

Old behind Carleton and Grinnell. So it goes. ...

**Marty Samuels** was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in December. He also delivered the fall graduation address. He writes, "It was fun and my first honorary degree, a Doctor of Science. I guess that means I am now an official old fart!" Congratulations, Marty; you do us proud!

**Jack Hunt's** big news was the birth of their first grandchild, Charlotte Newman, last January. The mother is their daughter **Laura Hunt Newman '97**, who still works for Monitor in Santa Monica. Daughter **Lisa '03** is in her second year of medical school in San Antonio. Her twin, **Helen (Bucknell '03)**, is working in Irvine, Calif., for Edwards Life Sciences. She received her master's in journalism from Northwestern last year. Jack reports experiencing some heart rhythm problems that are age-related—ugh! But he continues with water skiing and quail hunting. The hurricanes made it a difficult year for King Ranch, but opportunities surfacing in Florida real estate helped offset those issues.

**Ted McPherson** is returning to the private sector (mostly) following his recent most distinguished public service in Washington. For the past two years he served as undersecretary of education and chief operating officer in the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to that, in his first two years in Washington, he was chief financial officer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He achieved major breakthroughs in the quality and insights of financial reporting at agriculture and helped implement innovative initiatives at education. Ted resumes his role as CEO of his InterSolve consulting group. He will continue as a member of the NASA Advisory Council. They will live at their homes in Dallas and Gettysburg. Sally has helped raise over \$80 million for the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation. Congratulations and thanks to Ted for his exceptional contributions to our country.

**Gregg Meister** had the privilege of traveling to the Dominican Republic four times last year with the Foundation for Peace. There he filmed their efforts to build schools and churches and combat malaria and leprosy.

Last May he and Gail joined a dozen Presbyterians for a 10-day trip to Jordan. Gail continues to advance the world of education at Foundations Inc. Her responsibilities are taking her from California to Israel.

**Bill Willett** and his wife, Laura, announced the arrival of their third child, Nora Daly. She was born Oct. 13 and is the first girl after two boys, Walker, 10, and McCarthy, 5. Bill writes, "It seems like every five years we have a kid, although this will be the last. I'm certainly not getting any younger." The Willetts live in San Francisco.

**Mark Richards** and Liz had a whirlwind year last year. It began last summer with a wonderful visit to Washington and Gettysburg with Sally and **Ted McPherson**. In July they went to Maine to help **John Hufnagel** celebrate his "almost 60" birthday party. August brought them to Boston for Mary and **Warner Fletcher's** son **Matt's '95** nuptials. They were also attended by the Hufnagels. The following week Liz and Mark saw their son **Drew '99** wed Tammy Koch in the quintessential Vermont setting at The Old Tavern in Grafton, Vt. Ephs in attendance included **John Hufnagel**, **Warner Fletcher**, **Tom Haack** and **Phil Geier '70**.

**Dave Nash's** grandson Jack had his 1st birthday last November. His mother is Dave's lovely daughter Jennifer, who happens to be 6-feet-3 inches tall. So Jack has some lofty genes and is already in the top 5 percent for height. He is a joy to them all.

That's it for this edition. Thanks to all who sent in items. Have a great summer, and I'll see you in the sure-to-be-exciting fall edition. Please add your e-mail address to the class list if you haven't already done so. Photos are welcome.

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I had a wonderful lunch in Santa Fe with **Garrett Thornburg** in January. His financial services companies have been strikingly successful (see **Thornburg.com**), and Garrett is a leading figure in the arts and philanthropy in New Mexico. Just a few days later, there he was being featured in *The Wall Street Journal*: A

study by his firm had showed just how little an investment in the S&P would yield if adjusted for inflation, taxes and fees—the adjustments of real life.

Excerpts of testimony about now-Justice Samuel Alito before the Senate Judiciary Committee in *The New York Times* included a lengthy selection from **Anthony Kronman**, his Yale classmate and now Yale Law professor and past dean, including this: "What impressed me first and most emphatically was his generosity and gentleness."

