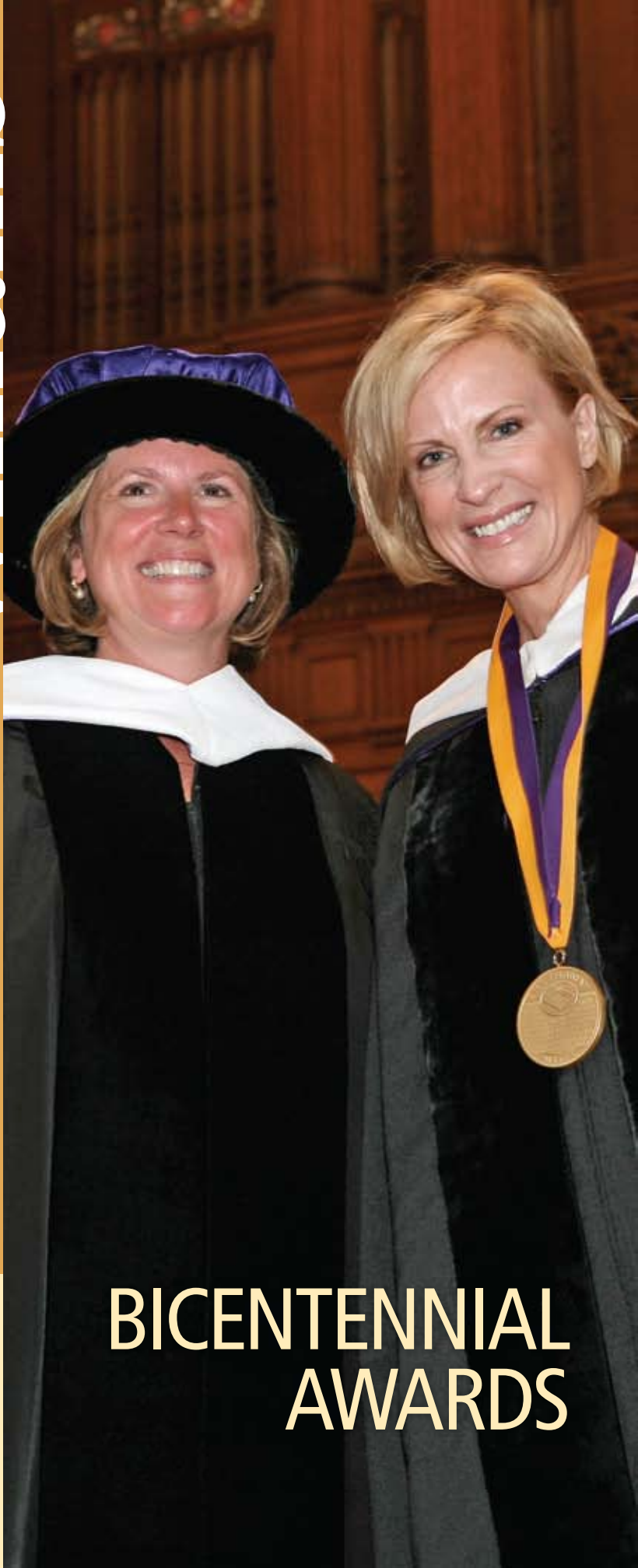


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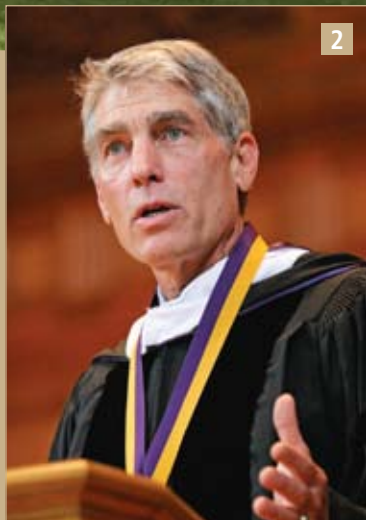
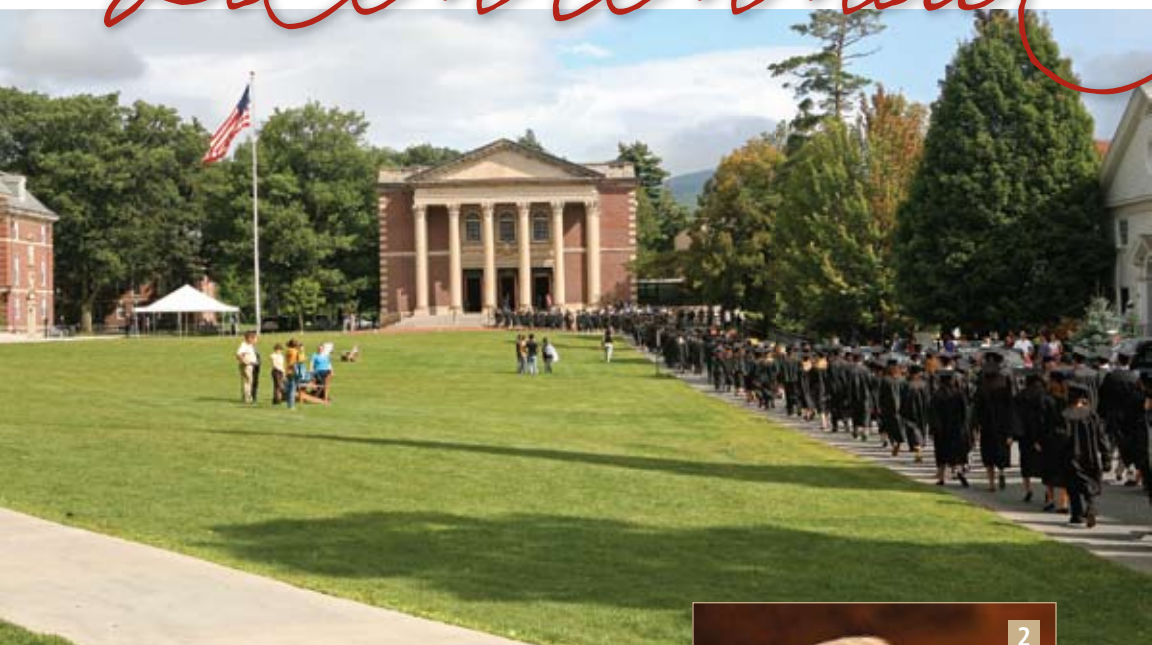
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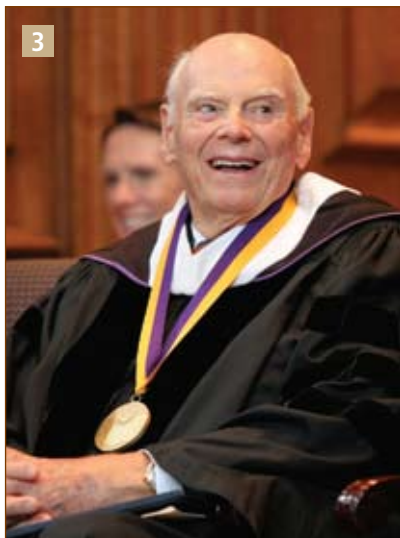
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Photos by Roman Iwasiwka

Medals Weekend



The academic year kicked off Sept. 12 with Convocation and the awarding of Bicentennial Medals for distinguished achievement to five alumni:

(1) Mika Brzezinski '89, cohost of TV's "Morning Joe" and an MSNBC anchor; (2) Mark E. Udall '72, U.S. senator from Colorado, who gave this year's convocation address; (3) John F. Reynolds III '51, former president and CEO of Outward Bound; (4) Karen M. Ashby '79, a judge and nationally recognized expert in juvenile and family law; and (5) Gary L. Fisketjon '76, a vice president and editor at Alfred A. Knopf.



To see videos of convocation, including Mark Udall's '72 address "Attitudes and Altitude," as well as the citations for this year's medalists, visit: alumni.williams.edu/convocation2009



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In September, the alumni office received word of **Woody Prosser** from his daughter Peggy Stewart, who wrote: “Woody lives at 55 Horizon Drive, Chatham, Mass., on Cape Cod. He lives in the same house he has lived in for 33 years, 19 of which he lived with his late wife Betty. Woody enjoys reading, music, bird watching, visiting with family and taking scenic drives in the car.”



Last August, Bill Nelligan '39 (center) celebrated his 93rd birthday in Monson, Mass., with 45 friends and family and plenty of dancing.

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As all you 13 stalwarts know, I try to reach all of you around your birthday time for news. Since you still cover the calendar pretty well, in order to save some names for appropriate periods, you can assume those not mentioned are in one shape or another. Just remember: “You can’t take it with you. Where would you put it?”

So here we go: Last time we reported we had lost contact with **Bob Meyersburg**. He is in Venice, Fla., being very well cared for by his son Jim, who watches him “big time.” Main drawback is dialysis. From vacation time in Michigan **Bill Steel** reports: “You are right about my still teaching locally in Williamston, tho now, of course it is golf not the gym. The only news I can help you with is the fun we Steels (**Biff** '64, **Anim** '94 and I, the interloper in '37) had marching together in the Alumni Parade, carrying signs created by the College. The people lining Spring Street, to our amazement, applauded. Best to all.”

Ed Heyes is still golfing and bowling, along with Bocce and aerobics. Also trying to finish his collection of O. Henry short stories. Happy holidays, and God’s blessing to all.

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Special request for all 22 remaining members of the Class of 1938: This job of class secretary is mighty frustrating. I have not heard from any of you for the last six months and from most of you for several years. I hesitate to make cold phone calls as I don’t know your situation. Please take time to drop me a line or phone me at 260.432.9714 and let us know how you are doing. We are all well into our 90s and don’t create much news as such, but we need to hear from each of you.

It’s not difficult to do. For example, I am in reasonably good health, still driving a 4-year-old Buick and living in a home my wife and I built 25 years ago in Fort Wayne. One son lives 300 miles north, another one 100 miles south and a third in California. My wife Nancy has been an invalid for about six years, though, fortunately, she remains at home. Her body deteriorates, but her mind, blessedly, remains lucid. Her daughter and family live nearby and are our main support group. We had a great McKay family gathering in northern Michigan in early August with three sons, six grands and six greats. We even drove 100 miles out of our way home to have lunch with cousin **John McKay** '41.

With regret, I report the death of classmates **Bernard J. Kemper** and **David W. Swetland** and of

Helena Howe, widow of **Sidney E. Howe**.

1939

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Your class secretary was fortunate enough to get a ride to Greenwich for the funeral service of **Bernie Auer** at Christ Episcopal Church plus a reception at Bellhaven Yacht Club following. **Anne O’Reilly** was the only other '39er there, though we did meet other Williams people, including **Ray Henze** '74, one of the College trustees, who gave us breakfast at Saturday morning of our reunion. I was impressed with one lady who made it by bus that same day from Maine!

It was fairly interesting to catch up with **Carol Auer** a week later while she was being helped in her recovery by daughter Sally Zanino, whose family lives just 12 miles from Sharon in Kent, Conn. Sally and her husband Tony are involved in the reconstruction of a nearby old, wooden, three-story mill, which they already have begun renovating and, hopefully, transforming it into a museum/gallery, also only a few miles away from here.

From Coop: “With the passing of **Bernie Auer**, we lost a legend. Bernie did great things for Williams and for 1939. Among other things Bernie raised more money for Williams than anyone else in the class. Every time I saw Bernie, I would tell him that I learned everything I knew about

fundraising from him. He was my inspiration for raising money for Williams and a number of charitable and educational institutions in Michigan.”

Anne O'Reilly also writes that her house at Southport, Conn., is for sale. She is planning to move to Essex Meadows, Essex, Conn., before long. Anne's husband **Bob** was one of my two roommates sophomore year in West College, along with **King White**. She looks as fit as she did at reunion, has a personal trainer, but has not had another hole-in-one as she had two years ago.

Larry Whittemore, our new class president, has been in touch with **Jim Burns**, discussing a plan for our class to consider a project that would serve as a permanent recognition and acknowledgement in honor of our late classmate and College president **Jack Sawyer**.

Bruce Burnham writes that he regrets not having appeared at our most notable gathering in June.

Some of my former notes unfortunately included misspellings of **Howie Buschman's** and **Gaynor Colleston's** names, which were not cleared in my editing. I find that my vision continues to play tricks and that my dictation needs closer attention.

Karl Mertz writes from Aptos, Calif., and the Aptos Museum founded by his grandfather. Karl had not escaped our recent heat wave.

Hollie Silverthorne had a recent bout in the hospital but says she recovered enough to plan a trip to Woods Hole, where she may stay with **Anne Sawyer**. She also mentions her daughter achieving a PhD. Her hospital stay was enlivened by a visit from son John Silverthorne.

Reviewers of the recent book by **Jim Burns**, *Packing the Court*, have been rewarding and challenging. On the other hand, Jim tells of Susan Dunn writing about Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous effort at "purging" the court.

Harry Gottlieb adds his comments of enjoyment of our 70th reunion, asking, "How about a minireunion in Florida in November 2010?"

And, last, I learned that **Dan Whitely** died on Sept. 18. Our condolences to his family.

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Bill Egelhoff writes that he always hears promptly from **Brooks Hoffman** with a request for news and wishes the rest of us were as good. Brooks says that travel is over for him and Jane due to limited mobility. Join the rest of us! For golf, Brooks has fond memories of two holes-in-one and an eagle on a 385-yard hole.

Marty Brown, however, still gets around. When I called him, he'd just gotten back from driving up and out to Saskatchewan with his son, a mechanical engineer, who was relocating up there. Marty says his son just needed a little help with the 2,500-mile drive. Imagine! Most of us would find a 200-mile drive would do us in. Great work, Marty!

A good talk with **John Kerr's** wife Millie reveals that they are now year-round residents at Hilton Head. She said John misses Boca Grande and visits there with the Stantons. Talking to **John Stanton**, he still gets in several rounds of golf each week in Boca Grande. It would be interesting to know how many of us can still say that. John says he and Lucy still miss Williamstown but not New England weather.

A phone call with **John Hubble's** wife Penny tells John still looks great even though he recently had a fall and is now confined to a nearby rest home in Westwood, Mass. Fortunately, John's back walking again. In our last *Williams People* John was erroneously listed among those lost. Obviously, that was not true! Penny says John still keeps in touch with **Brooks Hoffman**. Where would our class be without Brooks, who still keeps giving to Chapin Library!

We also mistakenly listed **Albert Hopkins** as deceased. In fact, Al wrote to **Marty Brown** informing him of our mistake. We offer our apologies and hope to hear more from Al soon.

Bill Hurdington and his wife

Irma live in a lifecare retirement community in Colorado Springs and doing well, according to Bill. He says they moved there from Chicago back in 1984, when he retired as a library director. Bill must be one of the youngsters of our class. He says he's still 90.

Bill was disappointed to hear from **John Tomb** that he and Helen have decided not to move to Richmond, Va., where Bill and Dot live. Instead the Tombs will be settling in Northern Virginia, nearer their children.

Hugh Thurnauer probably keeps about as active as any of us in our class. When I called him, he was getting ready to participate in a 5K race in hometown Westlake, Ohio. To keep in shape for his marathons, Hugh walks about two to three miles most days. He still lives alone in the same house he's been in for years. This past March he took an Overseas Adventure Tour to Thailand and Myanmar. Apparently, there's no stopping Hugh; 91 is only a way-station.

All of you 1940ers, do notice that the top of our class notes shows next June 10-13 as our 70th class reunion. I'm sure every one of us who makes the effort will get a very warm welcome. Think about it!

1941

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Graciously granting my request for an extension of the copy deadline sufficient to cover our October minireunion, Jennifer Grow, assistant editor of *Williams People*, asked if I expected much news from it. I assured her I did. At the end of an August day, however, that could be whistling in the dark. There is more news of who is not coming than who is.

Foremost among the former is the traditionally dependable **Jim Fowle**. Jim wrote that the Columbus Day weekend almost always involves commitments right there in Theford. This year he had an old friend coming on an annual "foliage trip." But that doesn't keep Jim from contributing. Although he is sensitive enough to our social networking inhibitions not to use the term "Tweet," Jim suggests developing a subheading in the notes entitled "Signs of Life" to which classmates could

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send very brief observations, perhaps only one sentence long to provide a welcome sign of life. He gives as example the state of his vegetable garden, where the cucumbers were abundance problems like those of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. He needed help.

Other sometime regulars with even more reason for not attending are Margie and **Tod Blodget**. Both have had serious medical problems during the past year. After surgery at Mass General, Margie had a long period of rehab in Concord, Mass. During this Tod experienced a bout of internal bleeding for which he was flown by Medevac to the Maine Medical Center. After treatment there he was returned to Wolfeboro for rehab. Both are now reasonably well but understandably were not ready for a minireunion.

Still another we missed was **Charlie Ferguson**. His reason was a more felicitous one. Though partly there is a reluctance to drive distances, in reality he sounded too busy. He has been painting every day and has numerous commissions, including a 4-by-8 foot landscape mural. He averages three 18-hole rounds of golf per week. On the side he manages the family Red Barn Art Gallery. Through a reportorial lapse your correspondent neglected to ascertain how often Charlie is achieving the golfers dream of "shooting his age." Given his golfing bona fides and now his age, it is doubtless often.

Also missing were Ginny and **Allen Senear**. Though inveterate travelers, they were confined to Seattle by a transition in their living arrangements. When Allen retired from Boeing over 30 years ago, they built their dream retirement home on the outskirts of Seattle. Now they have plans to move to a retirement community in a new 26-story tower overlooking the Seattle harbor. Before anyone had moved in a water leak on the top floor put all plans on hold while damaged walls and carpets were repaired. Otherwise the Senears are fine.

Despite the bad karma, the minireunion went off surprisingly well with a consistent core of 16 participants kept in balance with a few comings and goings. At the core, of course were Suki and **Wilk Wilkins**. The reception at their house Friday evening included Peggy and **Bob Wineman, Frank Bush** and

Audrey Farnum, **Tom Lenagh**, Barbara and **Pete Parish**, Jean and **Bill Tallman, Bill Bell**, Pat and **Kim Loring, Bunny Smith '48** and **Dick Gray '47**. A welcome addition was **Christine Case '13, Jim Case's** granddaughter, whom we met on her college tour last year. In a nice touch Wilk converted the gathering from a meaningless cocktail party to an event by sitting us down in a circle to share what we knew of any classmates. Then it was on to dinner at the '6 House Pub, the 1896 House of our day. It was a festive evening dominated by the music of the Williams Reunion Jazz Band.

