

writing. He writes, "I am completing a new edition of the patriot Josiah Quincy's journals and legal papers, many previously unpublished, with Neil York, chair of the history department at BYU, and I am doing a new *History of Harvard Law School*." He and Judith are proud of their three daughters, who have presented them with five grandchildren, who in turn will "keep the admission committee at Williams busy!"

In early September Karen and Jim Harrison got together with Judy and Coleman Campbell-Bird on the coast of Italy, near Portofino, to celebrate the marriage of their son Jay '90 to Barbara Saibene of Milano. Williams was well represented, with Alison (Henrion) '92 and Andy Kaplinsky '90, Dave Oman '90 and Bob Verhey '90 among the guests.

Best wishes from both of your secretaries. Keep the news rolling in.

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We had a great response to our once per year U.S. Postal Service (non-e-mail) appeal for news. Thanks to all who participated.

Leading the news is Mark Richards in Dummerston, Vt. Jinx and John Hufnagel and Mary and Warner Fletcher joined Mark at his place in South Freeport, Maine, last summer. He also caught up with his hunting buddy Tom Haack last fall. Although some of our classmates are making retirement noises, Mark claims that putting three kids through Williams and one through business school, with two more just starting grad school, has moved retirement a bit further off.

Andy Cadot campaigned hard for Kerry/Edwards. Despite disappointment in the results, he and Lindsey are well.

point. Perhaps at their 20th anniversary in 2005.

Stu Rosenthal visited Gerry and Dick Pas in Oconomowoc, Wis., last summer. They went for a four-hour canoe trip through magnificent local rivers and lakes. Stu spent much of the rest of the summer escaping the heat in his Newport Beach home. His older daughter Dori lives in Manhattan with Matt, her boyfriend of eight years. Matt is completing a residency at Albert Einstein in the Bronx. Dori is an associate producer for John Stossel's group on ABC'S 20/20. Stu's younger daughter, Sara, lives in Redondo Beach with her boyfriend, also named Matt. The proliferation of Matts has made name recall a breeze for Stu.

In late August Ann and Bill Woodworth and Bonnie and Mike Haugh met up at Trail's End in Keene Valley, N.Y. In one day Bill and Mike did the entire circuit of all the trails in the area.

Bill Scott writes, "With my children grown up, early retirement from Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals and my wife Margret dying from cancer a few years ago, my life has entered a different stage. I feel both an obligation and joy in giving back from all I have been given." Bill is a research professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He is hatching a project he calls "Distributed Drug Discovery." It involves undergraduates linked together at institutions across the world in synthesizing and testing molecules that could be drug leads to treat diseases of the developing world. Bill is scheduled to give talks on the subject at Harvard and in Lublin, Poland, where his in-laws live.

Peter Hassinger has a new book out for young adults, *Shakespeare's Daughter*. Your secretary understands that it would make a great gift for that special grandchild. In the book the daughter is a teenager,



Last August 1967 classmates Bill Woodworth (left) and Mike Haugh summited Big Slide in the Adirondacks High Peaks in New York.

Margaret and Paul Sloan's daughter Emma, 7, and son Paul, 5, live, play and work on their farm in Leipers Fork, Tenn. Last spring Paul launched "Partners-In-Conservation," an investment-driven venture doing conservation work. He hopes the model will break the widely held perception that investment dollars cannot be successfully directed to legitimate conservation projects. See www.partnersinconservation.us.

In Miami Joel Rosenthal expressed relief that they were spared last summer's hurricanes. He and Emily expect to be empty nesters come fall. Their only child, Misha, is to attend Northwestern University, where she will play Div. I soccer. "So much for legacy," Joel observes. He notes that at least Northwestern's colors is purple. He welcomes a call from anyone visiting south Florida. Your secretary understands that he would also happily accept tuition contributions.

Bill Biersach and Doug Mills won the "over 60" C scow sailing event last summer in Wisconsin. This, Bill observes, in spite of their "creaky 60-year-old bodies." Bill enjoyed seeing Howard Hopwood and Dick Pas at a Wisconsin regional "Climb Far" Williams campaign luncheon in Milwaukee.

Henry Hague continues his law practice in Oceanside, Calif. His daughter is at UCLA, and his son is at UC-Davis. Henry still enjoys surfing with family and friends.

Henry Grass enjoys his psychiatric practice and teaching at the Oregon Medical School. He is involved with the Oregon State Board, helping doctors deal with patients' mental health issues. He gives local and national talks on the subject. Henry and his wife have two children and three grandsons. The Grasses "couldn't be happier."

Diane and Jack Hunt's daughter Laura '97 and her husband live in LA, where Laura works with Monitor Consulting and her husband is a doctor at UCLA. Lisa '03 is in medical school in San Antonio. Her twin Helen recently finished a master's at Northwestern and lives

in southern California. Jack said that the King Ranch 2004 results were great in Texas, with ample rainfall, but their Florida citrus operations took the brunt of some of the hurricanes.

Paula and Warren Suss spent their 30th wedding anniversary in Barcelona last October. They were joined in the celebration by their daughters Ginny '99 and Becky '03 as well as Peggy and Mark Ellis, Lois and Rich Gehrman and Kris and Sandy Spector.

Your secretary took a run at elected office last November. I wound up the top vote-getter in a heated contest for city council. The mayor is an Amherst alum, so two out of five members of the council represent the Little Three. Not a bad showing for the Northern Plains. My wife Winnie has launched her "ReServe" product through Marshall Fields and other select channels. The device preserves wine in perfect condition in opened bottles. Thanks again for the great response to this mailing. See you next issue.

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A note from John Yani Councilis in Athens deserves extra attention this time around: "2004 was certainly overburdened with interesting moments, but it was a wonderful year to be in Athens and to experience the Olympic spirit firsthand. The volunteers' brilliance buffed away most of the 2,000 years of commercial tarnish, and the peaceful synergy of so many nations was impressive. It's good to witness Athens' positive changes, especially when I recall the shame of the dark days of the Junta during my undergraduate years!"

