



CLASS NOTES

on Nantucket with their two dogs. Jon completed the year as chairman of the three-county United Way Campaign in the Harrisburg area. They blew by their goal and registered the first \$10 million year ever. Jon continues his law practice. Jon's brother David '79 has settled in Duluth, Minn., as owner and innkeeper at the Olcott House. Jon, in a pensive mood, wrote, "The continuing joy of the ongoing Williams experience in terms of valued and trusted friends and friendly and trusted values is vital to me."

Joel Rosenthal and his wife Emily celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in January. They met at Brooks House on Beethoven's birthday in 1965. She was visiting with her Penn State roommate, who was visiting Mark Ellis. Their son Misha had a stellar year as goalie on the Northwestern University soccer team. They made the elite eight in the NCAA tournament. Their final national ranking was seventh. Misha's goals-against average of 0.48 was the fourth best in the country. He will be the goalkeeper for the U.S. team that will be competing in July in Israel.

Your secretary is now officially launched as mayor of Wayzata, Minn. One of the more interesting involvements is being a member of the group of Twin Cities region mayors, which meets regularly to discuss common issues. It includes the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul and the surrounding cities. So far I am finding that this political world, even at my level, takes a little more time than I had anticipated. Juggling that with the demands of manufacturing and selling truck equipment in this roller coaster market is a bit of a challenge.

I wish you all good health (please) and a successful and happy year. Have a great summer.

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In my most recent solicitation, I invited your reactions to the recent unpleasantness in the financial markets. There weren't many responses, which may mean you are either embarrassed or absconding. But here's



Last fall, Jack Hunt '67 (left), president and CEO of King Ranch, met with Douglas Smith '76, CBS News producer, during production of a CBS News Sunday Morning show featuring the ranch.

a sample of those who had the courage to answer.

Peter Sartorius responded: "I prefer to emphasize the positive. Barbara and I, Gail and Bill Calfee, Peggy and Peter Rice and Joyce and John Schmitz spent a wonderful long weekend in late October at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Virginia (courtesy of John). It was a get-together planned long before the stock market and everything else in the economy took a dive, but it turned out to be a great recession antidote. Low-stakes (but nevertheless highly competitive) golf, coupled with good food and drink and fond memories to relive, combined to make any negative thoughts disappear for at least a short time while giving a modest stimulus to the local economy."

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Gary Teves, CDE '68, was selected by *The Banker Magazine* as the best finance minister for Asia in 2008 in recognition of his leadership and skills in managing the public finances of the Philippines.

from Bob Gault: "I am still practicing law full time at Mintz Levin in Boston and, with this economy, no plans to change that anytime soon, and still enjoying it in any event. Re the economy: No smugness here—stayed fully invested mainly in equities, but 'live by the sword...' This year marked my 35th at Mintz Levin (two before that as a federal court law clerk). The changes at the firm have been even more

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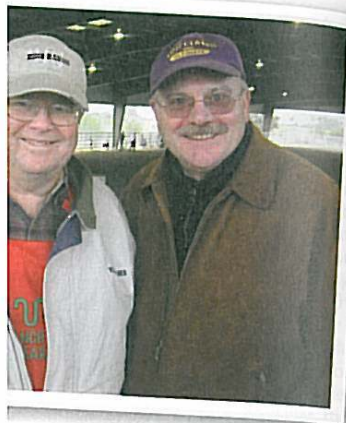
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Five 1968 Classmates and their wives reunited in Burgundy last October. Pictured, from left, are Barton Jones, Diana Lambert, Tom Nicholson, Charlie Lambert, Mona Strassburger, EJ Strassburger, Ned Perry, Cynthia Wood, Debbie Jones and Cathy Nicholson.

ated lots of heartache, headache and extra work. Fortunately, I have a good job and like working but may be doing it for a bit longer than I planned. Debby is not enthused about the latter but is supportive. The good news is that I now have a grandson, Jack, born on Election Day. Dad is **Jim Stanton '97**, and my math has Jack somewhere around the Class of 2029. Paul, a letter from a trustee would be great. Sad to hear that Morty is leaving and that **Steve Birrell '64** is retiring. They have been great assets to Williams, and I know that great successors will be found."

