumably the sign of a successful consulting practice. I'm really looking forward, however, to the day when I can ship wheelchairs instead of shipping myself to earn income!! Jack says **Eric Durant** is back in New York, as investor relations director for Bankers Trust. Eric had been the IR director at Bank of America in San Francisco. "I speak with Eric every few months. Our recent chat found him in very good spirits and enjoying his work."

Don Spaeth "at age 50 decided it was time to sell all remaining assets and move to Maine to teach senior English and run a skills department. I don't think we own anything now, but teaching is wonderful." Don says wife Pam will be receiving her third black belt in karate in May – "a feat not too many 44-year-old women accomplish. Daughter Carey is at Hyde School in Connecticut, son Tim is a sixth grader in Bath school preparing for any upcoming exchange program in Japan."

More recent submissions include one from attorney **David Grant**, who sends greetings from the Pacific Northwest – "the only place in the continental U.S. where the 11 p.m. weather report warns you about the possibility of 'sun breaks.' Being a chronic malcontent – or genetically peripatetic – I have once again changed jobs, and am now working in the tax department at Deloitte & Touche, a big six (five? four? I guess it depends which week you're counting) accounting firm. The work is as stimulating as something you've done for 24 years can reasonably be expected to be and helps to defray the not insubstantial expense of maintaining a child at dear old Williams. Daughter Samantha is a first year student and appears to be having a good experience so far. She swims on the women's team, is a staff photographer for the *Williams Record*, and participates on a regular basis in swing dancing, which she assures me is a clean and wholesome activity."

And in a personal note to the class scribe, exhibiting humor not normally found in attorney-types, David writes, "I appreciate your persistence in attempting to drag something memorable from those members of the class of '69 still possessing higher brain functions, and will write again as soon as they bring me fresh crayons."

Like many of us, **Sal Mollica** and wife Mary Beth are "excited about the latest adventures of our children. Son Mark is currently in Western Samoa for a semes-

ter abroad before graduating in June. He expects to advance his interests in marine biology and anthropology." Sal says he is still interested in his work, now focused on Latin America with Citibank's Private Bank.

Up in Midland, Mich., **John Zimmerman** finds he's "enjoyed getting newsletters from Williams' ramped-up wrestling program, but don't expect me to show up for the alumni match. My sporting passion of the last dozen years, and for the rest of my life, is curling. My wife, Pat, and I took it up in Wisconsin. We are social curlers more than competitive, but I did try out for the Olympics last spring when our club hosted the Great Lakes regional playdowns. And last month I celebrated my 50th birthday by winning a bonspiel (curling match)."

Two classmates will have sons entering the Ephs Class of 2002. **Tom Howell** in Nashville says stepson Cameron Weil has been accepted early admissions for next fall, and **David Connard** says son number two, Benjamin, also enters at the same time.

Herb Ogden "continues to enjoy small-state, small-firm lawyering in Rutland, Vt., though I wish the work was less pressing. Losing a partner to death in 1995 and an associate to northwest Pennsylvania has left me unable to take more than four consecutive days vacation since the summer of 1995. This has to stop!"

And from the peaks of Denver, **Wes Howard** writes that "Class Agent **Terry Palmer** made me an offer I couldn't refuse, a case of beer, if I got all 15 classmates on my alumni fund list to donate. Either talk is deceptively cheap or I am on my way to a case of Fat Tire (brewed in Ft. Collins, Colo.), because I'm nine for nine in pledges from the far-flung classmates I've reached including **Bob Hallem**, Santa Monica software entrepreneur; **Earl White**, substance abuse counselor in Delaware; **Paul Thayer**, Colorado State program director; and **Paul Harsch III**, Williamstown real estate power broker. Me, I'm just here on my three-legged stool: family, business litigation, soccer." We'll report next time if Attorney Wes won his case, so to speak.

Paul Stach from Little Silver, N.J., "was very impressed with Terry Palmer's letter of September 1997. It was a refreshing and welcome overview of the 'new' Williams. Unfortunately the euphoria lasted long enough to allow a check to be written." Paul changed jobs five years ago, to the asset management business and it was "the best career move I ever made." He is now an owner of the largest private firm in the Garden State, with some \$6 billion under management. He's "still living in the same house after 21 years. Inertia is a powerful force when it comes to moving residences. Am currently building a home in Florida and would love to live six months or more there if for no other reason than the state taxes." Paul's son, Justin, is at Hotchkiss; daughter Jennifer at Roanoke College."

union with Naomi and Brian Ingalls, Susanne and Harry Tetler and Beth and Brian Hickman at Sunapee, N.H., last February. They stayed at Harry's condominium. Terry did run in his seventh Boston Marathon in April, continuing his mid-life crisis.

