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## CLASS NOTES

Kong and spring in Netherlands. In between semesters she is traveling in southeast Asia. After reunion Chuck will leave for northern Georgia to begin the first half of a trek of the Appalachian Trail. He will do the southern half this year from Georgia to Pennsylvania, then from northern Pennsylvania to Maine the following summer. He hopes to have each of their four kids do a section of the trek with him.

Sally and **Ted McPherson** are looking forward to our reunion. Trips to Phoenix, Pensacola, Salt Lake as well as visitors in Gettysburg before then. He was honored to be asked to say a few words to the current men's basketball team at Williams just prior to the start of the season.

**Dave Nash** continues to cut a swath through the international tennis circuit. Last November he and three teammates led the USA to first place and a gold medal in the Britannia Cup international competition for men 65 and over held in Antalya, Turkey. The competition features 500 players representing 35 countries, playing in various age groups. Well done, Dave.

**Bob Conway** begins his comments with great praise for **Rich Bernstein's** accomplishments in the 1650 Masters swimming championship. As a former competitive swimmer himself, Bob states that Rich's technique and conditioning must be impeccable. He thinks the achievement is a

accumulated experience. He hopes to be at reunion, which, he is embarrassed to say, would be his first!

**Bill McClung** and his wife have returned to the U.S. following his yearlong sabbatical in Ludwigsburg, Germany. Their older son Andrew has started his doctoral program in quantum physics at CalTech, while their younger son Charles is in his last year as a philosophy major at Macalester College. Next year they will own their home and won't be paying tuition, so he can think about retirement. However, he still enjoys teaching computer science, so he may postpone that a bit. His heart operation seems to have fixed things, so he hopes to see us all at reunion.

That's it for this segment. The good news is that with reunion just a few weeks off, you won't need to wait for the next edition for an update. You can get it in person. Remember, the place to be is Williamstown. Dates: June 7-10. Do please be there.

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From London, **John Murray** writes: "We are now about three-quarters through the construction project we started in December 2010, which is

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Dave Nash '67 and three teammates helped the U.S. win the title at the Britannia Cup at the 31st International Tennis Federation Super-Seniors World Team Championships in Antalya, Turkey, in October. Nash, who played tennis and basketball at Williams, has won more than 19 national tournaments and five World Team Championships over the past 20 years.

great credit to both Rich and to Coach Bob Muir. Bob expects to be at reunion but may arrive late. He will be in DC for the opening of the George Bellows retrospective at the National Gallery that Thursday night. He says, "Working on that show has been a wonderful experience, which I interpret as proof that some things get better with age."

**Hank Grass** enjoyed a great Christmas skiing vacation in Central Oregon with his children and grandchildren. He says his skills as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist seem intact and in some ways still benefit from

designed to turn our farmhouse in the rural Wiltshire countryside into something, well, bigger. The happy ending is coming into view and in anticipation of a new pattern to our lives, Jenny and I are evaluating various dog breeds, keeping in mind the English adage that Labradors are born half-trained while spaniels die half-trained."

John claims to be cutting back on time devoted to business but then adds that he has just taken on a directorship of a BlackRock investment fund that invests in "frontier" markets like Nigeria, Kazakhstan and

Mongolia. "I have also invested in—and become a director of—a company that is opening low-cost gyms across Britain. Since I have never been to a gym, I bring a unique perspective to the deliberations of the board."

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Bankers Life Insurance and Casualty Company and at the usual nonprofit board and advisory committee stuff. I especially enjoy serving on the board of Knox Heritage, our historical preservation nonprofit. I tried for two years to get a charter school approved here in Knoxville, but east Tennessee is not very receptive to charter schools."

And **Bill Pertulla** has a plan: "I took the fall semester off at SFSU and made a 20-day trip to Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria, all new to me. I gave lectures on Internet marketing at the Romanian American University and Valahia University, both in Romania. I spent a few days in Transylvania, and while teaching I spent several nights in a hotel next to Hotel Dracula." Bill planned to go back to Europe in March, "giving a two-and-a-half-day seminar for graduate business students in Aix-en-Provence. After teaching the spring semester at SFSU, I will retire after 36 years and play with my two grandsons."