The most colorful reaction came from our favorite ex-pat, **John Murray**. "Great question, as we are in the middle of the greatest economic dislocation of our lifetimes. Have my plans changed? Yup.

"At reunion, I was moved by the passage of time (I'm not referring to any particular classmate) and mentally flirted with bidding my partners goodbye to write a book, move to Rome for a winter or clean out the barn. Now I am working 12-hour days, six days a week, rallying the 55 troops (average age 37 and shell-shocked) of our fund management company, telling them that this too shall pass and that there will be winners because there always are. Quitting at times like these—when our company is worth about a quarter of what we were offered for it 18 months ago—seems like, well, quitting. So for me it looks like the next opportunity I'll have to pull over and take

stock will be in three years' time, at 65. But staying in the industry and reading the financial pages should be fun as we are owed one hell of a noisy public debate about the kind of economy and society we want and how we let a bunch of spoiled, greedy gamblers break our banks. But don't get me started."

After months of painful agony, especially for the rest of us listening to his pleading, whining and wild imaginings, **John Oppenheimer** found out that daughter Eve has, yes, been accepted to the Williams Class of 2013. She deserves it, despite her father. John, in a new effort to find an outlet for the misplaced energy heretofore expended on worrying about his daughter, is now embarked on an effort to achieve teaching accreditation in history at the high school level. You may recall that he has been involved for many years at Roosevelt High School in New York, a connection begun by **Phil Smith '55** and the ABC program. It seems a little late to make up market losses by joining the teachers' pension fund, but you go for it, John.

Finally, we don't often focus on births of grandchildren here (too many now, and we try to keep centered on our classmates), but this wonderful note is worth the exception: "My dad, **Tom Beach**, has never written in to the *Alumni Review* for as long as I have been reading it. This year, however, I'm going to write for him. He was blessed with the birth of his second grandchild in November: Eric Alexi Petersen,

born to his daughter **Lindsay Beach Petersen '99** (that's me) and her husband Rick. I just thought that some of his classmates might like to know that."

And now, Tom—and the rest of you, too—the gracious response would be to write to your class secretary about the rest of your life, showing your children that you are capable of thoughtful reflection as your life's sun has passed the high point of its day. (I learned that kind of writing from **Fred Stocking '36**.)

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REUNION JUNE 11-14

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These are the last notes before our 40th reunion June 11-14, so regard this is a hearty encouragement to attend! Reunion chairman **Fred Vinick** and his team have been working hard to produce a relaxed, inviting, moderately priced weekend to be enjoyed by classmates and family members alike.

Bob Lunn has "nothing much new to report except that the economic downturn tells me that my plans to retire in four years had better be changed to 10 to 15 years! I've still got young teenagers aboard. I hope that the College hasn't been whacked too badly. For 40 years, I've been unceasingly proud to be a Williams alum, and the name Williams has opened a number of doors professionally (especially with Amherst and Wesleyan alums!)."

Accolades go to **Wes Howard** of Benjamin, Bain & Howard LLC, selected for inclusion in the list of Colorado Super Lawyers for 2009 in commercial litigation. "I suspect most of my professors and my buddies from Garfield House would be surprised."

Glad to hear from newspaper scribe **Jonathan Storm**, who says, "Jerry Bobo came all the way from Seattle to Philadelphia to play in the Philadelphia Cricket Club member-guest golf tournament last fall. He and his partner shellacked me and my partner in the first round and went on to win our flight, which was not composed of the best golfers in the tourney. Never suspecting he might be in the finals, Bobo had scheduled a 6 p.m. plane home.