Also notable in the press: *Forbes* gave great attention to **Steven Gould** last summer. Steven has been the lead physician in developing a blood substitute, starting in 1979. But as the article describes, the trail through FDA approval has as many twists as a rubber-band model airplane. *The Wall Street Journal* followed with a similar article in February.

Wonderful note from **Paul Marquis**: "Life has been too interesting in New Orleans this year. I have two Williams students now: **Estalyn '06** and **Willa '09**. They have been involved in a variety of on-campus activities to raise awareness and money for Gulf recovery. ... My wife and I had the great pleasure of hosting four Williams students who spent their Winter Study working to restore the flooded 9th Ward. A fun evening with a dedicated group. I spent a week in China with Estalyn, who is doing a thesis on the effect of Western shows (*Sex and the City*) in China. Great fun listening to her argue prices in the markets in Mandarin, much to the delight and surprise of the locals. ... You are all invited to the Big Easy. We need your support with vacations and conventions."

**Jeff Connor** reports that he spent many weekends in Williamstown last fall, watching football games. His son **Michael '06** was named All-NESCAC First Team as a defensive tackle. (Your secretary saw him. He was good. Who would have guessed it?)

This past year, the College had a pilot program for Williams in New York, and one of the first students was **Lily Gray '07**, daughter of **Peter Abrahams**. "I think it's a great idea and hope that Williams supports it," Peter says. He has two more books coming out: *End of Story*, a crime novel, and *Behind the*

*Curtain*, part of a mystery series for young readers.

**Bob Stanton** reports: "I underwent open-heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on Nov. 14. I discovered that I had ruptured the papillary muscle that controls the mitral valve—sort of like tearing your Achilles tendon. People usually present with symptoms of heart failure; I was totally asymptomatic. My reason for reporting this is to emphasize the value of a routine physical. This was discovered because I went for my somewhat delayed annual one." The surgery was performed by **Toby Cosgrove '62**, who fits such things into his schedule around his duties as CEO of the Cleveland Clinic and a Williams trustee. Bob is back to full speed now.

We note with sorrow the passing of two classmates: **Jim Boynton** died in January from an aggressive form of lymphoma. **Matt Lyon** died in November in a motorcycle accident. **Jim Barns '69** sent a poignant letter recalling Matt: "Matt's life, post-Williams, sounded like the script for a made-for-TV movie on the '60s—traveling around the country in a Kesey-like bus, avoiding the draft, sleeping in his car in Berkeley for a year, teaching yoga, retreating to rural Oregon and a high school teaching job and then becoming established as an art teacher at a private school in Portland. He became a gifted potter and pursued other thoughtful goals."

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**Bill Hoffman** reports he and family are in for a wild year, with renovations on home, the May wedding of older daughter Kathryn and the graduation of youngest daughter Teri from high school. Teri then heads to Williamstown in the fall, "to the delight of her grandfather (**Dick Hoffman '37**) and me, who were afraid none of the kids would get excited about Williams. Kathryn went to Duke, and Matt to technical schools in Florida, where he now lives."

Bill took Teri to the College last September for "a wonderful visit, although there was some sense of shock pulling into the admission office parking lot and pointing out to her 'my window'."



and Sophie). Her husband **Sam Sommers '97** is a professor of psychology at Tufts. Marty's wife, Susan Pioli, continues as a medical book publisher with Elsevier.

**Henry Grass** says his work (psychiatry) is going well. He observes that he fortunately seems to remain cognitively with it enough to stay up with advances in neuroscience. He adds that he feels very lucky to have always loved his profession.

**Brian Murphy** continues as the president of De Anza College. Their oldest son, Galen, graduated this spring from the BFA acting program at the University of Minnesota and the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

**John Pershing** is retiring from the practice of law in order to work full time as the executive director of the Georgia Agricultural Land Trust. This is a fairly recent organization whose purpose is to permanently conserve farmland throughout the state of Georgia.

**Fred Sleezer** is managing the Succession and Business Transfer Program for Management Recruiters International. He is enjoying life and says, "I can still play golf decently enough to not embarrass myself." He was grateful for some help that **Chris Covington** and **Mark Piechota** extended to him recently on a "thorny issue."