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**Bob Whitton** has kept up with several classmates in recent months. "**Mike Himowitz** and I had lunch in Baltimore in September and did lots of catching up. Andrea and I met Peg and **Spike Riley** for brunch in West Cape May on Labor Day weekend. Irrepressible and primed to become grandparents again. In November we met **Rich Pollet** and his special friend Ginny for the Amherst game. Game was forgettable, but weekend was very pleasant: again, much catching up. And I speak with **Mike Morrison** by phone two or three times a year. He is deeply invested in a humanitarian awards program. Andrea and I enjoyed a Williams-Westchester get-together and lecture in Bedford/Pound Ridge (in N.Y.) all about Andalusia and Cervantes, which convinced me to download and read *Don Quixote* on the Kindle. Dynamite Williams professor led the session. Work (media and communications consulting) is cyclical. Consulting last year was excellent, but now the pipeline is back to 'the new normal.'"

Also connecting with **Mike**

**Morrison** was **Dick Peinert**, who is "still healthy and still working" as a physician and surgeon north of Boston. Dick adds that Mike is living on City Island in the Bronx and is a practicing psychologist, specializing in addiction treatment. "Brief call turned into an hour," said Dick.

**Steve Brick** in California "continues to enjoy his assignment in a civil complex trial department of the Alameda County Superior Court. Twenty eight years as a trial and appellate lawyer were great preparation for this assignment. Although the California budget is threatening the quality of justice as well as education and health care, for the moment we are getting by in our court without serious impacts on the timeliness or thoroughness of our approach to cases." Steve says **Wynne Carvill '71** and **Jon Tigar '84** are also on the court. "My guess is we're the only court outside the Northeast with three Williams grads."

Steve's better half, Ann, "who some will recall is the bride I came back with from Christmas vacation of our senior year," retired two years ago from her legal career that consisted of private practice, being the first woman partner of Howard, Rice and, for the last 19 years, a staff attorney with the ACLU of Northern California. "She is thoroughly enjoying retirement and proves that there is life beyond the law for those who seek it." Steve's daughters are also making their mark. Kate is finishing her second year as an analyst at the Migration Policy Institute in DC, and daughter Rachel is in her fourth year of teaching first grade in the NYC public schools.

Also extolling the achievements of his daughters, **Craig Walker** reports his younger daughter Liz is now a Harvard graduate and a professional dancer with the Los Angeles Ballet, and older daughter Dana is in graduate school at Columbia. Craig is maintaining the homestead in Stamford, Conn., and having his co-op renovated in New York.

**Fletcher Clark**, in his small town of Lockhart, Texas, near Austin, is "engaged in cultural composting. I produce and host a monthly series of presentations by singer-songwriters at our Dr. Eugene Clark Library in tandem with concerts across the street at our community Gaslight-Baker Theatre. For many, this kind of direct presentation from creative

artists is unfamiliar cuisine and decidedly an acquired taste. Last year's inaugural season emboldened me to book a more robust schedule, and in spite of my adherence to the entrepreneurial constraints voiced by the market, I have garnered a bit of noblesse oblige to pay honoraria so my library guests can realize something other than their CD sales." Fletcher also continues as a managing partner in Armadillo Records, "with our latest release being a live recording of The Cobras made in 1979 at Armadillo World Headquarters."

**Rob MacDougall** is still at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in DC and at last report was "wrapping up a guidance document on radioactive material security now more than 300 pages, for which I earned a rare award, though it's financially almost invisible to the naked eye." Melinda is in her third year as an in-house attorney at Holy Cross Hospital. Children are busy, with Lindsay in her last year of acupuncture school, Catlin focusing on writing and Ian experiencing his senior year at Barrie, a private school in Maryland. "We now seem to be working harder than ever with less down time than our advancing age requires. By the time we can afford retirement, we probably won't even know we're retired."