Tucker Harrison's son graduated from Colorado College this past spring. His daughter enters her junior year in art college, probably in Ireland. He writes, "Soon they will be off the payroll! My house is on the market, and the countdown to semi-retirement and lots more windsurfing has begun...it's time to play!"

Bruce Kraig's son **Christopher** graduated from Williams in June. He says, "It is with great sadness that we see him go. He's had a great time, and it has been an opportunity for me to almost go back in time and enjoy another four years at Williams."

Liz and Van Hawn are still inhabiting Minnesota year round and would welcome visitors. Their son Ben graduated from Hamilton in May and their daughter Amanda is halfway through Princeton. They are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Lee Haynes continues his day job as an internist in Bar Harbor. He and his life-partner Dee live in the woods with solar panels and wood stoves. All their "non-mutual" children are up and gone. They have a 5-year old foster child, who has been with them about a year and maybe long term. They have also become music promoters putting on several shows each summer by wonderful Americana artists usually from Austin, Texas, their spiritual home.

Peter Krause's son Peter will be a freshman and his daughter Rebecca, a senior at Williams this fall. He writes, "My wife and I feel very blessed." **Jim Allen** is also sending a son (Will) off to Williams this fall, Class of 2002. Otherwise he has been getting more involved in biking. They had a great trip to Tuscany last fall and are planning a trip with "Bacuroada" in Vermont next September.

After managing some visitations to his Mexican condo over the winter, **Tom Mahler** was also able to find a few days for fly fishing in rustic rivers in the Southwest this past spring. The summer plan is to partner with your secretary for some fly fishing forays into Wisconsin on days we can swing it after work. Tom is head of the legal department for Analysts International, a high flying computer consulting firm in Minneapolis.

Lyn Comfort has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees, American Foundation for the Blind. (Unfortunately the Newport, R.I., newspaper that announced the election had as its headline, "Businesswoman Elected Chairman of the Board." So it goes....) Lyn is president of the Lyncean Company, Inc., a real estate investment and consulting firm based in Newport. Since 1993, Lyn has served as a sighted guide for Sall Blind, a Boston-based organization for blind racing sailors. He also

owns Music Hall Café in Newport.

Your secretary, in one of my roles as a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, spent an interesting couple of weeks in May at USCNCPC in Hawaii. This is the Headquarters for all U.S. forces in the Pacific. I am chief of the Logistics Readiness Center there. In another role I have been elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Minneapolis. Together with St. Paul it is the fourth largest United Way in the country. Meanwhile I continue manufacturing truck equipment.

That's it for this issue. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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A splendid June graduation for the class of '98 included nine children of '68: **Joshua Allen, Christina Eide, Langley Eide, Jeff Gould, Elizabeth Lambert, Brendon Shapiro, Jill Strassburger, John Untereker and Rebecca Wasserman.** One week later, more than 60 members of our own class returned for the 30th Reunion. Rain wiped out some golf and tennis and moved dinner into the hockey rink, but did not dampen the fun.

Skip Edwards and Jim Lowenthal were returning for the first time with Jim coming from Morocco. Preceding this trip was a favorable notice of his work in the January *Wired* magazine and a May 5 *New York Times* column by Thomas Friedman devoted almost entirely to Jim's view of African development.

In a special event of the Reunion Weekend, 21 class members gathered Saturday afternoon to discuss career changes. Some changes were new paths, some detours, but clearly many members of '68 are on something other than a straight-line course these days.

We can't list all the attendees and family members at the Reunion, but here's some news about a few, including some of those changes: **Ross Anthony** is with the Rand Corp.'s study of military health systems. He says he has learned more than he ever expected to know about topics like biochemical warfare, and has directed the publication of 11 books as part of the project. **Robert Herzog** is an information technology consultant and writer, and surmises that one publication acceptance would push him into full-time writing. Already in a new field is **Tom Pierce**, who has left radio and is now in marketing with BankNorth Group.

Clint Wilkins will be moving to be the first headmaster of a new school in Newport Beach, Calif. The school will emphasize some issues not ordinarily thought of as Orange County naturals, including the Pacific Rim community, diversity of students and community service. **Henry Hecht** is taking a one month detour. Last issue's class notes described

his recent publications about negotiation. In January, he'll turn that work into a Winter Study Program course for Williams students.

