

drive. More details to come from Lance Knox and John Ashton.

Your secretaries wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a new year of health and joy. Our 40th reunion is only one-and-a-half years away. Mark your calendars.

## 1967

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Launching this issue is Andy Binder. His excitement this past summer was watching his daughter's attempt to make the U.S. Olympic team in swimming. Adrienne, 19, completed her freshman year at Auburn University and was part of the Division I NCAA championship team. She finished fourth in the 400 individual medley—not good enough to make the team, but she came close by finishing second in the preliminaries. She is deciding whether she wants to shoot for 2008. Andy gave up his critical care and pulmonary medicine practice and now works exclusively on sleep disorders.

Harry Schooley is in his 33rd year teaching history at Buffalo Seminary. He added AP art history to his already full plate. During a trip in July, he visited Pat and Mark Piechota in Williamstown. Harry and Mark were freshman and sophomore roomies. Harry reports that this year Mark is to assume the jobs of superintendent and principal of Mt. Greylock Regional High School.

Rick Ackerly's daughter Katie '04 was elected to the Sigma Xi national honor scientific research society for scientists and engineers. She was recognized for her outstanding research activities at Williams, particularly for her senior thesis. Katie graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Rick's daughter Brooke '88 is the mother of two girls, ages 1 and 4. Brooke teaches political science at Vanderbilt. Peter, 33, is father of Eli and teaches English to seventh graders in Japan. Lizzie, 26, teaches second grade in the Bay Area. Rick is headmaster of Children's Day School in San Francisco.

Gove Effinger and his wife Alice Dean enjoy teaching at Skidmore. Their son Sean is a junior math major at Princeton. Their daughter Laura is a junior computer science-physics double major at Williams.

John Babington is an administrator in information services and cross-country coach at Wellesley. He enjoys competitive running after 43 years. Last summer he won two gold medals (1500 meters, 400 meters) at the Massachusetts Senior Games.

After 30 years of practicing law, Bill Garth took down his shingle and signed on as a sternman on a lobster skiff in Casco Bay. He describes it: "Hard work hauling traps, great stories and fabulous dinners." He is to self-publish a one-man play dramatizing Cicero's life. In addition, Bill is a director of the local Land Trust, a volunteer at the town beach and a member of the sportsman's club. The Garths moved to Beacon Street in Boston, where they will spend winters. Their son Jesse '03 lives in NYC with classmates. Their daughter Sarah is in college in Maine.

Jack Hunt's daughter Laura '97 is a consultant at Monitor, and her husband Todd Newman is a resident at UCLA. The Hunts' other Williams daughter, Lisa '03, started at University of Texas-San Antonio Medical School last summer. Texas Gov. Rick Perry reappointed Jack to the Texas Water Development Board, where he is vice chairman. He was first appointed more than six years ago by then Gov. George Bush. He had a wonderful experience flying in an F-18 with one of the Blue Angels last summer. He pulled 7.5 gs and went through the equivalent of regular show maneuvers. All is well at King Ranch, with lots of rain, good crops, some commodity prices good; others terrible, etc.

In July, Hank Grass visited his friend Steve Zottoli of the Williams biology department in Woods Hole, Mass., where Zottoli runs a research program for Williams students in the summers. Hank and his wife celebrated their 35th anniversary with an Alaskan cruise. They have new twin grandsons.

Scanlon Gail, in addition to his acting career, has become increasingly involved with Investors Circle. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest investor networks, devoted to sustainability and early stage companies delivering commercial solutions to social and environmental problems. Sara works as an assistant set decorator on feature films. Most recent was a sci-fi movie called *Serenity* from Universal. Scanlon says he and Sara "travel, hike and play and sing lots of music with friends."

Ellen and Jonathan Lovell completed a car trek from the East Coast back to the Bay Area in August. Their route took them through Minneapolis, where they overnighted with Doug "Toot" Tueting and his family. They caught up on the past 40 years or so. Doug stopped by your secretary's office early last summer, and we had a fun visit. He is well, has two sons and is in the process of being reclassified back to the fabulous Class of 1967. In spite of trying to juggle schedules, your secretary and the Lovells were unable to connect during their brief stopover.

Jonathan is doing well following his heart issues late last year.

Your secretary and Winnie are well. We managed a short getaway to France ahead of the busy fall schedule. Winnie, with her partners, is launching a new product nationally called ReServe. It extends the integrity of an open bottle of wine for more than a week. Its initial reviews from wine professionals have been rave. Its initial targets are both the consumer and the hospitality industry. Stay tuned.

That's it for this issue. Have a great holiday season and a terrific New Year.

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## 1968

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Once '68, always '68, from Steve Forrester: "I left our class halfway through sophomore year for the U.S. Marine Corps' year-abroad program in Southeast Asia. As Vietnam has been the tortured discussion of this presidential election, I have reflected considerably on my particular adventure so long ago. No one will write a book about my tour of duty, but it had sobering moments and a rich slice of humanity. I have immense sympathy for men and women who lost part of themselves to that misbegotten war. Reentering domestic, collegiate life in 1968 was a curious, painful, joyous exercise. I subsequently helped start a newspaper in Portland, operated a news bureau on Capitol Hill for 10 years, am president of our family's newspaper group, chairman of the Oregon Arts Commission and president of a nonprofit that is restoring a historic theater in Astoria. My wife and I have two children."

Doug Ebert reports on a second career after 34 years in banking. He is now chief operating officer at Cranbrook Educational Community, a nonprofit that operates a pre-K through 12th-grade private school with 1,600 students, a graduate school of art, architecture and design, and a museum of natural history and science. He says, "I run all the support areas, such as HR, IT, finance, operations as well as an investment portfolio in excess of one-quarter billion dollars. For a second career this is a lot of fun, which it should be!"

Retired Navy Chaplain Vic Smith follows up with related work: "I currently subcontract to help put together next year's training course for Navy chaplains. The topic has to do with preparing for ministry in the Navy-after-next, so to speak, which might well look somewhat different than the Navy of today. I



Paul Lipof '67 (left) and son Eran skied at Park City, Utah, in March.

have been a specialist in looking forward and finding structures and processes that will meet the professional requirements of the chaplaincy and also meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of sailors/Marines/Coast Guard and their families. Another person has asked me to edit his ongoing research/book on a history of our denomination's participation in military ministry support since WWII. Both have been opportunities for learning and growth."

Bill Perttula has a second job of sorts. "I have to go in to work every day now! I was selected as the acting dean of the College of Business at San Francisco State University, where I have been on the faculty for 29 years. The college has about the same number of faculty as Michigan State or Ohio State. I had been a department chair for four years, but this is a much bigger job. It is going to be a long 12 months. My golf game will go from poor to terrible."

Monroe, N.C., is the new home of Myra and Jeff Brinn and a pit bull named Ditka. Jeff says, "Halved our debt, but are getting ready for a major renovation/addition to the new place."

Serious change is reported by Bob Graffagnino: "I suffered a stroke in March. It was two months before I could go back to work, and another month before I was allowed to drive. I consider myself lucky that I was able to recover sufficiently to do either so quickly. ... I am still feeling some of the effects of the stroke physically but am still hopeful of a full recovery, which they say may take a year or even longer. Those neural connections just take a long time to heal, so I don't expect to be back on the golf course or tennis court any time soon. It makes one appreciate a lot of things. Sarah and I are celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary. We gained one daughter-in-law last December and are looking forward to marrying off his twin."

We note sadly the death of Al Miller, one of the genuinely nice



guys of our class. In the words of Class President Bill Shapiro, "After graduation from Williams, Al got his M.D. at the University of Vermont. There he met his bride, Colleen, and they married while Al was completing his internship at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. They then traveled to Nevada, where Al worked in the Indian Health Service. After returning to Vermont to complete his residency, Al did pioneering work on Legionnaire's disease during a fellowship in Burlington. Al was practicing internal medicine in Burlington at the time of his death."

Mike Yogman reports proudly that his daughter is in the Class of 2008 and will attend her 10th reunion when we have our 50th.

Peter Abrahams' daughter is Class of '07. Peter reports, "She's in the hip-hop dance troupe. I don't remember Goodrich rocking like that when I was there." Peter has two books coming out this spring. He says, "One is called *Oblivion*, my first actual detective novel. The other is the first in a series of young adult mysteries for HarperCollins—*Down the Rabbit Hole*. Something new for me, and I absolutely loved writing it."