Saturday there was an event that put to rest the notion of no free lunch. Before the football game against Bates, the "Tentgate" lunch was under a tent on Weston Field. It was free and really good. The game might have been also, except rain after the first period sent us scurrying to the Taconic clubhouse. Williams won handily.

Dinner Saturday evening at the Williams Inn was also very good and pleasantly sociable. The early departure of **Frank Bush** and Audrey was offset by the most welcome late arrival of Ruth and **Edgar Nathan**, making their first minireunion appearance.

It takes a gathering like this to remind you there is still plenty of life left in the grand old '41 body. There were all kinds of threads leading to this conclusion. A good example is what happened to **Wayne Wilkins** in August. There was a fairly low-key family celebration of his 90th birthday on the 17th, the actual date. He thought it a little strange that his son **Clint '68** from San Francisco was staying on the next week. Behind the scenes his daughter **Wendy Hopkins '72** was organizing the mother of all birthday celebrations. On the following Sunday, appearing about to leave for San Francisco, Clint suggested they stop by the coffee shop on Spring Street. Instead they would end up at the Log where about 100 people turned out to wish Wilk a happy birthday, quite a tribute to a valued member of the community.

Though their numbers are diminishing, we still have our foreign travelers. **Frank Bush** appears to have assumed leadership in that department. Already this year he has completed a Netherlands

barge tour with Audrey Farnum and returned to travel through Eastern Europe with brother George (no W.). Barbara and **Pete Parish** usually are contenders but all they have managed this year are two extended ski trips to Vail, not to diminish the athletic component of that. Pete's stewardship of the "Air Zoo"—the museum of historic WWII airplanes, many with animal names—which he created in Kalamazoo keeps him busy there. Jean and **Bill Tallman** seem to have retreated from the international scene where once they were so prominent. They did come close with a three-day visit by car to Key West to celebrate Jean's 90th birthday.

Then we have those few who just decide to keep on working. In that respect **Ed Nathan** appears to be the last man standing. It's difficult to imagine he was any different walking in the office 30 years ago.

One sober thread running through the proceedings was the presence of shingles in our midst. **Bill Bell** has had it for two years, causing him to give up golf, tennis and skiing, his three favorite sports. He says he is tired of people telling him how good he looks (he does look good). Now Wilk has been suffering from it for two months and at times had to tough his way through activities of the weekend. By Saturday evening the vaccine for shingles was a principle topic of discussion.

A memorial service for **Oz Tower** was held May 31 at the '6 House Pub. Speakers included **Wayne Wilkins** and **Kim Loring**, who recalled warm memories of their dear friend who did so much for others. Three of Oz's grandsons, each wearing one of his favorite hats, spoke beautifully and poignantly of memories of their grandfather.

The number of classmates whose passing we honor in this issue is daunting. We are reporting them in the order they occurred.

Suzanne F. Hallett died Jan. 1, 2006, in Falmouth, Maine, according to late word from the alumni office.

John Hallett Clark III died Jan. 7 in Louisville, Ky. Leaving Williams after one outstanding year of football, "Bullet" finished at Colorado College. He was drafted into the Army Corps of Engineers before he could accept an offer from the NFL. After the war he began a long

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The 17th annual Class of 1942 fall minireunion drew a smaller turnout than in the past. We have reached, passed or approached the age of 90, and the result is that a number of “regulars” couldn’t make it this year.

Driving distances kept **Ernie Salvage**, **Bill Sammons** and **Dave Peet** at home. **Mary Timberlake** and her (in the past) chauffeur daughter are both ailing, Mary as the result of a fall that had her using a walker. **Warren Hunke**, who lives in Williamstown, has for months been enrolled in a local nursing home with serious ailments. These so-called “regulars” since 1993 were greatly missed. In their absence, **Fred Rudolph** persuaded **Bruce Sundlun** to stay home, too. Bruce was going to come up on Friday, returning to Rhode Island Saturday morning in order to attend a dinner honoring Congressman Patrick Kennedy. Fred thought our Friday group was too small to justify Bruce’s trip. Fred is writing this report, and Bruce is grateful.

At the Mill on the Floss for dinner on Friday night, Sept. 25, there were the following attendees: **Leslie Beran**, **Jack Daly**, **Romey Everdell** and Mary Anderson and their daughter Rosalind Everdell, June and **John Gibson**, **Liz Hannock** and Dottie and **Fred Rudolph**. Joining them at the Rudolphs’ on Saturday were **Bobbie Geer** and her daughter Mary Ellen, **Craig Huff** and his daughter Cally Burns, and Patricia and **Jim Worrall** ’65, **Peter Hussy’s** daughter and son-in-law.

Many classmates and associate members registered their regrets at not being able to make it and sent their best wishes to those who could: **Emlen Cresson**, **Fern Kelton**, **Ralph Ball**, **John Tuttle**, **Ginny Stewart**, **Carol Tully**, **Art Richmond**, **Lillian Shapiro**, **Joe Santry**, **Bonny Chafee**, **Nancy Hussey**, **Olivia Woodin**, **Barbara Morse** and, from Paris, **Norb Bailen**.

These annual gatherings have allowed for renewals of good fellowship and for visits to the art museums and attendance

at athletic events. The effort to get here has become challenging even for those relatively nearby. The intention is to keep the tradition alive, perhaps even joining forces with the Class of 1941 if that can be worked out.

On Friday night, as has been the custom, the names of classmates deceased since the previous gathering were read, followed by a moment of silence: **Winslow Benson**, **Dick Snyder**, **John Haley**, **Tom St. John**, **Hotch Ely**, **Bob Tully** and **George Worthington**. Of the 248 of us who entered in 1938, there are now 49 carried on the rolls of the class. Absent from this fall’s reunion, having missed only one in the past, was Pooh Huff, who died in May. She was a 1942 Smith graduate, but she wore the Williams purple proudly. We learned after the class notes deadline that **Craig Huff** passed away on Oct. 20.

A significant aspect of this reunion was the presence of four daughters. In the future, let us enlist more of them and sons and in-laws as helpers and celebrants. They can be the instruments of prolonging a good traditions.

Ralph Ball is not well and is pretty much confined to the house in Colorado. He’d love to hear from classmates—970.963.3637.

Nancy Hussey and her three daughters enjoyed the alumni-sponsored late summer cruise of the Great Lakes.

Dottie and **Fred Rudolph’s** six great-grandchildren, who live in the Northampton area, made lively visits to the Rudolph swimming pool during the summer. Their grandmother is **Marta Rudolph MacDonald** ’73.

Art Richmond has moved to 7102 River Crescent Drive, Annapolis, Md., 21401. He still can be found frequently on the golf course.

The eighth annual **Jack Daly** Classic golf tournament, honoring our classmate, was held at the Sandy Burr Golf Club in Wayland, Mass., in June.

John Gibson is spending most of his time at his wife June’s place in Greenwich. His horse farm in Pennsylvania now is in the charge of one of his sons. John is a member of the Visitor’s Committee at Franklin & Marshall College; June is on the board of the museum of modern art in NYC.

Steve Hannock, the son of **Liz Hannock** and our late classmate

career as a civil engineer with Hazelet & Erdal Consulting Engineers in Louisville, building roads and bridges.

Susan D. Ford died May 7 in Woodstock, Vt. Sue was very much a part of the life of the class.

Robert Keuffel Keller died May 26 in Easton, Md. After Navy service Bob worked for Keuffel & Esser Co., retiring after 27 years as VP of marketing. In 1970 he and Peggy started a landscape nursery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, which they ran until 1986. They traveled widely and became ardent fishing enthusiasts in their later years. A considerable portion of land from their nursery was donated to Williams (*Williams People*, April 2009).

Frances G. Bowne died June 8 in Portland, Maine. Frannie and **Garrett** lived in Marblehead, Mass., for 52 years. She was very active in the community, particularly the Marblehead Historical Society, and was president of the Garden Club. She and Garrett moved to the retirement community at Piper Shores in 2001.

George M. Prince died June 9 in Weston, Mass. After Navy service George worked in advertising until 1958, when he joined Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, Mass., as a member of an invention group. He left in 1960 to teach others how to invent new products, processes and services. George found his life work—research into the creative process. He published a book on it, *The Practice of Creativity*, and founded a company, Synectics, to further it. After retirement in 1987 he remained an internationally recognized guru in the field of innovative management techniques.

Thomas W. Murphy Jr. died July 2 in New York, N.Y. Tom concluded his shipboard service in the Navy with two very interesting years as a Congressional liaison in Washington. After several years learning merchandising at Lord & Taylor, he started his own company. He sold that and became involved with harness horses. One of them, Laverne Hanover, became a world champion and won 90 percent of his races. Tom lived in St. Tropez, France, between May and October. The rest of the year he lived in New York.

Marsh Hannock, continues his successful career as an artist. His work is in major American museums he received an honorary degree from Bowdoin in June; he is the subject of a major new book, and he will open a show of new work in San Francisco in November.

Mary Anderson and **Romey Everdell** spent part of the summer in family reunions, first with some of Mary's family on Monhegan Island and then in New York with members of the Everdell clan.

George Hussey's son Peter, another impressive artist, had a show at the Harrison Gallery in Williamstown in September. His vibrant watercolors of architectural subjects sold very well. He is available for commissioned assignments.

Chris and **Bill Sammons** planned their annual departure from Ogdensburg for Williamsburg, Va., in early October. Bill deserves our applause for how well he succeeds in encouraging our generosity to Williams.

In an essay that was originally delivered as a talk at the 1994 Cryptologic History Symposium, "A World War II German Army Field Cipher and How We Broke It," Charles David tells how he and three others, including **George Hussey**, "did most of our breaking" when attached to Gen. Omar Bradley's 12th Army Group in France. Their code-breaking team was known as Signal Security Detachment D. It kept American commanders informed on the movements and intentions of German field forces.

Robert (Bob) Tully died at his home on Orcas Island, Wash., on June 23 almost on his 89th birthday. He grew up in San Francisco, graduated from the Thacher School in Ojai and then went to Williams. He was a senior in college when he enlisted in the Army in January 1942, just after Pearl Harbor. The Army sent him to the Signal Corps Officer's Candidate School, and he spent most of the war years teaching at the Signal Corps Labs at Fort Monmouth, N.J. He was in London briefly and experienced a buzz bombing at the hotel to which he was assigned and after D-Day spent a short time in France. He left the Army as a captain in 1946.

Bob then attended the Harvard Business School, getting his

MBA in November 1947. After he earned his MBA, Williams decided he had enough credits to graduate when he enlisted in the Army, so they granted him his BA. Bob claimed he was the only man to receive his MBA before his BA.

After Harvard, Bob worked as a financial and personnel planner in Chevron in New Orleans. There he met and married Eleanor Edwards in 1951. In 1952, McKinsey & Co. lured him to New York and then transferred him to LA in 1955. In 1959, he became VP and director of a client company, Marshall & Stevens. His wife died in 1970, and Bob decided to go out on his own. He became chief financial officer of several large companies. It was at one of those positions that he met and eventually married Carol Blaney in 1984. Although Bob wanted to work forever, Carol convinced him to retire in 1987, and they moved permanently to Big Bear Lake, Calif., where Bob became involved in many local organizations.

Bob knew that Carol's long-time dream was to live on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands in Washington State, so in 1996 he insisted they move and start a new life there. He loved Orcas Island.

Besides **Carol** Bob leaves two daughters, a son and two stepsons. He and Carol had six children between them and four grandchildren. Both Bob and Carol were novice ham-radio operators, studying for general class licenses. His obituary quoted him as saying, "I find it interesting and stimulating to be a part of the information process, and my goal is to do some good and have some fun doing it."

George Worthington IV died peacefully at his home on Aug. 29 at age 91. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., in 1938, after which he attended Williams. His education was interrupted by a stint in the U.S. Navy in DC during WWII, but following the war he graduated from the University of Virginia in 1946.

George did not consider himself a career man, preferring instead to dabble in a range of fields including working for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in DC. That satisfied his consuming interest in historic houses.

George was an avid sailor and while living in Washington in the 1950s and '60s, he kept a small yacht at Annapolis, Md. George was known as someone who never ceased learning, with his thirst for knowledge leading him to take courses in a variety of subjects. He filled his house with books, both great and banal, so many that not even he could have read them all.

After falling in love with central Virginia while studying at the university, George purchased the farm where he lived intermittently for nearly 60 years. George was a longtime member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society and is survived by his wife **Merrilyn S. Worthington** of Charlottesville, Va.; his son George M.G. Worthington of Charlottesville and three stepchildren, Christopher F. Smith of Charlottesville, Kirsten S. Rhodes of Charlottesville and Alexander B. Price of Seattle, Wash., and two stepgrandchildren.

1943

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The recent publication of a new edition of **Doc Phillips'** historical treatise on upper middle class culture and humor was noted by McGurk in the latest 1943 class letter. Doc has joined two long-lived predecessors as editors of the Williams Record in continuing to enrich the annals of history. **Jim Burns'** '39 *Packing the Court* has come out to favorable reviews. It comments on the checkered record of the U.S. Supreme Court's exercise of its power to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional and tells the extraordinary tale of how Chief Justice John Marshall's opinion in *Marbury v. Madison* created that power with dubious logic. **Fred Rudolph** '42 is still the fountainhead of Williams history. Doc's latest *oeuvre*, *Risque Recollections of Riomar*, is full of stories that will be new to the average reader. Many of them are hilarious. Riomar is the club where the Phillipses play golf and otherwise disport. In 1994 Doc discovered a device to keep the members awake during the delivery of his annual treasurer's report: telling off-color stories.

Copies of Doc's book may be purchased at your local porn store or free from Doc by pleading poverty after your next contribution to the Alumni Fund.

Other classmates have been inspired by their example.

The University of Virginia Press has agreed to publish **Al James'** "little book" on the correspondence between Henry James (no relation) and Lord and Lady Wolseley. Your secretary was privileged to read this fascinating work and some additional material from Al on Lord Wolseley, a brilliant general, an early expert on guerilla warfare and the author of the first known Field Manual. As commander in chief for five years, he modernized the British army. A voracious reader and author, Wolseley met Henry James at a cocktail party in 1877, and they became fast friends.

Not to be outdone, **Len Eaton** has edited and arranged for the publication of *The Dohrmann Papers, A Family Chronicle*. The author, Franz Dohrmann, was a friend of Len's at Harvard, where they were both taking graduate degrees in history after WWII. The book is essentially a memorial to Franz's grandfather Heinrich Dohrmann, who arrived in the U.S. from Germany in 1880 at the age of 22 and founded an impressive family. The author was awarded a Silver Star for heroic action as a first lieutenant artillery-spotter with the 45th Division in Italy. Later, as the German interpreter for the division artillery commander, he witnessed the liberation of Dachau in April 1945. Shattered by this experience, Franz extended his tour of service "to try to learn what had made the Germans behave as they did." Among the people he interviewed were two close relatives—another shattering experience: one of them was still a Nazi sympathizer. The other was quite the opposite. Len performed a valuable service in editing and helping to arrange for the publication of this book last August. Call him for information on how to buy a copy: 541.765.2184.

Bernie Boykin joined the ranks of the historians in our class by unearthing publications that confirm the startling fact that in June 1943, 25 members of our class received their ensign commissions at Columbia University. (Remember the *Prairie State*?) Almost all of these "90-day

wonders" had graduated from Williams that February. They represented exactly 10 percent of our entering class in 1939 and a much higher percentage of those of us who graduated in February 1943. They are: Barnes, Boykin, Curley, Dolan, Early, Emerson, Engle, Fowler, Fuller, Gardner, Johnson, Keirnan, Klopmen, McFarlan, Moore, Morrissey, Rogers, Ross, Rust, Schmidt, Sheketoff, Shriver, Smith, PG and Wakeman. One of these (**Merwin Sheketoff**) was your secretary's roommate for four years. Like several of his Williams classmates, he was so talented that, after he was commissioned, the Navy sent him to Boulder, Colo., to study Japanese. Shek put his new language skill to use when he became commander of a minesweeper. He was able to translate the useless data inscribed on the bottom of the Japanese mines that popped to the surface.

And **Malcolm MacGruer** is "deep in the writing of my third book," the last in the trilogy that started with *Horse-Horse Tiger-Tiger*, a novel based on McGurk's experiences as a U.S. marine behind enemy lines in China during WWII.

McGurk was also the first classmate to respond to the plea of the archives department reported in the last edition of our class notes. He has "donated to the archives all my correspondence and photos of '43 so far as well as all the Williams Octet data from the time that I became an original member in 1940 to date ... musical arrangements, photos, programs, etc." Your secretary's wife Fran is relieved that we will be driving to Williamstown in October with a large carton for the archives containing, among other things, notes and papers from American History and Lit 7-8 and 101-2, newspaper articles generated by the Williams News Bureau and wartime correspondence with classmates and others. This is an opportunity for all of us to help preserve the history of our times and of our college and to clean out our attics without overloading the village dumps.

Before leaving to catch and smoke some more bluefish, McGurk also reported that his count showed that there were 65 survivors of our class, of which only 26 have listed their e-mail addresses with the alumni office. If you have one and are not

sure whether you have listed it, you could do us all a favor by e-mailing it to the alumni office at: alumni.office@williams.edu.

Bill Brewer reports that they are enjoying the new space created in their house by two years of hard work. He credits his Volvo with saving him from injury or worse when an unlicensed driver demolished both cars. Bill's daughter Gale leaked the news that Bill had passed the test to become a National Croquet referee—after acing 45 written questions and a lengthy field exam. Your secretary's request for further details elicited the following from Bill:

"Yes, I did pass the written and field exams to be a croquet referee, but does anyone really care? And I only am the lowest of three levels of referee. If I were a baseball referee, they would send me to Montana. What really happened was that—as my competitive skills declined—I thought I ought to try to do something useful."

Apparently, West River Wickets lacked a referee to settle their constant, albeit amicable arguments. Bill's 60 years at the bar certainly qualify him to minimize (or maximize) arguments. Daughter Gale is a respected member of the NYC Council. She is running for a third four-year term along with Mayor Bloomberg, who persuaded the council to extend citywide term limits from two to three terms.

We were sad to learn that **Edward (Ned) Baker** died on Aug. 4 in Bluefield, Va. He is survived by his children Edward III, Jonathan and Katherine Shott, and by eight grandchildren. Ed retired from the Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel in 1968. He was awarded the Silver Star for heroism on Saipan, served in combat again in Korea and made "casualty calls" during the Vietnam War. His wife Suzy predeceased him after 60 years of marriage. Daughter Kathy reports that Ed shared many wonderful memories of Williams with his family.