**Francis Moriarty**, who's working for Radio Television Hong Kong and reporting on the presidential election from Taiwan, attended the alumni gathering for Williams President Adam Falk while he was in the Far East. "He's certainly impressive and an excellent ambassador for Williams."

Recently retired librarian **Jim Barns** in Charlottesville, Va., is experiencing a local minireunion of '60s Ephs. At the local Williams/Amherst broadcast, Jim met **Steve Bartholomew '67** and **Jim Kramer '66**, two people Jim had never met but wrote about for the *Record* some 45 years ago. Jim says they, along with **Jesse Winchester '67**, who has had a successful career as a songwriter and performer, have all moved to the area and are catching up on Williams memories. Jim has also started writing a blog, *Around the Bend*, on [www.c-ville.com](http://www.c-ville.com), a website about life and events in and around Charlottesville.

**Sandy Smith** took advantage of a three-month sabbatical offered



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Atlanta and so expects to find ample work in the area.

**Jeff Bowen** and **Hillary** retired simultaneously as school superintendents at the end of this past school year. Jeff had also been doing double duty as the K-4 principal. He wrote, "It's great to be hugged by little kids. Teachers don't do that to superintendents very much, so it's a nice change." He also mentored and evaluated the Niagara Charter School principal over the past year. This summer their plans were to kick back for a while on the Maine coast.

Also absent from reunion were **Neil O'Donnell** and his wife **Chris Motley**. They were with their daughter **Catherine '03** and her husband **Ed** for the arrival of their first grandchild, **Conner Logan Gormbley**, born May 31 in NYC. After spending the past six and a half months working out of his DC office, Neil and Chris were to head back to San Francisco in the summer.

**Don Brown** expressed his regrets at having to miss reunion because of some speaking engagements. Don is fully active with his **Brown Studio Architecture** firm in Montgomery, Ala., which he started 30 years ago. For the past several years he has also headed the nonpartisan national political advocacy effort of the American Institute of Architects. He was elected VP of the association this year. He has done extensive work throughout the South. One of his projects was the historic restoration of the original Tuskegee Airmen Flying Field.

Although **Bob Steele** has been retired from the insurance/financial community in Hartford for six years, he still does some consulting. He and **Bev** are very involved with their three grandchildren. They do a lot of volunteer work when they aren't on the golf course or enjoying their vacation home on Cape Cod.

**Hank Grass** had every intention of being at reunion, but back surgery a week before the weekend put the end to those plans.

Although their offices are in New York, **Tom Ehrich** says he would be getting a taste of Silicon Valley this summer. He and a colleague were launching a software-as-a-service app called **Plannir**. It is used for managing professional work, projects and ideas. A young alum named **Sid Mehra '10** designed their website [www.plannir.com](http://www.plannir.com), and new alum **Pinsi Lei '12** is their director of online marketing.

**Chuck Glassmire** sent his regrets at not being at reunion. Earlier class notes chronicled his trek this year along the length of the Appalachian Trail, which is where he was during the week-end. He hopes to do all 2,176 miles over three summers.

**Tom Phillips** also couldn't make it but pledges to do better in the future. His son is in a five-year MIT philosophy program, so Tom says he has great excuses to come east and reconnect with classmates.

**Gove Effinger** regretted he couldn't do reunion with us, but his daughter **Laura '06** received her PhD in computer science from the University of Washington on the same weekend. He, Alice and Laura's twin brother **Sean** were there cheering her accomplishment.

**Craig Currie** sent a glowing report about **Mark Piechota's** five-year tenure as head of Crefeld School in Philadelphia. Craig was a close observer as a member of the board. Craig wrote that prior to Mark's arrival the school was in desperate need of progress. The board had just about finished its search for a new head when Mark's wife **Pat** saw the ad, and Mark submitted his resume. He was so well qualified, he was promptly hired. He became, reportedly, the stuff of legend. He almost single-handedly saved the school and in the process prevented hundreds of kids from going down the drain. Mark retired last June. Craig said his amazing triumph of imagination and talent were celebrated at his retirement party.