John Fulkerson says simply, "My news is my vineyard—great crop of Cayuga this year. Life is great."

Following a long and successful run, Ross Anthony is handing over the class agent job to Larry Levien and Bill Shapiro. Ross travels extensively to the Middle East in his health-care consulting role with RAND Corp. We all owe him thanks for his diligent work as class agent.

## 1969

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We lead these notes with hearty congratulations to **Chuck Fruit**, named senior VP and chief marketing officer at Coca-Cola, responsible for overseeing all aspects of the company's worldwide marketing and brand building. Chuck joined Coke in 1991 from Anheuser-Busch, where, in the 1980s, when cable TV ads were priced well below other market rates, he negotiated a long-term ad buy with ESPN, a startup sports channel in Connecticut. The June 25 issue of *Beverage Digest* writes that Chuck is "widely liked and admired."

Chris Kinnell missed the 35th for the wedding of daughter Colleen, who was married to Bill Spagnardi in Durham, N.C., on June 12. He writes, "I was able to be the proud dad all the way. No double-duty as dad and pastor."

In Vermont, Herb Ogden reports many changes: "In June, my law



Whiting Dimock Leary '92 (second from left) celebrated the birth of daughter Melina McHutchison Leary with Melina's grandfather Rod Dimock '68 (left), and great-grandparents Gordon and Mildred Dimock last summer.

partners and I sold our office building, the law firm that I had been with for 19 years broke up and I started my own solo practice in Rutland. Three weeks later, we moved from Rutland to Mount Tabor. Our family of three constitutes over 1 percent of the population here. We live in a modern post-and-beam house on a little hill with a lawn that goes down to Otter Creek. We have views of the Taconic to the west and the Green Mountains to the east." Herb says his power now comes from wind, solar and wood sources.

Lee Griffith, unable to attend reunion, got in a round of golf that Friday with Mike Goodbody and Terry Palmer. Lee says, "Tom Parker donned his old Williams colors and joined me and many other Williams alumni at the wedding of my daughter Amanda Griffith '95 to Patrick Moore '94 in Westport, Conn. ... Tom and his wife Karen join me and my family often at our house on a lake in Hinsdale, Mass. (not far from Williamstown), for kayaking and stargazing. Somehow I knew I would always have at least one foot permanently planted in the Berkshires."

Newly elected Class Treasurer Ric Corwin says he "became immediately immersed in paying the reunion bills. Bob Grace did a good job of budgeting expenses, and we came out ahead by almost \$2,000." In November Ric was to retire from John Hancock after more than 30 years. He and wife Beth plan to spend more time at their condo in Florida, and he says, "It would be nice to use it for an extended period of time, particularly to develop any resemblance to a consistent golf game."

A special thank you to President Grace, who hosted a small dinner party in July in Boston while attending a national conference for corporate secretaries. Ric, Bob, yours truly and Class Agent Mike Hand, all with spouses, attended to discuss ways to improve class

connections and communication. Suggestions to get better connected and stay that way are welcome from all classmates.

Bob Kandel and family, while on vacation in England last summer, "enjoyed a most delightful evening, with excellent wines" with Tru and Robert Helms in their garden in the Little Venice section of London's Paddington neighborhood.

Bill Dickey Jr. was sighted in Staunton, Va., representing Williams at the April inauguration of Pamela Fox as president of Mary Baldwin College. Mike Sabbeth and I exchanged brief notes prior to his daughter's return to Tufts for the fall semester. Mike promises more information next time.

Finally, for those who may have missed Bob Grace's summer e-mail, I sadly report that we lost another classmate when Vic Richards '70 passed away in July. Vic had strong ties to both '69 and '70. At the time of his passing, he was the town manager for Atkinson, N.H. Vic lived in nearby Stratham and was town manager for several communities in New Hampshire and Maine and was active in other community activities. The Rev. Chris Kinnell, who participated in Vic's memorial service, said, "Vic was very much his own person who found great joy when he married Janet and settled into a wonderful life of being one hell of a town manager! Vic already figured out that we are here on this earth to embrace people from all walks of life. ... Praise God that Vic accomplished this mission."

Wishes may be sent to Mrs. Victor F. Richards, 7 Tuckers Trail, Stratham, N.H. 03885.

Stay well and in touch, and send news anytime. We'd like many more classmates to make public appearances in this space.

## 1970

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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Halley Moriyama played in the 44th Williams Alumni Golf Tournament in July. This was his first time in the tournament, and he had a ball—it helped that he won his flight. Ted May and Randy Greason also played. Halley strongly encourages others in the class to sign up for next year's. He sends news of the marriage of Caroline, their oldest, in October.

After years of managing his architectural firm and undertaking a variety of small public projects, Seth Warner is making a foray into the private sector. The firm's new policy is that they don't really care if they do the work for you, they just want 10 percent off the top of all projects.

Life's adventures continue for "Old Rob" Durkee, and he remains short and round, yet agile like a panther, at least a few times a month.

And this from Joe Sensenbrenner, in response to my desperate plea for news: "Next time. I promise." To which I can only respond, Joe, with the admonition my mom always gave me: "The road to Hell is paved with good intentions."

Kelly Corr's daughter Erin is a freshman at Lakeside day school, where Skip Kotkins, Al Klein and John Burns went. Kelly says tuition there is about seven times what it cost when we went to Williams—and that included room and board!

Gates Hawn reports that the half-dozen corporate and philanthropic boards he's on apparently haven't figured out what we all learned years ago—he doesn't know anything, and he still doesn't care. Gates and Mary Ellen bought a house in Carefree, Ariz. The proximity of good skiing and six Nicklaus golf courses may have had something to do with where they'll spend the nasty winter months. The Hawns had a nice group of Williams folks there at the end of June to enjoy a drinks and dinner party. Usha and John Burns joined the adoring crowd for Williams President Morty Schapiro and Professors Bell and Raymond and the rest of the Climb Far campaign team.

Close on the heels of Gates's e-mail came this from Key Bartow: "Gates Hawn has taken up golf. He continues to amaze me." Key had dinner with Chris Linen, who is giving lots of time and energy to the Urban Education Exchange. (See [www.ueexchange.org](http://www.ueexchange.org).) Chris would like to hear from classmates and others who have an interest in inner-city education initiatives.

Lee Owen's son Sam graduated this year from Colby. Attending the



Bill Woodworth had a wonderful experience at the Washington State wedding of Sue and Dave Kennedy's daughter last July. While they were there Bill and Bonnie and Mike Haugh hiked Mt. Ellinor in the Olympic Range. Bill said it was so clear and dry that they could see all Three Sisters in the distance.

Marty Samuels became a grandfather on Aug. 9, when his daughter Marilyn '97 gave birth to Abigail Lily Sommers.

On Sept. 6, Dan Whitmore married Jean Czerlinski in Evanston, Ill. Jean is a quantitative analyst for a bond-trading firm in downtown Chicago. She is an Evanston native, graduated from New College in Florida and has a master's in sociology from University of Chicago. They honeymooned in Vienna, Slovakia, Tours and Paris. Dan began his 30th year with the Midwest regional office of the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, as a program specialist for child nutrition programs.

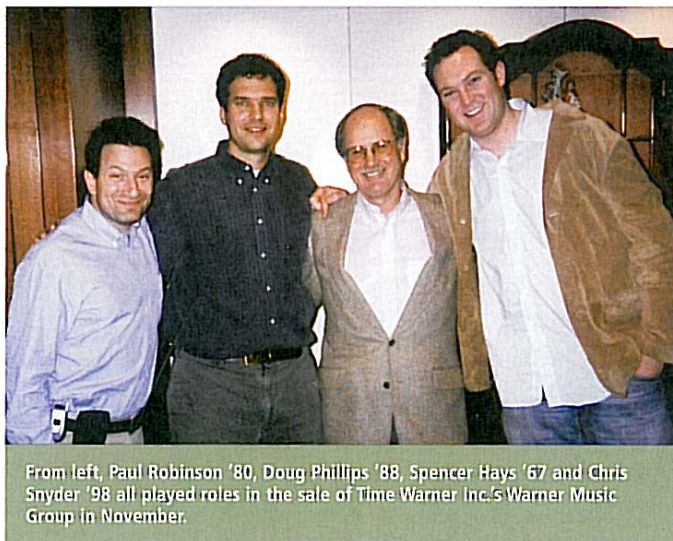
John Olmsted enjoys retirement. He reports much to do: "golf, travel, volunteer, thank God, golf, spend children's inheritance, drive family crazy, golf, help less fortunate people, eat and drink, nap, pursue questionable activities (legal), golf—not necessarily in that order."