And **Tom Leary** passed away on July 14 in Florida. He was predeceased by his wife Priscilla shortly after their 60th wedding anniversary and by son Timothy. After Army service, Tom received an MBA at Harvard Business School and embarked on a career in marketing. Among other positions, he was executive VP of Calvert Distilling Co.

and a VP of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons. He is survived by son Todd and Todd's wife Kay of Jacksonville, Fla.

John Rowbotham, whose wife Marie-Clare died last year, lives alone in their large house in Franconia, N.H. He reports that he is visited by daughter Sara Cornell every week or so and by his wife's sister Lib Welch, who frequently comes for a drink and supper.

Irene Moore, Harold Moore's widow, who thinks of our class every time she visits the Clark in Williamstown, wrote from Peterborough, N.H., about a "fun reunion in June" with four children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Our honorary class member and Williamstown reporter **Phyllis Blair** helped celebrate **Wayne Wilkins'** '41 90th birthday at a well-attended event at the Log. Wayne's bride Suki was also honored. They share the same birth date, but not the same year. Wayne is known to generations of Williams folks for his long service to the College and his warm, fatherly smile. Your secretary has learned from a member of his class that Wayne planned to host, or at least was organizing, a minireunion the weekend of Oct. 10. Perhaps he will do the same for 1943 during the next foliage season.

Several other classmates checked in just to send greetings. **Andy Black's** comment from San Francisco was, "No news from here except we're both still vertical."

1944

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"Being exhausted after getting the reunion notes out I apparently forgot to send a notice to the class for news. To the surprise of no one I received none, and accordingly there is paucity in these.

I had sent **Milt Prigoff** an "advance" copy of the reunion notes and received the following in reply: "Thanks, etc. My only comments are these: You called **John Stiegman** Joe in error, and there are two r's in **Helen Corroon's** name because **Bob** always spelled it that way. You wouldn't like to be called Judson Mead in

someone's notes would you?" No Milt, I would not—much less "Meadball," an appellation which once came my way.

You will enjoy this squib from **Don Fuchs** by way of a copy of a letter from him to **Hank Flynt**: "Thanks for sending on the '44 financial statement after the reunion. I agree about the final resting place of our account and assume I am treasurer of nothing, which, if I remember my math $T \times 0 = 0$ means that I am no longer treasurer." A conclusion such as that attests to the wisdom of our electing Don to the august position of treasurer, for which we give him thanks for service well performed in his stewardship of an account which never got over \$2,000, the final balance of which was blown on our most worthy of causes: the Last Hurrah dinner. A nice note from **Carolyn Bridgewater** thanked me for sending her some photos of the reunion. It also includes an accolade as to the appearance of those of us in the photos. She said that we "looked terrific." As I was among them, I pen this acknowledgment to which I add my trite but true saying as to why everybody looks so terrific: It is "because of our wise choice of ancestors."

Lack of news as to what is going on has never impeded the ubiquitous announcement of the death of classmates: **John Fairchild** in July of 2008; John left Williams in 1943 to enter the Army. He was with GE most of his active business life. Divorced and not remarried (at least by 1994), two sons (his only) having predeceased him, he left a daughter surviving. **John Wenstrand** died on May 23, and **Dick Acker**, who was with us at our 65th, died a few weeks later. Regrets from us all to their family and friends. Although **John Wenstrand** lived but an hour away across town in Birmingham we had but one meeting. That was at the annual Christmas luncheon at the University Club of Detroit in the mid-60s. A representative of the College would come and give a little talk to those assembled, including prospective freshmen and their fathers. John and I had a nice visit, but that was that, and it is just as well in light of what happened at the club several years later at the X-mas luncheon. Neither John nor

I attended but afterward half a dozen had hepatitis. It laid them low—in bed—for several months. The disease was traced to temporary help in the kitchen. I do not know what monetary settlements, if any, were made. One just does not sue the club. (Or does one?) Speaking of being felled, that is exactly what is going on at the Taconic Golf Club. According to an article in The New York Times on Aug. 31, nearly 1,000 trees are coming down under a restoration plan. We have had one going on at the Country Club of Detroit for years, but until recently ours has been at the hands of Mother Nature. Starting over 10 years ago the Dutch Elm disease took care of the elm trees, and this was followed by the Emerald Ash Borer disease, which took care of the ashes. One could say that our ashes were hauled. But that wasn't enough; another ambitious tree-cutting plan has been put into effect. This is the dreaded Man Made Restoration disease, which apparently has swept from New England to Michigan. Anyone see the August issue of *Forbes*? Its rating of colleges put West Point in first place, but Williams is in fourth—before Hahvahd. Rah!

1945

REUNION JUNE 10-13

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President Gil Lefferts reports:
65th reunion! Save the dates: June 10-13, 2010. You will be hearing more from your class chairman and from the College. HQ will be Parsons House—part of the Dodd complex.

The Class of '45 had a mini-reunion Sept. 25-26. We were entertained by recent faculty recipients of the Class of '45 World Fellowship plus a number of current student "fellows" from the Class of 2010. The faculty representation included Darra Goldstein, professor of Russian and editor in chief of *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*. Her subject was "ways in which food can be used to provide multicultural tolerance between Israel and Palestine." The second faculty

presenter was Jennifer French, associate professor of Spanish and comparative literature and director of the Center for Environmental Studies. Her subject was “The Paraguayan War (1964-1879) in literature.”

A number of the student fellowship recipients pursued projects in France, Nicaragua, Germany, Indonesia and the Middle East. They wrote letters of thanks, excerpts of which we share with you as follows:

From **Moira Yoe** '10: “In my political science thesis research I am looking at the role of Track II Diplomacy, specifically the macro-level impact of peace education organizations on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I will utilize a variety of methods to assess the role(s) and impact of these organizations and will be using Seeds of Peace”—an international camp that brings Israeli and Palestinian teenagers together to coexist for the first time—as a case study in my analysis. The opportunity to pursue this research means so much to me. ... I can't express how thankful I am for your generosity.”

Leah Katzelnick '10: “I wish to extend my deepest gratitude for the opportunity you have granted me this summer. Thanks to your generosity I will be traveling to Nicaragua to work with and observe two nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) addressing maternal health needs in Managua and Matagalpa. My personal interest in NGOs lies in their unique position at the nexus between cultures—that of activists, service providers and donors and that of community members. I plan to explore how certain NGOs are able to adapt their institutional philosophy and goals to meld with the local culture in a manner that respects the beliefs of all parties involved, while other NGOs flounder, unable to gain acceptance from the local community or have positive health outcomes.”

Marcus Morrisette '10: “Thank you so much for offering me the World Travel Fellowship. I feel so excited when I think about what experiences lie before me and what stories I might encounter during my trip. I am equally anxious to share them with you in my film.”

Fida Tashfia '10: “Thank you so much for giving me this wonderful opportunity to travel and study in Indonesia! ... The

Urban Poverty Project I will be researching promises to provide some interesting insights into the way community driving development initiatives work—insights that I believe will be valuable for making sense of some of the development challenges that my own country, Bangladesh, faces. ... I can only begin to articulate how grateful I am for your immense generosity.”

Yani Fecu: “Thank you for giving me ... the opportunity to pursue independent research outside of the classroom. I'm so excited for the chance to delve into my project and hopefully answer questions that no one else has answered. I'm infinitely grateful for the intellectual and financial support your class continues to give.”

That's all for now. Please send your news to our new class secretary, **Fred Wardwell**, at the address above.

1946

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Bill Shellenberger has been very good about sending grist for my mill. Most recently he sent me an e-mail with the following information about **Wally Thompson**. (Bless all of you who send me e-mails, because: 1. I am usually hurting for things to write about, and 2. I can copy them into my offering to Jen Grow, my editor, with just a few swift keystrokes. That saves me a good deal of typing and improves the accuracy of these class notes.)

come back much. He's coping very well, is in good spirits and takes PT regularly. His sons and their spouses in Oregon and Arizona come in frequently. He has lots of friends at Cokesbury, a retirement home, where he's presently in health care. He gets around in a motorized scooter and has visited his cottage there several times. Mary and **Tom Hyndman** have been down to see him a number of times. By the way, they are in a fine retirement home in Lafayette Hills, outside of Philadelphia.

Barbara and I returned from a week in Kiawah with two couples. Barb played golf with them, and I rode around in the cart, as I'm on a cane. Back here I go to arthritis pool therapy twice a week with several old ladies (they're probably younger than I) and take PT myself. Hope to get back on the golf course one of these days, but my balance is poor.

I talk with **Stan (Mase) Babson** occasionally. He's still living in his house in Hadlyme, Conn. Milly is quite helpless from her rheumatoid arthritis and failing mental health. Mase is his optimistic self despite all, including his macular degeneration, which severely impairs his sight. During the course of dinner last August, **Dick Debevoise** told me that Milly and Stan have moved to Maine to be near their son.

Old age is not for sissies. So they say. —Shelly

You never can tell where news about Williams alumni is going to turn up nor how it is going to filter through to your scribe. Early this summer, I received a nice note from our distinguished jurist and class president, with

EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Sam Fuller '46 received the Alumni Leadership Award last spring from Suffield Academy. A career banker with a commitment to volunteer and philanthropic work, Fuller was a longtime Suffield Academy trustee.

In the morning, while playing tennis four days after Kitsy passed away in mid January, Wally suffered a severe stroke. It paralyzed him completely on the right side of his body. Fortunately, he was found by neighbors coming for a drink that evening. He has made good progress since then. He now can get in and out of a car and do some walking with assistance, but his right arm has not yet

a couple of tear sheets from the Suffield Academy magazine. Of course, my first thought was: “How the devil did he happen upon this publication?” It turns out that one of his daughters went to school there.

More to the point, however, is the welcome news that one of our other distinguished classmates, **Sam Fuller**, had been selected to receive the Suffield Academy Alumni Leadership

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Award on April 20. I take it that this is not unlike the Williams Bicentennial Medal. The Suffield Academy magazine published the following citation: “**Samuel S. Fuller** ’41, a graduate of Williams College, had a distinguished career in the banking industry. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he spent 30 years at Hartford National Bank & Trust, heading the bank’s trust division from 1968 to 1986. Sam has had an impressive and sustained commitment to community service. In addition to his involvement with Suffield Academy, Sam has been involved with the Ray School, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Bushnell Memorial Hall, the Old State House Association, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Hartford Hospital and the Suffield Observer. Sam served as a Suffield Academy board member from 1972 to 1995, was president of the board from 1977 to 1982 and currently serves as a trustee emeritus. His [late] wife Jane Fuller was a Suffield trustee from 1995 to 2007. Sam and Jane had five children and eight grandchildren.”

What should appear in my mail in August, but a heart-warming postcard from **Jim Barns** ’89, who wrote: “Dear Gates, Several years ago I joined your ’46 reunion twice! It was my greatest Williams experience. I’d learned of the gathering from Oliver and Bunny, friends of my parents from the 50th. I was only in the Class of ’89 my senior year and didn’t feel confident enough for a reunion. This year, my 49th, I did! Filling a gap in my life! Also a great time. I’m very grateful to the ’46ers for their friendliness and immediate acceptance of this Eph!”

I spoke to **Larry Heely** on the phone. Susan had some foot surgery a while ago, and although it is healing nicely, she still isn’t up to doing much walking. That is why they decided to pass up our minireunion. I received an e-mail from Larry in which he wrote that he and Chappy along with one son-in-law each had not played well in the Williams golf tournament. But they had a great time. I am very glad I phoned him to follow up because I learned a whole lot more. Larry and Chappy were recognized by name as being the oldest participants in the tourney. I addition, Larry won



Martin Brown ’40 (right) and his brother Richard Brown ’47 celebrated Richard’s birthday at White Lake in upstate New York last summer.

first prize in the raffle, which turned out to be a handsome new golf bag in Williams colors. Larry went on to say that he had successful, state-of-the-art back surgery in late January. Using a minimally invasive procedure called balloon kyphoplasty, the doctor sticks a big needle into your anesthetized back between the two vertebra that are interfering with one another and inserts a balloon, which, when inflated, forces the vertebra apart. Then he removes the balloon and sticks you with another rather large needle to pump in a cement that hardens to keep the vertebra permanently apart. The whole thing takes about 35 minutes. He was back home the same day. Larry says it was a great success. The only discomfort he has now is occasionally at night if he has been very active during the day. Chappy, on the other hand, had a pacemaker put in that became infected and put him in the hospital for six days. As Larry joked lightheartedly, the foursome in the golf tournament was the walking wounded. Along with their problems, Larry’s son-in-law had had a heart valve replaced. Chappy’s son-in-law was the only healthy one of the four.

In a phone call with Chappy, I learned that having an infected pacemaker is no joke. The docs had to remove the infected one, wires and all, clean up the wound and close it. Then they went in on the other side and installed another one. This apparently went off without a hitch.

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Thanks to a conference call set up by Chris Robare of the development office, I was able to talk with **Dick Gray**, **Don Markstein** and **Gerry Tern**: the Alumni Fund. But beyond that, all the news I have now is sad. The following have died since our last issue: Priscilla McElvien, wife of **Dick McElvien**, on June 3, **Dick Jameson** on July 5, and **Guy Chapman** on July 24. The class sends its sympathy to their families.

In closing, I call your attention to our class president **George Kennedy’s** letter of last Sept. 8 re: the comprehensive campaign. 1948’s showing was exemplary, and I hope we continue to shine in the annual fund drive, which began Oct. 1.

1949

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Thanks for the prompt response from all you e-mail-enabled ’49ers who filled this notes column on short notice. Literally, half of the 126 class

listings for '49 show no e-mail address, so you will be reached by snail mail at least once a year as a gentle reminder to stay in touch. If you haven't yet received such a call for news, it will arrive soon. Let the rest of the class know what's up with you.

The news that followed our 60th reunion in June was not all good, as most of you are aware. Class President **Charlie Jarrett** reported in mid-August that he and Emily were spending two weeks in Williamstown for their summer vacation. Shortly after e-mailing me and just before a planned luncheon with Director of Alumni Relations **Brooks Foehl** '88 and **Dick Wells**, Charlie suffered a stroke that affected his left arm and leg. Fortunately, he got help quickly and received several weeks of rehabilitation therapy at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. He arrived home in Pittsburgh by ambulance (for reasons of comfort, not speed) on Sept. 14. Emily reported: "After completing a couple of weeks in rehab, he plans to be back on the job and keep in touch with all you '49ers."

Even more sorrowful was the news that our esteemed classmate **Nick Dunne** succumbed to bladder cancer in late August after a one-and-a-half-year battle. He was probably the most widely known member of our class, with noteworthy reputations in film and TV production, as a journalist and *Vanity Fair* columnist and as a successful novelist and TV commentator. He wrote about celebrities and became one himself but maintained a connection with Williams and friendships with many '49ers, as some of these notes suggest. My personal link was via his naming the victim in *A Season in Purgatory* "Winifred Utley." He told me at our 50th reunion that he thought it "made an interesting name," though he didn't say which part. When **John Thoman** learned the news of Nick's death he remembered "his hilarious 25th reunion speech on 'Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous.' The part about the shoes and jewels of Imelda Marcos was particularly memorable! No special news from the Thomans. We had our annual summer family gathering on Nantucket. All was fine except the weather, which wasn't." **Howard Erskine** knew

Nick very well and for longer than most of us: "We met in 1946 when we lived in Morgan Hall and were good friends for the next 63 years. We will miss him. Lou and I are still living in West Palm Beach, Fla. We're hanging in there, although I am on oxygen part of the time, which is why I didn't make the 60th."

Alvin Kernan writes: "Retirement is very quiet in Princeton. Read a lot and am trying to finish a book on survivors of the Midway battle who were saved from the water. My four children joined me for my 86th birthday in June. Older but no wiser."

Larry Gourley: "Family is all well and getting ready to head for a Long Island Labor Day weekend for about six weeks. We get our house back from our tenants, and it is the best time of the year to be up there. Haven't seen any classmates lately. Miss you all."

Alec Clement: "Carolyn and I moved from our home in Duxbury into a condo in Hanover, N.H., in June. House had been on the market for over two years, and we put down our deposit on the condo in December of 2006! So much for the economy. If I had known how much work was involved I never would have done it. If we ever get settled, it probably will make life simpler, but the summer has shot by in a haze of boxes, things uncovered and not seen for 54 years and reams of paper. The kids have helped with the heavy lifting, and I guess we will survive."

Giles Kelly writes of his travels but closes with a reference that begs for eventual disclosure: "Sorry I missed my classmates at the June reunion, but I was conflicted. In June I was in the English Cotswolds, where Ann and I were learning some of the finer points of painting in watercolors. The scenery there was great. As a former resident of England I was elected to do the driving, which, as always, is a challenge. After many years I found myself again shifting with my left hand, driving on the 'wrong' side of the road and navigating countless roundabouts. But those English breakfasts were super. This past summer back in Washington after my 88th birthday. As for fun, I enjoyed sailing on the Potomac River and tennis in the suburbs. As for work, Ann and

I are now engaged in a secret photo project."

Bill Wilde: "My family and I are doing pretty well. We share our time between our home in West Hartford and our vacation home on the coast of Maine. I'm 82 now, and my health is good. My wife has heart failure, which prevents us from traveling. Our family consists of 15 members whom we see a lot, particularly in Maine. I've retired from all my boards and keep turning down new opportunities. There is a Williams group in Portland, Maine, which has get-togethers, sporting events and lectures by Williams faculty. Most everyone in the class was a year or two older than I, so they are getting a little older than I. We all have to be grateful that we are doing as well as we are."

Ed Maynard called reunion "a fine gathering of our group" and reports: "Just having a great summer in Maine with family coming and going. Yesterday was dramatic with 11-foot swells from Hurricane Bill crashing on the rocks in front of our house."

Wally Barnes: "After years of boating in Maine we decided to explore Chesapeake Bay this summer because it is closer to our Washington base. Verdict? It's beautiful and nautically a bit kinder and gentler than Maine but hot, hot, hot!"

And from **Pedro Stites**, now a contributor and not a solicitor for Class notes: "Here in Zinzinnati, oHo, at Deupree House in Hyde Park, life continues on for your retired, not tired, ex-'49 class secretary and his lovely wife Edna. I want to thank all my '49 Williams College classmates for sending me my wonderful 60th anniversary award for my 20 years (1989-2009) as '49 class secretary. I have enjoyed the adventure to the max! This framed plaque is hanging in our main hall for ALL to see. Come on down from Williamstown. MOOchas GRASSias."