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Council. His wife Tyrell had her first solo exhibit of paintings in NYC at the Katherine Markel gallery in Chelsea. Friends and relations from all over, including **Burke Moody** and Annie Taylor, converged for the opening. Bob then went to DC for discussions with the National Gallery about curating a major exhibition there in 2012. While there, he stayed with **Buddy Karelis** and Heidi Hatfield. Then he was off to Savannah to speak at the opening of his Bellows drawings exhibition at the Telfair Academy. **Kirk Varnedoe** took his first art classes there, so Bob started his talk with slides of Kirk and a tribute to his character and accomplishments. Bob is now back in Oakland, where he is starting a new project managing the estate of artist Bruce Conner, one of the initial members of the San Francisco Beat scene.

Jeff Bowen and Hillary took their spring break in Mexico this year. They wanted a getaway from the shared pressures of school administration and the fanciful challenge of "spending federal stimulus aid wisely but fast to preserve jobs that can't last but will have an audit-ready impact on kids at risk." Lots of luck on that one, of course. The miracle they opted for instead was a warm-weather resort spa without snow days to worry about.

Paul Lipof spent quite a lot of time over the past six months with **Gregg Meister**. Paul says Gregg has put together a truly excellent personal video in support of the State of Israel from his Christian perspective. Paul has helped him with its distribution. One of the shots is one Gregg took of Paul's grandson's bar mitzvah in Jerusalem. The Lipofs are awaiting the arrival of their third grandchild. In addition, their daughter was planning a May wedding. And they went back to Israel in June to attend a niece's wedding. They count their blessings.

Fred Sleezer has relocated from San Antonio to Exton, Pa. This was his first winter on the East Coast in 29 years, and he really enjoyed it. He is working for Stewart, Cooper & Coon in corporate and individual outplacement. As you can imagine, he says they are VERY busy in this economy. Fred had dinner with **Dennis Helms '64** and his wife Meg in mid-April. He hoped to make it back to the Purple Valley this summer to have another go

at Taconic. Fred encourages classmates seeking job change assistance to contact him via e-mail. He would be happy to help.

Bill McClung and Hannah Jo are finally empty nesters. Son Charles is a freshman at Macalester College (St. Paul), and their other son is a junior at Carleton. To foot the bills Bill is continuing as computer science chair at Nebraska Wesleyan University and organist for their Catholic College. Hannah Jo is choir director there and teaches voice at nearby Doana College. Recently **Henry Walker '69**, computer science chair at Grinnell, provided their department with an excellent external evaluation. Bill says he is post-bypass surgery, a vegetarian and inveterate stationary bicycle rider. He hopes to return for our 50th.

Jeff Kelleher has been teaching law in San Diego. He plans to teach the fall term at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Hank Grass is content with his life and work. Fortunately his athletic injuries are healing, so he can remain active. He views that as an important antidote for the professional stress he feels. His family members are all healthy, "which is also a great joy." He has no plans to retire from his psychiatric practice in the near future.

In contrast with Hank, **Bill Woodward** did, in fact, take the big leap and retired last March. He says he will now see what he can do managing his own retirement fund (what's left of it) after having managed others' investments for the past 21 years. Bill and his wife look forward to traveling and maybe even running into some Williams folks along the way. As an aside, he said that he and his wife were at Longwood Gardens recently. They were wearing their reunion headgear. A nice gentleman asked where they had gotten "those great hats." When Bill replied "at my college reunion," he asked "William & Mary?" Bill writes, "I haven't heard that one in years."

Ted McPherson sent in his obligatory report on the January Alumni vs. Williams JV basketball results. It was the 10th consecutive alumni victory 96-70 (not much defense there). Ted was the sole '67 participant, and he did score a basket, though clearly not a game clincher. **Gordie Gee** is usually on the team as well. It's hard to

imagine, but he claims to have had more important obligations this year.