He continues, "It's distressing to note that the links between the United States and Europe are showing so much strain. I hope that Williams is able to maintain a healthy cohort of international students and to maximize sending U.S. students abroad. What a fine way to become a citizen of the world and to have a deep understanding of the way our differences help us learn from each other."

From London, John Murray reports, "Jenny and I continue to flee to our house in the country on weekends, where I spend quite a bit of time shooting at partridges and pheasants without causing too much damage, except to my shoulder. Business is booming, which is always worrying. There are now 12 of us at little Ecofin Ltd., where we manage institutional money and have started, what else, a hedge fund. I am not thinking about retirement yet but would like to work increasingly on my

EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Last fall David McCarron '67 received the 2004 International Prize for Modern Nutrition from the Federation of Swiss Milk Producers. McCarron is president of Academic Network LLC and visiting professor of nutrition at UC Davis. He was praised for his research of the link between nutrition and hypertension.

Jon Vipond and Tim spent as much time as they could last summer at "Top O' Main," their house at the very top of Main Street in Nantucket. They were there for 10 days in September and plan to spend one weekend there per month. Jon continues in his law practice in Harrisburg and Tim is director of development for the Susquehanna Art Museum. Jon observes that the world is changing so fast, they are in a position to contemplate marriage at some

bored with life in Stratford, who longs to see her father's world of players and poets and follow a secret dream of her own.

Marty Samuels' son Charles '02 is working on a PhD in math (number theory) at University of Texas, Austin. His daughter Marilyn '97 is working in human resources for the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Marilyn's husband Sam Sommer is a psych professor at Tufts. Their daughter Abigail, Marty's granddaughter, is almost 2.

own terms, partners permitting, which is one of the few advantages of a small, private business. ... I am doing some mentoring of chief executives of charities here, which, in the United Kingdom, is a world far, far removed from the private sector, which makes it both interesting and a lot of fun."

Barton Jones focuses on his Williams Club role: "I had the pleasure of seeing the following classmates at Guest Night at the Williams Club: Mike Lavigne, Wendell Dickerson, Bram Jelin, John Schmitz and Arthur Cambouris. Everyone was in great spirits despite the slings and arrows of almost 40 years of life after Williams. I am working on aligning the mission of the Williams Club with that of the College. I am pleased we will have about 10 students staying at the club for the fall semester of 2005. This will be the pilot program for Williams in New York and will be led by Prof. Robert Jackall. I encourage all members of our class to stop in when they are in New York and join."

Jeff Connor's son Michael '06 is number 94 on the football team, a defensive tackle. Michael led the team this year in sacks and was second in tackles. Jeff says he saw quite a few classmates at homecoming, at which Williams beat Wesleyan, and he hopes to see all of you for the 2005 homecoming, at which Williams will beat Amherst.

Bob Stanton writes that his sports doctoring includes "covering the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL Islanders team) and Fairfield University. Without the NHL (during the labor dispute), we have all sorts of Islanders brass hanging around, looking for things to do."

Jeff Brinn answered my e-mail solicitation quite literally: A notable work accomplishment? "Just received a decent check in the mail." Retirement? "Semi-retired, especially my income." Second career? "It looks like finalizing plans for renovating our new home may be a full-time job." Special work in civic affairs? "No, but I'm thinking about it." Moving to a new city? "Yes, Myra and I finally moved to Charlotte, N.C., July 23, 2004." A role in the recent election? "Yes, I just learned that my provisional ballot was counted."

We note sadly the death, from a heart attack, of Ron Teschke. He leaves his wife Caroline and three children. Class Notes had followed his adventures in the recent past, including a single-handed east-to-west sailing of the Atlantic in 19 days during 2003. He had been a physician and educator in neurology at U.C. La Jolla.



Warren Suss '67 and his wife Paula (front row, center) celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary among classmates and their families in Barcelona last year.

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While some of us have retired and others are nearing that day, Mike West has started on a new path, taking a position at the Corporate Executive Board in DC. "My office will be at 2000 Pennsylvania Ave., a short walk from my apartment on O Street in Georgetown, where I will live during the week. On weekends I will return to my house on the Vineyard to spend some quality time with my two boys, Harry and Chris." According to the board's Web site, it is the premier membership organization for senior executives of leading institutions worldwide to discover innovative strategies for addressing their most pressing challenges.

Dick Peinert wrote that the tribute to Vic Richards, whose passing was reported in a prior issue, was attended by several of Vic's roommates and classmates, including Mike Hand, Lee Holman '70, Bob Smith and Tom Sipkins. The Rev. Chris Kinnell presided at the service. On a happier note, Dick says Jessica and Tom Sipkins visited in August for a "little golf, wine, lobster and power walking."

Sal Mollica says he's now retired, really. "I retired from Citibank a few years ago after over 30 years living in Hong Kong, Bahrain and Egypt and then traveling to Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America. I then took a financial services consulting job for a couple of years focused on Brazil. Now I am ... developing a 'portfolio' of activities, including trustee of a land conservancy organization and treasurer of a lake association in New Hampshire, where Mary Beth and I summer each year. I have become a mentor for a micro-credit organization in Bridgeport and volunteer tutor ... at a Bridgeport elementary school. I also have lots of fun in an acting class here in Westport." Sal says his wife Mary Beth does lots of volunteer work on her own and through their local Unitarian Church and that their children are doing well; one is to

graduate with a master's from USC, the other is working for a hedge fund in Westport, Conn.

Last year Jim Barnes of Charlottesville, Va., "bought a kayak, my middle-age red Corvette. That, hiking, biking (à la Stonewall; I'm covering the Shenandoah Valley), softball at Monticello, make for a satisfying recreational life." He's even run a relay triathlon. Jim, who's been a reference librarian at the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville for many years, has become an advocate for the local mental health association, reflecting his own situation and a desire to give back. "My deep appreciation for supporters along the way and empathy for those burdened has made me a longtime member at the board of the local Mental Health Association. For me, the strongest motivation is to be an advocate and to counter the stigma of mental illness, which I am doing here." Jim also had the great pleasure of introducing Caroline Kettlewell '84 when she gave a reading from her new book, *Electric Dreams—One Unlikely Team of Kids and the Race to Build the Car of the Future*, at a bookshop in Charlottesville.