Steve Watson says retirement finally afforded him the time to send class notes. Over the next year, he and Jan plan to move out of Minnesota to warmer climes. By mid-2004, they expect to split their time between Carmel, Calif., and Colorado. Their kids Becky, 28, and Tim, 32, are well. Becky is married and a first-year resident in family practice in Charlottesville, Va. Tim works for WalMart.com in San Francisco.

George B. Cannon moved to the Boston area last year. He wrote that he needed to shake up his life after his wife passed away. Now he is yearning for the Pioneer Valley again. He thinks he'll end up living in Amherst. He sees Yael and Paul Lipof and their family from time to time.

Word is that the mini-reunion at the Williams homecoming game against Amherst was terrific. Hosting the event was Mark Richards; beer was provided by Pete Krause. Chris Covington listed the following other participants: Hufnagel, Vipond, McPherson, Hays, Olmsted, Bartholomew, Tether, Taylor. Susan and Bill Taylor trekked to the event from Columbia, S.C. It was their first time back in decades, and they had a wonderful time. They stayed with Sally and Ted McPherson at a B&B. They saw the football game, two soccer games and basketball against the Globetrotters. Bill commented that the weather was a bit too cold for people from South Carolina.

In the last issue, I reported the tragic drowning death last July of Matthew Kelleher '02, son of Kathleen and John Kelleher. In his memory a scholarship fund has been



From left, Paul Robinson '80, Doug Phillips '88, Spencer Hays '67 and Chris Snyder '98 all played roles in the sale of Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Music Group in November.

established at his high school. John and Kathleen intend it to be a lasting and living tribute to the remarkable young man. Donations can be sent to the Matthew Kelleher Scholarship Fund in care of Gary Loneragan, Esq., 115 Oronoco St., Alexandria, Va. 22314.

Ko Ching-Po, writing from Kowloon, Hong Kong, retired from full-time teaching and is enjoying his free mornings. His eldest son Lester finished law school and the bar exam. Younger son Jesse is in his second year at Trinity College in Hartford. Ko is involved in Sunday church work at a small Society of Friends group. He also is boosting awareness of the works of Edgar Cayce in China. He says life after 60 is still beautiful.

That's a wrap for this issue. Your secretary and Tom Mahler canceled their annual duck-hunting trip to Saskatchewan last fall. The drought had sent ducks elsewhere. So we decided to give them the year off. Thanks for all your news. Keep it up. And remember to add your e-mail address to the College list for our class so you will receive our regular transmissions. Enjoy the rest of winter, and I'll see you in the spring.

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**1968**

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Some notable retirements, as 60 bears down on us: Bob Scott retired as president and COO of Morgan Stanley. His distinguished career there began in 1970, right out of Stanford's business school, and he served as director of corporate finance, director of investment banking and chief financial officer before becoming president in 2001. The firm's chairman said, "Bob Scott has been a key member of the management team that built Morgan Stanley's global franchise. Over the course of his long career, he has held leadership positions in virtually all of our businesses. And every one of them is better and stronger for his efforts."

In Bob's own words, "After 33 years at Morgan Stanley, it's time to take a break. While I still will be associated with Morgan Stanley as an advisory director, I plan to take some time to consider my next phase of life. I'm sure it will include golf, fly fishing and more time in Williamstown. I will also stay on the board of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital and several nonprofit organizations. It's been a great run so far, and I owe a lot to Williams for my success, as [President] Morty Schapiro constantly reminds me."

Tony Kronman reports that "after 10 years as the dean of the Yale Law School, I'll be stepping down at the end of June. My plan is to take a sabbatical leave next year and then return to teaching at the law school and in the undergraduate program at Yale." Ten years is a long time for a deanship anywhere today, and when Tony "re-upped" in that role several years ago, there were several public comments that the extended tenure reflected a high opinion among students, faculty and alumni.

I saw Mike Herlihy at the Amherst football game, and he was looking forward to a December retirement from State Street Bank in Boston. Mike says he's torn between a life-long yearning for some international work and the fact that he has three grandchildren now living close to him in Duxbury. The issue is still undecided, but apparently Penny has a vote too.

Ron Teschke completed a single-handed east-to-west sailing of the Atlantic in 19 days, finishing in Martinique. His log of each day's events includes vivid descriptions of the difficulties of such a feat, although he did enjoy the modern conveniences of canned food, sunscreen, radar and e-mail. The strangest moment was after one sunset, when a flying fish hit the boom, fell onto the cockpit and through a window, right into a rubber boot, just as Ron was about to step into it. Not sure why his boot was suddenly wiggling, it is perhaps not surprising that he stepped up in alarm, right into the ceiling six inches over his head.

Resisting thoughts of retirement is Peter DeOreo, checking in from Cleveland, where he is executive VP of medical affairs for the Centers for Dialysis Care. The firm has 12 facilities and a staff of 70 nephrologists. Peter also has a private practice at the University Hospitals Health System. Peter's son Stephen '01 is studying geology at UC Santa Barbara, and daughter Elizabeth '96 is to graduate from medical school in May. "As you can tell," Peter writes, "the nest is very empty. Lin and I are looking to downsize. She is more ready for retirement than I. Still have a few more things to get done in my career before I move on to my first love, teaching history in secondary school. Looking to get my teaching certificate in Ohio and getting back to my history major."

Reversing field from retirement and back into the thick of things is Jeff Stiefler. After bowing out as president of America Express, Jeff moved to California. Last spring he joined the board of Education Lending Group in San Diego, which markets financial aid products and services for the Federal Guaranteed Student Loan industry. Then, last fall, he became chairman, president and CEO of Digital Insight Corp., in Calabasas, Calif., which provides a range of Internet-based retail and commercial banking services for institutions that outsource those functions.

John Fulkerson sends this card: "With the help of legendary tennis player Ivan Lendl, we have recently established The Patelhofemoral Foundation. I am president of the foundation. Anyone out there with kneecap problems who wants to get involved?" John has written more than 70 scientific articles or chapters on the topic and has served as team physician for two professional hockey teams. He also developed a patented design for a knee brace with independent straps to provide a consistent pull on the patella.

A brief item in the last *Alumni Review* noted that Chris Dornin was named New Hampshire Press Association's Writer of the Year. There's more. In the past three years, Chris has won 18 state and regional press awards. One of the articles submitted with his NHPA entry won a bet with a town planner that Chris could publish a prose poem disguised as a news story about the dullest item on the Planning Board agenda. The piece ran on the editorial page and ends like this: "Everybody owns the fragrance of an orchard. Visit one in May when bees hum in the rows. If you have really loved, they you have loved in the wild, mindless, ethereal way these apple boughs, rising from graves, love." Not surprisingly, Chris is also a professional poet and has published verse in a dozen literary journals.

If you want a nifty guide to travel advice for Williamstown, get into *The New York Times* archive and search



for John Stickney, who wrote just such a piece last June. It says that "Williamstown chic is an oxymoron."

## 1969 REUNION JUNE 10-13

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I begin this time with a reminder about our 35th, June 10-13. Class President Bob Grace and his committee are hard at work to put on a low-key, finance friendly, casual weekend with no stress and no strain, just a good time and good company. So make your plans to be there.

Ray Sprague plans to come. He says, "You have Mike Hand to thank for this cataclysmic turn of events—he's patiently been stalking me all these years." Ray is professor and chairman of the music department at Davidson College. He says, "I find myself relating more and more to Prof. Bob Barrow as I conduct my choirs and many times have caught myself about to say, 'Basses, you sound like a polar bear with its nose caught in the ice!'" Ray's wife Kathie is a professor and chairwoman of the communication department at Queens College in Charlotte. Ray says, "Together we are loving the North Carolina stage of our life." Ray, who next year will take his first sabbatical in 34 years of teaching, offers a final note: "You know you are getting older when you graduate a wonderful bassoonist and find out she is the niece of Rick Corwin. We're not really that old, are we?"