**Rob Hammell** has a lot going on in his family. Daughter Hilary is working as a research consultant for the Rockridge Institute

disaster parts of the country. Rob is an architect with Skidmore, Owens & Merrill, where he directs the government program. He is working on the new master plan for Fort Belvoir, just south of DC. He and his wife met with Peggy and **Mark Ellis** at their home in Manhattan. Mark has a thriving architectural program with projects under way throughout the greater NYC region.

**Dave Saylor** slipped in a report to this journal just ahead of a trip to Belize for some saltwater fly-fishing. He practices antitrust and communications law at Hogan & Harlson, DC. He and his wife, Jinny, have been blessed by three grandchildren in rapid succession. Their social worker daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Tom Reilly in Baltimore have sons Ethan and Liam. Assistant district attorney **Tracy '99** and **Adam Piatkowski '97** in Philadelphia have a darling months-old daughter Sophie. Their son Scott is back in the U.S. following three years living and teaching in Japan as part of an Oberlin fellowship. He is now at the Monterey Institute for International Studies, where he is studying at the Graduate School for Translation and Interpretation. Jinny is active in a number of volunteer pursuits in DC, including serving on the board of the Children's Hospital. She also helped out in the White House with Mrs. Bush.

**Bill Clendaniel** has been on the lecture circuit as part of the lead up to the 175th anniversary of Mount Auburn Cemetery. There are many more events that he will be involved with throughout the year, including a nationally televised PBS special and speaking series at the Boston Public Library, at the state legislature, etc. Meanwhile, he and Ron had a wonderful trip to Costa Rica last February with colleagues from the largest public gardens in the country. Bill's son **Cam '01** edited his first film, *The Endless Revolution*, which dealt with Aristide and Haiti. His second film deals with Olympic horse show jumping. Bill's son Douglas is a junior in environmental studies at Prescott College in Arizona. He is traveling to Mexico and Kenya as part of his studies.

**Peter Krause** and his wife, Carol, traveled to Northfield, Minn., in March to watch the Williams track team compete in the Div. III National Indoor Track and Field Championships. Their daughter **Katie '06** was a captain on the team. Williams

came in second, missing first place by just two points. Your secretary and my wife, Winnie, were able to meet up with the Krauses at the event. It was a really, really fun time.

The **Kirk Varnedoe/Jackson Pollock** memorial tribute event at Williams in May was a huge success. A number of classmates attended, including your secretary. Others present were: Bent, Covington, Cadot, Helm, Lipof, Hawn, Bodinson, Smith, Olson, Clendaniel, Schultz, Krause. I apologize to any others my spotty memory has inadvertently omitted. Hundreds attended the symposium and luncheon. The College also featured Kirk and the Class of 1967 at a special dinner at the Faculty Club. As part of the evening a number of our classmates shared Kirk stories from the podium. Fun and poignant memories indeed. The effort continues to fund a chair in art history at Williams in Kirk's honor.

That's it for this issue. Thanks to all. Have a great fall. Beat Amherst!

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Some news from first-time contributors: Diana and **Charlie Lambert** joined a Williams alumni trip river cruising in the Netherlands and enjoyed a great time with Margie and **Bram Jellin**. "The Williams connections on the travel programs are fantastic," Charlie adds.

**Jim Harrod** reports: "After getting a PhD in religion from Syracuse, and a three-year stint as a janitor, I took a grant position as philosopher-in-residence with the Maine Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Corrections. I stayed on as state adult and child mental health planner, grant writer and researcher for about 20 years. I left to get a second M.A. in depth psychology and set up a practice in psychotherapy and shamanic trancework and continued grant writing, planning and program development consulting to mental health and healthcare organizations. All during this time I continued my creative research on the origins of art, religion and language in human evolution beginning 3 million years ago. You can get a taste for this side

of my life online at OriginsNet.org. I and colleagues find the prevailing opinion—that art began 40,000 years ago in France and Spain—totally obsolete and, of course, Eurocentric biased. With more free time and a prayer, this research and the Web site will flower even more. My partner, Patricia Reis, and our cat, Rocket, moved to Portland, as has my Williams roommate **Dan Moorhead**, who is making it a summer home. We celebrated his 60th last fall, cruising the Greek Isles to Istanbul."

