

last September. A highlight for them was the time they were able to spend with **Ted McPherson**.

They are now back in Vero Beach for the winter. They hope to get in a few days of sailing with **GINNY** and **DOUG MILLS** on their new boat in the British Virgins. That will be between visits from kids and grandchildren in the spring.

TOM PHELAN sold their spacious Victorian house and bought a Cape on the Westfield/Mountainside border. One daughter is teaching AP biology at Westfield High School and coaching field hockey. Their son, a mechanical and electrical engineer, is working for a small firm in the energy field. They are trying to harness natural wave energy and turn it into a usable form. Their younger daughter has a Javits Fellowship and is working on her PhD in social psych at Rutgers. Tom says they may well turn up at reunion.

BILL WOODWORTH had arthroscopic surgery on his knee last October. That nixed any fall hiking and golf until next year. He has made his reunion reservations and will see us all there.

MAL GETZ has written a just-released book. It was his first attempt in the general interest category. The title is *Investing in College: A Guide for the Perplexed*. (Harvard University Press, spring 2007). One review states, "Shrewd and sensible, *Investing in College* is an invaluable resource and a beacon of sanity for college-bound students and the families who support them." Mal is associate professor of economics at Vanderbilt University.

ANDY CADOT writes that **JOHN HUFNAGEL** and his two sons Steve and Casey are planning to join Andy at Lakewood Camps for some fly fishing for landlocked salmon and native brook trout the week after our reunion.

BILL GARTH checked in from Sarasota, where they were evaluating the possibility of a winter home. They aren't sure that they will end up there. Boating on the gulf (vs. Atlantic) is an issue. Bill's status as "retired, amateur writer" continues. He has another play in the works. They plan to be in Williamstown for reunion and are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

GREGG MEISTER spent a fascinating year traveling to the Dominican Republic four times and Haiti twice to produce documentary and fundraising DVDs. The projects were sponsored by



From left, Charlie Dana '61, Mitch Besser '76 and Tom Nicholson '68 met up in Cape Town, South Africa, last summer.

the Foundation for Peace. They do medical, religious and educational work among the poor and disenfranchised. Gregg and his wife celebrated their 35th anniversary at the oldest building (now a hotel) on the oldest street in the oldest post-Columbian city (Santo Domingo) in the Western Hemisphere. They plan to be at reunion.

MIKE ROIZEN is out with his third *New York Times* best seller. The title is *You on a Diet—The Owner's Manual for Waist Management*.

ROB HAMMELL is director of Nationwide Government Programs for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. They have four new embassies under construction in Beijing, Lome (Togo), Accra (Ghana) and Rangoon. Their daughter Hilary has been teaching ninth-grade science and math in extremely rural Honduras for a nonprofit educational organization called BECA. Their son Davis is a sophomore at Yale. He plays offensive left tackle on their championship varsity football team. Ginny retired from the Department of Agriculture and started a new job with George Washington University.

STEVE HORNBERGER says he is in particular support of the programs of Swarthmore College these days. He feels they are more in tune with their own values of intellectual commitment, a greater sense of social justice and a long-rooted, multicultural liberal arts program and faculty. They seem to him less interested in sports and things American.

CHRIS WHITE had a wonderful visit with **Jaime (Bill) Willett** and his family in San Francisco. They debated attending our reunion, but a decision is apparently still pending. Chris and his wife, Judy, are still enjoying the aftermath of

two weeks in Italy last summer. They are planning future trips, primarily to California. Most of their immediate family now lives in the Bay Area.

Your secretary and Winnie staged a winter getaway to Germany on the heels of Christmas. It was a festive place to be that time of year. The beer was just as good as ever, too. Meanwhile Winnie received the 2006-07 Distinguished Alumni Award from Colorado State University.

That's a wrap for this edition. If you want to add to the stories and get caught up with other classmates, the place to be is Williamstown this June 7-10. Make your plans now, if you haven't already done so. See you there!