Also from North Carolina, Eric Smith plans to attend the 35th, "finally getting to a ... 1969 alumni reunion after all these years." Eric has been a regular at alumni events in the Raleigh/Durham area and has attended BiGLATA reunions in Williamstown every other spring. He says, "Had a great time visiting the campus ... this past April with my significant other Greg, who was quite impressed with everything, from the hiking that we did on Mt. Greylock to his tour of the Clark to the excellent programs that were planned for the returning alumni. Williams should be very proud of the supportive climate that is being provided for its gay and lesbian students." Eric has been a librarian at Duke University for 30 years. He says his career "has been reasonably fulfilling" but that he is "definitely ready for something else," especially after losing both of his parents in the past 18 months. He concludes, "My daughters seem pretty well launched. We have taken full advantage of the in-state tuition at Duke's competitor down the road. Millicent graduated from UNC last May, and Ingrid is in her sophomore year. Am looking forward to seeing how many of my classmates I can still recognize in June, since it's been a while. I am counting on name tags."

In the Pacific Northwest, David Nebel reports that "after 30 years representing low-income Oregonians in court and in the state legislature as a legal services attorney, I've jumped to represent a group that perhaps is even more reviled than poor people: lawyers. I'm now working for the state bar as a 'public affairs attorney,' in other words, a lobbyist for the bar. As the manager of the department put it, the color of my hat has changed from white to gray. I'm hoping for light gray."

From the Iowa heartland, Henry Walker welcomed Chris French '95 to the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Grinnell College last fall. Henry writes, "Chris majored in mathematics and classics at Williams. In graduate school, we both studied algebraic topology with several similarities, even within this fairly narrow area of pure mathematics. I wonder how many colleges can claim two Williams grads in their mathematics/computer science departments?" Henry is finishing his eighth book, *The Tao of Computing: A Down-to-earth Approach to Computer Fluency*, which addresses questions of what the general public should know about computing. Henry says the material largely follows recommendations of the National Research Council and should be out in the first quarter of 2004.

Bruce Plenk has transformed himself "from a lawyer in Kansas to a renewable energy guy in Tucson." He says he is "happily advising the future-minded about getting off the grid or just reducing their electric bills by using solar and wind." He says, "All questions or orders for solar panels and the like are welcome! (Try solarstore.com if you're interested.) Otherwise just riding the bike sometimes and trying to keep the nicest parts of the West from getting overrun with Bushites and their toys."

From the Michigan cold, Dick Tobin wrote shortly after returning from Wesleyan's family and homecoming weekend. Dick has three children tied to the Cardinal—oldest daughter (just married) '00; son '03; and another daughter '07. He says, "I stayed at that game just long enough to confirm Williams' superiority (it took only the first quarter) then slipped away to my daughter's room to watch 'real' football: Michigan-Michigan State. I had been forbidden by my Wesleyan brood to wear the purple and gold to the game, but the inner pleasure was devilishly satisfactory." In his professional, non-alumni role as a college-counseling director, Dick has high praise for the Williams admission staff, calling them "straightforward in their dealings with students," something Dick reports is not always the case with college admission folk. And despite the fact that he's sent three kids to that small college in Middletown, Conn., Dick believes "Williams has

transformed itself over the past 35 years without ever losing a sense of what it is or was. I supremely value the institution I attended, as I doff my hat to the institution, which is educating students so well in the 21st century."

Rick Corwin, "in a rare fit of communication," wrote to say he'd returned to Williams in the fall for two football games and saw Linc Merwin, Mike Hand, John Halbrooks and Lloyd Constantine. At last look, Rick was still in his third decade of service with John Hancock in Boston.

Class VP/attorney Constantine was the subject of a complimentary profile, with photo, in *The New York Times*, following his years-long, hard-earned legal victory against credit-card companies. Broadcast and media veteran Marty Lafferty was named CEO of the Distributed Computing Industry Association in DC, a new organization designed to help technology companies with content, infrastructure and computing.

Chris Kinnell sends regrets for the 35th, as he must attend a more important event: his daughter's wedding in Durham, N.C., June 12. He and his family were moving into their own house on Parkside Avenue in Syracuse, N.Y., "after living in church-owned housing for years."

Mike Goodbody noted a crossing of Eph generations: "I understand that Terry Palmer was seen at the Log after the Amherst game, hoisting beers with my son Lucas '03 and some of his classmates." As of these notes, Mike, working in the municipal bond business in Stamford, Conn., says there is "no retirement in site" and was in the process of buying an old house in South Londonderry, Vt., with his girlfriend. Mike's two oldest children work in NYC, and his younger daughter is to graduate next spring from Roger Williams University.

Last year Wes Howard became president of the Williams Alumni Association of Colorado, "the first original Nebraskan to be so honored." Wes says his new law firm, Benjamin, Bain & Howard LLC, engages in "complex commercial litigation in a firm of 10 instead of 78. Much more fun, but oodles more work." Wes, still a soccer nut who actually plays at his (our?) age ("wife Parti is still a soccer widow"), has spoken with Bill Bennett in Williamstown, Bill Dickey in Charlottesville, Keith Grimson in Columbus, Ga., Bob Hallem in Santa Monica, John Rowland in Spokane and Barry Lundquist in Kailua, Hawaii. Bill, Bill, Keith, Bob and John hope to be at the 35th, as does Wes. Wes concludes, "Barry regrets that he probably won't be able to attend, but he and I have hopes of connecting sometime soon either here in Colorado or (my vote) in Hawaii."

Class Agent Rob Brokaw was again at homecoming, along with Geoff Wickwire, John Halbrooks and



Tom Keogh '77 (left) and Jim Barns '69 played in the 15th Annual Tundra Bowl in Charlottesville, Va., in November.

Ned Williams. Rob says Terry Palmer was filming the game for his new business, which both Rob and Mike Goodbody put in a plug for. Visit Terry's enterprise, where you can see pictures of the Williams-Amherst game, at e-motionsports.com."

Also at homecoming, Lee Griffith "risked life and limb to sit on the Amherst side at the football game with my good buddy Tom Parker. We seemed an odd couple ... [he] with his 'I gotta wear this Amherst football sweatshirt' and me with my Williams colors ablaze! I evened the score by making Tom join me at the Log after the game to celebrate Williams' victory."

In contacting classmates for the 35th, yours truly has had too-rare and good talks with Tyler housemates Jack Jacobs, Ken Bell, Eric Durant and Pete Capodilupo, all of whom are well and leaning toward attending reunion. Jack, now a proud grandfather, runs Adorno-Rogers Technology in Austin, where he sees Fletcher Clark regularly. Ken remains in the architecture business, although on a smaller scale, in Greensboro, N.C. Eric works in finance for Prudential and lives in Old Greenwich, Conn., and Pete is in his third decade as head football coach and teacher at Newton North High School in Massachusetts. I've also had the good fortune to chat several times with Alan Dittrich, who is hard at work on the 35th.

John Moore, Chuck Hotchkiss, Pat Dunn and Fred Vinick had no news for these notes but are included here simply by virtue of their responding to my call for news. All but Pat plan to attend the 35th. And in another Ephspring note, Fred's son Andrew is to graduate this coming spring.

I end with a request. Our e-mail list server does not include every member of the class. So if you're missing from the roster (or know of someone not on the list), send me an e-mail so we can add you. We want to reach as many classmates as possible to contribute to these notes. Stay well and in touch.



Hank Grass was in Williamstown in January to visit biology professor Steve Zortoli, a personal friend. Hank also visited with a pre-med student interested in medicine and psychology.

Wes Westmeyer switched roles after 28 years in financial positions. He is helping a doctor charged with developing more activity in services that don't make money for NYC hospitals: smoking cessation, colonoscopies, flu shots, etc. Meanwhile, Wes and his wife are occupied with keeping up with family members in faraway places. His son, who is recovering from two damaged spinal disks, and his family live in France. Wes and his wife plan to travel back to Manila this year to catch up with her sisters and brothers.

Dave Hanni is with the Harris Bank Private Wealth Group in Chicago. Most of his clients are in the New England/mid-Atlantic corridor, so he travels frequently to Boston and NYC. He welcomed his seventh grandchild, Tess, last November. He says he and his wife Didi are "healthy, reasonably sane and still together." He'd love to hear from classmates passing through.

Rick Williams observed that the mid-winter temperature of the water around their Keys home had dipped below 80. That apparently put a crimp in their swimming plans. Your secretary tried to feel sympathetic, but since it was 20 degrees below zero outside in Minnesota, the tears just didn't come. Rick's son is setting records in the decathlon and pentathlon at Franklin & Marshall, where he is a junior. Rick adds that if any classmates plan to visit the Keys and need a place to stay, he has a nice rental property in Islamorada, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Susan and Marty Samuels both are fine, working hard and enjoying their home life. Marty is a grandfather. His daughter Marilyn '97 and her husband Sam Sommers '97 live in Medford, so visitations from dad are much easier than when they were in graduate school in Ann Arbor.