A special Reunion attendee was **Gretchen Bell**, wife of the late **Tom Bell** and now an honorary member of the Alumni Society herself. She even sat through the long Saturday morning meeting of the Society, which is more than **Herzog, Cambeur** and **Heller** can say. All of us were delighted that she was able to join us for the weekend.

Democracy was put to the test at a class meeting at 8:15 a.m., Saturday. New class officers are: **Tom Nicholson**, president; **Bill Shapiro** and **Tad Piper**, vice presidents; **Bob Scott**, treasurer. Your secretary was reelected to that job, apparently until he gets it right. **Ross Anthony** will be the new class agent for the Alumni Fund. Special thanks from all of us are owed to **Barton Jones**, class president, and **Mark Pearlman**, class agent for the past five years. In addition, a tip of the college hat to **Dave Marcello** as he rotates off the executive board of the Alumni Society. **Barton Jones** remains a member of that board.

A letter from **Bill Whitman** apologizes for missing the Reunion, and a career change is the reason. After 25 years in advertising and a home in Evanston, Ill., he and Judy are moving to Bethlehem, N.H., where they will operate a country inn named *Adair*. (Check out www.adairinn.com) Bill's letter mentions "a wide range of emotions: sadness at leaving, elation over starting a new career, fear of failing as innkeepers, excitement over pursuing our passions of food and gardening, comfort of staying put in Evanston, challenge of starting something new"—all the same conflicting thoughts that those at the Reunion were discussing as well.

Finally, an email from Miami attorney **Bruce Berman** also regrets missing Reunion. West Group has just published his *Florida Civil Procedure*, the result of four years of intensive research and writing. It is touted as the definitive and essential work in that subject. Bruce regrets only that it is not the great American novel.

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From **Bob Grace** comes good news that "the last few years have been a bit of a challenge, but I'm happy to say that I recovered completely from my stroke in '96 and subsequent heart surgery. Both of my daughters are now off on their own. While I feel a bit empty nested at times, it has been good to have the time to pursue my own interests and to visit my son occasionally at Vassar where he has been pursuing his interests in theater and acting."

From yet another author in the class: **Richard Brockman**, M.D. in N.Y.C., wrote to tell us he has written a book, *A Map*

of the Mind: Tools and Science of Psychotherapy, published in June by Psychosocial Press.

Also from New York, attorney **Craig Walker** says he and a fellow attorney were selected for the same jury duty. "Usually I am in court as the trial lawyer but now our exemption is gone and, like other citizens, I was called to serve on a grand jury where I saw **Greg Marks** who was picked for the same 30-day duty. Unfortunately since 13 grand juries were picked, we did not get the same one."

News from **Brendan Burns** in Connecticut is the graduation of daughter **Andrea** from Williams this year. "Her four years have shown the greatness of the College. She had a great experience and is proud of her achievements. It is also an achievement to send my last tuition check."

Dan Cianfarini in Boston has another '69er offspring at Williams. "With daughter **Julia** now a member of the Class of 2001, **Margaret** and I made a number of trips to Williamstown during the past year—mostly for women's rugby and women's softball. Always a delight to go back, but even more now."

Colorado barrister **Wes Howard** says "Spring of 1998 finds Wes actively preparing for the millennium by studying and writing about 'Y2K,' also known as the Commercial Litigator's Relief Act. He does this in between soccer matches."

In the category of new experiences, **Rev. Chris Kinnell** said "I realized it will be nine more years until our youngest goes to her junior prom. This year our oldest daughter went to her prom and gave her dad a good case of 'Hey, that one is my daughter'."

Paul Kessler says he's "never been happier. Am finally living my life as and where I want. Moved to LA and love it here. Have been acting professionally for four years and making a living, albeit at the poverty level."

Houston die-hard **Larry McCullough** writes to say he spent some time in May with Paula and **Chuck Collins** in San Francisco, visiting the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (where Chuck is a trustee), having dinner and seeing other sites as well. "Chuck and Paula have a number of major development projects going, including a blues club and entertainment complex, an entertainment center in Yerba Buena Gardens in the heart of downtown, and a high-rise apartment-hotel building."