Your secretary had a nice conversation with **Steve Kiechel**. He and Julie are still living in the Toledo, Ohio, area, where Steve is an orthopedic surgeon. They are building a (retirement?) house down the coast from Boston, where they will be closer to the rest of their family.

That's it for this edition. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I'll see you in the fall.

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first grandchild. I'm also doing some research on the dubious national war on sex offenders." He encourages anyone coming to New Hampshire to drop by.

Also still playing basketball is **Bill Perttula**, "to try to fulfill the required exercise old people should have." Bill has been at San Francisco State University since 1975 and this fall returns to being chair of the marketing department. He's counting on two more years, then retirement.

Susette and Peter Naylor shared a lunch with the Perttulas last winter, which led to these thoughts from Peter: "The fact that Bill and I are both professors of business got me to thinking about how valuable a small, highly focused management program would have been to us as undergraduates. Certainly, I would have been better prepared for graduate work in economics if I'd learned some management practices earlier. Wouldn't a bare-bones management program integrated with the economics program strengthen both the economics program and prepare the Williams graduates to turn their passions into careers?"

"Also, shouldn't Williams be offering a small general engineering program, so that our liberal arts graduates are technologically literate as they go forth to save the world? Just a few ideas following a terrific weekend—how great to connect with the Perttulas after 40 years!" Your secretary has a few contrary thoughts on those ideas, but in the current budgetary situation adding any programs is a fairly hypothetical exercise anyhow.

Jeff Brinn reports on fallout from the financial situation: "Myra and I have taken up full-time residence in Monroe, N.C. (near Charlotte). We had bought this big house just before our 35th reunion. We gave up our apartment on Long Island Dec. 1, as I had been an early casualty of the recession/depression/mess that had befallen the business world and could not find anything to justify maintaining a second residence, particularly while out of work. After several increasingly desperate months, I secured a part-time consulting telecommuting gig doing QC work for a NYC CPA firm, which has kept me busy about one-half the time, with fill-ins from old consulting CPA firm clients. I expect to work until they surgically remove my laptop from my dead body, but that had

always been my plan."

Bob Chambers endured some acute pancreatic attacks last spring, which now seem under control: "I'm still having to take things slowly and gradually. The best part of this unpleasant experience has been the loss of 28 pounds and a more svelte look in the mirror, but I can't recommend the process that got me here."

Bob Stanton, perhaps our classmate with the longest record of continuing service to the College, took me up on the request for comments about the Schapiro years: "We will all miss Morty. He has been an exemplary president. He was able to work well with alums, faculty and students. All truly loved him as a person and for what he did for our college. He is leaving large shoes to fill. I trust that **Greg Avis** '80 and the search committee will find another great leader to guide the College through these current challenging times to even a higher level of achievement."

"I will also miss **Steve Birrell** '64. He has been an outstanding VP for Alumni Relations and Development. I still remember, when that job last came open, calling Hank Payne and telling him in no uncertain terms that he needed to hire Steve back from the defectors (Amherst) immediately and without wasting any effort on a search. To Hank's credit and to the betterment of Williams, that is what occurred."

Absolutely right on both counts, Bob.

I will mention less momentously that in June, after 14 years, I rotated off the Williams Board of Trustees (and on to the board of the Clark Art Institute). I have always felt that I got more out of that service than I put in, and I have tried to put in a lot. Trustees serve many constituencies, but I always considered our wonderful class to be one of the most significant for me. The College is in good hands, with a strikingly good senior staff and trustees that bring great wisdom and judgment to governance. Among them is **Bob Scott**, whose term on the board will continue until 2016.

I am also becoming chair of the Smithsonian National Board, a pan-institutional board that works with the professional staff and the Regents of the Smithsonian. That is one complex organization. Governing Williams is simple by comparison, but the College remains

number one in my heart. Many thanks to those of you who have offered support and kind words during my time on the board.