Lindsey and Andy Cadot planned a late-winter visit with Adrien and Ed Helm in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Ted Botts was named head of the advisory board of StereoVision Entertainment Inc., of Van Nuys, Calif. The firm has interests in film, TV and music production properties. Ted has his own corporate-finance advisory firm.

Barb and Tom Mahler got away from the mid-winter Minnesota arctic to enjoy five weeks at their Mazatlan condo.

Ron Matthews reports all is well in Overland Park, Kan. His youngest daughter, Jamie, will most likely go to Trinity University in San Antonio. She is an all-state bass player and loves classical music. Ron stays in touch with Bob Steele. Bob and his family live in Longmeadow, Mass. Ron says he often thinks of John Babington and wishes him well.

That's it for this edition. Enjoy the summer, but please keep in mind that your secretary needs to hear from you. So always be thinking about what news you can send me. Then dispatch it by any means available, electronic or otherwise.

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Bob Lux writes, "It is snowing in New Hampshire. Yet another spring is not far away. 'Class Notes' is the only 'house' where we enter noisily thru the rear door and quietly exit the front."

With that in mind, we turn to news from Matt Lyon, an art teacher and artist at Oregon Episcopal School. He writes: "I was in Williamstown in late January. Having not visited in about 30 years, I was struck by how immediately I felt 'at home.' Despite some new buildings, the basic Route 2 centerline of campus looked unchanged. My reason for the trip east was to attend facilitator training for the national 'Courage to Teach' program, outside of Boston, which I find very interesting and valuable. I also really enjoyed the intense cold and the snow."

Bob McCloud is "still happily teaching computer science at Sacred Heart University. Career change has worked. Wish I knew earlier in life about the joys of academia."

David Snyderman knows the joys of academia. He received a 2003 Distinguished Faculty Award from Tufts University School of Medicine.

Also honored was Clint Wilkins for his role as founding headmaster of the Sage Hill School in southern California. The citation from the western-states region of the Council

Oregon University in Ashland, home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. "For a small corner of the state there are a lot of Williams folks around," he says. "Ron Worland '66 is on our foundation board. Peter Cotton '62 owns and operates EarthTeach located behind the mountain ... [and] visible out my window on campus." He's also in touch with Brian Murphy '67, executive director of San Francisco State University's Urban Institute, and Spencer Beebe, whom Earl hopes to see next time he is in Portland. Earl says, "The move has brought us close to family and back to the part of the country where I met my wife years ago. Oregon's funding for public higher education ... presents challenges, but what's life without a challenge?"

A lengthy article about Spencer appeared on the front page of the *Portland Oregonian*. It described his work in the environmental field and noted that he "hardly fits the environmental activist stereotype" because he won't sue, will ask anyone for help, focuses on the positive and is an avowed capitalist. The article quotes former Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus as saying that when it comes to fund raising for the environment, Spencer can "seduce them like nobody else." It also says that Spencer once had Robert Redford on a rafting trip, and reporters mistook Spencer for the movie star. The article adds, just a bit too pointedly, "It's unlikely that many people today would mistake Beebe for Redford."

Ted McMahon says 2003 was "an extraordinary year. I led two trips on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, with two more planned for 2005. In November, I published my full-length collection of poetry, *The Uses of Imperfection*."

Bruce Simon says he is "beginning to practice retirement at age 57. At

before coming home to snowy Wyoming. I feel extremely lucky to have been able to afford the time and money to have such a voyage. I understand life and America much better now. Without traveling the world, one really can't appreciate what we have in America."

Jill and Bob Bendick visited Lulie and Dick Eide in their new home in Naples, Fla., in January. During the trip, Bob says, they "made a long (perhaps over-ambitious might be more accurate) kayak trip to the wild Ten Thousand Islands portion of Everglades National Park. It was a beautiful day. We encountered dolphins and a magnificent flight of white pelicans, had lunch on a remote island beach and, most importantly, all survived."

Back indoors, Glenn Everheart reports that he missed reunion because his daughter was graduating from high school. He writes, "I'm still working at Bank One but finally getting a chance to bring a few of my inventions into the info security practice. The security ideas are evolutionary, though some of the payments ideas could become exciting. Meanwhile my experiences at Williams (and since) have been useful in responding to my daughter's mail from college on political issues of the day. She is also of somewhat libertarian bent but has experienced damage to that ideal from different quarters than we did. I'm also working to save our church's old cemetery (dates from 1733) from the town here, which has been trying to take the land by encroachment. Many who fought (and fomented) the Revolution are buried there. Fortunately, we have many of the old deeds and a good lawyer."

Robert Klatell retired as executive VP from Arrow Electronics after more than 30 years. The company's CEO noted, "Rob was instrumental in the acquisition strategy that resulted in more than 50 successful mergers, joint ventures and strategic partnerships and has been an important contributor to our strategic, financial and investor relations activities." Rob remains a board member at Datascope Corp. and Mediagrip Interactive Technologies Inc.

A newsy note from Dennis Kelly: "My current musing: How can we slow down time? Don McGill is semi-retired in the hotel industry. Jeckyll Island is one of his hotel haunts these days. He and I still fly-fish out west each summer and the rest of the year while away the time thinking about next year's destination. Don has seen much of Penny and Doug Doan in the past year. Doug has retired to an area near Don's home in Wilmington, N.C. I see Brookes and Ned Williams and my lovely godchild Lindsey occasionally. See Jay Healy less often, now that he left his government position in Boston and spends more time at his farm on the Mohawk Trail making wide-pine boards. See Jeff Palmer

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Edward McPherson '67 was nominated by President George W. Bush as Undersecretary of Education. McPherson is CFO at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He has been president of InterSolve Group and executive VP and CFO of SunAmerica Corp. and First Republic Bank Corp.

for the Advancement and Support of Education, giving Clint the chief executive award for independent schools, said, "Wilkins' ability to bring together the community in support of a vision, to inspire multi-million-dollar giving to a school that did not yet exist and to so immerse himself in the Orange County community that he became a familiar face in the local education field are testaments to his accomplishments."

Clint's daughter Heather is at Boalt Hall School of Law at Berkeley, and Henry Hecht reports a nice visit with the Wilkinses. Heather "is just finishing her first year, and I am finishing my 21st year of teaching," he notes.

Earl Potter was named provost and VP for academic affairs at Southern

60, I plan on cutting back significantly from the rigors of being a real-estate operator. My company, Prime Properties of Jackson Hole, has grown in the last several years to build, manage, develop, sell and lease residential and commercial real estate. As the projects and numbers of employees multiply, so does my workload and stress. The only way I can keep up the demanding pace is to get breaks." Bruce returned from a month in South America visiting Cusco, Peru, and Machu Picchu. He then went to Iquitos, Peru, and the Amazon, as well as Bareloche, Argentina, where he crossed the Andes on the Cruise de Lacs to Port Montt, Chile. He continues, "A quick stop was made in Santiago



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often. Sometimes we work cases together. Paul Allison tooted at me from a car in Cambridge while I was walking home. He hollered that he is general counsel to the Cambridge Hospital Group. Everyone mentioned is doing fine, although most of the Williams guys are feeling the pains of ripening age. As for me, life is great, although hectic and a little tiring. Linda and I treasure our Nicole Josephina, who makes every day a new discovery. She is 2-and-a-half and showing us every side of a toddler. Can you believe that she has been in school (Montessori) since September? ... [When I was] her age I think my parents were hopeful I would learn how to dig dirt with a spoon in the backyard."

Barbara and Peter Sartorius report that they had "a great long weekend in September at our place in Quogue, Long Island, with Gail and Bill Calfee, Peggy and Peter Rice and Joyce and John Schmitz—lots of eating, drinking, golfing and reminiscing. We vowed to do it more often, and I think we actually will."

Finally, we note sadly the passing of Chris Owens. Chris had been active in the preservation of historic housing and in-home ownership for low-income families in the Twin Cities. He was a leader in the founding of the BiGLATA organization at Williams. His partner, Terry Bock, says Chris "cherished his time at Williams and was proud of the work of BiGLATA and the recognition that the College had given to its gay alumni, staff and students."