The alumni office forwarded some positive inter-class news involving our ex-Class Agent **Dick Wells**. It was reported by **Hobie Robinson** '59, who wrote: "I'm chagrined to say that in my annual golf match with **Dick Wells**, the Class of '59 was soundly defeated 2 and 1. Dick and the Class of '49 were supported by his wife Ann, who sank the winning putt on the 17th green. Despite fine support

from my wife Ingela and shooting 75 on my own ball, we once again went down in defeat.” Our congrats to Dick for letting us chalk up another one for the old guys.

1950

REUNION JUNE 10-13

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Your secretary fell yet again, breaking yet another rib, but is soldiering through yet another chapter of this ongoing saga.

First off are the current deaths, since we seem to be holding our own in this regard. The latest to leave our happy élan is God’s gift to the Irish to our class, **Hank O’Neal**, whose daughter Erin wrote a nice letter informing me of her father’s departure. Hank passed away in his sleep, which is the best way to go, seems to me. Bill was named for Gen. William Donovan, a co-founder of the CIA. He was a veteran of WWII and subsequently employed by the automobile division of CertainTeed tool company, retiring as VP of the firm. He and his wife **Mary Ann** had three children, including Erin.

Some days, on the other hand, you get lucky. Good fortune befell **Nordon Van Horne** in the luck of the draw in being one of the hunters chosen to shoot an elk in Arizona, efforts to cull the herd. Just remember to squeeze the trigger, not to jerk it in an attack of buck fever, Nordon.

What keeps defying me is whether tennis phenom Melanie Oudin has a grandfather with the unlikely name of Folger. Extensive investigation, including a phone call to **Howard Simpson** and **Micky O’Connell** (co-captains of lacrosse in 1950) has been unsuccessful in establishing whether Miss Oudin is related to our own friend.

A poignant note from **Sky Haskell**, who is confined to a nursing unit in Richmond Heights, Ohio, was originally sent to President **Doug Colman**. It reads: “This isn’t a letter I want to write, but I guess I am fortunate in being able. Never gave it much thought before about living to 83 or about my abilities to exist. Since last November I have had a nurse care person helping

me four hours per day. Now after a short hospitalization in May, I find myself greatly weakened and fighting to regain some vitality. I am now in assisted living with too much emphasis on the ‘A’ word. Am receiving some rehab two to three times per week. Sorry! I laughingly say I’m an ‘old soldier’ and do the best I can. But it hurts—for a man who at 16 set off alone on horseback to join friends in the mountains near Tucson, Ariz. I knew the trails well and found their camp. How I wish that for our class’s 50th reunion I had gone. There was a minor glitch, so I didn’t. Now I am the last of our family of five children and fighting to complete simple things. It doesn’t sit well, but I thank the Almighty One for what I can do. ... God help ... our classmates!”

Stan Roller wrote, “In late May we had a wonderful time with **Andy Heineman** at his Thousand Islands retreat. Took nature walks, cruised about in his launch, went birding, visited the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, etc. A great host at a beautiful location. What a treat! It was rainy then and has been through June into July, but we put in a few days of sailing to our local favorites: Cutty Hunk, Padanarum and Vineyard Haven. All not too distant from our mooring in Sippican Harbor, Marion. *Recreation III* is being sold ... or it will be donated to Mass Maritime Academy. It’s old, like us, and will outlive us, I’m sure. A 1968 Sparkman-designed, 35-foot sloop, which has been our summer home for more for 26 years. Had lunch [in July] with **Jon O’Herron** and **Pat Graham** ’51, retired investment banker and thoracic surgeon, respectively. Jon has two Williams granddaughters, one graduating and one entering this year.

“Keep in touch with the Dickens and Schumanns, who are doing OK. Ford is at his ranch in Snowmass now, and John goes between Milwaukee and Crab Lake in Northern Wisconsin in the summer.” Stan was to visit with John and Susie in September.

And from **Kev Delany**, “We hope that all the stalwarts of 1950 are making plans for our big 60th in Williamstown next spring. Details to come in my next report, but I can happily reveal that President Coleman—in one of the last

great acts of his administration—has arranged for the Williams Reunion Jazz Band to entertain us for Saturday evening dinner and dancing. By the time you read this Doug will have given you news of our new slate of class officers.”

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During the Labor Day week I turned down an opportunity to see Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal play at the U.S. Open and instead went to the Orange Lawn Tennis Club in South Orange, N.J., where **Rich Allen** and **Tom Kent** were participating in both singles and doubles at the National Men’s 80 Grass Court Championship. **Wally Bortz** would have been very proud of them. Rich won his first-round match, and Tom won his consolation match. They teamed up in doubles and won their first match but had to default in the next round when Rich had to return to Virginia. Rich devotes a lot of his time to activities of the Mid-Atlantic section of the U.S. Tennis Association. Tom next heads for the senior tournament at Seabrook Island, a tournament he helped to start almost 20 years ago.

Congratulations to **John Reynolds**, who was one of five Williams Bicentennial Medalists honored at the College’s Convocation ceremonies. John helped devise strategies that led to the development of the U.S. Navy Seals and steered Outward Bound USA through its largest growth in history.

Whit Fiske sent a picture of himself with **Pete deLisser** taken in Florida. Perhaps upon seeing the photo, the ladies will swoon over two handsome octogenarians who hardly look half their age. Whit and Pete have been friends since 1944, when they attended the Manlius School. Whit and Jan, both of whom were raised in Madison, N.J., celebrated their 60th anniversary with a party thrown for them by their five children. I believe 60 years is a record for our class. Can anyone top that?

A philosophical **Art Lane** comments, “Depending on one’s point of view, life here (Summerfield, N.C.) is either



1951 classmates Pete deLisser (left) and Whit Fiske enjoyed a visit in Florida last fall. They've been friends since their days at the Manlius School.

dull and boring or calm and peaceful. For me it is the latter. Diana and I rattle around in our home of 30 years. The kids have left but not the two large dogs and three cats, two fat, one svelte.” Like many of us, Art’s body now contains a variety of medical and physical hardware—three stents (one heart and two kidney) and one cobalt/chrome knee. Art was laid off in December and is sending out resumés but is at peace with everything. He gives God all praise, glory and honor.

Alfred Schlosser reports that he has been battling tendonitis in an Achilles tendon, which has curtailed his golf playing and requires physiotherapy. Jackie and Alfred went on a 10-day cruise circling the U.K. and Ireland. They left from London’s Tower Pier and went under Tower Bridge, which fortunately opened up for their ship. Then on to Edinburgh, Inverness, Oban, Dublin, Cork and Fowey (Cornwall) before returning to London. Sounds like a great drinking cruise. The Schlossers spent some very enjoyable time aboard ship with Kate and **George Tuerk** ’57. A highlight of the trip was a tour of the Queen’s decommissioned yacht *HMV Britannia*, which was tied up at a nearby pier in Leith. Alfred advises that **Fritz Zeller** was the subject of a wonderful tribute at the commencement exercises at the Westminster School this past May. Alfred writes, “One of the speakers heaped loads of well-deserved praise on Fritz, who devoted

many years to the school as a teacher and coach. We were sorry that our grandson, who graduated that day, never had the opportunity to know that terrific guy.”

The following note from **Scott Warner** unfortunately missed publication in the prior issue. Scott wrote, “**Suz Zeller** told me that Fritz passed away from complications in his longterm battle with Alzheimer’s. We all knew of Fritz’s skills on the playing fields—from successfully shifting his football capability to varsity soccer (to save his baseball shoulder) and being elected captain of the baseball team. But, as my sophomore-year roommate, I saw more—a real gentle man. He showed a rare sensitivity that surely served thousands of his preparatory school students well in his capacity as teacher, coach, guidance counselor and assistant headmaster.”

Tad Jeffrey and Nancy went on a seven-day cruise on the Great Lakes from Duluth to Toronto. Tad reports, “The trip had been promoted by the Williams alumni association and its counterpart at Smith, thus there were lots of alums from both schools on board, including Sheila and **Stan Hazen**, with whom we spent a lot of enjoyable time. One of the two excellent lecturers was our old friend Prof. **John Hyde**, originally ’52, with whom we also spent a lot of good time. Great trip!”

Jim McNerney writes that he is playing some golf and tennis as well as a good bit of bridge. He is embarking on a new

venture, giving bridge lessons, and hopes his students do not know more than he does. Jim spends six months a year at The Wilderness, a 300-unit golf/tennis community in Naples, Fla. He speaks with **Jon O’Herron** every so often, but other than that has had little contact with Williams. Jim keeps hoping to visit Italy, but vacations with his four children and 11 grandchildren seem to take up most of his travel time.

Stan Hazen and Sheila made their annual summer pilgrimage to the Berkshire Choral Festival in July and from there went to South Hadley for lunch with **Bob Bergen** and Betsy. Continuing on their Massachusetts circuit, the Hazens went to Boston to celebrate Stan’s 80th birthday. Stan’s son Ed surprised him by flying in from Seattle for the event, and the family had dinner in Wellesley arranged by his daughter **Ellen** ’90. The highlight of the gathering was Stan’s meeting his newest granddaughter, Ellen’s third child, who was born in January.

In July, **Chuck Halleck** and Jeanne traveled up the Northern California coast to Mendocino to celebrate his 80th birthday. They ate out six consecutive nights to celebrate that birthday at every place they stopped. They then left for two weeks in Ireland. Chuck states, “It was hard to imagine beforehand how incredibly green it is—lots of castles and sheep. We went to Blarney Castle, but we did not kiss the Blarney Stone—according to Trip Advisor the germiest place on the planet.” In early August the Hallecks went to Lake Tahoe, staying at the rustic Cottage Inn resort with carved bears on the outside staircases and real bears rummaging in the garbage cans at night. The Hallecks were to travel from their retirement community, The Sequoia in Portola Valley, in early October to DC to attend the St. Albans Centennial celebration and to visit six of their adult children. Chuck stays in touch with **Shay Lynch** and **Paul Shorb**, with whom the Hallecks sometimes stay when they are in Washington.

A brief note from **George Muller**, who reports that he still is playing tennis in Southern California, albeit with the help of Vicodin for his back. Hopefully we can get in some tennis with George at the 60th, as we did at the 50th.

Pete deLisser reflects upon his blessings, with his wonderful wife of 51 years, Carolyn, five adult children and nine wonderful grandchildren. He expects to conduct a three-session workshop for men in his church entitled “The Joy of Communicating Responsibly with Different Children” and to be a mentor this semester to graduate students at the Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack. Pete has promised his youngest son, who planned to get married Thanksgiving weekend, that they would complete their second book before the nuptials. His son works in leadership development with Regency Blue Cross and teaches part time at the University of Utah MBA Communications segment. Pete sees **Joe Callahan** periodically for lunch/coffee in Tarrytown and is appreciative of a very relevant 80th birthday card from **Bill Rodie** depicting an elderly gentleman relieving himself in a urinal. It often can be an accomplishment to get there in time. Pete concludes quite aptly that, “We are a privileged few.”

On Aug. 11 Korean President Lee Myung-bak met with **Don Gregg**, outgoing chairman of The Korea Society, and other officials of the society to discuss its activities and to exchange views on U.S.-Korea relations on the eve of the 64th anniversary of the Liberation of Korea. The president placed a high value on the contributions The Korea Society is making to U.S.-Korea relations, and in particular he praised all the major contributions to that relationship made by Don over the last 16 years as chairman of the society. The sartorial highlight of the meeting was the pair of purple socks worn by Don—in honor of Williams—which were prominently displayed in all photos of the meeting.

Alec Robertson '52 was good enough to enclose an article written by Don last year after he had been part of the U.S. delegation to the funeral of former Korean President Kim Dae-jung. The article details Don's role in helping to keep President Kim alive after he had been kidnapped in 1973 and after he was sentenced to death for sedition in 1980. Don's concluding paragraph was as follows: “Early in August 2008 I was in Seoul, and almost 36 years after Kim's kidnapping

I visited Severance Hospital, where he had been confined for several weeks in extremely poor health. I could not see President Kim but had a warm visit with his wife Lee Hee-ho. She and other key aides also at the hospital were extraordinarily grateful that quick and effective action by a number of American officials in 1973 and 1980 had given her husband time to bring full democracy to South Korea, to hold a summit meeting with North Korea and to win Korea's only Nobel Peace Prize. This is a story where the CIA got something exactly right and where two presidents, liberal Carter and conservative Reagan, worked hard to keep a noble man alive. Philip Habib was the best ambassador I worked with, and when I became ambassador to Seoul, I named the ambassador's residence ‘Habib House’ in honor of the man who moved so quickly to save Kim Dae-jung in 1973.”

Tim Blodgett sent in some news about two of our classmates.

Pete Kent's grandson Jamal became the father of a boy, Gavin David Kent, who was born in NYC on April 14. Do we have any other great-grandfathers in the class? **Richard Lippincott** is teaching at the University of Arkansas Medical School and owns a number of horses. Tim has made a full recovery from a heart attack he suffered while visiting a daughter in Maryland in June. Fortunately there was no damage to the heart muscle, but Tim says he now is taking more naps.

It will be close to year end when these notes are published, so enjoy the holidays and have a healthy and happy New Year.

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After a summer on Long Island, having some rain then some good weather, and seeing three of four children with spouses and five of eight grandchildren, we are happy to be back at Essex Meadows for a rest. Both sons successfully changed jobs and are happily employed. We are very grateful for this fortuitous turn of events. Hope you all are well and that as many as possible attended the minireunion in the fall.

Heard from **Bill Stroh** with an article from a Florida paper announcing a high school in Lutz, Fla., being named for **George Steinbrenner**: Steinbrenner High School in Hillsborough County. Steven Ayers, director of community relations for the Hillsborough County public schools said: “Over the years, Mr. Steinbrenner has been deeply involved in the community, particularly with the schools and the school system. He's probably donated tens of millions over an extended length of time. Steinbrenner High will offer the usual school subjects such as English, math and science but will kick it up a notch with offerings for students preparing for a career in sports. Sports marketing, sports medicine and the business of sports (BOSS), including George's specialty of entrepreneurship, will be available in grades 9-12. The athletic teams will be called the Warriors, and the football team will play its opening game against Strawberry Crest High School.” (No, it wasn't named after Darryl.) Bill mentioned a TV special on George's life on the YES network shown the first week in September. Hope classmates got to see it. (Our congratulations to George, who obviously really cares for the local community as well as others less fortunate.)

Doug Burgoyne reported: “For the first time in 20 years we had a great family vacation, with two of our three living sons and their wives and children in a magnificent three-story house with pool and hot tub, overlooking Currituck Sound and a stone's throw from the beach, on the beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina. Our Oregon son couldn't make it but will be with us for Christmas. Sadly, we lost our son David in January after a long and courageous battle with multiple illnesses. Joannie and I are loving life in our suburban Richmond townhouse with lots of family and friends in the area; and I'm thoroughly enjoying my part-time ministry at St. James, a large downtown church heavily invested in inner-city and mission work where I teach, preach, visit—and am not in charge of anything! That's as good as it gets! Best wishes to everyone. Sorry I don't get to those minireunions.” (Doug and Joannie are obviously busy and happy)

“Heading back to Naples in mid-October for the winter—will probably miss the mini,” chimed in **Dick Somerby**. “If anyone’s in the Naples area, they should call, and I’ll play tour guide—239.592.1194.

President **Fred Goldstein** reported: “Enjoyed a week-end visiting Nicki and **Paige L’Hommedieu** up at their house in the Adirondacks in July. We celebrated anniversaries together, and weather cooperated. Then the first weekend in August we joined Ann and **Duke Curtis** and Ann and **Doug Foster** for our annual Tanglewood get-together. Weather did not cooperate, but we enjoyed great music anyway. **Jim Manning** and I managed not to come in last again in our flight at the alumni golf weekend but had great fun anyway. We’ve signed up for the New York Philharmonic series again and miss seeing you and Mary Lee there. Will join the L’Hommedieus again for the Roundabout Theatre and Lyrics and Lyricists series.”

“May and June saw me driving Vicki’s car with her to DC and our son’s car with him back to Santa Fe,” stated **Bob Huddleston**. “Robert and I weren’t pushing and made interesting stops in Asheville and Memphis, where we took the obligatory tours of Graceland and Sun Studio. Except for 10 days in Monterey, Calif., at a meeting between U.S. and South African military—with a little R&R on the weekends—I spent the summer home alone with a dog and cat while our children toured Europe. Somehow I thought “the golden years” were going to be different.” (Bob’s wife Vicki is now deputy assistant secretary of defense for Africa in Secretary Gates’ foreign policy office, where she is attempting to balance the relationship between development, defense and diplomacy. Quite an assignment, considering what is going on over there. Good luck, Vicki!)

Bob Bischoff said: “Marigold and I have had a good summer, ending with a large family reunion (120 counting the kids). Sorry that we can’t be at the minireunion, but we’ll be on the high seas sailing on the *Norwegian Dawn* for Bermuda. We’ve always wanted to get there, and it’s finally going to happen (if the hurricane season will allow). Grandson **Michael Ormsbee** ’13 is ensconced in

Mission Park for his first year. Hope he likes it as much as his parents did!”

“Back in February, Rick was granted entrance into the ‘Over-80 club’ with a wide range of festivities,” reports **Rick Wheeler**. “He was welcomed by one senior member with the comment, ‘It’s good to have some younger members!’ Our two eldest daughters, Emily, who started life in Williamstown, and Susan, decided that August would be a better time for the real celebration, and that party turned out to be quite an event! We have been back and forth to our place on Cape Cod and watching over the Holly collection.” Betty Ann is a cherished member of a group of bridge players and, in preparation for the 50th anniversary of our Minuteman National Park here in Concord, Rick has gone onto the Board of The Friends of the Minuteman National Park Association to help guide them through that celebration. Speaking of anniversaries, on 09/09/09, Betty Ann and Rick celebrated their 59th! The Wheelers planned to attend the minireunion in October.

Swiftly Swift said: “Had a wonderful summer at our place in northern Vermont. Lots of family and great weather after a very wet start. I’m keeping busy with my work as an officer of our lake association—a big part was setting up a boat-launch monitoring program to help keep invasive species out of our lake. We have Eurasian Milfoil already, and a strong effort to eradicate it but fear some other ones like Zebra mussels.” Swiftly had to miss the mini—“Family plans take preference, I fear.” He wished every one a “great time in October.”