**Bruce Thall** continues to amuse: "Letty and I just celebrated the graduation of our son Greg from Villanova Law School. As opposed to many, I do enjoy the practice, and I suspect that he picked up that enjoyment. In any event, it will be wonderful to stop paying tuition. I am all 'tuitied' out. I will now be able to quit my second job—selling illuminated pornographic pictures to night watchmen at day camps in the evenings—and hope to be able to purchase bread and milk prior to the expiration dates affixed to their packaging. I guess I am still a dreamer."

In my role as a co-chair of The Williams Campaign, I saw **Jim Halloran** at a Williams gathering in Cleveland. He is with National City Bank and reports, "Life is good. My third grandchild is due. My Daughter-the-Doctor is returning to Cleveland to become a full-fledged attending in emergency medicine. That makes all three children back in Cleveland and successfully pursuing careers."

**Barton Jones** sends this timely news: "I suppose a whole bunch of us will be turning 60 this year. I was rudely reminded of that when Debby surprised me with a big party, including Kathy and **Tom Nicholson**. They gave me a cane with a horn, a rearview mirror and another mirror positioned to look up ladies' skirts. I continue to try to ignore these decade reminders by thinking of the number 60 as simply the speed limit for those who care to observe it. Janine and **Jon Weller** stopped by on their way back from visiting their daughter **Margot '07** in Williamstown. Jon has retired from the REIT business and is looking forward to new ventures." Jon and Janine had also attended a Williamstown luncheon that matches up donors of named scholarship funds with this year's scholar-



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ship recipients, a warm and grateful annual event.

John Dirlam reports that "Patti and I went to Williamstown with Bob Gault and his daughter Laura (who is also our god-daughter) for an interview with Dick Nesbitt '74. We have brainwashed her sufficiently over the years that Williams is high on her list. I was reminded once again how competitive the College has become. Bob and I kept asking ourselves: Would we have even a prayer of getting in today? The trip also gave us a chance to have lunch with Susie and Phil Smith '55, whom we got to know better last fall on an alumni trip to Scotland. Phil, of course, was complicit in letting many of us into Williams, for which he is undoubtedly still atoning!"

After 34 years in the Arlington, Va., area, Karen and Ed Rea are moving to an 1869 duplex in Portland, Maine. Why? "It's colder, there's more snow, the bumper stickers are, on average, more pleasing, there is generally less traffic, and Karen's family is in the Portland area. I'll be looking for nonprofit work in Maine and am open to ideas."

And from Mike Wasserman: "Having practiced law for more than 30 years, I'm sick of it, so I'm reducing it and turning back to my first love, mathematics. I'll be reaching the senior math seminar at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., near where we live, in the fall. The course is in problem solving and consists exclusively of about 40 problems—all of them difficult for a geezer but a whole lot of fun. I don't get out much. Part of the reason ... is that my office building adopted a no-smoking rule, and I still can't survive without a pipe going. So now I'm working most of the time in a home office. A commute consisting of a walk down a flight of stairs is a glorious thing."

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It's wonderful! We've heard from some classmates who are appearing in this space for the first time and some who have been absent for many years. Thanks for writing.

Clarke Bedford sent along a wonderful arts feature story

in the Feb. 17 *Washington CityPaper* about his current career in the world of art. "I have never sent in one of these things," said Clarke, "but couldn't resist with this one. While many of our classmates have apparently pressed on to esteemed positions, the enclosed might be more of interest to those who drifted off into odd corners and are unlikely to contribute to their class notes." Let's hope it's the start of a new trend.