## 1969 REUNION JUNE 10-13

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Celebrating (Is that the right word after all these years?) 35 years as alumni. ... Two classmates have large roles during Reunion Weekend. On Thursday evening musical marvel Art Lande is to give a concert titled "Even Purple Cows Can Get the Blues." And Baylor College of Medicine Professor Larry McCullough is to give a Friday morning lecture on medical ethics. It's great to have '69 so well represented during this weekend.

Craig Walker's oldest daughter's college decision came down to Williams and Dartmouth. He says, "She picked Dartmouth (ouch!), but her final visit to Williams gave me a good chance to see new facets of the College and college life. Additionally, I was struck by the terrific condition of the physical plant. Our 25th reunion money was well spent."

But wait, everyone, there's more to come. The College's strategic plan includes a new theater and dance center, student center and spaces for the library and faculty. *The Berkshire Eagle* said in an editorial: "Hooray for Williams College and its seem-

ingly bottomless pockets. The College, founded on a rock of academic excellence and massively endowed by its generous alumni, is building an infrastructure for the next century." Strong commentary.

Thanks to Gina Wickwire, the better half of Geoff Wickwire, who responded to my call for notes. Gina says, "Daughter Molly and husband Peter had twins (one of each) on Dec. 18." The Wickwires have four grandchildren. Geoff is in his third-plus decade as a gastroenterologist in Milton, Mass., near Boston.

Chip Bolman is performing marvelous surgical things at University of Minnesota. "Things are good here," says Chip. "Our children are in college, and work continues to be interesting. ... Pretty blessed, considering the state of many in the world."

Another MD, Dave Mason, moved to Marietta, Ga., having accepted a job as VP of clinical development with UCB Pharma, a Belgian company outside of Atlanta. He says, "Like it so far. Very cosmopolitan, lots to do, good food, decent schools (my kids are now 34, 25, 23, and 21 months)." Dave had lived in Portland, Ore., the previous three years, running clinical programs and regulatory affairs for a biotech company. He says, "Life continues to be interesting. I don't think I'll ever be able to retire to a golf course, which is just as well as my game is pitiful."

From the beautiful island of Kauai, Gordy Bryson keeps in touch with Ric Corwin and Dick Peinert and says Ric is planning to visit this year. Gordy says, "Peinert and I exchange jokes by e-mail and some commiseration about diets." Gordy's wife Liz is "the famous one of the two of us." She is doing a history project on astronomy, interviewing some of the most famous astronomers in the world. Says Gordy: "Luckily I have to go to Paris as spouse for her next set of interviews in the spring. What a terrible thing, Paris in the spring." Gordy is principal at Hawaii Preparatory Academy. He reports that Tom Goodspeed '86 succeeded him as head football coach. Gordy concludes, "Got notes from my roommate Win Todd. Haven't heard from my other roommates and would love to. Might miss the reunion for Paris. Having lived in Hawaii for a quarter of a century, I fear the cold in the Purple Valley, even when it's summer."

My thanks to Dr. Peinert, plastic surgeon, who helped me out with some medical society business in late February and had a nice chat with me, exchanging information about classmates.

I had a nice visit from Bob Quinn, who was in Massachusetts on Presidents' Day weekend. Bob is chairman of a high school chemistry department in New Jersey.

Sally and Sandy Smith in Concord, Mass., shared the family's annual letter. All's well, but Sandy "learned the hard way" that he can't keep up with

the kids any longer. While skiing, he took a header and separated his shoulder. That plus an Achilles tendon problem sidelined his tennis for the spring and summer. Sandy works with Cambridge Associates and volunteers, including as treasurer for Orchard House (home of Louisa May Alcott), a Smith family legacy since 1911.

President Bob Grace was appointed VP, general counsel and secretary of 3D Systems, an imaging company in Valencia, Calif. Bob had held similar posts with Sealed Air Corp., where he spent 22 years before moving to the left coast. A special thanks to Bob for the fine job he's done leading the planning committee for the 35th.

Class Agent Emeritus Terry Palmer stays up to date on many classmates. He passed along a report from Forbes.com, in which Chuck Fruit, senior VP at Coca-Cola, was interviewed about the impact of technology on consumers and advertising. Terry also spotted Mr. Fruit on ABC-TV, being interviewed during the PGA Tour Championship, representing the title sponsor. Terry said Mike Goodbody bought and closed on a new property, a "country inn-sized weekend house in South Londonderry, Vt.," furnished in part with items "designed and built by master craftsman Peter Brough '71 of East Calais, Vt." Terry also ran into Dorsey Lynch, playing golf in the prestigious Andersen Memorial, a top team amateur event. Mr. Palmer "wants to congratulate Mike Hand for agreeing to succeed me as an alumni fund agent. He's talented, persistent and clearly more charming than his predecessor."

Wes Howard is established in his new commercial litigation and real-estate law firm Benjamin Bain & Howard in Colorado. He says, "I am looking forward to the reunion, which will be my first. I am committed to attending one every 35 years."

From Dave Cass, who's likely been in Williamstown longer than most: "Silent classmate finds microphone at last. I recently left the Clark Art Institute (I think most would agree that 31 years in the same building is long enough) and am currently in the process of reinventing myself outside the Village. I hope to continue doing nonprofit development and fund raising in either the Berkshires or the greater Albany area. Sue's business as an international healthcare consultant is finally cruising to high altitude after a spine-tingling takeoff phase. Our two girls Libby and Annie (7 and 3, from China and Vietnam, respectively) are thriving and gobbling up everything life is throwing in their direction. Truly an inspiration to their old man. I still enjoy direct contact with Williams, since Libby is often involved with special events sponsored by the Chinese American Student Organization."

Johan Hinderlie is completing his 20th year at Mount Carmel Renewal

Center, where, he says, "Sonja and I are helping families, couples and adults invest in bonds in Christ that yield full value as they reach maturity. Our ministry in prayer and bible study also includes the warmer climate of Tucson, where we have had the help of Cindy and Tad Piper '68 to provide housing for our Outreach Team." Johan invites anyone in Minnesota in the summer to "stop by our beautiful location in Alexandria to enjoy a foretaste of heaven and donate blood to the mosquito population, which prefers more than four tastes in their earthly diet."

Steve Poindexter, in the Twin Cities area, checked in to say hello. Last December he married Cecelia Critchley.

Finally, I received a note from Barry Barnes '66, who, along with his classmate Bob Christiansen (both fellow high school classmates of mine), was helpful when, as a young teen, I was deciding on which college to attend. Barry is retired, having sold his restaurant, Gallerani's Cafe, on Cape Cod. He says it was "a very hard decision, because it's been such a big part of my life. But in recent years it seemed like it was becoming a little harder and that there were other things out there that I wanted to experience. Change, freedom from responsibility and freedom to do whatever I want whenever I want seem alluring." Barry is particularly enjoying the travel.

The next notes will be after the 35th, when I'll have lots more to report about the reunion and those attending. Send news any time, and stay well and in touch.

## 1970

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As I write these notes, the long, cold winter we've had in the Midwest is showing signs of abating. No doubt this is just a sucker's rally of decent weather, but we'll take what we can get.

Mary Ellen and Gates Hawn took a month-long trip around the world in a private plane with the National Geographic Society. They decided that after six funerals and memorial services for chums and classmates last year (three heart attacks and three cancers) they should just go have fun. It has been 25 years since Gates' airplane "drama," so they decided to celebrate that good luck with quiet thanks and quiet moments in wondrous places. "Who knows," he speculated, "we might even see some of the things that Profs. Fuqua and Price wanted us to learn about when we were busy in Gurgle and Buckit meetings!"

My e-mail pleading finally shamed Mark Messing into sending news. A couple years ago, the Messing clan moved from NYC, where they'd



*Mother Accidentally Tossed Out My Entire Baseball-Card Collection*, Bob concluded the short story "Wallball" with, "Whenever I smell that first hint of spring, the very first thing my mind wanders to isn't baseball or romance or petunia seeds or spring cleaning. It's Atlas and Corbin and Kramer and Mitchell and Moore and Nesvig and Straub and Williamson. And wallball."

Arthur Benson reports that Frank Levy and Richard Murnane published *The New Division of Labor: How Computers Are Creating the Next Job Market*. It is available on Amazon.com.

Jim Meier defies the process of aging. In mid-April two weeks before turning 60, he swam the 24-mile Tampa Bay Marathon as part of a four-person relay team that finished sixth out of 13 and finished first in the four-person mixed relay (two men, two women). He took up early- and late-season open-water swimming and resumed ocean-swimming at Brighton Beach in Brooklyn on May 1, when the water temperature was 50 degrees. He wrote, "This is not a polar bear club—we swim for 30 minutes or more, and longer when the water gets warmer—and no wet suits."