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BARTON JONES, president of The Williams Club of New York, reports on a great class weekend at the club: "**Ted Cronin's** wife, **Susie Read Cronin '75**, had opened a show of her bronze castings. I caught up with **Ted** and **Joe Knowlton** (who started with us and graduated in 1972 after a stint in Vietnam along with **Bing Bingham**, later of '73). The weekend started with a pre-theater dinner at The Williams Club with Prof. Emeritus **Irwin Shainman** lecturing on **Steven Sondheim '50** and the revival of his musical *Company*. Prof. Shainman taught Sondheim at Williams, having been told by his former colleagues at Columbia that there wouldn't be any music students at Williams worth

teaching!

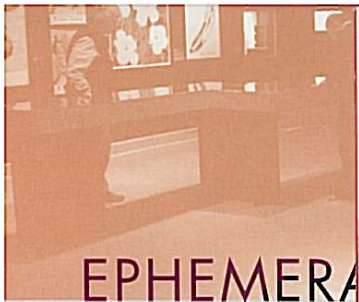
"Attending the club event were **Peter Abrahams**, his wife, **Diana Gray**, **Myrna** and **Jeff Brinn**, **Gail** and **Bill Calfee**, **Holly** and **Geoff Connor**, **Henry Hecht**, **Debby** and **Barton Jones**, **Jane** and **David Marcello**, **Peggy** and **Peter Rice** and **Joyce** and **John Schmitz**. The next day we had a seminar celebrating Eph's Bookshelf at the Club, featuring **Arthur Winters '46** and **Peter Abrahams** talking about their writing and getting it published. Joining others of us were **Arthur Cambouris**, **Nancy** and **Lowell Davis** and **Robert Herzog**. **Jeff Brinn** was interested in Peter's experience with the steam tunnels at Williams. The late **Tom Bell** was alleged to have had keys for most entrances. **Herzog** said there was a way to get from Morgan Hall to the pool with dates. More on topic, **Peter Abrahams** kept us entertained with his work as a published author. He has just published two books for young readers in addition to his adult fiction. Nothing like a book jacket blurb from **Stephen King** saying you are his favorite suspense author. We all laughed a lot."

Additional news of **Peter Abrahams**: His book *End of Story* was an *Entertainment Weekly* Top Ten fiction book for 2006; his new book, *Nerve Damage*, comes out this spring.

BOB STANTON spent 10 days in Europe working his orthopedic magic on the U.S. Ski Team, his 25th year in that role. He also notes that he recently ran into Dr. **Robert Wilson**, who was a freshman with us and left to graduate elsewhere. He remembered that year fondly. He now lives in Greenville, S.C.

BOB also sends this tribute: "I greatly feel the loss of **Hodge Markgraf '52**. I served as alumni fund chair during his time as VP for alumni relations. ... I spent hours in Hodge's organic lab, and, certainly, our relationship as professor-student was entirely different once we became fellow alums. No Williams grad that I have known could represent Williams better than he. He was eloquent and impassioned about the school and its traditions."

HENRY HECHT report, "I am in my 23rd year as a lecturer in residence at University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), teaching lawyering skills courses such as negotiations and depositions. For that same period, I have also been the principal of The Hecht



Andrej Warh

The shy son of Slovak immigrant New York in 1949, having studied at the Institute of Technology. Despite being a native would soon change both the way Americans regarded art.

Through June 10, a mix of works from the years in New York are on exhibit at the Museum of Art in "Warhola Becomes Pop Art." Warhol's synthesis of the native into Pop Art images would bring the next decade, but much of the work at WCMA predates the artist's emergence as a cultural presence. Whence the unknown revealed in more than 50 early ink drawings, silkscreens, lithographs and Holmes '46, who has donated his

The clever young man with the found work in the 1950s as a commercial sell products (among them bras) working for retailers, including magazines such as *Ladies Home*. On his own time, he illustrated

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Training Group, consultants on skills training for lawyers (www.HechtTrainingGroup.com). We have presented lawyering skills workshops, which combine simulations ("learning by doing"), lecture and demonstration, to over 75 law firms, corporate law offices and government agencies across the country."