As for Larry, he with two colleagues just published the first textbook on ethics in surgery and a book on John Gregory, who invented medical ethics 200 years ago. "My next big project is to edit, with **Bob Baker**, professor of philosophy at Union College, a history of medical ethics over the next four years. Teaching continues in the hospitals and outpatient settings of my medical school, Baylor College of Medicine. I focus on the ethical challenges of managed care, so that our students and residents will practice medicine with moral and intellectual integrity."

he lives with his wife, Ollis. They are the parents of three daughters." Good luck Dave. Lee Smith and Hal Crowther continue to enlighten and entertain through giving public readings. The reading they were to give at Mary Baldwin College in May was highlighted in the Staunton, Va., paper. It was reported that, "Novelist Lee Smith rarely lets the facts get in the way of a good story. Her husband, syndicated columnist Hal Crowther, rarely keeps an opinion to himself. Together they compose one of the most incongruous one-two punches...in publishing." For the record, the quote is from Associated Press reporter Martha Waggoner, not Jesse Helms.

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Harry Matthews has been working as a professional tour guide in New York for the past two years. Among his notable discoveries in the process is how many teenagers on a class trip can be herded into Trump Towers in a cloudburst (89). His latest products are listed on his Web site: <http://www.panix.com/~matthews/> tours. All queries are welcome. He gives special consideration to Williams grads.

George A. Lee is technology director for a firm in Boston that supplies electrically and thermally conductive sealing compounds to the telecommunications and PC industries. He describes it as a hectic and fast moving environment. He was married last May to Beth Nichols. Joining them at the Boston reception was a Texas contingent of Lisa and Jake Taylor, and Sally and Ted McPherson. Also in attendance were Bonnie and Chris Covington. George observed, "It was good to see that Garfield folks can still rock to Motown."

Marty Samuels reports in with some significant family events. His daughter Marilyn '97 is engaged to Sam Sommers '97 and will be married in Boston next August. Meanwhile his son began a Williams career in September as a newly minted freshman. Marty and Linda look forward to having an excuse to spend four more years visiting the Purple Valley. They also had a nice summer at their place in Cape Porpoise, Maine, near Kennebunkport.

Jon Cannon left the EPA in July to be a visiting professor at the U.Va. Law School for a year. He says, "Having time to teach and reflect outside the Beltway seems the perfect indulgence." He and John Setear '81 will co-teach a course in environmental negotiating and (your secretary thinks the next word written is "drafting").

Charles Ross spent a fortnight in Dublin this past summer visiting in-laws and attending plays and poetry readings in preparation for teaching Modern Irish Lit. at the U. Hartford this fall. He writes, "Despite the Omagh bombing,

there seems a growing belief on all sides in the democratic solution to the "Troubles" and the relationship between Eire and Ulster."

John Schwab has undergone yet another merger as First Chicago NBD has become part of the new Bank One. They will remain in Detroit, and he will continue to be the credit oversight officer for the Midwest. John's son, John, Jr., was married in October in Nashua, N.H. John and Cathy were glad to be in New England in the fall.

Finally in this abbreviated column (you guys have got to do better) - your secretary had a great, albeit brief, visit in August from Neil O'Donnell, his wife Chris and their son Daniel (14). They were making a cross-country car trip visiting as many major league baseball parks and games as they could coordinate along the way to their primary objective, the huge air show in Oshkosh, Wis. (Daniel is a pilot). Your secretary's wife, Winnie, gave Daniel some 1987 World Series Minnesota Twins memorabilia, and he reciprocated by laughing politely at your secretary's jokes. It was a great arrangement. The O'Donnells' daughter Catherine has been accepted by Williams to enter next year's (1999) frosh class. She is taking off a year between now and then to pursue her equestrian interests both working in the stables and riding. Both Neil and Chris are practicing attorneys in the San Francisco Bay Area.

That's a wrap for this issue. Thanks for the news. Please respond to my next appeal.

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Short notes this issue, after the Reunion catch-up last time. Mark Donovan was named vice president of primary care and care management at Seton Health System in Troy.

Peter Abrahams was kind enough to send along his ninth novel, *A Perfect Crime*. The rest of you should pay retail. Among the cover blurbs: "Peter Abrahams is my favorite American suspense novelist, and he's at the top of his game..." - a quotation from no less than Stephen King. My favorite character was the stupid and irrational hired killer, a character projection that would be a challenge for an author from the Williams class of '68. Cable viewers can sometimes catch *The Fan*, starring Robert DeNiro and Wesley Snipes, based on Peter's novel of the same name.

Also noticed in publication recently - a cartoon by David Sipress in the July 20 *New Yorker* showing father and son entering a setting of caged animals, with a sign at the gate saying "The Zoo. A gated community for animals." Layers of social commentary there.