At the end of March, Kent Titus joined Bill Kirby in Salem, Va., to watch Williams narrowly beat Amherst in the semifinal of the NCAA Div. III basketball tournament. Both teams were so talented and so well-coached that they would give pause to the Jim Kramers, Kevin Sheehans and Tom Thornhills of our era.

From Australia, Terry Irwin reports that Karen and Jim Harrison, who were in Hong Kong visiting their son Jay '90 and his fiancée, slipped Down Under to see the Irwins. Terry, Jim and Karen successfully ascended Mt. Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mountain. Terry sold the farm and is "unemployed"—some call this "retired." He drives six hours weekly to Canberra University's School of Art to learn woodworking, and Lois teaches yoga and works as an artist. Terry writes, "We are about to build a self-contained flat onto our home to run as a bed and breakfast. We figured that if our home area is to be overrun by tourists, we might as well try to make a small profit from them. ... We, of course, will offer a discount to all members of the Class of '66."

And me? In May I played one of the policemen in an Academy production of *The Pirates of Penzance*. No calls have come yet to my agent, but just wait. Keep in touch.

## 1967

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After 20 years in private law practice, Rick Yeiser returned to

teaching and loves it. When he turned 56, he felt that "the sand was quickly falling through the glass, and I had better focus on what I like best." So, he teaches English and history at Green Mountain Valley School, a ski academy in Waitsfield, Vt., his son Jed's (Middlebury '08) alma mater. Rick writes, "Fishing and golf, which for me is more like theater than sport, occupy most of my summer leisure time, while hockey and skiing take up the winter months. I take several fishing trips each year, with the highlight a weeklong steelhead excursion to Kodiak Island." His wife Ruth teaches violin to area youngsters. His daughter Lauren will be a junior at Concord Academy next year. Rick concludes, "Life is good."

After a decade of being single, Buddy Karelis was married in May. The wedding site was DC, where he and his wife Heidi Hatfield now live. Heidi is from Winston-Salem, N.C. Guests included Bob Conway, Willard Spiegelman '66, Joanne Barker '79 and faculty members Bob and Ilona Bell.

Andy Cadot began his annual spring tour (in honor of Bobby Coombs, who led the baseball team to North Carolina in March) with a sail on Chesapeake Bay in Larry Ashby's sailboat *Compass Rose*. They sailed out of Rock Hall on Maryland's Eastern Shore and made for the Western Shore, north of Annapolis, and up a shallow creek. There they enjoyed crab cakes at a local restaurant. They then returned to meet Larry's lovely new wife Pam Tikellis, also a Wilmington attorney. She loves sailing too, but, according to Andy, has not yet learned the fine art of taking a day off to "practice in the Maryland office."

Les High completed his three-year tour at the U.S. Consulate in Krakow, Poland. He returned to the United States with his wife Judy and is assigned to a public diplomacy bureau in the State Department.

Peter Hassinger had a second book published. It is a fictional account of Shakespeare's daughter and has had excellent reviews. Gregg Meister's company, Interlink Media, did the Web site for this book and Peter's previous one. See [www.shakespearesdaughter.com](http://www.shakespearesdaughter.com). Gregg visited Cuba to produce a TV documentary on the Presbyterian church in that country. He says, "We know more about Mars than we do about Cuba. I found a vibrant Christian faith, beautiful and friendly people, amazing architecture, cars from the 1950s and grand beaches. Canadians and Europeans travel easily to this enchanting island. I'm newly committed to lifting our government's embargo against tourism."

Jack Hunt's daughter Lisa '03 was to start at University of Texas Medical School in San

Antonio in July. Her twin sister Helen (Bucknell '03) is finishing a master's in journalism at Northwestern and is looking for a job. His oldest daughter Laura '97 continues at Monitor Counseling but has returned to LA, where her husband is a physician at UCLA. Meanwhile, Jack was reappointed by Gov. Perry to the Texas Water Development Board, where he is vice chairman, for another six-year stint. Jack reports, "I am still at '15 off' on the slalom course (water skiing), but I keep trying to improve, despite advancing years."

Susan and Marty Samuels are very happy in Boston. Marty's son Charles '02 is working on a PhD in math at University of Texas at Austin, and daughter Marilyn '97 has a baby, Abigail. Marilyn lives in Medford, where she runs Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's human resources department. Marty says the Brigham Department of Neurology is thriving, and he continues to travel, lecture and write a fair amount.

Chris Covington, during a business trip to Seattle, took a float-plane lesson to a remote bay near Victoria, Canada. Peggy and Lynn Comfort were camped there in their new "mega yacht" named *Neil* (aka "Eskimo Neil," one of Kirk Varnedoe's favorite epic poems). The Comforts will bring the boat east later this year. Chris advises, "Book your stateroom now."

Hank Grass enjoyed his late-January visit to Williams to see a friend, biology professor Steve Zottoli, and to speak with pre-med students. He said he was saddened to learn of the death of Prof. Larry Vankin, Hank's mentor when he was a biology student at Williams.

Bill Woodworth started a new business venture called *Bullying Hurts!* It trains FFA students to go into elementary classrooms and work with third-graders on the problem of bullying. His partner is a PRCA rodeo clown who has been talking to elementary students for many of the last 18 years. They have had outstanding success. FFA organizations in Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas have adopted the program.

Paul Lipof's middle son recently completed an MBA, and their daughter Tamar will graduate from University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She will continue her residency in general surgery at UConn. Paul hoped to see Paul Krause at graduation, since he is on the faculty. Paul is back in Manhattan working for a real estate development group, The Georgetown Group. He is project manager on a Frank Gehry-designed headquarters for a major Internet company. Paul and your secretary tried to orchestrate a quick get-together during his recent visit to Minneapolis but were not able to mesh schedules.

That's a wrap for this edition. Thanks to all who contributed. Remember, the College allots us only

one sponsored mail request by post for news each year. All other input has to reach your secretary via e-mail appeals or spontaneous notes from you. Please don't hesitate to send me your cards, letters and e-mails. And if you do send e-mail, please sign your name! Please add your e-mail address to the class list server. It will really help our communication. Hope you've had a great summer, and I'll see you here in the fall.

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## 1968

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Arthur Cambouris reports in from exotic travels to a wedding of friends in Pakistan: "No, I do not have any wedding photos of me and some other Williams grads sharing a cocktail. There was no liquor at these events, and Americans, let alone fellow Billsvillers, were not to be found. It was the best vacation I can recall: the first week visiting the sites in Lahore ... home to such famous Mogul emperors as Shah Jahan of Taj Mahal fame, and the second week in a small mountain town in the northwest corner of Pakistan nestled in the mountains of the Hindu Kush. But the highlight of the trip was the subcontinental premiere of Robert Herzog's film, replete with Urdu subtitles. Call me crazy, but I got the real impression that the angst of the 1960s Vietnam-era New England college grads spoke to this fundamentalist audience in ways which I could not—and certainly you all should not—believe."

Bob Stanton has a split personality, running a 12-person orthopedic practice in Connecticut and traveling on weekends to the polo fields of Florida. "The business side of medicine is interesting and requires lots of on-the-job training," he writes. "Business is not taught to medical students and should be. ... We are starting to build a house on our farm down in Florida. Commuting during the winter is stressful, but having the chance to escape after the January we experienced is worth it. I also made my annual trip with the U.S. Ski Team—22 years traveling with them."

Thanks are due to Bob, who rotated off the Executive Committee of the Society of Alumni this past spring after several years of notable service. Tom Nicholson continues our consecutive string of representation on that board.

Thank you also to Ross Anthony for his great work as class agent. For several years, 1968 has been at the top of per-capita giving (not including the 25th and 50th reunion years), a feat somewhat hidden by the increase in class totals that results from larger class sizes beginning in the 1970s. That record doesn't happen by accident. All that work also



has to fit into Ross's day job as a health care expert at Rand Corp. Last spring he was off to Qatar to advise that nation on how to set up a full healthcare system.

Larry Levien continues in his role as a lawyer at Akin Gump in DC. His daughter Simone was accepted to the Class of 2008, joining her sister Lauren '05. Larry writes, "They are thrilled, and Cherie and I are proud that both of them had the grit to earn a Williams education. Now I need to keep the grit to earn the Williams tuition."