Pete Capodilupo, still teaching and coaching football at Newton North High School outside of Boston, winds up in the sports pages from time to time. This past Thanksgiving he was quoted in the *Boston Herald* for leading his team into the local high school football playoffs again.

For those of you who missed Bob Grace's e-mail and my follow-up in November, we are sad to report another classmate's passing. Dr. Jim Benes died last August in Ohio. A practicing cardiologist for more than 20 years, Jim earned an MD in 1976 from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and was assistant clinical professor of medicine at Case Western since 1986. He is survived by five children, two grandchildren, his father and former wife Janice Benes.

Tom Goodbody and John McKenzie have offspring in the Class of '08. Tom's daughter Caroline and John's son Sean entered last fall. Tom's son Nick '03

entered a doctoral program at Yale, concentrating in Spanish and Latin American literature. Tom has kept in touch with John Hayes and Bill Hoffman.

We need more news to fill this space, so here's my wish for 2005: that each member of the class gets mentioned in this column at least once. So pick up a pen or get to a keyboard, and stay in touch.

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Joe McCurdy nearly caused me cardiac arrest by—brace yourselves now—actually sending me some news! He had heretofore made a career of stubbornly ignoring my periodic plaintive and (sometimes) pitiful pleas. Yet this scoundrel's name has appeared in these notes with some regularity over the years. Why? One word: Kathy. Joe has played the sloth while his lovely wife has faithfully sent me updates. Just because I snipped off the smallest little hunk of his ear back in 1969 while giving him a haircut. Hey, I only charged him a six-pack of Schmidts! What does he want?

In any event, Joe is now the proud father of two Williams graduates. Young Joe '04 graduated in June and is a buy-side financial analyst for Guggenheim Partners in NYC. Daughter Hagan graduated in 2001 and left the Goldman Sachs investment banking program in NYC after being married in September. Her husband is a Marine lieutenant stationed at Camp Lejeune. There were 28 Williams alumni at the wedding, including Giffy Whitbeck, Ted May and Rob Brokaw '69. Ted's daughter Heather '00 and Giffy's daughter Caite (Skidmore '01) were bridesmaids, and Rob's daughter Amanda '01 was maid of honor. Giffy's son Pepper '00 and new daughter-in-law Gabby Thiele '00 and Joe's brother's son Patrick McCurdy '02 as well as Ted's son Ned '03 also attended. Nancy and Carl Samuelson attended, and Coach Sam gave a great inspirational toast at the rehearsal dinner. Pepper and Gabby were married in Williamstown over the summer. Forty Williams grads were at the reception.

Giffy wrote that Thompson Memorial Chapel, where Pepper and Gabby were married, provided a beautiful and exhilarating setting for the nuptials. On the subject of all the Williams offspring present, Gif says, "I can't tell you how much fun it was to see our children and Joe's so happy together."

Alice and I cherish memories of our wedding in the chapel way back in 1969. Her uncle, who was a talented artist, got up early on our wedding day and painted a

It places loans in disadvantaged parts of America. Rob is director of the Nationwide Government Program of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM). The firm is designing everything from new embassies to national museums in Washington to federal courthouses. Rob was pleased to help Steve Bartholomew's daughter Lucia secure a job with SOM in New York. She is working on the "Freedom Tower," the first of the new buildings at the World Trade Center site.

Bill Clendaniel's son Cam '01 is editing a documentary, so Bill looks forward to a trip to Sundance in future years. Douglas is at Prescott College in Arizona, thoroughly enjoying the West. Bill and Ron are taking the two boys and Cam's girlfriend (Williams '02) on a bareboat charter out of Tortola in honor of Bill's 60th birthday. Bill had great visits last October with John Roberts in Berkeley and Neil O'Donnell in San Francisco. Bill even got to see John's brother Bill Roberts for the first time in decades.

Speaking of Tortola, Jon Vipond and Tim spent 10 days there in late January celebrating Jon's 60th birthday. They hosted about 25 friends, including from his law firm, central Pennsylvania, Nantucket (where they have a house) as well as (youngest brother David '79 and partner Jerry Bakka), and classmates (Peggy and Lyn Comfort and Stevie and Gardner Gillespie). Jon writes, "Friends in abundance are truly the best reward that a full and active life of trying to work hard and live productively can produce."

And so we bring this issue to a close in a milestone year that will see many/most of us turning 60. Many happy returns to all. Be sure to send in reports to your secretary of your birthday celebrations and reflections. We are primarily in e-mail mode until late in the year. But your secretary happily accepts all transmissions, electronic or U.S. Postal Service. Have a great summer, and I'll see you in the fall.

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David Earle is "working on a startup in the field of workplace learning and performance (corporate training and development). Why another startup (number four) at near retirement age? Don't ask. It's a deeply embedded character flaw." David's son Matthew is in the Class of 2007 and his son Jon will be a member of '09, the seventh Earle Eph. David writes, "Sue and I are well and focused daily on savoring the richness and splendor of life."

Dick Heller is writing a book on leadership and hopes it will be published late this year. The working title is *Full Extension: The Presence*

of a Leader. He writes, "Full extension is a phrase from dance (or theater or athletics or whatever) that implies being the absolute best, most present we can be as human beings. In my years of consulting, teaching and coaching I've found that the true key to leadership is self-knowledge and authenticity, and I'm collecting my observations for the book. I'm getting busier on the keynote speaking circuit and continue my consulting practice, although I left the full-time employ of Tom Peters Co. about two years ago. I plan to continue working and speaking until I fall over at the podium."

"After the demise of Arthur Andersen, the bloom was off the rose for me with regard to management consulting in the large firm environment," says John Dirlam. "I am now doing some consulting ... in conjunction with some former big-firm refugees. ... I am also teaching two history courses at Newbury College here in the Boston area. This is something I have always threatened to do late in life (I guess we are there), and it gives me an opportunity finally to use the master's in history that I picked up on the G.I. Bill after the Navy for these many years. I am having a ball, and the students seem to enjoy getting a somewhat different perspective than they may be accustomed to in the classroom. Breaking into academe, especially in the liberal arts, is not easy. I used to think that history PhDs were a dime a dozen. I have since learned that the going rate is more like 5 cents!"