Bob Gault is still practicing law full time at Mintz Levin in Boston. "I did step down as head of the employment, labor & benefits department after 28 years of running it, a record for

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Dick Peinert is still "slugging away in plastic surgery" and has "no exciting personal news to report whatsoever" but has had lots of Williams sightings since he last wrote. He visited with **Gordy Bryson** and spouse Liz, who were back east from Hawaii last June. Dick says Gordy completed

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End of Story, a novel by Peter Abrahams '68, was named one of the top 10 fiction books of 2006 by *Entertainment Weekly*. Abrahams' 18th novel, *Nerve Damage*, was published in March.

a department head in the firm by probably two decades. While I am very proud of what we built (the nearly 40-lawyer department is now bigger than the firm was when I joined it in 1973), I am happy to be relieved of the administrative duties that went with the position and also happy to be back practicing law full time."

Lynn and **John Fulkerson** completed a two-week bike trip in China, "a daunting, powerful country of extreme contrast. They still revere Mao Tse Tung!"

Class President **Bill Schapiro** sends along this reminder: "I saw **Larry Levien** recently. He was working his patootie off as our class agent for the 2006-07 Alumni Fund campaign. Larry and I shared our amazement at the realization that our 40th reunion is less than 18 months away. The Class of '68 typically has among the highest reunion attendance rates, and I'm hoping we set an all-time record for 40th reunion classes. We'll be gathering in Williamstown on June 5-8, 2008. Time to start dieting, aerobics and weight training if you want to win the Dorian Gray Award for best-preserved class member."

Finally, we note sadly the death of **Dr. Joseph Adelson**. Joe had been a clinical psychologist in the Atlanta area since the mid-'70s. His 25th reunion essay includes a lovely tribute to his wife, Lynn Laughlin, who survives him.

the requirements for his PhD in education at the University of Hawaii, save for the thesis and defense, and Liz has "produced a DVD detailing the establishment of the Canada-France Hawaii Telescope on Mauna Kea, one of the top astronomy centers on earth. Golf also allows Dick to maintain connections. He played in the second annual Williams football golf tournament last summer with **Denny Kelly** and **Bill Drummond**, both '68. "Both are well, though among the three of us, we have two fake knees, one fake hip and a stent. Even though we were by far the oldest foursome, we still finished ahead of most of the kids." Dick also played golf with **Ted May** '70 and **Joe Estes** '71 in October and saw **Terry Palmer** and **Mike Goodbody** as well as **Trav Auburn** '68 at the Wesleyan game last year.

Susan and **Lee Holman** '70 visited Dick for Thanksgiving, as did the family of **Vic Richards**. "I can't believe Vic has been gone nearly three years; I still miss him. My Christmas present from Vic's wife, **Janet**, were Vic's cowboy boots, which fit perfectly! I also have in my office the last house photo of 'The Fort,' taken a few months before the fire, which was a gift from Vic." Dick is also in constant e-mail contact with **Tom Sipkins**, "who has the misfortune of having to root for the Vikings and Golden Gophers. Too bad **Chip Bolman** left Minnesota. He could have performed the heart transplants." Dr. Bolman, who has just finished his first year as cardiac surgical chief at Brigham and Women's Hospital

(and has been featured in one of the hospital's local TV commercials), spoke to Dick's local surgical society in January. He says Chip is the third Eph to be a department head at BWH, one of Boston's renowned medical centers. The others are **Tom Thornhill** '66 in orthopedics and **Marty Samuels** '67 in neurology. Finally, Dick reports that he has become part of Williams trivia and folklore. He's the answer to this question: Who is the only Williams football player to play against former Eph coach Dick Farley in high school?