I had a wonderful visit last spring with John Rahill on the site of a great project. His architectural firm, Black River Design, converted the best part of the old Williamstown Elementary School (built in 1896) to 15 modern faculty apartments. It is a spectacular success. One nifty feature is the use of old blackboard slate as backsplashes in the kitchens. Word of the remarkable job got around, and many Williamstown residents toured the new apartments at an open house this past spring.

## 1969

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One part heaven-sent weather, two parts great music, equal amounts good food and drink. Add some Saturday evening fireworks, of all things, and, most of all, the chance to renew friendships, make new ones and get to know some classmates a little better. Mix them all together and you've got a wonderful reunion, with more than 60 classmates, along with spouses, partners and children, gathering at Perry House over three days. The camaraderie and memories ruled the weekend, taking the sting out of remembering that we've been alumni for three-and-a-half decades.

Highlights included the two parts great music, courtesy of musical marvels Art Lande and Fred Bashour. Art reprised his performance at our 25th reunion with a terrific Thursday-evening one titled "Even Purple Cows Get the Blues." Playing his original piano compositions evoking the memories of our days at Williams, Art and the multi-talented jazz musician Bruce Williamson paid tribute to late professors Don Gifford and Laslo Versenyi in separate works, made us think of late-evening hunger for a "Snack Bar Run" and, among other compositions, honored the athletic prowess of Jack Maitland '70 in "Maitland." (Jack, you should have been there.) Art preceded each piece with commentary, prodding us to remember some of the best details of those days.

Fred gathered together six talented musicians, including himself, to provide Saturday evening's entertainment of tunes from our era. Many

danced till midnight, interrupted only by the Class of '54's fireworks display, honoring the long tenure of Baxter Hall, which was scheduled for demolition soon after.

Doing the Class of '69 proud as presenter of one of the reunion lectures was Baylor College of Medicine professor, Larry McCullough, with a talk on "Ethical Challenges of Aging and Long Term Care." Larry was informative, thought-provoking and entertaining. Talking before a near-capacity crowd, the man from Texas (who showed a wonderful sense of humor) gave us aging boomers much to think about. On Saturday afternoon, we came to discover that the man also knows his art, as he led classmates on two tours of the Clark Art Institute.

Rick Larsen and daughter Kari Bilik '94, Ken Bell and son Matt '99 and Bob Hallem and daughter Elissa '99 doubled the pleasure of Reunion Weekend, as did Elrick Williams, also with a son. In Mr. Larsen's words, "It was a real family affair." Rick was seen with a stroller outside the closed admission office, muttering, "I can't believe they wouldn't open just for me! After all, here is Sasha Bilik, 10 weeks old and ready for admission to the Class of '26. Her mother is Kari Bilik '94, her father is Dave Bilik '94, her grandfather is moi '64. She has two great uncles, Pike '72 and Peter Talbert '74, and a great-great grandfather, Harvey Pike '09. ... Where the hell is everybody?"

Two crossed oceans to arrive: John Vandenberg from Tokyo and Robert Helms from London. Bill Bennett, Bob Hallem and Wes Howard attended their first reunion. (If I missed anyone in this category, my apologies, and send me a note.) Art Fitzgerald '70 and Tim Carlson '70 were also present. If you're interested in a complete list of our record-setting attendees, please contact me.

Special thanks to Lloyd Constantine, retiring class VP, who graciously opened his Berkshire home to us on Sunday afternoon.

The slate of class officers selected for the next half decade are: Bob Grace, re-elected president, Alan Dittrich, VP, and Ric Corwin, treasurer. Yours truly is honored to continue as secretary, offering news as you provide. All were present to receive elective honors. I take secretarial privilege and space here to congratulate and thank Bob Grace for stepping up to be 35th reunion chairman and leading an effort that not only resulted in a wonderful weekend but also in one that everyone appreciated. Applause for Mr. Grace and all the members of the reunion committee.

Through the good graces and technical skills of journalist/editor Mike Himowitz, who was snapping photos all weekend, we get the chance to relive our weekend online. And, as Mike said, "If you couldn't make it to the reunion, you'll undoubtedly

get a kick out of seeing so many gray-haired friends in ultra-purple shirts (and a few tie-dyes from the 25th)." Mike has posted instructions on how to download and make our own prints at [www.himowitz.net/Williams\\_Class\\_of\\_1969.html](http://www.himowitz.net/Williams_Class_of_1969.html). If you have questions, write to Mike at [mike@himowitz.net](mailto:mike@himowitz.net).

Henry Walker sent his regrets for the event: "As has been the case for the past 30 years, this year's reunion overlaps with my reading of Advanced Placement exams." Henry, in his 23rd year as a reviewer, joined other computer science faculty from around the nation at Clemson, where they graded some 25,000 exams. Henry continued, "While this description sounds uninviting, the readings actually provide a stimulating time for discussion of curricula, pedagogy and other teaching-related topics." He teaches at Grinnell College in Iowa, where he is a professor of natural science and mathematics. Wife Terry works in Web design and programming for a publishing company, daughter Barbara is in graduate school and daughter Donna is planning a wedding.

Bill Hoffman said farewell to U.S. government lawyering and is at the DC office of David Polk & Wardwell—a "behemoth in NYC, but only three lawyers in DC. Shell-shocked hardly describes my reaction to returning to private practice after 18 years in the government. There are resources. Broken things get fixed." Bill's wife Marie is getting a master's in public health, and the children are just fine. Bill continued, "I hope the reunion [was] terrific, and I look forward to the stories of DC area '69ers and others who may pass through. There's room at the Hoffmans'."

Sal Mollica sent his regards and new contact information. He and Mary Beth spend summers in New Hampshire and the rest of the year in Westport, Conn. More news, Sal.

Andrea and Bob Whitton are in their second year in a Ridgefield, Conn., condo association. Now a grandfather, Bob consults in publishing and direct marketing, and Andrea teaches at a Greenwich girls' school.

William Homan, attending surgeon at the White Plains (N.Y.) Hospital Center, was invited to make a presentation on gastric bypass surgery at the meeting of the American Society of Bariatric Surgery in June. Bill had two papers accepted for presentation at the international meeting in San Diego. Board certified by the American College of Surgery, Bill's interest in bariatric surgery developed during a fellowship at University of Oxford, where he received a DPhil in surgery. He earned an MD from Cornell University Medical College.

On a sad note, I must tell you that John Sarvey passed away in August 2003 due to complications from

cancer. John was assistant professor of pharmacology at Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Md., at the time of his death. He earned a PhD in pharmacology from SUNY Buffalo and joined the department of pharmacology at USU in 1978. Our condolences and wishes go to John's wife Cornelia and their three children, Lisa, Benjamin and Thomas.

I close with good news. On the Alumni Fund front, the Class of '69 has set fund-raising records. A big salute to Rob Brokaw, Larry McCullough and Mike Hand, the class agents who led '69 to new giving records for class participation (more than 69 percent) and dollars raised (more than \$154,000 at last count). All three extend a special thanks to the corps of associate agents, particularly Skip Comstock and Tom Foster, and to the group of "leadership donors" who generated matching funds that pushed the class to new heights. To all those who donated—a big thank you. This year's achievement certainly gives us something to build on during the years ahead. Stay well and in touch, and keep writing. Anytime.

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Thanks to everyone who responded to my latest e-mail solicitation. Please let me know of classmates not getting my e-mail communications. I only send out one regular mailing per year—if that—so I want to make sure folks not net-connected are not left out of the loop.

Rob Durkee reports that Old Rob is still short, robustly round, playing soccer and sensual but not far from innocence. Multiple marriages seem to ensure this profile. He's been happily involved with the world of nonprofits for the past two decades: the Foundation for the U.S. Constitution, the Cancer Research Institute and Project GRAD USA. He says it's great fun, despite anemic pay and benefits, and he hopes these commitments help slide him into heaven. Craig Smith's youngest, Halley '08, joins her two sisters in abandoning her parents this fall. He says that she'll be off in some inconceivably distant part of space-time, and she seems genuinely excited about the place—Williams—in spite of the taint of ancestry.

Pat Bassett went to the Masters' at Augusta National and ran into Kim Dawson, producer of the new film *Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius*.

Mark Messing's family left the Land o' Lakes in June for their digs in eastern Long Island. Mark Jr. will be in ninth grade at Choate, wife Tina is considering re-entering the labor force and Mark will continue managing business development for the law firm Buchanan Ingersoll.