Doug Ebert says he "bought a house that we will tear down and re-build as a retirement home. It is on a lake here in Bloomfield Hills. However, it keeps getting bigger (up 900 square-feet since we started the design), and I am not sure when retirement really is. Who cares? Building our dream home will be a lot of fun, and Linda and I are very excited about the project."

Ted McMahon is "still happy doing pediatrics three days a week and poetry the rest of the time. I have a firm date for a Colorado River trip May 6, 2006 (see www.innerjourney.com for info). My spouse, photographer Rosanne Olson, is having a show ... at the Iris Gallery in Great Barrington, Mass. The opening reception is June 11 (which just happens to coincide with Williams Reunion Weekend). We'd be pleased to see any classmates who find themselves in the vicinity! (See www.rosanneolson.com.)"

Last word, as usual, from Arthur Cambouris: "I am left to tell you about several pleasant encounters with classmates. We had dinner with Bob (I was a young Republican then, I am neither now) Heiss and his wife Arlene, who visited us in Connecticut while visiting their children 'studying' at nearby colleges. Howard Steinberg and parts of my family enjoyed an Indian meal while his wife and two daughters were

skiing. Howard lives in Connecticut, works for Pfizer in NYC and has no explanation for his nonattendance at any of our reunions. Dr. Howard was and still is a fast talker, so I am not sure that I heard this correctly, but I thought I heard him warn me and others my age that we should consult our physicians if we had affections lasting more than four hours."

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Chip Bolman takes on a huge new challenge in June as chief of cardiac surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "My two daughters are in college, so we are free to make such a move," he says. "It is with some mix of trepidation and excitement that I embark on this at a time when some of our classmates are contemplating retirement. It will be nice to be closer to the Purple Mountains and Williamstown." Chip has been chief of cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Minnesota since 1989. He will oversee a department of some 300 people at Brigham.

Wes Howard is "still living in Denver, married to my bride of 19-and-a-half years; raising two kids (now 15 and 12-going-on-25); playing, coaching and watching soccer; volunteering (son's public high school policy committee); and a partner in a five-person law firm focusing on complex civil litigation ('people fighting about money') and sophisticated residential and commercial real estate transactions and development (done by my colleagues in the firm who actually know something). ... I have resumed downhill skiing and become much more impressed with all that my parents went through when I was a teenager, now that I have become one of those who doesn't 'know anything, understand what's going on, get it, have a clue, or think [children] know how to take care of ourselves.'"

Scientist Fred Vinick has no plans for early retirement and enjoys his work at Genzyme in Lexington, Mass., where he is senior VP for drug discovery. "I'm actually having a ball trying to discover drugs, even after all these years." Fred has two grandchildren, as oldest daughter Julie Vinick Aronwald '95 delivered her second child, Henry, last year. Son Andrew '04 has graduated, and middle child Peter is to finish at MIT's Sloan School in May, ready for a job with IBM.

Chuck Collins was part of a humanitarian response team for the global YMCA movement following the tsunami disaster in India and Sri Lanka. He spent some weeks engaged in relief work, field reconnaissance and establishing the parameters for YMCA community



In February (from left) Bruce Plenk '69, Judy (Allerhand-Willis) '71 and Paul Willis '71 reconnected after 37 years in Tucson, where Bruce lives and Judy and Paul were visiting for Judy's work as a restaurant critic.

rebuilding in those countries. "I have never witnessed such sadness and devastation on such a massive scale," Chuck says. "It is something we can't turn our backs to once having seen the extent of pain and suffering."

Chuck notes that the YMCA has been in the region for nearly 150 years, with 500 Y's in India and 38 in Sri Lanka, and, "We have been deeply involved in all of the tsunami-affected communities along the Bay of Bengal. ... YMCA efforts include rebuilding housing, community facilities, vocational training capacity, fishing and other physical resources destroyed in the tsunami and will take a few years to implement. ... We have long-standing and well-established local infrastructure, local capacity and governance mechanisms to make good on generous donations in an environment in which clarity of purpose and transparency are vitally important." Chuck also notes the Y's role in a fragile peace process in Sri Lanka, promoting an open and civil society.

John Zimmerman says life is good in Midland, Mich., where he and wife Pat have been for 15 years. "We're on the Chippewa River, with a nature preserve on the other side; deer, wild turkeys and walleye in my backyard. House built into the hillside, designed in 1935 by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright." John is executive director of the United Way of Midland County, and Pat has retired from banking, a move that has prompted them to travel more: "Missed the 35th reunion because we were headed to Croatia for a boat- and bicycle-trip through the islands of the Adriatic. Wonderful, but too many hills." John's "avocational passion" for some years has been curling, and he participates in weekend tournaments in Canada, Chicago and Cleveland. Four years ago, he took part in the national qualifier for the U.S. Olympic team but lost a close game. "One of the enduring lessons from

down in 2001. His teams won football titles in 1992 and 1996, and he had a 59-49-1 record. He was an assistant varsity baseball coach and taught math. Steve Hyde, his good friend and teaching and coaching colleague at Tower Hill, said of Jim, "We lost somebody who was very strong, who was a compassionate person and had a wonderful sense of humor. I lost a friend, and so has the community." We will all miss Jim.

The sky isn't exactly falling, but our reunion chairman for the last several iterations is leaving town! That's pretty close to having the sky fall. That's right, **Mark Piechota** and his lovely wife Pat are leaving Williamstown. July 1 was his retirement date as superintendent/principal of Mount Greylock Regional School District. But he's not finished. Although Mark could have retired altogether, he says he is not yet ready to leave his profession behind. He is to become headmaster of The Crefeld School in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. He describes Crefeld as a small, progressive, independent school that helps adolescents succeed academically in a supportive environment. He says the hectic process of leaving, relocation, etc., has been made much less difficult due to the generous help of Paula and Warren Suss. So that's it! Will we have to find a new Reunion Chairman for 2007? Stay tuned.