One of the nicest events during that time was a celebration in April of the success of the recently concluded Williams Campaign. Among the panels was one on the future of liberal arts education. I had the pleasure of chairing it—the panelists were just superb, and among them was **Tony Kronman**. Tony now teaches humanities at Yale, following his highly successful decade as dean of the law school. **John Oppenheimer** and **Bill Shapiro** were also here for the weekend.

Finally, a plaintive cry from Class Agent **Larry Levien**: "Just concluded three years as a vice chair of the Alumni Fund—which has seen both the best and worst of times in those years. The job is a tremendous opportunity to stay connected and one for which alumni of our experience (age) are especially valued. There are 20-plus vice chairs ranging from the Class of 2009 to the Class of 1951. The discussions are anything but dull. If anyone is interested, send me an e-mail and I can describe further. The chairs of the fund, currently **Bill Sprague** '80 and **Katie Chatas** '88, devote enormous time and energy to making the College a better place. "If anyone is interested in becoming class agent, you don't have to e-mail. The job is yours. At the very least, I'm begging for a co-head. You have the opportunity to work with Betsy Howard of the fund staff, who is wonderful, and to spend some fascinating weekends on campus."

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Congratulations and thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs **Bob Grace** and **Fred Vinick** and their committee for an absolutely terrific 40th reunion. Nearly 50 classmates with spouses and partners attended, and camaraderie, reconnecting with friends and reliving many and good memories filled the long weekend. Kudos to reunion committee members **Rick Corwin**, **Alan Dittrich**, **Bob Kandel** (who organized a '69 alum tour of MASS MoCA, led by Museum Director



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They enjoy traveling with their new teardrop camping trailer.

Bill Willett reports in alive and well and fully engaged in the day-to-day turmoil of raising a 3-year-old daughter and two boys with his wife Laura.

Dave Nash is happy in his retirement. He had surgery on his elbow in June, so he has not been playing tennis. He and Linda were in London in August for a team event and then took in Scotland as well. He is enjoying his two grandchildren.

Meanwhile, in the last issue your secretary misspelled **Bill Wordworth's** name. Instead of "worth" I spelled it "word." Another senior moment. My apologies.

And that's it. Thanks again for the incredible response.

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Some classmates note a lack of change in their lives. In a recent exchange of e-mails with **Bruce Berman**, still practicing law in Miami, he says that with a second family now in the college market, "I'm going to be working with my last breath!"

Likewise, **Dave Redman** reports, "I've not changed location or employment in a very long time. I am still in academic administration in the Princeton graduate school office, still married to Peggy Redman (née Mitchell), Smith College '70, who still works for Educational Testing Service as a senior research associate, and we're still living in Princeton Junction, N.J. Or West Windsor, as it is now called, since the township was able to persuade the USPS to consolidate our former different zip codes into one." Well, there, something did change. Dave adds a common comment: "Our children lead much more exciting lives than we do."

Ted McMahon says he divides his free time among poetry,

metalwork and trips on the Colorado River (www.inner-journey.info). Beyond that, "It is more and more interesting being a pediatrician, with a perspective of 40 years in medicine. A lot of what I do is to try to quell the media-fired fears of first-time parents. We all want to do the right thing for the kids, but the information overload on the Internet, unfiltered, is daunting."

Jay Healy reports a new role: "As a recluse in the hills of Western Massachusetts, I usually have little news. A herniated disc in my back prevents me from playing on our 4.0 USTA tennis team nationals, so I am ticked at the old body that seems to be headed into a constant state of disrepair. At any rate, I was recently appointed to head USDA's Rural Development Agency for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. RD does a lot for rural communities in southern New England. I look forward to leading the state office in ways we can encourage more renewable energy systems and develop better local and regional food systems to deliver fresher, more nutritional food to our more urban customers, schools and institutions."