Henry Walker, still teaching at Grinnell College in Iowa, has celebrated some wonderful milestones since last writing: his 35th wedding anniversary with spouse Terry last summer (followed by a tour throughout Italy); his mother-in-law's 90th birthday; his 25th year of reading Advanced Placement examinations (six for math, 19 for computer science); and three major events in his daughter Barbara's life: graduation from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell with a master's in atmospheric science, a new job with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and her marriage in September. Since 2000 Henry has been the Samuel R. and Marie-Louise Rosenthal Professor of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Grinnell and now chairs a new department of computer science at the college.

Marty Lafferty reports that the Distributed Computing Industry Association (www.dcia.info), the DC-based trade association of which he is CEO, is fast approaching 100 member companies and conducted its first-ever NYC conference and exposition, the P2P Media Summit, N.Y. in February. DCIA also opened a Beijing office in January, focusing on market expansion in China. Marty expects 2007 to be a year of enormous growth for P2PTV, mobile P2P and user-generated content, three areas that are central to the DCIA's agenda. Marty was also elected president of the Southwind Lot Owners Association, serving the Kent Island, Md., waterfront community on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, where he lives with wife Sari (Cornell '77). He looks forward to supporting several new capital projects this year that will enhance the quality of life for members and their families.

David Whittlesey has moved



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Lots of news from our academic classmates this time.

Congratulations to art history professor **Jim Thompson**, who last spring received Western North Carolina's University Scholar Award, that school's ultimate faculty recognition for creative research activities. "Does this honor allow me to claim membership in the Williams art history mafia?" Jim writes. You bet it does.

Earl Potter reports, "I am moving on to become the president of St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Back to the cold after a few years in temperate southern Oregon. It was a treat to get a note of congratulations from Morty Schapiro. The roots of what I value most in higher education are at Williams."

Also moving is **Lowell Davis**: "After 40 years of being a teacher, coach and athletic director, I have often thought of trying something new for the next 10 years, but education seems to be in my blood so in it I will stay. After a successful 34 years at the Landon School in Bethesda, Md., Nancy and I moved to western Connecticut in 2004 to be closer to our daughter, who was in Boston, and also to take on new challenges at smaller private schools in the area. After two years at St. Luke's in New Canaan, Conn., and one year at Rye Country Day in N.Y. (with Nancy teaching in Riverdale, N.Y.), we were asked by the new administration at Landon to return to our former school. Now we move back to Bethesda and will not miss the commute down interstate I-95 everyday. Landon will want me to assist with a major capital campaign and reconnect with more than three decades of Landon alumni. It will feel good to return 'home' again and be with so many friends. If anyone from our class has a few extra million to give away (after giving to Williams, of course), just send it to me at Landon, where I am sure that I would gain instant credibility as a fundraiser."

Among more exotic travels, **Bob McCloud** reports, "I have been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship

and will be spending academic year 2007-08 teaching computer science at the American University in Kosovo. It is in Pristina, Kosovo." As **Bill Perttula** puts it, "My attempts to get someone else to pay for my travels over the years have gotten me to London, Paris (last spring), Seoul and Beijing. Now I have been selected to teach Internet marketing, my specialty, at the Aarhus School of Business in Aarhus, second largest city in Denmark."

Big change for **Ed Nichols**: "After 35 years in high tech (20 with IBM and the rest with my own software companies in Colorado) I am completely changing course. I will take over as the president and CEO of the Colorado Historical Society, so if any of the Class of '68 come to Denver, look me up and we will show you all about Colorado's history."

Sherman Jones has made another career change, now serving as VP of the Knoxville Area Urban League.

From **Addison Wilson**: "Practicing real estate and business law as a sole practitioner and managing a title company are still tedious but very interesting and personally satisfying. It's really too fun to stop. Susan and I are planning our 35th anniversary party in September. Again it's really too fun to stop! My golf is still as bad as in 1968. The scores and the stakes keep going up!"

"As a sideshow, I'm now in my 17th year as committee chairman of Troop 82, Dallas, Texas, the largest Boy Scout troop in the U.S. (220-plus boys; you have to get them in line to count them!) We awarded 14 Eagles this year."