Paul Sloan was asked by Tennessee Gov. Bredesen to serve as deputy director of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The position will make him responsible for the "Bureau of Environment," which oversees all state environmental permitting and enforcement. He terms it "a tremendous opportunity to have a bit of influence on our state's environmental stewardship." Since Paul has never had a government job, he views it as a bit daunting but says, "The possibilities are endless." Congratulations, Paul.

Last spring, **Harry Matthews**, while winding up a Jewish Rosh Hashanah (New York) walking tour for an Australian couple, stopped in Katz's Deli for a pastrami sandwich. A "somewhat effusive" gay "approached the table and introduced himself as **Paul Streicker**. Paul was in town for a family celebration. Harry

summarizes, "The experience proved one of my favorite theories: In a town as small as NYC, you can't help running into people you know, especially those who live somewhere else." Harry adds that the tourist trade is booming. He was almost fully booked through the summer.

Jinx and John Hufnagel bought a farmhouse in Owl's Head, Maine, two years ago. Several of their children live in the area and visit frequently. The Hufnagels often see Mary and **Warner Fletcher** and **Liz and Mark Richards** in southern Maine. John was planning an early summer fishing foray with **Andy Cadot**. John practices law in Scarsdale with **Bill Drummond '68**, among others. They now have 12 lawyers in the firm, so he hopes to have more free time in the future.

Rick Williams continues his idyllic life in the Florida Keys. His son Chris graduated from Franklin & Marshall with a dual major in philosophy and economics. Although Chris started out playing hockey, he switched to the decathlon for the challenge. He wound up setting the school record in each of the three years he did the event. He is now off to a management program with Wells Fargo on the west coast. So Rick and Valerie are now officially empty nesters. Like many others, they enjoyed writing their last tuition check. Rick retired at age 53 to live in the warm weather (Florida Keys, nine months; New Jersey shore, three months). As he hits 60, tan, fit and relaxed, he thinks it might have been the best decision of his life. His biggest daily worry is the fishing conditions. Not bad.

Lenny Goldberg says he was fortunate to informally represent Williams at the investiture of **Brian Murphy** as president of DeAnza College, a 20,000-student community college in Silicon Valley. Lenny says, "Brian has been a committed educator for his entire career, and it's great to see him get this opportunity." Lenny did his second annual cross-country ski race last winter. It was from Echo Summit to Kirkwood, 13 miles and a 2,000-foot climb through the high Sierras. He says he did pretty well for being in the upper end of the 50s age group. Lenny still has his public interest lobbying and consulting firm in Sacramento. He says he is having some trouble getting

bills signed by the governor, but he is enjoying public policy and is getting a few things accomplished while happily working for himself.

Henry Grass has been traveling to national psychiatric meetings to give presentations on his committee's research on physician suicide. He saw his grandchildren in Seattle, which he says is always great fun. His various athletic injuries have healed again, so he is now able to continue his vigorous lifestyle. He has no contemplation of retirement.

Marty Samuels was awarded the distinguished Daniel Drake medal by his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. It is the highest award given by the school. (Congratulations, Marty). He was able to take his 90-year-old father to the event. Marty continues to lead the department of neurology at Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston. Last spring he and Susan had a nice dinner with Suzanne and **Bill Garth**, **Bonnie and Chris Covington** and **Terry Sands** and **Jaye Whittier**. Susan is in charge of cardiology for Elsevier, the "10,000-pound gorilla of medical publishing."

Bill Garth, who independently confirmed the wonderful dinner at Marty's, reports that he and **Boine Johnson '52** just completed 30-year stints as trustees under the will of **Olcott O. Partridge**, Class of 1888. This year they are distributing \$1.4 million from the trust, half to Williams and half to the Theta Delta Chi Founders Corp. President **Schapiro** hosted a reception for them in Williamstown in February. Also in attendance were **Paul Neely '68** and **Geoffrey Connor '68**. **Bill McClung '66** wrote a fine biography of "brother Partridge" and is back in Boston, a retired professor, published author (*Landscapes of Desire*), accomplished photographer and now executive director of Theta Delta Chi. Meanwhile, **Bill Garth** was looking forward to setting his lobster pots off the Maine coast.

Chuck Glassmire reports from Valdosta, Ga., where he teaches AP chemistry and is head of a high school division. He writes, "Run two to four miles almost every day; healthy as a horse and just as ugly."

Chris Covington spoke with **Howie Kestenbaum's** wife **Granvilette** to thank her for

her generous gift to the Alumni Fund. She said that Howie would have wanted it. She told the story of how, in their first year of marriage, when they had just \$75 in the checking account, Howie gave \$50 to the Alumni Fund. She said she was furious at the time, but that was then. She said that in general she is doing just OK. She very much appreciated being invited into the alumni association and its perquisites. Chris also reported that **Peter Bent** had a hip replacement but is recovering nicely and that **Terry Sands** is working very hard as a judge. Chris also spoke with **Jerry Jones** in Texas. On his 60th birthday Jerry went for a 60-mile bike ride with his wife. He felt like a champ on the way out but neglected to realize that the wind had been at his back. The return was not so pretty. In his words, "Legs like a bull, brain like an ant."

That's all for this issue. Thank you to all who sent in news. Have a great fall, and, of course, beat Amherst!

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The *New Yorker's* review of **Peter Abrahams'** latest book is by none other than Joyce Carol Oates, and she turned it into a review of Peter's career. "Oblivion is composed in spare yet often poetic prose," she says of the latest. More generally, "Unlike most suspense fiction, which operates on the practical principle that swift, cinematic scenes will keep readers turning pages without lingering to wonder about verisimilitude, originality or, indeed, literary worth, Abrahams' novels are gratifyingly attentive to psychological detail, richly atmospheric, layered in ambiguity."

At the opposite end of the publishing world, **Ross Anthony** was one of five study group directors in the Rand Corp.'s report *Building a Successful Palestinian State*. A companion book, with Ross's name as one of five on the cover, focused on infrastructure needs and drew great attention to the project, including more than two full pages in a Sunday *New York Times*. Ross has been a leader in Rand's work around the world in health care systems.

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Just a few months ago, I spoke with him by phone; he was on his Blackberry outside the Marriott in Qatar.