The news from **Tom Pierce** is more on the social side of things: "I'm still pickled"—Secretary's note: That's his word, even if he meant "tickled"—"from having been voted Best Preserved at our 40th reunion (arguable retorts from **Clark McFadden** and **Bart Jones** duly noted). Celebrated eight great years of marriage to Lu Ann Dillon on Sept. 1. I've recovered from meeting her skiing at Stowe in 2000, then finding out that she and her entire family are excellent golfers, a sport I'd given up in high school due to lack of time and hand-eye whatever. Fortunately, **Trav Auburn's** laconic Taconic lesson, 'How to Get Out of the Sand,' worked wonders. (I'm waiting for the sequel, 'How to Get Out of the 90s.') The dispatcher at Pierce Management Development assigns me executive coaching, training and facilitating jobs, with no retirement in sight. Lu and I are looking at relocating to the DC area as soon as someone looks at our Vermont condo and also buys it."

Barton Phelps sends along news, with pictures to prove it, of an ambitious project at his California home: "In response to sympathetic queries and

general disbelief about the little vineyard we put in last spring and with gratitude for the helpful advice of many, here are some shots of recent yard grading and terrace construction in the arroyo. The walls are broken concrete laid up according to the Inca building code. The trellis is the basic *cordon elevée* (single, vertical, four-wire) type. And then some pics of our 80 babies—sauvignon blanc and cabernet franc. So far they are healthy and 'vigorous.' This summer we're just letting them grow tall and flop over. Training will start in the fall (*sauvage a civilisé*). At long last, I'm a farmer. Please stop by when you're in Beverly Glen." Secretary's note: I raised two sons by letting them grow tall and flop over, and the method seems to work.

Social notes from all over: **Tad Piper** says several classmates were at weddings last summer for the daughters of **Tod Hamachek** and **Ted Ragsdale**.

Denny Kelly goes on at greater length: "Linda, Nicole and I had great time with Liz and **Pat O'Grady** at their waterfront vacation home on Cape Rosier, Maine, over Labor Day. An added enjoyment for all of us were dinner guests **Hal Crowther** '66 and his wife Lee Smith, who spend summers in Castine. No shortage of catch-up stories and very funny reminiscing with the modified drinking plan in place. Tall/Slender and I managed to roust **Ed Weeks** out of bed with a telephone call pretty late one night EDT. Shock is, Fast Eddie lives in Utah on MST. He's still doctoring, climbing mountains and playing rapids on wilderness rivers."

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general disbelief about the little vineyard we put in last spring and with gratitude for the helpful advice of many, here are some shots of recent yard grading and terrace construction in the arroyo. The walls are broken concrete laid up according to the Inca building code. The trellis is the basic *cordon elevée* (single, vertical, four-wire) type. And then some pics of our 80 babies—sauvignon blanc and cabernet franc. So far they are healthy and 'vigorous.' This summer we're just letting them grow tall and flop over. Training will start in the fall (*sauvage a civilisé*). At long last, I'm a farmer. Please stop by when you're in Beverly Glen." Secretary's note: I raised two sons by letting them grow tall and flop over, and the method seems to work.

Social notes from all over: **Tad Piper** says several classmates were at weddings last summer for the daughters of **Tod Hamachek** and **Ted Ragsdale**.

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"Bill and his wife spend their summers in Michigan, where he golfs three days a week, walking the 18 holes. He taught sailboat racing for many years and had trained the only all-woman American racing team to win an international title. When I asked him where he and his wife spend their winters, I was expecting to hear a response about Florida or the Islands, but the answer was Williamstown. Next question from me was the obvious, 'Why?' For many years Bill and his wife have returned to Williamstown during the winter months to 'serve the community' as volunteer tutors for underprivileged kids who may have learning issues as well. Bill tutors in history and other topics, and his wife tutors in French. Bill has a particular fondness for the study of President Madison because of research done on him through a collection of his papers found at Williams.