Judy and **Roger Corwin** were making holiday plans—Thanksgiving in New York, and Christmas and New Year’s in Hawaii.

The following very interesting comment from **Bob Riegler** certainly got my attention and will hopefully cause your scribe to review his requests for Class notes with more compassion and attention: “Your two sentences are profound and troubling. ‘Sadly, we have lost a few. The deadline is fast approaching.’ The deadline for reunion or the deadline for the rest of us to die? Well, maybe it is the same. Keren and I stay busy. The cathedral is still being rebuilt,

a new bishop is to be elected.” Bob and Keren were headed for Egypt in November. (Many thanks for the suggestion, Bob. Actually, the deadline was Sept. 19 for the Class notes, not for any classmates.)

Bob Kimberly reported: “We had a great summer, lots of sun and not enough rain for Seattle.” He wished us a great time at the minireunion and said, “Wish I could join you again.”

In September I spoke to **Bruce Brackenridge**, who had just returned from spending the summer in Bonnie, France, an absolutely lovely place. Bruce and Bobbie have been going there for a number of years and are fluent in French and very knowledgeable about the local culture. Bruce has studied French history in depth and has done much research and made presentations on the interrelationships of musical, social, literary, mathematical and other historical aspects during a 20-year period (1790-1810). Very good stuff!

Spoke to **Bill Hatch** in Cleveland. He and Pat are fine and planned to go to Florida in mid-October. Bill says Jennifer and **Bob Garfield** are doing a lot of charitable work in the Cleveland area.

I am sorry to report the death of **Bill Doherty** on April 4. Bill lived most of his life in Florida, but I have few details. Our condolences go out to his family. Furthermore, you may wish to read **Steve Gribi’s** obituary in this issue.

By the time you read this, the fall will have passed, and winter will be upon us. Mary Lee joins me in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2010.

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Bob Tucker planned to be in West Hartford attending the 100th anniversary of his prep school, Kingswood-Oxford, in October and was to be inducted into the K-O hall of fame for his prowess as a skier (twice the Connecticut junior champion). An award was to be given to Bob named in honor of the former K-O coach, one “Gramp” Hewett—dad of **John Hewett**. This year’s Ephmen

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on the Rocks had but Bob and **George Hartnett** from '53, but George, who had major involvement (such as collecting money) said it was a great success. George returned to Illinois in time to have a "revision" on his 13-year-old hip replacement. Under Marianne's care, a good recovery is assured. George and **Wally Scott** will be chairmen of New Trier's Class of '49 60th reunion. Wally, meanwhile, has written of the arrival of Morty Schapiro at Northwestern, commenting that the president's house is not nearly as attractive as the president's house at Williams (although there is indoor plumbing). Wally had breakfast with **Ken McGrew**, reporting that Ken plays golf a couple of times a week, works out regularly and looks great. The McGrews spend time in Hilton Head in the winter so the golf game doesn't atrophy. Wally continues teaching and "doing other stuff at Kellogg since hanging out with 30-year-olds is great fun." **Tom Belshe** told his eulogist (**Bob Howard**) that after shooting a couple of 89s he is thinking of challenging Tom Watson. But certainly not **Mike Puffer!** Reliable sources mention that Tom will be in the Chicago area for the 60th reunion of his prep school, North Shore Country Day. The Howards entertained in their Vermont vacation home Polly and **John Pike**, Linda and **Bill Williams**, Granthia and **Fred Preston** and **Barbara Weedon**. In addition to outstanding company he said there were some fine pies. Bob had been in touch with **Harry Yeide**, who remains active teaching at George Washington University. While clearing some of the surrounding Vermont forest Bob pulled a muscle in his calf. For those who have either forgotten or else are unaware, Bob has very large calves. The staff at Dartmouth's hospital was impressed. The Sept. 14 *Wall Street Journal* mentions **Daniel Kleppner** as a likely recipient of this year's Nobel Prize in physics. Daniel's work in atomic physics includes the development of the hydrogen maser—which among various technical applications has led to such technology as the Global Positioning System. **John Dighton** was happy to report that he, Joan and two of their daughters had lunch with Tess and **Derry Kruse** in Cooperstown, N.Y., during their annual sojourn there for



Last August, Tim Beard '53 and cousin Carl Breitenstein '10 gathered in Huletts Landing, N.Y., on Lake George.

the Glimmerglass Opera in July. In August John came across **Ted Potter** at a bronze casting demo by a local (Lenox vicinity) sculptor, noting, "Obviously the arts are not yet lost to '53ers." Dighton granddaughter Hannah was at Williams women's basketball coach Pat Manning's summer camp for young prospects. **Gordon Canning** reported his delight that grandson **Erich Trieschman** '13 is a freshman at Williams. The Cannings are excited that this is the third generation at Williams. Erich's parents are Gordon's daughter **Audrey C. Trieschman** '82 and her husband **Karl Trieschman** '82. On the subject of third generations at Williams, possibly the youngest potential third generation for our class is **Mike Lazor's** granddaughter Sophia—born last August—whose father is **Larry Lazor** '84.

Dave Doheny, traveling west from Maryland to Columbus, Ohio, in August realized he would be passing near Steubenville, so he made his way to Franciscan University and tracked down Fr. **Michael Scanlan**, known affectionately as Father Mike. Dave said that while Mike was a bit grayer and perhaps a little slower, he had the same radiant smile Dave remembered from college and Harvard Law School. Mike's remarkable career at the university has been chronicled previously; as Dave saw, Mike is treated on campus as someone between a rock star and the Pope. By coincidence, Dave noticed posters announcing the 50th anniversary celebration for Mike's 50 years as a professed

Franciscan that was to be held on campus Oct. 17. Proceeds will benefit the Father Michael Scanlan Scholarship Fund, which awards full four-year scholarships to two incoming freshmen each year, selected by rigorous competition.

Bob Shorb was to marry Margot Semler Oct. 17. They have known each other for about 65 years, and Margot's three sons and Bob's two sons know each other very well, including all having attended St. Albans. Bob was visiting her this summer in Blue Hill, Maine, and there was given, as he says, the surprise of his life by longtime mutual friend **Mark Cluet** '55 who with wife Libby put together a surprise dinner party featuring **John Beard** '54 and **Bob Seamon** '54. Once he figured out who they were (not quite at first sight), they had a fabulous evening.

Peter Connolly's long-ailing knees are now "bone on bone." Peter admits he is considering surgery sometime in the next 20 years.

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Winter may be closing in, but here's a look back at how the summer went for some of our classmates. If you see a lot of references to grandchildren and medical issues, don't be surprised. But first, a celebratory note from the younger half of our only brother act, **Charlie**



1954 classmates Ken Sperling (left) and Class President Hugh Germanetti gathered in Austin, Texas, in August in reunion regalia.

Foster: “After the excellent gathering for our 55th reunion, a group of family and friends met in Litchfield, Conn., to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of brother **Reed Foster** and his wife Lois. Present for the festivities were **Rob Brandegeee**, his wife Ada, his sister Sal and her husband **Doug Brodie** ’56. After Joanne spent some time helping her sister after a hip operation, we spent a night in Gettysburg in August in order to see the new visitor center and museum there; they are terrific. Then we met the Brandegees and Brodies again for a few very enjoyable days in the Brandegees’ cabin in the southwestern Pennsylvania hills. During that stay, we toured Fallingwater, the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece south of Pittsburgh, and visited the site of the 9/11 Flight 93 crash outside of Shanksville. Even without a permanent monument yet, it’s a very moving experience to be there, recall the dramatic story and see the hundreds of mementos and memorials left there by visitors.”

Another post-reunion report comes from **Jerry Schaffler**: “Following that terrific reunion, the Beards, Hollingtons and Schafflers took on the best golf courses of Vermont and New Hampshire for the better part of a week. As you might imagine, we didn’t exactly bring them to their knees. So we turned to fishing (on the world-renowned Battenkill, no less). My memory becomes somewhat clouded at this point, but I do believe I remember a single fish giving it up for one of the six intrepid anglers stalking it. I’m sure there

must be something else out there we can conquer.”

Then this, from our newly retired class president, **Russ Carpenter**: “Summer weather in New England caused the time to float by at a quick pace. We still had a good time in New Hampshire with both sets of grandchildren plus the usual summer chores, headed by a new sill and flooring in the barn. Then there was the 55th reunion. Little did I consider at the 25th that it would be the first of seven that I would be part of and along the way get to know well so many fine folks. The 55th has a special memory, my first presence in a prayer (thank you, **Wendell Elmendorf**) and my first experience as the target of a standing ‘O’ (thank you, all). See you in June 2014.

“This was the summer that **Steve Lawson** ’71 and I, with the head of our local PBS station, submitted a second proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities for funding to write and produce a TV documentary about my ancestors and Williams alumni in the Field family of Stockbridge in the 1800s and their impact on the country. We learned much from our first proposal two years ago that didn’t make the cut. More research, a better treatment, attention to historical results and scholarly advice translated into a 90-page document that awaits a judgment (and dollars) next April. Wendell, another prayer is needed.”

And this from our longtime webmaster **Bob Comey**: “The summer camp for emotionally challenged children that I wrote

about last year was an early casualty of the recession, so it was a quieter than usual July for Sallie and me. We made our annual trek from North Carolina to Maine in August, where we had a delightful dinner with **Merce Blanchard** ’55 and Mary Louise. Our stay was shorter than usual because of Sallie’s duties as VP of the residents association of our retirement community. She will succeed to the presidency this spring, and I’ll become First Dude and continue to co-edit the community newsletter and serve on a few committees.”

Hugh Germanetti, our new class president, reports, “**Ken Sperling** visited his son John in Austin the last week in August. Nancy and I arranged to meet Ken and his son for lunch. Ken had brought the last known surviving copy of our class’s fifth reunion uniform, a white cap with the purple 1954 emblazoned on its front. In a beautiful and dutifully recorded ceremony, he presented it to me to hold for the class during the next five years. I was instructed to pass it on to the next class president, who must then pass it on to successive class administrations until Ken becomes class president at our 90th reunion. I think this was the announcement of his class presidential campaign for 2044.”

Ann and I also visited Austin in August to visit our oldest son, Owen, and met the Germanettis for dinner but failed to hold any ceremony, simply enjoying the good conversation, good food and good company.

From Oregon, **Cal Collins** reports that he’s “still alive and ambulatory. Lots of reading, letters to the papers and politicians re: the lack of health care in this country (without much effect), yard work and 11 grandkid activities to attend. One of them, my 12-year-old namesake, recently shot 74 from the blue tees at Portland Golf Club. I told him I was probably 34 years old before I did that, and it didn’t happen very often afterwards. He is the same kid who won a Pi contest at school by carrying out 3.14 to 300 numbers. Are there any scholarships to Williams left for the class of 2018? The other 10 kids are just as talented in other ways.”

Vic Earle reports that he and Karen “sold our Manhattan apartment in the nick of time. We are now living near the

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eastern end of Long Island in the house she grew up in, overlooking the ocean. It's a nice spot for a recovering lawyer."

Dan Tritter spent the summer in the south of France, finishing his rehab from surgery in the fall of 2008. "As it turns out," Dan says, "the cut-'n-slice guy cut and sliced my nerve column, thus accounting for my faltering steps and general old-guy syndrome."

In **Guy Verney's** case, the surgery involved his wife Julie. "At the time of the reunion," Guy reports, "We had learned that Julie's stomach had drifted up into her chest, through a hiatal hernia that she had had for many years. She had her surgery on July 1, with an incision that runs from her breastbone to her navel. They moved her stomach back where it belongs and did some additional things that should prevent it from happening again. Unfortunately, the recovery is taking longer than expected, as she keeps developing 'bubbles' in the incision, which have to be drained. She is starting her third one now. Eventually things will improve, but for now she is sleeping alone!"

The Verneys had their regular pre-reunion visit from Madalene and **Tom Woodbury** in June. "The highlight of the visit is always the Boggle battle," Guy says. "Madalene is determined to beat me—maybe next time!"

By the time you read this, you will no doubt have received Guy's letter kicking off another Alumni Fund. He asked me to remind you that "we will need everyone to pitch in if we are going to win the Sawyer Trophy for the sixth straight year!"

From Texas, **Rod Starke** reports, "Esther and I continue to travel a bit, play a lot of golf, enjoy our twin granddaughters, now coming up on 4 years old, and hold on to pretty good health save a few mechanical problems keeping the orthopedists employed. I still do consulting work for the American Heart Association and as an individual have been trying to encourage real health-care reform—including a public option!"

And from The Dalles, Ore., **Joe Usatine** says that the latest book by his son **Richard Usatine '78**, *The Color Atlas of Family Medicine*, "is doing very well and has resulted in several radio and TV appearances for him.



Lois and Reed Foster '54 (front row, fourth and fifth from right) celebrated their 50th anniversary with a host of Ephs in Connecticut in June.

He's a professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. I'm still carrying on a limited tax and accounting practice, which doesn't conflict too much with golf and serving on three local boards. Sorry to have missed the 55th. Hope to make it to the 60th if the good lord is willing and the creek don't rise."

Finally, sad news from Williamstown, where **Russ Carpenter** reports the death in Pownal, Vt., of **Nancy Alden**, widow of **Bill Alden**, after a long battle with cancer. Russ notes that Nancy attended our class dinners at the June reunion, "where she was happy to visit with old '54 friends from so many years ago."

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REUNION JUNE 10-13

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We have received word as I type these notes of the deaths of **John Brayton Redecker** ("Bray") and **George Woods**. Their obituaries will appear in the next issue of *Williams People*. If any of you want to contribute a special note about Bray or George, please send it to me as soon as possible.

President **Merce Blanchard** "wants to thank the many classmates who responded so generously to our appeal for contributions to refill the class

coffers. Among other things, the funds will provide seed money for our 55th: June 10-13, 2010." He hopes this support will continue by helping us achieve our goals in the Alumni Fund.

Don Everett wrote, "We spend about seven months at our residence in Florida and five on Cape Cod. We have had a damp, cool summer. ... I participate as a rules official for several golf tournaments run by the New England Section of the PGA. This activity keeps my brain active while seeing some good golf. I play golf also, including recent rounds with **George Olmsted** and **Bill Gould** at the Dedham Country and Polo Club. I am active in a weekly bridge group on the Cape that includes George, Bill and **Colie Yeaw**. The group has been active for over 50 years. During the summer we have lunch at Eastward Ho and play bridge at various members' homes, in jacket and tie. Colie keeps the group organized." Don was "trying to stay in 'bridge shape,' hopefully for participation with the Vero Beach '55 Bridge Team of **Paul Quinn**, **Whitey Perrott**, **Bill Regan** and myself" so they could "take on all comers at the Vero Bridge Center" in the fall.

Molly Asher, a good correspondent (and better than most of you!) said: "Sorry I've not responded better to your requests for news. My news has mostly been of the boring kind: gardening, seeing friends, reading, playing with cats. I'm about to have an out-patient surgical procedure on a messed-up

Achilles tendon, after which I'll spend 10 days on one leg, etc. I've been practicing—it ain't easy! Must be a moral there somewhere."

Marty Deely responded promptly to my e-mail request for help. "It's been a good summer in the Berkshires despite all the rain. The Tanglewood season and local theaters had banner years." He and Jessie were "off on a cruise for 17 days leaving Sept. 2 from London to Scotland, the Shetlands, Iceland (I was stationed there for a year, 1956-57), Greenland, Halifax and ending up in Boston. I can report that Babs and **Cosby Perry '51** (my neighbors) are in good health and in fine spirits. Had much company this summer including Betty and **Ed McCarthy '56**, who were touring the area for a month to escape the Miami 'heat.' Best wishes."

And ever-faithful correspondent **Frank Isenhardt** wrote: "In August, Debby and **Bill Montgomery** hosted a Williams gathering in their beautiful Aspen digs. Myra and I as well as **Joel Strumpf** and his lady were happy to also have a long-overdue visit with **Bev Shaw, Charlie's** widow. Bev has devoted much of her recent time to completing a portion of Homan Square, the project which Charlie spearheaded in west Chicago's blighted neighborhood for years, prior to his death. The last portion of Charlie's dream is now finished, thanks to Bev and other supporters: Powerhouse High School, which also carries the 'Charles H. Shaw Technical Learning Center' emblazoned on its entrance."

Herb Ladds sent a Bradley Byte to say: "Still splitting our time between Sea Island, Ga., and the Buffalo area. However, New York looks less and less attractive and more and more expensive every day. Will let you know when to officially change your records due to a change in residency."

Jay LaFave e-mailed me to say has a new hobby. "I get up early and root around in the back yard for truffles. I've been doing that since March when I had that pig valve installed in my heart. Other than that I am pretty normal." Jay also sent a Bradley Byte to tell us that he attended the wedding of his grandson **James LaFave '03** and **Danielle Torin '02** in August. There were approximately 50 Williams people in attendance.

Chuck Morey sent a brief e-mail that may or may not reflect the sentiments of a lot of us: "It seems I have nothing to talk about except an increasing number of ailments. So I sit in a chair and do crossword puzzles. But I'm still here. Best wishes to everyone."

Ed Wilkins wrote to say that he's "worried that President Obama will wind up screwing Medicare beneficiaries like me to help fund the trillions of dollars he will need to pay for all the health-care 'reforms' he has in mind." (Ed's e-mail was written in August. Please note that his last name was misspelled in the August issue.)

Richard Maidman wrote that he and Gail had a great trip to the U.K., Spain and France in July and August. He was disappointed that his granddaughter's application to Williams was turned down without any notice to him. I turned Richard's complaint over to **Phil Smith**.

Mac Nelson reported, "**Herb Baker** hosted **Mac Nelson, Steve Klein '53** and **John Hall '53** at this home in Gloucester in June. The great wives of Messrs. Baker, Klein and Hall joined in the partying. Much storytelling, nostalgia and good vibes. **Jack Pratt** and **Guy Verney '54** were anticipated but couldn't make it this year. We also visited **Stan Bradford** at his home in Gloucester; Stan is recuperating from some tough medical problems."

Ted Oviatt wrote that after two years of back problems, he has started running again "at the back of the pack of the cross-country team. He is now director of academic affairs as well as IB coordinator. Marilyn has one-and-a-half years to go for her law degree. I'll be 79 when she gets the scores from the bar exam."

Tom Stark wrote in August that he was having lung surgery to remove a 5-cm tumor in the lower lobe of his left lung. He was doing well post-surgery and was to start hard chemo in November. He is now living in Oregon at 149 Norman Road, Selma, 97538. His e-mail is tstark9@gmail.com. His telephone number is 541.597.4802.