My travels as a co-chair of The Williams Campaign have led me several times to **David Schulte** in Chicago. He is still running various investment activities but has also played a leading role in the efforts to get a legal settlement on asbestos litigation through Congress. It has soured him a bit on national politics, although he describes that more colorfully.

Then, at a campaign event in Buffalo, there appears **Charlie Gordon**. He has his own architectural firm, although, as he put it, "When you're an architect in Buffalo, you take work wherever you can find it." Charlie was divorced many years ago and remained single for 11 years, remarried over five years ago and has a daughter, now 4 years old. He looks in rock-solid shape but says the years of hockey have taken a big toll on the knees.

Sherman Jones is living in Knoxville and Atlanta, working as an independent financial adviser with Raymond James Financial Services and as an associate professor of business administration at Tennessee Wesleyan College. Sherm and Janice divorced five years ago after 33 years, and he takes special pride in his first grandchild, now just 1 year old. "Happy," he reports, "but feel the effects of getting older with periodic achy joints."

(I can identify with those guys—a divorce this year after 27 years and knee surgery that stopped short of full success.)

Michael Yogman reports, "My daughter just finished her first year at Williams, and it's been great to be a regular visitor again and to follow the lacrosse team on the road. I am still practicing pediatrics in Cambridge and fundraising as a trustee of the Children's Museum."

Judy and **Bill Whitman** have sold their New Hampshire inn, Adair, after seven years. Earlier this year, American Historic Inns named it one of the Top Ten Most Romantic Inns and B&Bs. "It's been a wonderful second career for both of us. Previously, we were in a very comfortable rut, but the change has energized us. Running a B&B/inn is a demanding lifestyle, but we've enjoyed it. It's time to move on to the next chapter of our lives."

Clint Wilkins has announced

his retirement as the founding headmaster of Sage Hill School in Orange County, Calif. Future plans are uncertain, or at least he hasn't told my source—his father, **Dr. Wayne Wilkins '41**.

John Dirlam reports that he, **Bob Lord**, **Kevin Dougherty**, **Larry Pilcher** and respective spouses spent a long weekend at Penny and **Mike Herlihy's** new home on Nantucket. "The weekend included a lot of reminiscing as well as lots of discussion of new careers and even (God forbid!) retirement."

Earl Potter, in his latest stop in academe, is executive VP at Southern Oregon University, "in the dry, southwestern corner of the state. I've reconnected with old roommates (**Steve Essley** and **Jeff Williams**) and have some common interests with **Spencer Beebe**, but I am still very much a New Englander at heart."

The new and improved **John Oppenheimer** reports losing 25 pounds, on his way to a goal of 50. He is back in the hedge fund business, as an adviser to younger partners rather than asset manager, and he admits that even that means he is working harder than his accustomed role.

Doug Ebert lost 30 pounds a worse way. An uncommon pancreatic disease led to surgery to remove three-quarters of it, plus the gall bladder and appendix, requiring 34 days in the hospital until his stomach started working again. He says he's now doing fine but acknowledges that "my life has been a little topsy-turvy recently." Best wishes to him.

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Rikk Larsen reached the two-year mark with Elder Decisions, a Lexington, Mass., mediation firm he co-founded with five others. "As part of our effort to increase awareness of the emerging field of elder mediation, we've been getting the word out with a Web site, lectures, presentations, trainings and articles," says Rikk. Visit elderdecisions.com for more.

Rick Corwin "spent the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., trying to improve my golf game, unfortunately with no noticeable improvement, and training for

the Boston Marathon, which I completed in just over four hours." Rick and **Dick Peinert** attended the annual meeting of the Boston Williams Association in the spring. Dr. Peinert was in Williamstown in May for a College function and saw **Gates Hawn '70** for the first time in 36 years. "He looks great and gave a beautiful, heartfelt talk about the true value of four years at Williams. I think the young audience will not fully appreciate his talk for another 20 years. Also played golf with **Jack Sands** and **Steve Brown**, both '71. A trip to Williamstown is like a trip back to the womb. Very therapeutic."

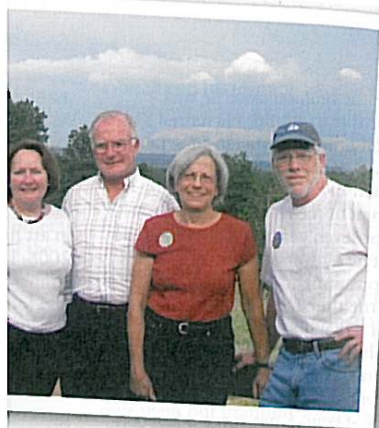
Mike Goodbody visited the Dominican Republic with his friend Darcy and her son for spring break and at their resort met Peter and **Laurie Thomsen '79** from Concord, Mass. "The poverty there is heart-breaking, but at least it rained for six straight days. Oh, and did I mention Montezuma's revenge?"

Earl White celebrates his 17th wedding anniversary this year with Mary Starkweather. "It seems that on many of our recent trips, Williams alumni travel has either followed or preceded us with a nice tour; coincidence or ESP—or just plain good travel sense?" Earl is on the board of Upper School at Wilmington Friends School, which now has **Robert Lake '91** as its headmaster.

Dave Mason, whose last child, Holly Lynn, was born on Dec. 20, writes: "Anyone interested in starting a last-father-in-the-class pool? Others may well have more interest or stamina."

In Denver, **Wes Howard** has great news. Diagnosed with prostate cancer in March after a routine PSA blood test, Wes has come through it. "My prostate was removed, and it appears the operation was successful. Five weeks after the operation, I played a full 90-minute game of geezer-league soccer. I feel extremely lucky. I would welcome a telephone call or e-mail from anyone who might benefit from my experience."

An era has ended in New York. "After 33 years of nights and weekends," writes spouse Claudia, "**Yogi Santa-Donato** is out of the restaurant business! Yogi is retired and loving it. The only down side is that we miss Jan and **Lloyd Constantine**, who stopped by almost every Friday night on the way up to



best represented in July's "College in the Rock-geology professor Bud Wobus. From left, Jon and Harry Tether and Judy and Les High.

to retire. He expects to make his annual trek to Williams to visit his close friend Professor Steve Zottoli in the biology department. Hank talks to the pre-med students.