"I heard Fred Greene speak in Dallas a few months ago at a Williams alumni association dinner. His stories of the Kennedy administration brought back memories of those days, and the strange days of the Johnson administration, when the biggest news was Vietnam and that the president picked up his dogs by the ears. Also, apparently, Lyndon had a strange accent, which meant that nobody from Brattleboro to the Cape thought he could ever 'park a car in Harvard Yard.' It sounded fine to me and still does!"

Jim Halloran checks in from Cleveland: "Still working (fortunately too healthy to retire) as energy analyst for National City Private Client Group, with a number of gigs on TV and print media as 'instant expert'

on energy matters. Recently promoted to senior VP here. It's a lot of fun, but I do notice the number of people I deal with for whom 1968 is ancient history is growing almost exponentially."

Bob Chambers likes his change of scenery: "My family and I are well into our sixth year here in Whitefish, Mont., and we know for sure that it was the best move we've ever made. After 23 years inside the DC beltway, with heat, humidity and incessant politics, we are exulting (at 3,000-feet above sea level) in gorgeous, long mountain vistas, dry air, few bugs and a community that is very much like Williamstown, both in setting and makeup of the population. Glacier National Park is a short drive away, and Flathead Lake (the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi) is just south of us. I have retired but am on the boards of the Whitefish Theatre Company, the Whitefish Community Foundation and the Whitefish Middle School auditorium renovation project (which will soon yield a little Carnegie Hall). In many ways, I'm much busier than before I retired, but it's great to be part of what's going on in this town—especially when the results are so tangible. We mean it sincerely when we say that any '68 classmate is welcome to visit us out here."

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basics but uses service-learning (the marriage of community service to the classroom) as a powerful teaching strategy. In brief, we are bringing citizenship back into public education.

"Anyway, I will use my work with underserved youth as a platform for my ultimate creation: to help aging boomers find meaningful encore careers in the world of education by teaching them the tools of social entrepreneurship, by counseling them to find an encore career in the nonprofit world and by placing them in projects that are results oriented.

"Stay tuned: My next article in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* this summer will capture this phase in my journey.

"By the way, I see **Henry Hecht** often, and he has volunteered to be my very first client. If you want to find out more, please by all means get in touch. This is the wave of the future and a time for some of us late bloomer boomers to give back in creative ways."

A reflective note comes from **Eddie Weeks**: "I keep trying to think of what I'd like to say. Don't worry; I'll come up with something. When is the paper due?"

"That reminds me of my dreams. One is my anxiety dream. I have a physics test that has already started, and I'm trying desperately to find out where it is, wandering about the Williams campus. I also haven't attended class and really don't know the material. (It's a final exam.)

"Another is the dream that was college. It seems incredible that we all had that experience together so long ago and that we look back with such different eyes and sensibilities. It adds a feeling of melancholy to the few reunions I have attended that makes me pause before committing to the 40th. I feel so lucky in my life, and I might end up kayaking instead of partying in Williamstown."

Don't listen to those anxiety dreams, Eddie. We all have them. Listen instead to our leader, Class President **Bill Shapiro**: "By the time this is published, our 40th reunion will be less than 12 months away. If I start my diet and exercise regimen now, I should be able to fit through the door of our reunion headquarters next June. Our reunion planning committee (Auburn, Blanchard, Brinn, Hodgson, Jelin, Jones, Kelly, Leven, Neely, Nicholson, Oppenheimer, Perry, Phillips, Piper, Rea, Shapiro, Stanton and

Yogman) is already hard at work, and we are always looking for a few more good men to join us. More information about the reunion will be coming later this year. In the meantime, I hope everyone will plan on joining us in Williamstown next June."