Bob Behr sent news of the 55th reunion: "June 10-13, Wednesday night through Sunday noon. Come for the full time or come when you can. We'll have HQ at one of the cottages in the Dodd House

(old Williams Inn) complex, with most meals at Dodd. We might have an early bird cookout at **Sandy Laitman's** on Wednesday, and we might have a cocktail hour at the good old 1896 House on Thursday or Friday. Housing at Dodd is inexpensive and includes private baths. A full slate of engaging seminar speakers will hold forth at the new '62 Center for Theatre and Dance from Thursday afternoon through Friday. The new Williams president will wrap up those sessions with a talk on Friday at 4. ... Saturday brings the purple parade and the annual meeting of the world's oldest society of alumni. Then there is a spectrum of events Saturday afternoon, from soup to nuts playing golf. (Golf and tennis are available any time.) A Sunday memorial service wraps up the weekend. Save time for looking at our two fine art museums, the Clark and the Williams College Museum of Art. Reunion rangers with golf carts will whisk the less mobile of us to campus events from Dodd. And special vehicles will do the same for the parade. We'll have exclusive dinners and bull sessions when we can review and analyze the world's events. Great fun and camaraderie await."

We would also like you to notice that the Class of 1984 notes are currently being co-written by my niece **Carrie Bradley Neves**, daughter of my kid brother, **Peter F. Bradley '59**. It's kind of cool having a kid brother over 70 and a member of the Old Guard. We should ask the editors if there are other Williams families who have members both writing at the same time.

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At the time this article was written the Class of '56 minireunion of 2009 was still to come. By the time this article is read, it will have gone, but hopefully lots of interesting news and stories will appear in the next article. Meanwhile, it is time to share the news which came in this summer.

It is always sad to note the passing of a classmate or a

member of a classmate's family. This time I have four notices. These classmates, as well as those whose passing has been previously reported, will be fondly remembered.

Russ Salmon died in May 2009. He was a professor emeritus in the Indiana University Department of Spanish and Portuguese and an inspirational and devoted teacher. He played important roles in IU's study abroad and service-learning programs, leading a Spanish language workshop for teachers in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, for more than 13 summers and directing the IU study abroad programs in Madrid and the Mexican cities of Guanajuato and Cuernavaca.

Another May death, following a long illness, was **Stoakley Swanson**. He became a member of the faculty at Sacramento State University in 1981 and served as chair of the marketing department and a faculty senator for both local and statewide offices. Stoakley was known by his colleagues for his ready, dry wit. As the communiqué which I received said: "Friends will remember him for his critical and often contrarian thinking that imbued his observations with illustrative quotations and aphorisms, characteristic of his unique personality."

Pete Zentay passed away on Sept. 15 in a Veterans Nursing Home in St. Louis. This sad news was sent to me by **Tink Campbell**, who noted that he and Pete met as freshmen and roomed together in their senior year. After graduation, each participated in the other's wedding. After Williams, Pete served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Germany. In due course, he moved to St. Louis, where he and Wanda (now deceased) spent their final days.

Chip Clark died on Sept. 5. Chip was an avid sportsman—he played football and baseball while at Williams and loved golf, running, sailing and hunting. He spent 45 years in the securities industry, including serving as senior manager or partner with UBS, Paine Webber, Kidder Peabody, Bache Halsey Stuart, Auerbach Pollock & Richardson, and Calvin Bullock Ltd. He still found time to be an avid reader, watercolorist and drawer. Chip is survived by his wife of 53 years, **Ruthann**, and two children, **Elizabeth** '81 and **Jim** '84.

If you looked at the back cover of the *Alumni Review* for June 2009, you saw a very nice picture of **Ed Amidon** and **Jim Symons** together with some thoughtful comments by each of them. Jim: "I am experiences/ideas/feelings gathered over 71 years that grow in a field—like flowers/grasses/trees over the seasons of life. Some of the seeds were planted at Williams in the early '50s. New seeds are being planted today." Ed: "Upstate New York small-town boy who returned to his rural roots as a county lawyer and judge. Father, husband and lover of wilderness. Descendent of Ephraim Amidon, a private at the Battle of Bennington." I asked Ed for the story behind the picture and the quotes. His fascinating reply was that he and Jim were wandering around the campus at our 50th, catching up on each other's lives, when they decided to check out the new performing arts center. They were peering around when they happened upon a dance studio that seemed to have been turned into a photography studio. Lured in, the magazine editor told them that photos of "old guys"—Ed's words, not mine—were needed and they were then requested to distill their lives in 50 words or less. Lots of other photos from the same project have been printed in the Review, including one of Prof. **Fred Rudolph** '42, who Ed noted is "still with it" in his 90s and who re-read *Moby-Dick* last year.

A terrific letter came in from **Elliott Lyon**, who recounted a series of remarkable post-Williams accomplishments. First and foremost, he has been married to Miriam for 53 years. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1959, he clerked for a justice on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court along with **Kim Burbank**. Elliott still recalls the trauma of his son Michael being born on the morning of his Massachusetts Bar exam. After moving to Chicago, he practiced law for 10 years and then co-founded a holding company which acquired manufacturers of recreational vehicles, buildings and ambulances. The company went public in 1972, and Elliot was president until he sold his interest in 1978. For the next 15 years he served as a business consultant to a Chicago computer software developer. For the last 15 years he has been part of a peer-led program for

retired people under the aegis of Northwestern University. And in the midst of all this, he created time for sailboat racing (about 30 years), photography (which is still ongoing), extensive travel and theater (including a stint as president of the board of Chicago's famous Steppenwolf Theater). Thanks, Elliott, for sharing this intriguing personal history.

Another nice letter came in from **Francis Schell**, who reported that "life marches happily along—gardening, writing and traveling." He says he serves as under-gardener to wife Page Dickey on their three-acre spread, and that carries many benefits: It "keeps me in shape and in relatively good health, and it gives me inspiration for articles I write while Page works on a book." Three times a year Francis and Page spend a fortnight at their French farmhouse just south of Paris, which, he notes, is available for renting by the week. In January they fulfilled a lifelong ambition to see Angkor Wat in Cambodia. During the summer they spent time with son **Peter** '85 and family (four children) and daughter **Marie-Elizabeth** '85 (four children). Add in the grandchildren, and we are talking about a significant extended family. Since the 50th reunion, Francis has seen **Rod Ward**, who serves with Page on the board of directors of The Garden Conservancy (whose amazing woodland garden in Delaware is profiled by Page in her most recent book).

Ted Slosson has lived in Santa Fe for over 20 years. He tried retirement, but that proved unsatisfying, so now he runs the BMW agency in Santa Fe. Business is a little slow these days, but the beauty of Santa Fe is "sun, sun, sun," which Ted translates to "golf, golf, golf and ski, ski, ski." Ted has three children: a son in Pennsylvania, a daughter in North Carolina and his youngest, a major in the U.S. Army in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Sally and **Jack Chapman** set sail (so to speak) on a Baltic cruise with son John and his family. Jack's part of the country (Florida) went through a long, hot summer, so he was looking forward to days in the 50s and 60s. (In a different part of the country—Chicago, for example—50s and 60s plus rain is what we pretty much experienced throughout the summer.)

The weather aside, each

summer the Chicago area is blessed by the existence of the Ravinia Festival, a performing arts center on the North Shore comparable to Tanglewood. In late August, the Williams Club of Chicago organized a Williams picnic on the lawn to converse and hear the incomparable Tony Bennett. The Class of '56 was well represented, accounting for more than a quarter of the entire Williams group. Enjoying the evening were Paula and **Tink Campbell**, Toni and **Ken Harkness**, Gay and **John Taylor**, Laurie and **Bill Troyer**, Judy and **Vern Squires** and **Bill Kerr**.

Another cruise report comes from your correspondent (meaning **Vern Squires**). Judy and I just completed a cruise originating in Athens, Greece, with stops at Santorini, Rhodes, Kusadaki (which includes the remarkable Ephesus site), Mykonos and Patmos and ending in Istanbul, with a side trip to Cappadocia. The “Old City” section of Istanbul, with the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and numerous other monuments to the dreams of their creators, made a lasting impression. Until this trip, my appreciation of the Byzantine Empire and then the Ottoman Empire was much too incomplete, and while I am still no expert on the history of Asia Minor I have returned much enriched and with a sense of awe at magnitude of these two cultures and the drama of their rise and fall.

After returning from a trip to Poland, **John Garfield** shared with me a letter he wrote to former Williams President Morty Schapiro to express thanks for the latter’s support for the Williams Scholarship Luncheon. This event brings together the recipients of named scholarships and the donors or their representatives and celebrates the long tradition of private giving that has enabled Williams to continue and prosper over decades. The named scholarships epitomize a family oriented commitment to Williams over generations. As John noted, the combination of these two attributes have made Williams a special place culturally as well as academically. One of these scholarships is the **Harry A. Garfield**, Class of 1885, Scholarship, set up years ago by John’s father in honor of his father, the president of Williams from 1908 to 1934. (**Harry A. Garfield’s** father, **James A. Garfield**, Class of 1856, John’s

great-grandfather, was elected president of the U.S. in 1880 and served until his untimely death in September 1881 after being mortally wounded by an assassin two and a half months earlier.) Thanks to these annual luncheons, John and Sylvia have met outstanding students from all over the world. In spring 2009, John was thrilled to receive a friendly note from the “Garfield graduate” in Bangladesh.

Speaking of presidents of Williams, I should note parenthetically that a wonderful website exists which lists all the presidents of the College, complete with biographies and pictures. Check out www.williams.edu/home/presidents.

Sig Balka continued his many contributions to the world of fine art with his sponsorship of an exhibit at the Williams Club in New York of the works of Avigdor Arikhas, an Israeli painter, printmaker and art historian. Sig reported that the opening of the event was a great success, with many more attendees than he had anticipated. Sig, as I have previously noted, had been instrumental in organizing the minireunion.

A nice note from **Price Zimmerman** said that he and Margaret are not up to anything exciting but then described a delightful night spent with Betsy and **Phil Palmedo**, which included enjoying the Palmedos’ amazing collection of contemporary sculpture, Phil’s books on prominent sculptors and Betsy’s concerts. On a recent trip to Bar Harbor, Maine, Price watched the surf kicked up by Hurricane Bill but, like 11 other spectators, he avoided being swept out to sea. As Price wryly observed, “that *would* be something to tell the class!” Price, take care of yourself—I am definitely not that hard up for news.

Jo Anderson reported that the Maine contingent of the Class of '56 was not able to get together this summer, but he and Betsy did see Noanie and **Jock Duncan** twice for lovely evenings, once in Weld and once in Rangeley. Once back in Chapel Hill, Jo will be busy writing and participating in three research projects, so, as he says, “I will be both retired and possibly retarded!” I can buy the former but never the latter.

My thanks to the contributors to this article. Next up: a report from Williamstown.

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This update coincides with the end of “summer” and the onset of fall in late September. Weather starting to chill a bit, but the weather trends continued to baffle not only the weather men but greater Williamstown as well. We had never experienced these variables in my memory but were still hopeful that the fall season would produce the color and crispness to which we are accustomed.

We expected around 30 classmates, scholars and interns to the Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10-12, which was organized by **Pete Fleming** and **Nick Wright**. I hope more of you came back to greet the students/grads with our annual dinner at the Taconic Golf Club following a busy Saturday including lunch with the Classes of 1958-64 prior to the Bates football game. Whether you returned or not, we can all be impressed and pleased with the student summaries you received last May from Pete and the College.

Kate and **Rob Beebe** enjoyed another 10-day trip last summer cruising on their boat with Mimi and **Dee Gardner** along the Maine coast. “We wisely avoided the impact of two hurricanes, riding out the winds and heavy rain in protected harbors, reading books and playing cards below while waiting for better weather. In spite of that, there was some excellent sailing in good weather as well as lots of conversation about the positive influence Williams has had on all of us.”

Duane Yee still wants to host a minireunion in Hawaii and reports, “Just wanted to say hello and aloha, esp. to those attending in October. The speaker’s topic is appropriate for what I have been involved with during the past decade—wish I could be there.” Exciting news from the Berrys as their daughter **Liz** ’82 has moved to South Africa, where her husband has been appointed the U.S. ambassador by President Obama. **Don McLean** is well, and I spoke to him during his September break in Florida. He has mostly been in contact with the Williams admission office in support of the application from a young

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lady from Atlanta. I encourage you to write college admission if and when you have candidates with excellent academic/extracurricular records. This alumni support becomes part of their admission record and could influence a final decision.

Bob Lane has advised that after 10 years as investment adviser to the endowment fund of the 6,000-member National Flute Association (NFA), he has decided to step down. “Somehow, I managed to get through these past two horrific years and the fund has increased ... over the past 10 years to approximately \$800,000 as of Sept. 1.” The WFA Chairman Leonard Garrison stated in the winter 2008 *Flutist Quarterly*, “Having worked with Bob when I was treasurer, I was constantly amazed by his prescience—he always saw it coming—and his ability to beat the market in good times or bad. We have lost a little ground but much less than we could have. Our fund has out-performed all major stock indices thanks to **Bob Lane’s** leadership.” Bob and wife D’Ann enjoyed a two-week trip to the Northwest in August including Seattle and Portland. “We were impressed by driving through the Cascade Mountain Range and awed by the volcanic destruction from the Mount St. Helens eruption. Another highlight was Cannon Beach on the Northern Oregon coastline.”

Speaking of the Northwest, **Hugh Clark** has been fishing, traveling and politicking with the long, hot summer in Seattle. “The Southern Oregon coast is one of the wonders of the western world for scenery, beach hikes and gardens. Plan a trip from Brookings to Charleston Offshore sea stacks, sea mammals, Pacific surf crashing on rocks tossing spray 30 feet in the air with splendid formal gardens at Shore Acres to greet you. I have urged my Washington senators and reps to strive for major health reform including a public option. Based on 45 years’ experience in public hospitals, university medical schools and private practice, a disaster awaits us if we do not act aggressively. The lunatic fringe—death squads, socialized medicine, forced abortions, Obama as a Muslim and/or Ché sympathizer—astound me. The press may cover the fringe but has an obligation to make the truth clear.”



1957 classmates Howard Gardner (left) and Len Kirschner enjoyed a weekend in Gloucester last summer.

Occasionally, I have heard from **Jack Tucker** in Signal Mountain, Tenn., over the years. Last August, Jack sent me an article from *The New York Times* entitled “Rah, Rah, Résumé,” which outlined the “reach out” of colleges/universities to older alumni, helping them survive layoffs. Jack was interested in what Williams was doing in this time of economic crisis, so I asked John Noble, who heads up career counseling, to contact Jack. The *Times* article mentions Lehigh, Syracuse, Bucknell, Cornell and Northwestern, but Williams and many other institutions are providing assistance such as résumé critique, approaching a job search and connecting with grads in related fields. Thanks, Jack, and we still hope you will visit us in Williamstown one of these days.

Joe Perrott has published a 264-page book entitled *Sure-Kill*, which has a high five-star rating, including a review from **Henry Bass**. Henry writes, “*Sure-Kill* is a novel that presents a penetrating critique of the failure of psychotherapy professionals to deal with dangerous people in our society. It is also an exciting and moving story, a tribute to the author’s literary talent. He effectively switches back and forth from a third-person narrative to a first-person account by Paul, the psycho killer. You come to identify with Paul and realize that if you had been unlucky enough to inherit a terrible gene or his family background, this could all happen to you. It is an exciting read that holds the reader’s attention,

and I recommend it to anyone concerned with how we treat mentally ill criminals today and to anyone who has a relative or friend with a destructible mental illness.” Thanks, Henry, and congratulations, Joe. Anyone interested can access information at Amazon.com by searching for *Sure-Kill*.

Bob Driesen reported very sad news last July that **Skip Coles’** son was killed in a car accident in Uganda. We also lost **David K. Anderson** in August. Dave was from Buffalo, and while he did not graduate with us he maintained his interest in Williams. Dave worked with museums, including his own art gallery, and established close working relationships with the Albright Knox Art Gallery, MoMA-NYC, the Whitney Museum, the Guggenheim, the Smithsonian Museum and the University of Buffalo, where he was the recipient of an honorary degree.

We lost **Tony Furgueson** to cancer last July 12 in Islip, N.Y. Williams was represented at the “Celebration of his new Life” by the Floods, Lombinos, Fortenbaughs, Ann Brockleman and Rosemary and **Paul Phillip**. P.B. writes, “The eulogies captured Tony as a man who focused on directness as opposed to political correctness. His likes started with family and included friends, duck hunting, clamming, sailing, his country, his business, lacrosse and lacrosse players. His dislikes were headed by any form of pretension. This category included shiny cars, Paris Hilton and women commuters who sat next to him on the train while they adjusted

their make-up. He was also clear in his opinion of liberals. His pastor noted that Tony never failed to greet him irreverently each Sunday as he entered the church. For those of us who knew Tony at Williams and post-college, the remarks were totally accurate. As the manager of his own investment firm he worked hard, and was well organized, longterm oriented and successful. Modern portfolio theory and short-term market-timing ranked high in his dislike category. Tony was unique. The clearest tributes to his life are **Dickie**, his children and their children.” Many thanks, P.B., and Fergie was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

When we lose family, friends, classmates and others, I often regret a lack of communication and reunion with those who are gone. As your class secretary, one of my responsibilities is to include news about each classmate once per year. Over the past 12 years, I haven’t come close to this objective and accept a portion of the responsibility. But you need to think about the value of your Williams communication and let me hear from you. Approximately 15 percent of 1957 responds on an annual basis, so you can do better. OK? End of sermon and thanks.

One other question for you. I have been so impressed by those of you who are writing and publishing in our “elder hostel” stage of life. The latest in that regard is **Joe Perrott’s** book and its very positive reviews. Several of us have been writing about our lives in response to children/grandchildren’s interest in knowing more about our life experiences. I know **Dick Towne** is working on a genealogy project as part of his overall story. I have begun recording my meanderings, starting with family ties to the South and 18 moves during 50-plus years of marriage. In any event, we will all be part of history one of these days. Warmest wishes from Williamstown.