Bill Clendaniel celebrated his 60th in style by fulfilling a life-long dream. He took a bare-boat cruise in the British Virgin Islands. With his partner, Ron Barbaggio, and his two sons, Cam '01 and Douglas, and Cam's girlfriend **Sara Hausner-Levine '02**, they had a fabulous time. The snorkeling was great, and the water was over 80 degrees.

Jon Macomber is alive and well and enjoying life in Colorado Springs. Their first grandchild was born a year ago. He had a fantastic vacation tandem bicycling and kayaking with the seals, eagles and orca whales in the Puget Sound/San Juan Islands. Jon is an elementary school teacher; his wife, a defense contractor. They were looking forward to Christmas with in-laws in Ireland and to grandchild spoiling.

Wes Westmeyer is in his 25th year working for NYC public hospitals. After spending most of that time in finance, he has spent the last three in medical administration. A large extended family on his wife's side takes up most of his spare time. One grandson lives in France, which unfortunately limits his visitation time.

Paul Sloan is exhilarated in his new post (this past spring) as deputy commissioner of Tennessee's Department of Environment and Conservation. He is responsible for the state's bureau of environment. After 10 years of second guessing the environmental policy, he was told that if he thought he could do the job, have at it. The rest is history, as they say.

Jon Cannon is in his eighth year

of teaching and directing the environmental law program at the University of Virginia School of Law. He and Alice live in an old house in the country with the Blue Ridge views remarkably reminiscent of Williams. He works with **John Setear '81**, also a professor at the law school (international environmental law issues). Jon's son **Ben '02** just started a PhD in English literature at Berkeley.

George Cannon enjoyed a very pleasant vacation motor-ing through central and eastern Tennessee with friend Katherine. He asks, "Any votes for Chattanooga as the nearest little city in the U.S.?" He also adds (appropriately), "Bear Amherst!"

Bob Healey entertained **Jon Wulp** as a house guest over Memorial Day weekend. This has been a recent pattern, and Bob calls it a great treat. Bob also spoke with **Charlie Potts '68** after discovering that they lived just a few miles apart in Simsbury, Conn. Meanwhile Bob and his son Spencer played golf at Taconic last summer and had a wonderful time on a beautiful day.

Marty Samuels reports the news of his most recent grandchild, Sophia Rose. Her parents are Marty's daughter **Marilyn '97** and her husband **Sam Sommers '97**. Susan and he and their other grandchild, Abigail Lily, were planning to spend some time in Williamstown in the fall to begin the indoctrination process. Marty and Susan also attended **Terry Sands'** annual musical production in Annisquam. This one was *Brigadoon*. Terry has been directing this very successful summer theater for many years.

Mike Roizen has a new bestselling book out: *You: The Owner's Manual: An Insider's Guide to the Body That Will Make You Healthier and Younger*. He collaborated with another physician on the work. After Mike appeared on Oprah Winfrey's talk show last spring, the book shot to the top of the bestseller lists. It has been praised as a humorous and informative, jargon-free assortment of health advice, medical information and trivia. Congratulations, Mike.

Doug Tueting is mostly enjoying life, but he has also been suffering from a herniated disc that clipped his wings some last summer. He and his wife have sent their oldest son off to college, Gustavus Adolphus, in St. Peter, Minn. Doug is a professional writer. He focuses on mental health issues.

Van Hawn is alive, well, still

working, etc. He sends thanks to our classmates who have contributed to the effort to endow a named chair in honor of **Kirk Varnedoe**. He notes, "The darn things are kind of expensive, and any additional contributions would be very welcome."

Bill Woodworth and his wife Ann celebrated their 33rd anniversary this past year. Bill has formed a one-member LLC to conduct his investment management business. He was basically wooed into doing it by another firm in a neighboring town that wanted to be associated with him. In addition to that, he continues working with his friend the rodeo clown on their acclaimed community service program called *Bullying Hurts*.

Your secretary and **Tom Mahler** hit the Saskatchewan prairies again this past fall. We are not as dangerous to the local duck populations as we used to be. But we enjoyed our time in various marshes scattered across the vast wheat fields. Tom's stroke prompted an early retirement for him, but it sounds as though

able to see the two houses we have in New Orleans. We are fortunate to have had the ability to get out, family to stay with in Corpus Christi and friends like **Larry Levien** (a roommate for two years) who have been wonderful.

"There are few times in my life I have felt helpless to change things. Senior year at Williams I was in the building at Fort Hoosac when it caught fire. Once we got everybody out, all we could do was watch and relocate. That was tough, but it was over quickly, and there was a routine to get back into.

"As we left town this time there was a feeling it would be bad, but that we would be able to return in a few days and get to the work at hand. To watch on CNN as places you love burn down and see images of people you know in deep distress is horrible. To not be able to go back in immediately and do something is worse.

"Our town will never be the same, our lives have been changed, but with the grace of God and the support of friends we will someday soon be able to

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John Fulkerson '68, a knee surgeon practicing and teaching in Hartford, Conn., received a lifetime achievement award from the San Francisco Bay Knee Society, an honor given to one surgeon worldwide each year.

grandchildren tending has more than soaked up any free time. Your secretary continues in the truck equipment manufacturing business when I am not fighting battles as a member of our city council. The wine preservation product that my wife Winnie developed, ReServe, was mentioned in a *Time* magazine article last summer and has been a featured product of the month at Williams-Sonoma stores.

That's it for now. Stay warm this winter.

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Our most important news comes from **John Kinabrew**: "I was at a Catholic silent retreat center with 115 other men when it was cut short on Saturday at breakfast and we were told to 'go home immediately and care for your families.' Over three weeks later, I have still not been

at least tackle the job at hand. In this case just getting to that point will be a real blessing."

Many of us with children at Williams, including **Debbie and Barton Jones**, **Patty and David Schulte**, **Jon Weller**, **Michael Yogman** and **Larry Levien** were in Williamstown in September for Convocation Weekend.