The piece is titled "Le Musée des Faux-Arts," with a subtitle of "A. Clarke Bedford's totally contrived collection of paintings, sculpture and argyle socks." "Almost immediately entering the personal orbit of A. Clarke Bedford," the story begins, "one discovers that he is, as he mildly offers 'into collage.' And then there's his yard, which brings to mind sort of a dadaist Sanford and Son: Here, amid the ranches and small colonials of a Hyattsville side street, are stacked statues and urns, panels and tiles, charms and lanterns. Most of these objects, as well as many of the items inside Bedford's densely packed living room, have at one time or another made their way into his art, which involves the creation of a satirical art histories and spans photography, painting, sculpture, performance art and fiction writing. Clarke has chronicled more than a century's worth of history at the Hornbuckle School of Hygiene and the Arts, putatively found by Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman in the Smoky Mountains at the end of the Civil War." The story, very much worth a read, recounts Clarke's life in the arts following graduation and even mentions his father, A. Clarke Bedford Jr. '41, and grandfather, A. Clarke Bedford '13. See it at [www.washingtoncitypaper.com/special/2006/bedford0217.html](http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/special/2006/bedford0217.html).

A long and much-welcomed letter from Mark Smith begins, "Something twiggled in me this time, and I decided to write ... telling you what I have been up to for the last 30 years." Mark recounted his steps from graduation—going back home to Canada to work with street kids and then being put in charge of Toronto's first mental health paramedical facility—to today, when he is a partner with the consulting firm KPMG Canada. In between, a lot has happened, including travel over two years throughout the Americas ("learning Spanish, getting to know my

father in Argentina the end goal of a long journey"), back working with kids in treatment centers, becoming a certified Gestalt therapist and opening a private practice for kids and families. And that's just the beginning.

"Wanting to know more about the dynamics of the 'real' world," Mark then earned an MBA in finance and followed it with a PhD in psychology. "The work and school time created two major turning points. One, I followed a professor into consulting, which became my career, and, two, I married my wife, Anne, an early widow with two kids, 2 and 6, that I adopted, and together we made a family that is still going strong. That marriage has turned out to be the best decision I have ever made. ... After my PhD, I joined Hay Management Consultants and became president of Canada. When it was bought, I left and founded what became over 10 years Canada's largest change management consulting firm. We then got lucky; my partners and I were able to sell it in 2002 for a good price." Mark then became chairman of a private equity firm and chairman of a \$12 billion pension fund and recently joined KPMG Canada as a partner in its consulting practice. Anne is now retired and has become a painter (oil landscapes), with her first show this fall. Daughter Kirsten is studying to become a doctor of naturopathic medicine, and son Peter, with degrees from the London School of Economics and the Smurfit School of Business in Dublin, is working in investment banking in London. He says, "We spend our spare time in adventure travel and at a cottage amidst the granite rocks, green pine and blue, blue water of Georgian Bay/Lake Huron north of Toronto. I have come to really love the wilds of Canada." Mark is using his spare time to volunteer with kids, teaching business school, and writing. That's 37 years in a nutshell, condensed from a long letter. I hope I did you justice, Mark.

Curtis Hartman says he's not retired and "can't quite imagine ever reaching that nearly mythical state. But I am working differently. While I still lead a team of consultants developing strategic and communication plans for public agencies, I'm increasingly focused on a new job as an 'educational surrogate parent,' acting as an advocate for special-needs children who are wards of

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it has a lot of useful information. The site is [www.williams67.com](http://www.williams67.com).

**Harry Matthews** reports that the reunion planning session at Mount Hope last July was a great success. Harry has agreed to reprise his role as editor of the *25th Anniversary Class Book* to create a 2007 "class booklet." It will document the many ways our class has encountered aging into our 60s. It will be published online and in physical form.

**Brian Murphy, Lenny Goldberg** and **Bob Heilbroner** joined **Steve Block '65** and **Nancy Seldin** (Bennington '67) to celebrate the 20th wedding anniversary of **Patrick O'Donnell** and **Barbara Gates** (Bennington '67). Brian says it was a terrific party. It brought dozens of family and friends together from across the country and the Bay area.

**Rick Yeiser's** daughter **Lauren** and her bassoon have entered Williams as part of the Class of 2010. Rick reports that the physical changes and academic ambiance at the College were extremely impressive. He is still enjoying teaching at the Green Mountain Valley School in Waitsfield, Vt., but he says he is beginning to feel his age. Looking ahead, he notes his school's graduation activities next year appear to conflict with our Reunion Weekend. He nonetheless hopes he will be able to orchestrate at least a late Saturday Williamstown arrival for our festivities.