"In connecting all of the dots in our respective personal histories, we also discovered that we have a Williams and Williamstown connection in the person of **Tom Costley**, who graduated from Landon '78 and Williams '82 and played football for me. Tom is on the Williamstown Board of Selectmen and also runs Overland travel tours from Williamstown in the summer. Bill knows Tom because Tom's wife assists Bill to identify students with special needs, but Bill did not know of Tom's connection to Landon. I gave Bill a Landon cap and told him to walk into Tom's office wearing the cap in order to get a 'Where did you get that cap?' comment from Tom.

"In short, Bill is a real character who at the age of 94 still contributes—along with his wife—an incredible amount of energy directed toward helping

others while maintaining an invigorating and healthy style of living. A simple conversation with them can be a very enlightening experience."

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Bill Hoffman has kindly given us one more review of our 40th reunion at kodakgallery.com. Bill has sent a link to the site via the class list server. "While some of these may duplicate the terrific (and timely) shots of **Mike Himowitz**, others will be new. It was terrific to see all of you in attendance and particularly fun to have daughter **Teri** '10 working with our class and leading our always-chaotic '69 marchers!" Thank you, Bill!

The literary side of '69 is emerging again, with two classmates coming out with books. **Eric Kelly** reports his book, *Community Planning: An Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan, 2d Ed.*, was available in the fall and is a major update from an earlier edition. Eric is also finishing up content for an accompanying website that will provide examples and supplementary resources at communityplanningbook.org. Among a busy professional and personal schedule, Eric chairs the Muncie-Delaware County Government Reorganization Committee, created under the Government Modernization Act, and serves on the Indiana Land Resources Council and as an advisory trustee of the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. "Professionally, my recent work with Duncan Associates has taken me from one corner of the country to another—from Fairbanks/North Star Borough, Alaska, to Citrus County, Fla." Besides all of that, Eric and wife Sandra spent part of the summer at their mountain home in Colorado and took the family on a trip to County Cork, Ireland.

Lloyd Constantine relies on his legal experience for the basis of *Priceless*, a book about his "long legal struggle with a credit- and debit-card cartel run for the banks by Visa and MasterCard resulting in a landmark settlement which changed the industry. It explores the stuff

we talked about at Williams and continue to discuss into our 60s. It asks and attempts to answer why we take on long and seemingly impossible struggles, what we hope to achieve and what if anything is the real reward for these odysseys—the result or the money (if that is involved) or the journey itself for its own sake? There is a good deal about the connection between sports and high-stakes professional endeavors, in this instance, litigation. I have a second book coming out in the spring, but that's another story and another note for next time. Regards to everyone. Sorry I missed our reunion but was hitting deadlines in both books. This world makes high stakes litigation and New York politics (my previous two gigs) seem tame."

Allan Little and his better half Vaneesa traveled to England following the reunion and hiked the entire length of Hadrian's Wall, from Bowness-on-Solway in the west to Wallsend in the east. "The official Hadrian's Wall Path is around 85 miles, but we figure we hiked at least 97 altogether when you add in treks to and from hotels." During a museum visit, Allan reports, a curious Englishman approached Vaneesa, wearing her reunion vest and inquired about the purple cow logo. He asked if it was an agricultural college, and she replied, "Oh, no. They don't teach anything that practical." Ouch.

Bruce Plenk, "trying to ride the two huge waves of solar and stimulus," is still immersed in his grant-funded job as the Tucson solar energy coordinator, "helping put up solar projects on city property like crazy while we try to get more stimulus money to do more. I hope all of my '69 classmates and other forward-looking Ephs already have solar panels on their homes or at the least solar water heaters! It's a great way to save money and cut down on global warming. I hope people also got to read **Paul Lieberman** '71 and his piece about Williams, North Adams and Woodstock that ran in the Aug. 15 *LA Times*. It discussed our 1969 VISTA summer projects in North Adams and featured **Bill Cummings** '71, **Wade Rathke** '71 and me, among others. Cheers from the Sonoran Desert."

Bob Lunn says, "It's hard to believe the family and I moved to Springfield, Mo., 11 years ago