Noticeable soon might be John

Oppenheimer, who spent one day as a walk-on in the filming of an upcoming Woody Allen movie. Look closely, but don't ask for tickets to the premiere. After that, John says, he is about to get serious about regular employment again. He vows that it won't be in the hectic securities trading that his now-closed hedge fund required, but will probably be something in the financial area. He also admits that there was some comfort in not riding in the front car of this summer's stock-market roller coaster.

Among these notes' more faithful respondents in recent years has been Jim Lowenthal, and some of his work as an internet service provider in Morocco had brought published attention to him elsewhere. In June he arranged a trip home to coincide with our Reunion, the first time he had been back to the College since graduation. I am especially sorry, then, to report that Jim died in Morocco in August, suffering a heart attack while playing squash. He is survived by his wife, Hildegard.

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From Bristol, Conn., comes word that California's Jon Petke will be a grandfather by the time these notes see print. Jon's oldest, Nate, expected his first child in August. Any other grandfathers out there? Rich Steinberg in Scarsdale, N.Y., is "pleased and proud to report that my daughter Dana will be among September's incoming class of 2002, demonstrating conclusively that the genes for intelligence flow from the female side of the hereditary equation." Chaiyawat Wibulswasdi is traveling extensively, including Lebanon and Syria, following his departure as head of the Bank of Thailand. Pooh and wife Kung visited Boston recently, and I was lucky enough to spend a delightful evening with them over dinner. We tried to get Sandy Smith as well, but scheduling and weather - a three-day record rainstorm in Boston - were against us.

In San Antonio, Jack Jacobs says his new start-up company, to make a new kind of wheelchair, is going well. "I stay busy between that and running the management consulting firm which makes a profit and pays the bills." Jack is in the new business with Fletcher Clark, a duo that made great music for those of us with long memories.

Terry Palmer had several recent classmate sightings. His former Berkshire housemate Sam Bruskin delivered the keynote address at a summer seminar in Providence hosted by a CPA firm. Terry says that Sam's twin daughters are at Columbia in a special program with the Julliard School of Music and that Sam is active with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Terry also spent some good moments with Yogi Santa Donato and Bob Quinn on the eve of the Alumni Golf

Tourney in Williamstown in July. Yogi and Bob won the third flight, beating President Hank Payne and partner and Mark Donovan and Bob Scott, both '68. Terry played for the first time with Dr. Dick Peinert. "Let me just say Dick makes great Green Mt. Coffee and bacon for breakfast, but he's a few shots shy of making a living on the senior tour." Another sighting by Terry at the alumni golf event: Skip Comstock. From the newspaper files, art expert Tom Krens is back in the news, featured in a Sunday *New York Times* piece in April calling him "A global straddler of the art world." Tom celebrated his tenth anniversary at the Guggenheim in July, heading what, according to the *Times*, "has become the most novel or the most insidious or simply the most baffling museum around." While offering mixed reviews, the article did conclude that "Unlike anyone else, [Krens] has articulated a vision of the art museum in the 21st century that transcends the old parochial model and suits a world of shrinking distances." For a guy that oversees five Guggenheim branches, including Spain, Germany, and Italy, that sounded pretty good to me.

The sports pages of the *Boston Sunday Globe* on Aug. 30 contained the smiling face of Tyler House mate Pete Capodilupo, surrounded by fellow coaches and players as his school, Newton North High, was named recipient of the paper's Dalton Trophy, symbolic of athletic supremacy in some 30 sports. Pete, who teaches and coaches football, has been at the school almost forever.

And from the Alden (N.Y.) Advertiser, Dr. Greg Marks at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, in a national report card on cancer, said "The burden of fear the public has been feeling should begin to lift. Cancer is conquerable and progress is being made." Greg, who went to high school in Alden, has been at the CDC for some 20 years.

Apologies for the brevity of these notes, as the mailing of my quarterly plea for news somehow went awry. Nonetheless, I persevere and make another plea for notes. I promise more next time, but only if you guys write! Stay well and in touch.

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Leading off this time we have Rob Durkee, who has served as executive director of the Cancer Research Institute since 1992. He says he still plays and coaches soccer and currently is feeling especially manly, having just fathered his first child at the age of fifty. "Practice, practice, practice..."

Tom Mace had the fun of visiting Williams in July with his son Tom on a college tour. He says Williams really stood out from the crowd and was particularly