Your secretary is still operating our manufacturing businesses. That involves riding the feast or famine cycle of truck production (currently feast). I have also pretty well decided to throw my hat back into the ring this fall to run for re-election as mayor of Wayzata, Minn. My first four-year term was more involved than I had anticipated with the budget collapses that paralleled the recession. I'm hoping the worst may be behind me. Next issue I'll report whether I was returned to office or tarred and feathered and sent packing.

Remember to check our class website [www.williams67.com](http://www.williams67.com). It will be an additional source of information particularly as we get closer to our 50th. As you know, the 50th reunion is the last time that our class will be together in an organized setting. It is so important that we all be there.

## 1968

REUNION JUNE 6-9

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This episode of class notes is devoted to the future.

In the late spring, the following classmates gathered in Williamstown to plan for the 45th reunion next year and begin planning for the 50th in 2018: **Paul Allison, Jeff Brinn, Sandy Caskey, Kevin Dougherty, Barton Jones, Larry Levien, Paul Neely, John Oppenheimer, Ned Perry and Michael Yogman.**

That list includes some people who have already done a lot for the class over the years. They are back at it again.

The 50th reunion is obviously *The Big Deal*. Historically, more than half the living members return for the event. Many who do not regret it later when they hear it described. You'll be hearing more about that for the next six years.

You'll also hear about it at the 45th, next June 6-9. While attendance at the 45th is smaller, it's a great way to roll toward the 50th.

The group in Williamstown chose **Trav Auburn** as reunion chair for next year. Various people—some present, some not—were asked to head up specific functions for the reunion: food and drink, entertainment, communications, etc. Many of you will receive requests from Trav to help out in these areas. Please try to say yes.

The 50th reunion is a little fancier. The consensus of the group was to keep the 45th lower key, making time most of all simply to enjoy each other's company. Nevertheless, there's substantial work to be done. If you would like to help out in any area, please contact Trav at [tauburn@reidandriege.com](mailto:tauburn@reidandriege.com).

The Williamstown group chose, in a preliminary way, **Barton Jones** and **Bob Stanton** to be co-chairs of the 50th reunion. Both understand that this is an early choice by a small group, so nothing is chiseled in stone (wonderful cliché from a journalist).

Along that line, one important event at the 45th is the election of officers for the next five years, those who will play key roles leading up to the 50th. The

drafting for those positions can be a little tricky, and we have the beginnings of a list, but here are requests from the group last spring: 1) If you are interested in being considered for a class officer position, speak up; 2) If you have thoughts about others who might serve well, or if you have qualms about anyone potentially, speak up about that, too; 3) If there are specific roles you might play that don't require being an officer, suggest those, too. (Example: The group has already asked **Sandy Caskey** to develop a class website leading up to the 50th; Sandy's whole career has been in that sort of work.)

Who to contact? You can talk to Class President **John Oppenheimer** or me or anyone you consider a good friend on the list of those who were in Williamstown. If you would like a more neutral ear, in essence to speak more anonymously, feel free to contact anyone in the Alumni Relations Office. Many of you know **Chris Robare**, who has been the primary contact with our class for the Alumni Fund for the past several years. **Mary Richardson '91** is the director of major reunion programs for the college.

Next time, back to news of retirements and grandchildren. But make plans now to attend next June and hear the stories in person.

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As the Class of '69 hits that magical Medicare age of 65, we see mixed results on retiring versus working—and more grandfathers.

**Bruce Plenk** says he's "still in the working stiff group here in Tucson. I'm now a member of the Arizona Rooftop Solar Challenge team, an effort to reduce the cost of solar installations on houses even lower by speeding up and reducing the cost of permitting, inspections, etc. All of this is part of my continuing work for the city of Tucson as the city solar coordinator. I hope all of our classmates have already put solar on your houses so I don't have to get on your case about this at the next reunion. How about a little carbon reduction!"

**Francis Moriarty**, re-elected as VP of the Foreign Correspondents Club in Hong Kong, is also