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Some welcome notes this time from classmates sharing much information over many years. **Peter Nash** celebrated one year's retirement in April, "the date our family business of 37 years sold in 2006. I put 33 years in our golf business as owner, manager, superintendent, board member, grunt, slave and chief cook and bottle washer. Wife Kalala, whom I met in Samoa just as I completed my Peace Corps service in 1971, worked with me at the course as well. We have four children. Third child, Justin, graduated this month from Humboldt State University as a piano performance major, with a goal to pursue master's and PhD programs. Fourth child, Danielle, also graduates in 2007 from the University of California at Berkeley, where she played on the women's golf team. We spent seven weeks in Samoa from November 2006 to January 2007 completing a remodel of my wife's house, located in the heart of the big city for Samoa, Apia. We were very fortunate to find a tenant in the form of the government of New Zealand, providing accommodation for New Zealanders residing in Samoa under a program to assist the Ministry of Justice. We will very likely be moving to Samoa in a few years to set up a business. I will make New Zealand our home base for ultimate residence as the years stream by."

Another welcome letter came from **Shelby Hallmark**, who, "as a sometime member of the class of '69, has not been very communicative over the nearly 40 years since we were at Williams. I arrived in 1967 (a rare transfer) as a junior; I departed after our first semester as seniors, having taken the traumas of 1968 far too personally. On the other hand, despite the brevity of my stay in Williamstown, I retain extremely fond memories of the place, the people, the institution.

On the occasion of reaching the unthinkable age of 60, I wish the class all the best." Shelby works for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, overseeing the four federal workers' compensation programs. He's also chairman of the board of the Senior Executives Association, the lobbying entity for career senior executives. On a personal level, he says, "My first marriage ended in divorce in 1992 but produced two fine boys, who are doing quite well. No grandkids yet, but Gen X seems to be slow about such things. In 1999 I remarried and am ridiculously happy heading into my dotage." When he wrote in May, Shelby was looking forward to traveling to Peru for a horseback tour in the Sacred Valley of the Inca. "I've kept in touch with a few Williams guys over the years, mostly old Prospect House friends, although fitfully. Wish I'd done better. I did manage to rendezvous with **George Scarola** in Seattle; he's a paragon of '60s righteousness undiminished by all the intervening years. If we were all as selfless and dedicated as George, the world would be a far better place." Shelby hopes his contribution to these notes "will stimulate similarly quiet Ephs to correspond as well. **Mace Rosenthal**, **Julio del Carpio** '70, **Richard Leader**, **Bob Cruse** '68, where are you?"

Pat Dunn in Washington, who operates his own government relations company in Olympia, also crosses paths with **George Scarola**. "George and I see a lot of each other passing in the halls of our state capitol, Olympia, as we are both doing quite a bit of lobbying. Fortunately we are on the same side, working to bring more attention and funds for education and especially this year to early childhood education."

Paul Kessler has been living in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for a year now with his partner. "Using my Williams education to the max, I am selling real estate down here and find I can actually make a living. This is the best place to live, and I have never been happier in my life. No more red states for me. Say hello to **George Sparling** for me."

Wes Howard "spent a wonderful Denver evening with Pam and John Korbel. We had 38 years to cover but made a good start. **Dana Comfort** '70 and I keep in touch. This summer he plans to help orient to New York—and hopefully to the New York Stock

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As a Williams student, F. Taylor Osborn found a way to "cement in mind what I learned" in his class notes, which he recently donated to the library. His notes provide a rare insight into Williams academic life.

For years the meticulously organized student shuffled from attic to attic as Ostrander's papers were moved.

economist who retired to Williams for the unique record of 75 years at the Warren estate.

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School last May. She will be working for a law firm in L.A. To his disappointment, **Hank Grass** had a conflict that kept him from reunion. He plans to visit Williamstown in January to visit his friend Steve Zolotti, chair of the biology department, and to address premed students. Henry continues to give talks around Oregon on physician emotional and mental health issues. He also chairs the Oregon Psychiatric Association committee on physician well-being. His group was instrumental in finally getting legislation passed that will allow easier access to confidential mental health care.

Dave Nash has cut back his work week to three days, and he says he may throw in the towel by the end of the year. He has to make time for his grandchildren, now numbering two with the addition of Sam.