**Mark Richards** writes that the last of their three children (**Pete '95**, **Drew '99**, and **Annie '01**) has finally finished graduate studies, and everyone is happily back in Vermont. Pete and Drew have joined Mark in the family firm. Annie will be working locally as an advanced practice psychiatric nurse practitioner.

**Ann and Bill Woodworth** got away for a trip to New Mexico last summer. While there, they visited Ann's family and met up with Susan and **Dave Kennedy** in Gallup for some Indian jewelry buying. They also enjoyed guided tours of the Zuni and Acoma pueblos, where they learned the troubled history of those populations confronting the white man.

**Jack Hunt**, CEO of King Ranch, has been dealing with difficult weather issues from hurricanes to drought. He serves as vice chairman of the Texas Water Development Board, and he says, "Water problems seem to get more serious each day." Their daughter **Lisa '03** is in her

third year of medical school in San Antonio at the University of Texas. The past summer was dominated by Helen's (Lisa's twin) major heart surgery at UCLA. Fortunately, the procedure went very well.

**Henry Grass** had a great summer. He was also able to visit his friend, Williams professor of biology **Steve Zottoli**, in Woods Hole. Steve works summers with Williams students on neuroscience research. Hank went to his 35th medical school reunion last spring and was pleased to catch up with **Marty Samuels** there.

Marty reported in separately and noted the following additional awards that he has been showered with: the AB Baker Award by the American Academy of Neurology for Lifetime Achievement in Neurologic Education and the H. Houston Merritt Award for Clinically Relevant Research. He also presented a course on his research at the World Congress of Neurology in Sydney. His investigations deal with the effect of the nervous system on visceral organs. Marty is looking forward to reunion and has already made his reservations. That weekend will be a bit of a family reunion for them as well. His son **Charles '02** will be celebrating his fifth, and his daughter and son-in-law, **Marilyn '97** and **Sam Sommers '97**, will be celebrating their 10th.

**Sally and Ted McPherson** had a delightful summer and fall at their Gettysburg house. They plan to open their Dallas home in 2007. He is back serving clients through his enterprise InterSolve Group. He also continues to serve on the NASA Advisory Council. Sally is director of donor relations for the Gettysburg Foundation. The foundation's new museum and visitors' center for the battlefield is now under construction for an early 2008 opening. Their daughter **Beth '96** is teaching at Trinity Episcopal School in Austin, Texas. Their son **Edward '99** has a second book coming out about the worldwide card game bridge from HarperCollins. His earlier book, *Buster Keaton: Tempest in a Flat Hat*, was published last year by New Market in the U.S. and by Faber & Faber abroad.

Finally, big news from our co-president **Jon Vipond**. After 21 years together, he and **Tim Bunner** were married in Nantucket on Sept. 9. They were joined by Jon's sister **Linda Heath '73** and his brothers **Jim '71** and

**David '79**, with their spouses and children as well as Tim's mother, sister and niece. That evening they were joined by 120 guests, who danced to Freddie and the Maybellines, of course. Attendees included **Sally and Peter Bent**, **Peggy and Lyn Comfort**, **Bonnie and Chris Covington**, **Stevie and Gardner Gillespie**, **Itty and Spencer Hays**, **Judy and Gary Lamphere**, **Carol and Bob Olson**, **Jonathan Shafmaster** and **Maggie Kantor**, **Judy and Turner Smith**, **Mary and Don Steinmuller**, and **Laurel and Richard Thrasher**. **Bob**, **Pete** and **Spencer** presented Jon with a note written on a late December night in pencil on a Schaeffer beer napkin 37 years ago. It was a bet as to who would be the last to marry. The payoff of \$100 each was made by **Hays**, **Olson**, **Bent**, **Jake Taylor** and **Van Hawn**. Van had carefully saved the note all those years. Congratulations to Jon and Tim.

That's it for this issue. Remember our fine class Web site. It's a great resource. Also, it's time to get your plans set for our reunion. As always, it will be terrific. Have a good winter.