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Always wanting to be on top of things, I couldn’t help but wonder, in short-thermometered San Diego, how cold it must be

at the peak of Mount Talmadge, 9,100 feet or so over Antarctica, in darkest July. Minus 80, 90, 100? **Jack Talmadge**, the honored namee, didn’t know either, exactly, but I sensed he might be on to a good pony running that afternoon at Delmar. Jack is having a great time in retirement. Or maybe semi-retirement. He may have an iron or two in the fire. Jack coaches a girls’ volleyball team at San Diego

Csilla had some difficulties about a year ago but she had a pacemaker installed, which Don says has “stabilized everything, to our great relief.” Don also reports in a substantial update that he has a book contract “for a set of Prof. Don Gifford lectures I found among his papers.” Don is also working on a book on the British writer Robert Holdstock and edits the *Hungarian Journal of English*

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The American Neurological Society elected Lou Caplan '58 as an honorary member—the organization’s highest honor—in October. Caplan, a leader in the treatment and research of strokes, is a senior neurologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

State University, **Dick Attiyeh’s** up-and-coming pre-retirement institution. He is thinking about relocating his residences to spend more time in the summer with family and grandchildren in the East while wintering in San Diego. Jack says his greatest feat was walking around the world in eight or 10 steps at the South Pole.

Jack and I speculated as to where **Charlie Schweighauser** might be fishing. Karen and I missed Veep **Zeke Knight** this time, who was in Massachusetts. We hope to see all the San Diegans next trip.

More on the level, **Don Morse** says he used to live on the “Great Plain of Michigan”—southwestern Ontario—but now he resides on the Great Plain of Hungary, the region east of Budapest. Don and Csilla reside in Debrecen, Hungary’s second-largest city. It has, Don says, good food, good wine, good jazz and good classical, forestalling any need to travel for the good life. But travel the Morses do, recently to Portugal and through-out Transylvania, Csilla’s native land. Don and Csilla’s translated Hungarian plays have been staged at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and telecast. Don continues to chair the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, a growing organization. Sentiment for Obama is strong in Hungary, Don says, and he worked the Internet on the president’s behalf last November. Don and Csilla get back to the States about three times a year.

and *American Studies*. Don and Csilla were teaching a course in Sligo, Ireland, in the fall. To cap it off, they have a new granddaughter.

Still on the continent, **Ted Wynne** channeled (I’m guessing because I like the word) over to France for some holiday and while there got into an evocative war story. Before our senior year, Ted came into possession of a sign from Carr’s Beach in Maryland stating “Notice—Dancing With Female Impersonators is Strictly Forbidden—The Management, Carr’s Beach.” The sign briefly adorned the bar at the Sig Phi house, but shortly after rushing it was purloined by some unknown individual or individuals. Ted, noting that the Statute of Limitations has no doubt passed, would like to know the fate and present resting place of this *objet trouve*. Assistance, guys, please! Hearsay, rumor, anonymity accepted.

About halfway around the world, I asked **Dave Andrew** during one of the North Korean dictator’s hissy fits if security concerns ran high on the islands. He reported no undue concern, given current technology. Dave and Bonnie’s daughter-in-law graduated from the Punahou School in 1989 with Barack Obama. Security is tight when he comes to visit, as it is here.

I got a great note from **Lou Caplan**. Lou reports that son **Danny** ’88 got married and had a little boy; **David** ’92 moved to the Boston area with his (now roughly) 4-year-old twins; and **Benjamin** ’03 entered his last

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year of Tufts Medical School. Lou adds: “We were visited this summer in Brookline by all of our six children and all 10 grandchildren. Brenda and I recently traveled to Beijing, Tibet and many cities in Japan.”

In October, Lou will become an honorary member of the American Neurological Association, the world’s oldest of its kind. Lou will also be honored by the opening of a stroke center named in his honor at the University of Maryland Medical School. Congratulations, Lou! What good news to report. When I last exchanged with Lou he was in Paris, about to play tennis with a retiring colleague.

My co-Phoenician **Larry Nilsen** and I share particular enthusiasm for the predawns, the sunrises and sunsets here in the Sonoran Desert. Larry and Barbara also see a number of them from a mountain perspective, around Flagstaff, and enjoy the music up there of the coyotes howling, too.

Larry stays in practice treating patients on a voluntary basis periodically at the local St. Vincent de Paul clinic but doesn’t miss “the challenge of running an office amid rising overhead and declining reimbursements.” Larry hopes Congress doesn’t go overboard and effectively kill most of the remaining primary care offices; as I write this, he isn’t optimistic.

A good number of our classmates were present for the memorial celebration service for **Karl Schoeller** at Christ Church in Greenwich and the gathering at the Round Hill Club thereafter. Among those present were **Matt Donner**, **David Gray**, **Whitey Kaufmann**, **Rich Lombard** and **Jim Stevens**. **Jim Bowers** and **Ed Hughes** spoke to the memory of Karl at the service. **David Sims** and **Chet Lasell** were ushers. **Marcia** also designated **Tim Smith** and **Fay Vincent** ’60 as honorary ushers. Marcia found a trumpeter who did a fine rendition of “Yard by Yard” as a postlude. The Ephs present sang along.

We’ve got some moves. Minkie and **Bruno Quinson** sold their summer home in New Marlboro and acquired a new one in Pittsfield. That’s just the beginning, for Ephs. Quoting Bruno: “The house was built by a Chicago entrepreneur in 1886 on the sight of Court Hill. Court Hill had been built by Col. William Williams, a brother of our own Ephraim Williams.

Our new address will be 494 Williams St. The original house where the colonel held court as he ran Berkshire County for the English before the revolution. It burned down in the early 1800s.”

The move facilitates management of the Barrington Stage Company, which Minkie chairs and which has seen outstanding artistic success (see July 7 article at www.berkshiresweek.com, a newspaper that President Chet sent me with a pic of the dancing Quinsons). Bruno also hopes to get to Williamstown and the newly improved Taconic Golf Course more often.

Betsy and **Joe Young** planned to be in their new home in Kennett Square, Pa., well before Christmas. Kennett Square is just north of Wilmington, Del., near Longwood Gardens and the Andrew Wyeth Museum. Joe says they’re trading 140 inches of snow for about 14. What a great short sale!

The Youngs were recently hosted sumptuously by Susan and **Spencer Jones** in Maine. I hear Spencer’s golf game is in top form; he frequently plays with **John Palmer** ’59.

Joe and Betsy also ran into Pam and **Dick Siegel** at Glimmerglass in Cooperstown and enjoyed a good meal as well as the opera. Dick advises in turn that he and Pam and Ann and **Tom Connolly** already have tickets for four operas at Glimmerglass next June. It was good to learn of this Mecca for opera buffs.

Dick’s and RPI’s entertainment/learning movie *Molecules to the MAX* is scheduled to open in IMAX and other selected theaters before the end of 2009. It’s a 40-minute movie designed to appeal to all ages. It is a pioneering movie, advancing the idea of “stealth education.” It focuses on Dick’s field, nanotechnology. Two references are www.molecularium.com and www.nano.rpi.edu; call your local IMAX.

Further, apropos moves, **Denny Doucette** has engineered Gretchen’s move back home in Concord. Denny credits his and Gretchen’s large supporting cast. Gretchen improves constantly.

I informally inquired of some of our lawyers how they felt about Judge (now Justice) Sotomayor. A couple of the responses were essentially factual and notable. **David Kane** enjoyably hosted Judge

Sotomayor some years ago while he was president of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association and she was his guest speaker at the annual dinner for 3,000 or so lawyers and judges at the Waldorf. David is sure that the new Justice will contribute vigorously at the Court.

Ed Hughes litigated in front of Judge Sotomayor when she was a federal trial judge. Ed feels that she will be a great addition to the Court.

You’ve probably seen that Prof. **J.M. Burns** ’39 is out with a new book addressing judicial review. While he was teaching at Williams last winter, **Carl Vogt** dined and spent an enjoyable evening with Prof. Burns, an octogenarian and as astute and lively as ever, Carl says.

Jim Murphy writes: “I just had my left knee revised as part of the implant from 16 years ago (wow, that long) wore out. In replacing the plastic my surgeon also found my tibia or fibula (whichever it is) needed some realignment too. I had it done at the Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC and am now recovering with a cane.” He hoped to get the 45 staples out in mid-September. “Will see how fast I recover.” Godspeed, Jim.

Ann and **Peter Paullin** spent five weeks in central New York State last summer, but it was so cold they went back to Michigan to warm up. There they enjoyed ferrying their grandchildren around throughout the upper Midwest, Mackinac and Manitowoc. In October they planned to visit German friends and stay around Lago Maggiore and thereafter travel through the Dolomites and lower Alps and finally to Florence.

Jim Becket has been in Peru, making a film about economic development and its effects upon natives along the upper Amazon with the economist Hernando de Soto. The film has been screened and sharply critiqued politically pro and con. I’ll tell you, the diversity of our classmates’ activities sometimes sets my mind areel!

I asked **George Vare** what he was going to do for an encore after things like Geyser Peak, Beringer, Ribolla Gialla and Tokaj Friuli. He said he’d get back when he was done “crushing.” I know he’s got nothing but the latest state-of-the-art gleaming equipment, but wouldn’t it be fun to get into

a pit or vat or whatever and stomp around barefoot? Just kidding, George, I know you want to simplify your life.

Steve Cartwright claims to work less efficiently than he did 15 years ago but just as hard. The reason is that the bond market has remained strong throughout the downturn and with taxes going up promises to remain strong, munis in particular. Elizabeth, an inveterate volunteer as well as a magnificent cook, works with the Red Cross and ferries the aged and infirm around to where they need to go. Steve says she takes good care of him, too. Elizabeth visits the kids out West about five times a year; Steve gets to go on three of those.

Carl Smith ran into **Dick Attiyeh** in the produce section of a Whole Foods store in La Jolla last August. Carl and Julia joined Dick and Jesse for drinks at their home and then went out to dinner. As Carl and Dick noted, they had been in San Diego at different universities since the late 1960s but did not run into each other until our 50th reunion. Carl also reports that he will be on the East Coast from January to May, joining his wife at Princeton, where she will be on fellowship for the academic year at the Institute for Advanced Study. He looks forward to being more accessible for various Williams events or meeting classmates than when in Arizona.

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Here in December I cannot forget June and the 50th reunion, a special week, meeting some of our classmates for the first time in years. A night of fireworks by **Pete Wilmott** and a memorial service by **Norm Cram** the next day bound us to classmates who have passed on to the next life.

The pragmatic aspects of the reunion were also meaningful: speeches by outstanding people (President Schapiro, **Ernie Fleishman**, Rev. **Robert Gould**, **Bill Moomaw**, **Sarah Underhill** '80, **Jerry Rardin** and **Dan Rankin**); sports by talented 70-year-olds (golf, tennis, hiking, fishing, etc.); arts all over the campus by classmates and their

relatives; outstanding meals; and the impressive campus march by healthy 50th reunion folks in our class uniform designed by **Bruce Listerman**. **Beth Listerman** wrote: "I thought the service was incredibly nice. Of course, Bruce was in my thoughts that weekend as I talked with some of his pals. He would have loved it all!"

We were, indeed, fortunate to return to the 50th at Williams, a school that taught us to think both rationally and spiritually; a school where we met people who have befriended us for our lifetimes.

Jack Hyland sent me a humorous e-mail about his grand experience at reunion; the day after Jack faced a hip-replacement operation with Dr. **Chip Cornell** '55 at the New York Hospital for Special Surgery. Jack wrote: "**Bob O'Neill**, dressed up in his dreadful purple costume, offered to do my operation right there at the reunion tent, but I declined his generous gesture. I learned that **Geoff Morton** and **Nick Frost** both are in line to have new hips. **Cliff Colwell** came to me, saw me leaning on my Duane Read cane, and said 'You really need hip surgery.'

"Cliff then volunteered that he had trained at the Hospital for Special Surgery and has made hip replacements his life specialty. I asked how many he has done, and the astonishing answer was 8,400. At the class picture I sat next to my KA roommate **Kuhrt Wieneke**, an orthopedic surgeon who also trained at the Hospital for Special Surgery. He gave me upbeat statements about the results of the procedures.

Marc Newberg, with years as the favorite doctor of everyone in Greenwich, was helpful; he called after the surgery to see how everything went.

"**Rardin**, **Newberg** and others were right—it is a transformative event. I'm glad, though, I did not have it done by physicist **O'Neill** in the reunion tent. At lunch in NYC **Alan Benton** was glad to see me standing upright. And I've heard from **Nick Frost**, who, having had his hip replaced, feels much better. I would guess that **Geoff Morton** is next."

Bob Hatcher, who sadly missed reunion because of open-heart surgery, which Hatcher-like he survived, is presently working on another book. He is focusing, Hatcher-like, on the concept

"Every day is a gift."

Good mail from **Bob Embry**, who claims unique fame in our class in that he has two children at Williams—**Julia** '13 and **Clair** '11. Great job, Bob; better job by wife Mary Ann, mother of four girls.

Great to see **Nick Smith** at 50th, though he was struggling with a shoulder implant. He wrote, "Wine business is slow due to recession, and my grapes are struggling from too much rain and not enough sun to ripen. All we can do is stand back and watch!" We hope Nick got a break in September.

Also great to see **Henry Cole**, who along with **Ernie Fleishman** was responsible for the concept of a class gift on education. Hank loves poetry and sent me a package of some of his favorites.

Jere Packard had what he called, "A summer of weddings, four days in Prague (a visit to Terezin/Theresienstadt) for nuptials of a former Czech student and in Mystic, Conn., for my son. Also, just took an adjunct teaching job at a local northeast PA college, Misericordia U-2 sections of Western civ. Phased out of my teacher placement work for Search Associates, which unfortunately means I won't be visiting Williams this fall, as I have the past two, to interview seniors about teaching."

Peter Tacy regrets that he couldn't make it to reunion, but he says, "It's been a strange year: Barb, much of last eight months, recovering from a severe leg break. Other than spending much of winter as a home health aide to Barb, I've continued to be active as a chamber music violinist and currently commodore of the yacht club in Stonington. Also continued my 'retirement career' as a writer of books. The first, which you saw at reunion, was published in 2006 and has done well. I've recently completed what I hope is the final draft of another, about Appleby College in Canada ... the entire undertaking, from archival research (much of it in the marvelous rare book library of the Univ of Toronto) to scores of interviews and then several months of actual writing, has been absorbing, intellectually challenging and flat-out fun."

A note from **Dan Rankin** makes it clear why we elected him president of our class: "Both **Grey McGown** and **Marc Newberg** have sent me the Forbes article

ranking colleges with Williams behind West Point, Cal Tech and Princeton. Its fourth spot, however, is ahead of Harvard, Yale, etc. I must admit I don't put a whole lot of stock in these ratings but, but. ... I'm not unhappy when I see Williams up near the top. I know the sun doesn't rise and set on the Berkshires; however, my adolescent pride shamefully shows when these articles appear. Grow up, Rankin!"

One of our best golfers, **Hobie Robinson**, reports a tough match with **Dick Wells** '49: "I'm chagrined to report that in my annual golf match the Class of '59 was soundly defeated 2 and 1. **Dick Wells** and the Class of '49 was supported by his wife Ann, who sunk the winning putt on the 17th green. Despite fine support from my wife Ingela and shooting a 75 on my own ball, we once again went down to defeat. This tradition started 10 years ago when **Jerry Tipper** and I were destroyed by Dick and one of his able classmates. Dick, at the time, was just shy of 75 years of age, and I remember telling Tipper, 'Wait till he's 85; we'll certainly beat him by then.' Well, Dick just celebrated his 85th birthday and another one of my predictions has gone wrong. Halligan, help!"

"But as **John Palmer** would say, 'The Class of '59 came in second and the Class of '49 came in next to last.'"

Bob MacAlaine in August wrote, "Phillies Surge—Red Sox Struggle!" Thanks, Mac. His report on **Pim Goodbody** is far more thoughtful: "**Pim Goodbody** had a busy four days [in August]. ... He competed in the U.S. Rowing Masters National Championships on the Cooper River in Camden, N.J.; rowed four races on Thursday and one each Friday, Saturday and Sunday in single sculling and men's and mixed doubles, quads and, I think, an eight; and collected several medals in the 70-74 division. It's amazing how many trim, fit young men there are in that class! Pim has competed in many events, including the world championships, which were held in Croatia and Lithuania in recent years. I was fortunate to see his single sculling race on Saturday and then enjoy a leisurely lunch with Pim and meet several of his rowing friends. Watching Pim race the long course, lift his scull out of the river, hoist it over his

head and walk it to its slot tired me out. On Sunday after his last race, Pim lashed his scull to the top of his car and headed back to his summer home in Chaumont, N.Y.—a mere eight-hour drive."

As of this moment Pim may well be '59s best athlete!

In August our President **Dan Rankin** sent us an important note: "Bad news for our class is the death of **Fred Stocking** '36, one of our greatest English professors. I received this sad note from **Ernie Imhoff**: '**Fred Holly Stocking** '36, a favorite Williams College English professor, died at the age of 94. A 'celebration of the great good gift of life' was held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Williams Faculty House at Park and Main Streets, followed by a reception. Fred taught at Williams for more than 40 years. He retired in 1983 and was the Morris Professor of Rhetoric, emeritus. He was an engaging guy in many ways; I wrote his daughter Sally that the image I had held for 50 years of his spirited, friendly classroom held true when I visited with him and his wife **Carol** during the '59 minireunion last October. He laughed over old times ("What did I ever talk about so much when I was so young?") and reviewed his recent hobbies, including music and painting ("Carol drives me to a class in Pittsfield where I talk over things with other artists"). I thanked him for his enjoyable classes, more like story telling at times. Shakespeare was still his number-one scribe (Victorians were fine but in second place). He was a solid local fellow from a Williamstown family; during the town bicentennial, he helped build the 1753 house in Field Park, a typical house in the village then called West Hoosac. Besides his wife, survivors include his children, Sally, David and Kathryn; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren."

Dan says, "I still put him on my top-five list of best teachers at Williams. I had him the second semester of freshman year, and I thought he was terrific ... erudite and pleasant with a nice sense of humor. He was a gentleman who encouraged students. ... I never found him sarcastic or demeaning. One of the best."

Bill Collins was also present for the service. He wrote, "Fred had touched and contributed to a myriad of lives throughout many decades, including those

of us who were privileged to have shared time with him during our Williams years. We are grateful for many memorable moments together with Fred and Carol over the past 50-plus years. We're much anticipating October midwestern visits with El and **Fred Winston** in Minnesota, and Colleen and **Scott (Champ) Lowry** in Wisconsin, along with close on board at least one of our Pass the Baton events in Williamstown."