Scanlon Gail had to miss reunion because of some late-scheduled commercial shoots. One was for Reebok as a New York Irish cabbie; the other, for Chevy, as a 1920s trucker. He also had a guest appearance on TV's *ER* as the psychotic, homeless "Fez Man." His wife, Sara, was to head to Malta soon for seven months as assistant set decorator and head buyer on a new film directed by Spanish director Alejandro Amenabar, who won the Academy Award for the best foreign film in 2005. Scanlon is trying to get cast on the film. If so, he'll head to the Mediterranean, where he will hope to look up **John Counselis '68**. John is an architect who also operates a bed and breakfast on the back side of the island of Mykonos.

Van Hawn's son Ben was married Aug. 18th to Betsy Steiner in the Twin Cities area. Also attending were Ben's uncle **Gates Helms '46**, Ben's grandmother, widow of **Bud Hawn '37**, and Van's brother **Gates Hawn '70**.

Via *The New York Times* comes word that Hearst Magazines has decided to purchase **Mike Roizen's RealAge Inc.**, a consumer health Web site. The terms of the purchase were not disclosed, but a price of something under \$100 million was estimated. That was based partly on the site's \$20 million in annual revenue. The site has 2.1 million unique visitors per month. Over 8 million people have taken the RealAge test. Well done to you, Mike.

That's it for now. Keep those cards and letters coming. If you



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Tony Kronman's new book, *Education's End: Why Our Colleges and Universities Have Given Up on the Meaning of Life*, has been getting lots of attention. Amazon includes a blurb from President Emeritus Francis Oakley: "Kronman unfolds here a sustained argument marked by subtlety, force, nuance and considerable appeal." In an education Web site interview, Tony says, "Let's make some room in the curriculum for the organized study of great works of philosophical and literary imagination, recognizing that students (and faculty!) have many other worthwhile things to do." That means some sort of required coursework in a common curriculum "that begins with Homer, Herodotus and Plato and ends with T.S. Eliot, Wittgenstein and Hannah Arendt." And, he advises, try "to damp down student and parental anxiety about the need to prepare for a career."

Henry Hecht reports in from California: "It has been wonderful to have **Clint Wilkins** back in the Bay Area after his move in 1999 to Orange County to be the

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Novelist **Peter Abrams** reports modestly, "No real news at this point, Paul (two books coming in April), but that's my daughter **Lily Gray** '07 on the *Alumni Review* cover (September issue featuring the June graduation)."

Mixed news from **Austin Wand**: "My daughter **Kimberly** '02 was married on Sept. 2 to **Neil Anderson** '04. There was a fair Williams contingent in attendance. Now I have to face, in face-down recovery period for two weeks, upcoming retinal surgery to repair a retinal hole/tear. I am fortunate to have a wife who will help me recover."

More whimsically, but with an important message, here's Class President **Bill Shapiro**: "Was in Williamstown in early September and saw ruggedly handsome Class Secretary **Paul Neely**, handsomely rugged Class Agent **Larry Levien** and Dr. **Bob Stanton** (who is just plain cute). We are all planning on attending the 40th reunion in June and hope to see everyone there."

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Adjusting his lifestyle to one many of us would envy, **Herb Ogden** has "moved my law office from Rutland, which is a city by Vermont standards, 20 miles south to Danby, which is a village by anyone's standards. Now I can cycle or walk to work from my home in tiny Mt. Tabor, two miles away. I concluded times had changed enough so I no longer needed an office in the county seat. Most Vermont civil courts no longer routinely expect lawyers to show up and argue motions or do much else besides actually try cases. With the advent of mandatory mediation, far fewer cases are tried anyway. (How will new lawyers learn how to try cases?) Besides, the legal malpractice, employment and civil rights parts of my practice are pretty much statewide, so when I did have to go to court, it usually wasn't in Rutland anyway. Now we'll see if people will hire a lawyer with an office in a place that even some Vermonters haven't heard of."