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Still catching up on the flood of class notes submitted last summer, a mixed bag of retiring and not:

**Mike Hall** writes: "The whole idea of retirement seemed crazy and premature a short time ago, but as more of our contemporaries head in that direction I realize we'll all have to grapple with that issue before too long. In the meantime, I'm practicing law, chasing grandchildren and trying to maintain a house that has outgrown Laurie and me."

**Barton Phelps** says, "I find the class notes discussions of exciting retirement activities reassuring but confess that I often feel like I am just getting started. Architecture, as the late Mr. Johnson was fond of pointing out, is an old man's game."

**Tom Ervin** reports from Boca Grande that "after 10 years in Boston and 22 years in Maine, we set sail for southwestern Florida to start again. We have more cars than boats, more boats than children, more children than dogs and the same number of mortgages as grandchildren.

Some of these numbers must change. Danni and I look forward to greeting our 60s with peace and quiet (and some work)."

While **Bob Graffagnino** reports that all three children are married and now parents themselves. "No plans to retire at this point—who can afford it?"

**Gordon Juan** continues to work for the city and county of San Francisco as child psychiatrist. "I am definitely slowing down but try to keep my metabolic rate notched up."

**Bill Pertulla** reports in from Seoul, Korea, "where I am beginning two weeks of teaching in e-commerce in an executive MBA program run by the Helsinki School of Economics. I did the same program here in July 2005 and a one-week class in December. It has been more than a year now since I stepped down from being acting dean at the business school at SFSU, and I am enjoying the reduced stress and free time."

"I wish I could say that I am leading the life of quiet bliss," **Doug Ebert** writes, "but that is not the case. I continue to work as chief operating officer at Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. This is a second career after 33 years in the banking business. I decided that after selling the same bank twice to two different foreign owners that it was time for a change. Linda and I have built our 'retirement' home, although retirement is not in the picture."

**Charlie Lambert**, in his first dispatch to class notes, says, "Diana and I completed a river cruise in the Netherlands, where we ran into Margie and **Bram Jelin**. Had a great time with them and many older alums. The Williams connections on the travel programs are fantastic."

**Dave Snyderman** is chief of the Division of Geographic Medicine and Infectious Diseases and hospital epidemiologist at Tufts-New England Medical Center. He notes that he, **Peter Krause '67** and **Bob Arbeit** were together for a meeting about Peter's notable research on tick-borne diseases, although the subject of the Hopkins House undefeated intramural basketball team also came up. Bob works for Paratek, a start-up biotech focusing on antibiotics, and also attends clinically at Tufts.

**Charlie Gordon** was among the many alumni at last spring's



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symposium on the Jackson Pollock show at WCMA, held in honor of **Kirk Varnedoe '67**. "His widow, **Elyn Zimmerman**, a prominent artist, is a friend of mine, and I am ... working with her on a project for **Lloyd Constantine's '67** weekend house in the Berkshires."

**Bob Bendick** spent "a remarkable Memorial Day weekend in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, celebrating our classmate **Tom Bell's** life. (Tom died just 10 years ago after a bicycle ride through the Iowa countryside.) ... On Saturday we all worked on a Habitat for Humanity project arranged by my wife, Jill, in recognition of Tom's tireless volunteer efforts during his lifetime."

Longer excerpts of news from Bendick and Phelps and far lengthier essays from **Peter Miller**, **Peter Naylor**, **Eric Lukingbeal**, **Dick Eide**, **David Schulte** and **John Murray** were sent out earlier on the class e-mail list. E-mail allows us to share some wonderful writing that's just too long for the published class notes. It also now allows me and other class secretaries to encourage an exchange of more thoughtful writing. If you didn't get those essays, the College probably doesn't have your e-mail address. Send it to me, and you'll get the next installments.