Barton continues his deep involvement as president of the Williams Club in New York and has been a driving force making it available to the pilot program of a Williams in New York curriculum. Among the students there for the first semester is **Peter Abrahams'** daughter, **Lily Gray '07**.

David is still immersed in the disillusioning congressional negotiations on asbestos litigation.

Mike reports, "I am still practicing pediatrics in Cambridge and at Children's Hospital and am increasingly involved in the Boston Children's Museum as a trustee. We are about to announce a major renovation involving an improved connection to the waterfront. Anyone interested in a private tour or getting involved,

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let me know."

Henry Hecht says he's feeling a little older. First, **Anne Joseph '92** joined him on the faculty of Boalt Hall, the law school of UC Berkeley. Then, this year, **Heather Wilkins**, daughter of **Clint Wilkins**, showed up as a student in his negotiations class.

Vic Smith spent last year presenting a week-long seminar to Navy chaplains around the world: "Topic: Institutional tools for them to meet military personnel's spiritual and physical needs in the light of defense transformation in the coming two decades of change. Scenarios were set in Tall 'Afur, Iraq; all the events have since come to pass."

The San Francisco Bay Knee Society is the granting center for an annual lifetime achievement award to one knee surgeon worldwide each year. This past year's winner was our own **John Fulkerson**, who practices and teaches in Hartford.

Frank Reed, still practicing law in Pittsburgh, married off his daughter early last fall. **Marion** and **Al Swan** and **Gale** and **Wendell Dickerson** were in attendance, and Al provided key help by getting Frank out of the commotion of the house that morning.

Bill Blanchard has both children in boarding school, his son not surprisingly being recruited as a lacrosse player. "With both kids away, that makes Julia and me empty-nesters. We're still getting adjusted. ... While Julia continues her career as a database consultant for Towers Perrin, my long and rewarding tenure at Marsh & McLennan Companies ended this past July in a major restructuring from the fallout from N.Y.S. Attorney General Elliott Spitzer's insurance industry crusade, as the parent company with which I worked has been drastically reduced in size and scope of operations. I spent the summer off for the first time since the end of my first year in law school in 1969! After 36 years of working, it was a great opportunity to take stock, look back and also think about what I'll want to do for the future, while at the same time taking over the hectic role of house-husband daily with Julia, Nick and Ellen being all gainfully employed. Technically a retired pensioner for the time being, I'm considering where to next apply my experience from 25-plus years at MMC, initially as a lawyer and then in most of its human resources senior leadership roles,

as well as from my longtime participation in coaching and various board memberships. Any suggestions are welcome!"

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As a testament to the old adage that education is a lifelong endeavor, **Gordy Bryson**, who has left his position as principal of the Upper School at the Hawaii Preparatory Academy to take a sabbatical, has begun a doctoral program. He'll be studying curriculum and instruction at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He reports that spouse **Liz** continues "to work and star at Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope as an astronomical librarian. Her current project is to create a DVD on the first 10 years of the telescope, one of the most fertile and pioneering periods in the history of astronomy." Gordy's three sons are out and working: Youngest son **Nathaniel** graduated from Columbia in 2004 and moved to Hollywood to make his living in the industry; middle son **Richard** is auditioning for work on Broadway; and oldest son **Carl** is running auto repairs in the Baltimore area for Enterprise Car Rental.

Bruce Plenk is "back in the legal trenches again." He took the Arizona Bar exam and landed a new job with the South Arizona Legal Aid Agency in Tucson, "trying to prevent evictions and foreclosures of poor people by those dastardly real estate investors."

Chip Bolman is "getting settled in Boston and looking forward to reconnecting with old Williams friends." Chip recently arrived in the Hub, having taken the chief cardiologist's job at Brigham and Women's Hospital. A trip to the Himalayas in October helped to celebrate his 30th wedding anniversary this year.

Eric Koster, after many years, is "breaking radio silence due to the re-awakening of my fondness for all things Williams, kindled, in part, by a surprise visit from **Mike Hand**. Mike grew up in the small town in which I now live [Pound Ridge, N.Y.] and returned for his 40th high school reunion at the same school where my youngest son is now a junior. The dual pressures of family and career tended to minimize memories and relationships from the past.

However, spending a glorious day with an old friend made me realize how integral these factors are not only to who I am, but also to my happiness today."

Eric and wife **Gloria** recently moved to a "second and soon-to-be retirement home" in Pownal, Vt., 12 minutes from campus. "As luck would have it, I seem to have landed in the midst of a small expatriate Williams community of alums and faculty. Closest is my across-the-street neighbor **Don Place '74**, who is the retired pastor of St. John's Church in North Adams. I'm told that a number of others live within walking distance. Who could ask for more? Our door is always open to classmates and friends."

Mike Hand also writes of the reunion with Eric. "It may be true that you can never go home again, but how about half a mile away? High school-bound with **Karen** in tow for the first reunion there I ever attended (a 40th, but what really stung was when some friends and I realized it was our 54th from Mrs. O'Neal's Nursery School!), I called ahead hoping to see **Eric Koster**, who years ago moved to my old home town and with whom I'd enjoyed talking during last year's Alumni Fund. Homeward bound on Sunday after the big event, we were **Eric** and **Gloria**'s guests for a wonderful breakfast in marvelous weather on their deck. There we were listening to sounds from the woods that I really don't believe I had heard in quite that way since my family moved when I was in grad school. Combine really good food with great friends, and 36 years feel like three! (And where did these mostly grown kids come from, anyway?) Now to follow up with **Gordy** and **Liz Bryson** in Hawaii—another nice re-connect last year and another friendship with far too big a gap in the middle."

Sandy Smith was part of Parent's Weekend last fall, as daughter **Samantha** became a member of the Class of 2009. "She is a 'first-year,' which means she will be celebrating reunions the same year as the great class of 1969 (assuming she doesn't opt for the five-year plan)! So, for the next four years, I'll be getting reacquainted with Route 2 and acquainted with all that has changed on campus. Son **Trip** is a sophomore (at least that hasn't changed) at Concord Academy and determined to become a Div. III tennis player in three years.