Dick Peinert enjoyed a four-day visit in August from **Liz and Gordy Bryson**. "Gordy is well on his way to a PhD in education and hoping to return to

the East Coast in about three years," Dick wrote. "I surprised the Brysons at lunch with old Amherst nemesis **Bill Foye**, the Lord Jeffs' great running back. Bill and Gordy were best buddies back at New London High. Bill is seven pounds above his playing weight and continued to play rugby until age 55! As an aside to **Tom Parker**, Bill's daughter will probably be applying to Amherst this year, and, according to Bill, she is a better athlete than he was! I did tell him I have some pull at Williams, just in case! I saw **Ted May** '70 at the College golf tournament. For an old guy, he did OK, losing first flight on a tiebreaker. He and **George Estes** '71 [were] up for some golf. ... Also hoisted a few with **Vic Kelley** '66, who also happens to be a cousin of **Lee Griffith**. As for myself, continue to pound away at plastic surgery and sign tuition checks. I went to Venice with my daughter. Unique and beautiful beyond description. Titian and Tintoretto fans must visit the Doges' Palazzo! Also, a gondola ride with my daughter is a memory I will take to the grave. Also, some hiking and sightseeing in the Dolomites. Cortina looks like Stowe on steroids!"

Rich Steinberg reports that daughter **Dana** '02 earned her law degree and a master's in Latin American studies from Tulane. She "decided to come back home and took the New York bar examination in July and will gladly entertain any and all offers of gainful employment. Daughter **Jennifer** '05 is getting a master's in urban planning at New York University and working full time at a nonprofit planning organization. Emily, a potential member of the class of 2013, is starting a busy junior year in high school."

Sandy Smith took daughter **Samantha** '09 back to Williamstown in August for the second half of her JA training and to welcome her first-year students before classes started. "She is a JA in Armstrong 4 (the top floor on the west end of Mission, for those who have kept up with the housing arrangements on campus). Sam, a chemistry major and premed, had to sit out the spring crew season with an injury but cheered her teammates on as they captured their second consecutive NCAA Div. III gold medal. She worked hard on her conditioning all summer and reports that it feels good to be back in a boat. Sally and I will be helping to

coordinate food for the crew and parents at the regattas this fall. Son Trip is a senior at Concord Academy, so we are knee deep in the college search process for him. He's looking to stay in the northeast and hopes to find a school where he can play Div. III tennis. He is co-captain of his tennis team for 2007-08 and active in singing and community service groups on campus. In height and shoe size, he is almost a carbon copy of his father, but much more personable! Sally continues to teach singing privately (she left Wellesley three years ago), coach a group in Virginia and produce CDs in addition to being active in pastoral care at our church, organizing a concert series at our public library and handling family eldercare responsibilities. I continue at Cambridge Associates, where my client base is concentrated among cultural institutions in NYC. Outside of work, I remain active in volunteer activities in Concord."

Bob Lunn says, "If anyone had told me nine years ago that my family and I would be relatively permanently settled in Springfield, Mo., I wouldn't have believed it, but here we still are. I am pretty close to holding the record among '69ers for having the youngest children (along with **Dave Mason**?). We have a 13-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son, so retirement in the next decade is out of the question, and even college-hunting trips are a few years off. I've definitely done my life in reverse order! Is it said that having young kids keeps one young? I'd say keeps one tired. Overall, though, as my kids would say, 'It's all good!' I'm still running a health administration graduate program and professing at Missouri State University."

Beth and Rick Corwin report seeing **John Hallbrooks** and **Kathy McCool** at a Boston Williams event to promote a new art gallery in the city's South End. "John and I have been regulars at the Williams Club of Boston over the past six months, but we need more of the class to attend." Rick is now a grandparent, with daughter **Jennifer** delivering a son, **Jacob Spencer Donahue**, on Sept. 5, "just in time for Grandparents' Day."

Jim Barns is "a later-bloomer parent as with much else in my life, and my daughter is now a 10th grader, and college talk is in the air. It is a fever in this university town (Charlottesville,