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**Bob Lunn**, after 25 years of medical administration, is in his eighth year of a second career as a professor of management and director of the master of health administration program at Missouri State University in Springfield. "I'm in the state's biggest business school in her second largest city. As far as I can tell, there is no one else from Williams any closer than Kansas City or St. Louis or Columbia, all about three hours away. Fortunately, two Wesleyan grads are physicians here, so when I mention Williams, at least a couple folks don't say, 'What's that?' It's a provincial corner of the world but also a calm and peaceful space in the Ozarks, even with Wal-Mart taking over nearby Northwest Arkansas. I think **Dave Mason** may have younger kids, but I'll bet I have some kind

of record for having the youngest children with a wife who is within two years of my age: we have a 12-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son."

**Tom Goodbody** and wife Sandy celebrated their 35th anniversary in August and moved to another house in DC. "It's bigger than the old one (crazy, I know) and has plenty of room for visiting classmates (if we ever get unpacked). Tom also traveled to Bowdoinham, Maine, for the 60th birthday party of **David Whittlesey**. "It was a two-day event involving lots of lobster, wine, music and talk." David and Regine have returned to Maine after many years in Geneva. He still works for Interpeace, which does conflict and post-conflict resolution in really volatile places like Somalia. "Makes my work in housing policy seem kind of tame, doesn't it?" Tom's son **Nick '03** is in his third year of a PhD program in Spanish literature at Yale, and **Caroline '08** is spending the year in New Zealand. "We probably won't get up to the Purple Valley until next fall but will go to New Zealand in January. Life involves such hard trade-offs."

Congratulations to **Bob Quinn**, inducted into the Connecticut Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. "I was lucky enough to play with some incredibly talented teammates, especially pitchers, and, I guess, was able to 'ride their coattails' into the hall." The honoree speaks too modestly. Bob's career in fast pitch spanned 15 years. He was part of four National Championship Teams, made All-American twice (at shortstop and second base) and was a member of the U.S. Silver Medal team in the 1979 Pan Am Games Men's Fast Pitch Tournament in Puerto Rico, among other achievements. Bob also says he'll retire from a 33-year career in public education and coaching at the end of August 2007. "It's been a nice run, but as we '69ers enter our seventh decade, I'm fortunate enough to have a reasonable pension plus savings that will enable me to 'call it a day.' I'm looking forward to it and anticipate spending more time in my place in Green Valley, Ariz., during the winter. It's about 25 miles south of Tucson in the Sonoran Desert with a great climate—and no hurricanes."

A 20-year dream to curl in Scotland, the home of the game, came true last March for **John**

**Zimmerman**, who competed on one of three U.S. teams in the Rotary International World Curling Championship in Lockerbie. "Our team was very competitive. We finished round-robin play at 5-3-1; just missed the semi-finals. The fellowship among all the curlers and our spouses was equally rewarding. We walked the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, sampled single-malt whiskies, ate haggis and neeps, and I got to wear my kilt. On Sunday following the tournament, we went to Fife for a visit to my grandmother's hometown of Leslie, on to St. Andrews for a stroll around the Old Course and finished with fish and chips in a quaint fishing town on the coast. The Rotary World Curling Championship will return to Scotland in 2010, and I hope to be there again. Until that time, I'll cherish the memories and proudly wear my team jacket: Zimmerman, USA."

**Herb Ogden** and wife Cathy spent three summer weeks in Hungary and Romania, mostly in Transylvania, with a Unitarian Universalist church group visiting historical sites. "We also spent four days with a family in a village of 400 that had only dirt streets, though there seemed to be a trace of cobblestones. I did manage to have some Hungarian conversations with the bus driver. The Unitarians are a minority within the minority Hungarian speakers, so their position is particularly precarious. Transylvania and its ethnic, political and religious history are fascinatingly complicated. We want to go back."

**Chaiyawat Wibulswasdi**, writing before the coup in Thailand, said he's "quite busy with my part-time jobs, which add up to almost a full-time one. Among them are a post of adviser to the deputy prime minister, executive chairman of the second largest bank of the country and a member of SEC of Thailand. I still manage to publish one book every year. The last one just won an annual literary award in the category of nonfiction book for juveniles. And I still follow American sports every day on the Internet."

**Bob Grace** is through with coast-to-coast commuting between job and home. He and Kate have moved to Charlotte, N.C., a short distance from his new 3D systems company location in Rock Hill, S.C.

**Paul Kessler** is "alive and well

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