Dan also wrote about **Rick Marthins** and **Len Grey**: "It's always a downer getting news about a fallen classmate. Rick died on May 29, yet we somehow missed him in our memorial service. He had been residing outside Hartford, Conn., in Berlin and had spent most of his life in the central Connecticut area. He came to Williams after attending Kingswood Oxford School and participated in the Outing Club and the soccer and golf teams. He was a member of Psi U and wrote for the *Williams Record*. Surviving are his very close friend, Donna Hummel, and four sons.

"Another valued person and classmate, **Len Grey**, died suddenly at his home in Princeton, N.J., on Aug. 27. He was one of the giants I found myself sharing classes with in the fall of 1955. There were few honors at Williams he didn't achieve: He was president of Gargoyle, president of the class, junior Phi Beta Kappa, secretary of the College Council, chairman of the rushing committee, committee member of the Honor System, junior advisor ... and he was one of three classmates to address us at commencement with his 'Voice of Silence.' After Williams he went to Yale Law School; studied with Leo Strauss at the University of Chicago before practicing law in NYC. He taught political philosophy at Queens College, CUNY, and was managing editor of *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*."

There was a great article in the Baltimore Sun about our much-loved classmate **Tom Longstreth**. Sadly, I can only quote some of it: "A much-beloved figure on the St. Paul's campus for 41 years ... he was the embodiment of kindness who inspired life-long loyalty and affection from the generations of students he taught. ... Master of the crisply

written and succinct note, he was always very gracious when it came to praise or criticism.” The writer quoted our great retired Sun editor, **Ernie Imhoff**: “(Tom) will be a clear memory of goodness for many of us.”

Charles Jankey’s daughter Sarah Medlin wrote a letter saying how glad she was, along with all of us, that her brother Doug attended the 50th reunion briefly. After all, remember that the Jankey children lived in Williamstown for 13 years just below Mount Hope. There are many powerful memories about Jock and Anne from those days when our classmate was head of maintenance.

Dave Canfield, in a past letter, thought back to days when he first met key classmates: “I remember the first time I met **Hobie Robinson** and **Tony Volpe** just as if it were yesterday, at a spring ’55 reception for incoming freshmen that **Ely Pierce** ’56 gave at his house in Winchester. They were warm, outgoing, great to talk with, no hint of being major stars where they came from in Quincy. Just great guys that I admired in the classroom and on the field over our four years together, along with my Belmont Hill classmate **Sam Parkhill**, who had a terrific brain and wit, always there to help others when needed, just as my Saint House roommates and your friends **Terry O’Leary** and **Bob O’Neill**, both so smart and enjoyable.”

Al Wurtzel and his wife Sheila returned to the U.S. from London in August, visiting me in Rye, N.H., and Jule and **Buz Van Sant** in Homer, N.Y. Al has not changed much at all—still lively, intelligent and full of knowledge about history, government and business. He still has an upbeat sense of humor.

Buz writes that in July, “thanks to the effort of Al, he and their wives, Jule and Sheila, also met Priscilla and **Dave Moore** for dinner in Skaneateles, overlooking one of the Finger Lakes. After that the Van Sants spent a weekend holiday on Wolfe Island in Ontario, having dinner with Pandy and **Pim Goodbody**, who took a ferry over from their summer digs in Chaumont, N.Y.”

In September Buz and Jule spent a short week with Phyllis and **Norm Walker** in Rye, N.H., spending most of the time talking about children and grandchildren.

Great news from **Cliff Colwell**: “We have had some exciting news on my return from our three major research areas in which we were awarded \$3.5 million from the Regeneration Initiative from the state of California for work in stem-cell research on cartilage repair and regeneration. ... We also received a large NIH grant for our development of the e-knee—an electronic knee replacement with sensors that measure the forces of activities of daily living and sports and helps those that need a knee replacement as to the risks of whatever activity they choose to participate in. The last is a SCORDA grant to study the genetic profiles of 1,500 individuals who have degenerative arthritis in order to potentially manipulate this gene or genes and change the course of the disease. All three came in at the same time following our reunion, and maybe it was the entire ’59 Williams energy displayed in Williamstown that gave us the ‘Karma.’ In any case it represents at least a few more years of work, but who can tell where this will end up.”

Dan Fanning wrote after-thoughts on reunion: “Thanks and praise to all the organizers for a wonderful party. Really pleased to see Sue and **Gray McGowen**. Saddened that we lost Listy just before the reunion and happy to see **Peggy Hedemen**, but again sad that **Moose** was not with her. Also, administration should know costs were too high, which discouraged some of our classmates from attending. 50th reunions should be subsidized, at least in part, by the College.

“The rush of familiar faces, genuine warm smiles and happy laughter made me feel I was back in college again. Self delusion, on occasion, is a wonderful thing! Sorry I missed **Richie Kagan**, but plan to stop and hope to see him later. ... Picture of **Tom Longstreth** also saddened me. Nice guy whom I really liked and sick in my heart that he had to suffer with dementia for so long before passing on. Loved his story about playing against Wilt Chamberlain and holding him to 50 points!!

“If I were granted a wish it would be that many of our classmates lived closer to me, so I could enjoy the pleasure of their company more often. I first heard that said 48 years ago by

Cliff Colwell, who is another guy I like a lot and greatly admire and respect for the way he has directed his life. I see Cliff once every several years but keep up with him via his holiday family newsletter. Well, the reunion is over, and we are all back to our lives here, there and everywhere. I am happy to add our 50th reunion to my ‘Williams Book of Memories,’ which I cherish greatly.”

Bo Kirschen, the real class secretary, wrote, “We spent some delightful hours with Sheila and **Bob Gould** in Falkirk, Scotland, and environs. They took us to the Falkirk Wheel, one of Britains’ Millennium Projects and an awe-inspiring engineering miracle. The wheel joins Scotland’s two major canals and eliminates the need for 12 locks by transferring a canal section, complete with loaded canal boat, from one canal to the other. Because the counter-balancing is perfect, the total energy expenditure is the equivalent of that required to heat eight tea kettles. **Bill Moomaw** would approve.”

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For more than four years, I have prepared Class of ’60 notes with an eye on our 50th reunion next June. We are now in countdown mode! **Cotton Fite**, **Harvey Brickley** and **Stephen Beal** have been regular co-secretaries over this period. **Roggie Dankmeyer**, **Harrell Smith** and **Mike Beemer** have also assisted. Our common experience has been that the conversations with classmates have been richly rewarding and interesting. There is a satisfying awareness of renewed friendship and shared histories accompanying each interchange.

Many of you have submitted information voluntarily, and many more have responded generously to phone calls or notes requesting personal updates for this column. Now, I want to offer all of you the full experience! Please help me prepare the final set of notes before our reunion by contacting two classmates yourself. This column will be brief to give you extra time

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to make the connection. Phone me (207.348.6839) or e-mail me (ronst7@gmail.com) if you need help in locating the guys. You can also go to the remarkable Class of '60 website for a complete list of classmates, read many bios and stories and make direct contact with the authors through the site. If you are willing to submit some "notes" about your conversations for *Williams People*, great! At least let me know that you made the effort, and tell me something about yourself. Do it this week, if possible, so you won't forget!

Lael and I enjoyed a mini-reunion with **Don Campbell** and Elizabeth, **Cotton Fite** and Diane, and **Jerry Rardin** '59 and Sue in Umbria. Jerry reported enthusiastically on his fascinating and just-concluded 50th in Williamstown. The rest of us were aware of our growing anticipation of our 50th and the discoveries and affirmations it will yield. Each of you was an important part of my own education and transformation as I evolved from teenager to young adult between 1956 and 1960. You had a profound influence on me, and many of you have made similar observations. In our current transition to old, old adult, 2009 to ????, I am convinced that there are significant benefits to being reconnected. Our many common experiences and different perspectives as well as the common challenges ahead make that inevitable. We just need to be in touch! Please plan to be in Williamstown for the 50th and to make at least a couple of reconnections whether or not you are able to join this reunion gathering.

There will be a special exhibition at the reunion called "The Creative Side of the Class of 1960." It will include painting, sculpture, ceramics, fiber art, graphics, furniture and other crafted products. It will also include Class of '60 books and poems authored, buildings designed, creative projects undertaken, retirement endeavors in process ... and anything else you are willing to share that reflects your or your partner's creativity over the past 50 years, in your work life or personal life. We haven't made it to our 70s without a lot of creativity!

Our Pass the Baton gathering was Oct. 9-11. Ardis and **Dick Holliday** planned to be there to receive the baton. We had a delightful visit with them on

Deer Isle during their "Cruising America" sojourn to the island on their beloved *Everbreeze*.

Newell Bishop was part of the class notes in the August edition, following our lovely conversation in June. I am sorry to report that he recently succumbed to Parkinson's, and his thoughtful obituary is now also on the website.

The alumni office has recently remade connection with **David McCulloch**, who now lives in San Diego. I have not yet been able to talk with him. The College has also informed me that the following have been elected honorary members of the Society of Alumni: **Julie English**, **Letitia Lykes Knapp**, **Linda Nickey Rosenthal**, and **Cynthia Nichols Travers**. You are forever part of the Class of 1960, and we hope you will be in Williamstown for the 50th reunion.

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Many thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to my 11th-hour e-mail plea. There are 178 of us on the College list server (when it works!), so it's by far the most efficient way to communicate. But I feel sorry about not nudging the rest of you who aren't on the College system. I have tried the occasional postcard with poor results. If you're reading this, please know that news is welcome anytime and will be woven into the next notes.

Jack Wadsworth caught my mood with his "back to school" September message. For him, as for me, the year begins after Labor Day with the school year, not the calendar year. Jack and Susy had been away from home base in San Francisco for nearly two months and were feeling the pressure of getting going again. Jack celebrated his 70th with friends and family (cousin **Bob Stegeman** '60 and Carol among them), along with Janice and **Tom Todd** '63 and Margo and **Bill Bowden** '66, in Lawrence, N.Y., on Long Island. Jack noted that the "purple blood" ran strong that weekend. His gracious offer for discounted rooms at his Porches in North Adams over the minireunion Columbus Day weekend was taken up by nine classmates: **George Lowe**,

Paul Boire, **Gardy Brown**, **John Leathers**, **Hank Riefler**, **John Burghardt**, **Phil Cohan**, **Phil Abrams** and **Andy Weiss**.

Mike White checked in, noting that he hoped I was authorized to receive his message. He was back from his annual getaway with **Fred Mayer**. They meet up in Peoria (halfway between Chicago and St. Louis) to catch up, take in a Peoria Chiefs Minor League baseball game and see how the political winds are blowing in Peoria. How else would we know how the American people stand on the issues? Mayer, he assures me, is as feisty as ever, and Minor League ball is where it's really at for fans.

Harvey Plonsker, another Chicagoan, sent along a nice story. In August he was sailing on Lake Michigan with Marc and Lynn Karlen (parents of **Alix** '07). They pulled into a harbor at Leland, Mich., where they met an architect doing a tour of the Great Lakes. He was from Cincinnati, where he had joined a prominent architectural firm headed by Carl Strauss, who became his mentor. Carl Sr. was the father of our **Carl (Tony) Strauss Jr.**, so Harvey felt the connection.

John Byers, he of travel agent fame, reported that the recession had really taken its toll on his niche in the business (they operate three deluxe, all-suite small ships) where college alumni groups, museums, etc., book tours for special learning cruises. Not only was this a time for not sailing your ship into Haifa or Tripoli, but people were delaying exotic adventures until the economy settled down. So John's been building character though is not overrun with bookings.

Al Nugent enjoyed a peaceful summer highlighted by a family wedding in Stowe, Vt., in July. Brother-in-law of 45 years **Jim Bell** '58, also a Reddskins and Red Sox fan (a dream inlaw), was back too. Al and Yola's five children and eight grandkids are all doing well. They ducked into Williamstown to check on the College en route and felt proud and right at home.

David Hall invites us all for golf or skiing at his Shangri-la in Wintergreen, Va., in the Blue Ridge Mountains, 30 minutes west of Charlottesville. He's serious, even giving an e-mail connection at dhall77@cyberlord.net. The golf courses do sound fantastic—27 holes

in the valley, designed by Rees Jones, and an 18-hole mountain masterpiece by Ellis Maples at 3,800-foot elevation. And since you'll be reading this in winter, skiing is also fantastic. He suggests maybe a minireunion there someday.

Peter Glick is always teasing us with Hawaii. The recession forced him to close his downtown Honolulu office after 30 years, so he had to give up a daily 4:30 a.m. commute to the city and retreat to his home office overlooking Diamond Head, Waikiki and the Pacific. Instead of the early a.m. commute, he walks over Diamond Head along the cliffs above the ocean, five miles a day of pure beauty. You feel sorry for him? He's a partner in a top-10 international executive search firm, a good way "to fight complacency and distantly approaching old age."

I knew **Gil Kerr** would be back after his poem got national exposure last go-round. "Thanks for publishing me, and I forgive your 'ablivacious' reference to my bad poetry." I think he collects words like "ablivacious" and looks to weave them into e-mails. Probably writes crank letters to newspaper editors, too.

Sandy Williams is a guy we haven't heard from in a while. He's in the executive search business like **Peter Glick**. One of his recent searches was assisting the American University of Beirut to find a new dean for its medical college. On one of his trips to Beirut, he managed a side trip to Jordan, where he visited with **Eric Widmer** at King's Academy and was thoroughly impressed. Sandy made the turn to 70 without strain. Wife Monica threw him a big party in Chicago, where "the grandchildren stole all the thunder." He looks forward to being with all of us in 2011, and he was touched by an NPR tribute to **Fred Stocking** '36 that he happened to catch.

Tim Oliphant always tickles me. This time he was back in Steamboat Springs, Colo., "hustling justice" in an effort to rebut the recession. Meanwhile, his son and family occupy his N.J. home. Tim spent the early summer in Kenya and Zanzibar, then joined a medical brigade to Honduras, where he acted as a translator. He seems to be doing good all over and enjoying the ride.

Gordie Stevenson, another lawyer prone to doing good

works, was retreating on a little island off of his Cohasset, Mass., hometown when he wrote. He couldn't get to Tehran, as he hoped, to celebrate his 70th, since they couldn't get visas in this troubled time in Iran. He and Betsy instead watched the Lufthansa plane they would have been on take-off from Logan while they sat in a seaside restaurant. A summer high-light was a family wedding (a Berkeley nephew) in Camden, Maine, where Gordie, with 80 others, hiked up Mount Battie while 70 other guests drove up. Gordon "officiated" at the wedding ceremony (I'm always amazed at the versatility of lawyers) and sent the couple off with an Apache blessing. He also experienced the blessing of a week's retreat with Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh, a career experience.

Joe Low and Penny had yet another fun trip with **Jay Tarses** and Rachel to Quebec along the St. Lawrence. "Any week with Jay is a time to remember," he assures us. The couples have traveled together to Alaska, Morocco, Vietnam and North Adams.

Old friend **Ron Roberts** wrote from N.J. before heading off for wintering in Hilton Head. His "big excitement" was to be putting on a back deck this fall. Now there's an honest guy. **Paul Boire** and Nancy competed with Ron in visiting Nashville for the first time and discovering the delights of country music. Paul also weathered a two-week bout with poison ivy.

Now for something entirely different, as Monty Python used to say. **Barrett Dower** reports from Paris, where he had just received the results of his grueling three-hour oral exam for his PhD at the University of Picardie after years of nibbling away at it slowly. He received his doctorate with the mention "tres honorable." This after completing his dissertation, in French, of course, with all citations translated into French as well. It was on the influence of American trade unions on French trade federations, 1944-1954. As if that wasn't enough for this go-round, he was also married in June to Marie-Claude Moure after many years of being a widower. His three daughters and Loomis classmate **Sandy Smith** '60 were in attendance. Sincere congrats from all of us to Barrett. There is life after 70!

That's a hard act to follow, but **Tom Gardner** came through with an interesting adventure report. Tom and Leslie were just back from a family wedding in Melbourne, Australia, and took the occasion to get about. They loved the Aussies, the Great Barrier Reef and snorkeling there, the Sydney opera house with its perfect acoustics and multicultural venues and the diversity of Melbourne. He encourages all of us not to miss Australia. He and Leslie are still both working as consultants, he in finance and management, she in planned giving. Son Geoff provides two grandchildren and is co-owner of Sel de la Terre, a French restaurant with three locations, two in Boston. Son Justin is engaged and working in manufacturing.

Charlie Dana and Ann have continued their world travels, most with the Williams alumni groups. They have been in the Dordogne area of France, cruised the Celtic lands and snuck in an Antarctica visit in between. Brazil is next for them, January '10. Charlie also met **Dave Clawson** '89, new football coach at Bowling Green, near them in Ohio, and is high on his prospects.

Stan Rosenblatt's news was not exactly happy but proved his resilience. Wife Nancy had a liver transplant in February '09 that didn't take. She was at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, awaiting a second. They have a terrific 10-year-old son, Gabriel, being looked after by friends while Stan shuttles back and forth with a six-hour drive each way. Not the relaxed retirement Dr. Stan had been enjoying since relocating to Florida. Send him your encouragement at sngr3@aol.com. He looks forward to our 50th.

Judge **George Lowe** and Barbara were headed to Seattle for the annual gathering of former U.S. attorneys, where he'll not only be briefed on developments in the Department of Justice, FBI and DEA but looks forward to a reunion with the elusive **Fred Nolan** and Susan. Most of us have not heard from Fred since his inspiring talk at our 25th.

George and Barbara were in Mumbai last October, about three weeks before the terrorist attacks. They had stayed at the Taj, eaten at the Leopold and traveled through the train

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station, all attack points. Overall the trip was stimulating and informative but “sobering” after the terrorism events.

Jim Urbach sent some updates of his online photography galleries, high-quality shots of Alaskan eagles, black skimmers, animals of Montana and Iceland wilds. See for yourself at www.jimurbach.smugmug.com. He is still practicing medicine, but photography has been his guiding passion for the past 10 years.

Marty Linsky has published a book (with the help of “et al.”), *The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: Tools and Tactics for Changing Your Organization and the World* (Harvard Business Press, 2009). Good luck with it, Marty.

Finally, let it be revealed, the reason for my tardiness in getting to you with my e-mail request this time was that I was in Ireland on a roots quest. And it worked, with careful preparation here. A nephew and I stood on the remains of a Gormley early-1800s cottage in CO Tyrone in the north after climbing a fence and sinking into foot-deep mud to find the half-acre near the town of Ballygawley, where there’s also a Gormley pub and many friendly if not related Gormleys. Quite an experience.

Enjoy the holidays, and keep in touch.

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Bonnie and I spent a long and foggy weekend in Stonington, Maine, in July at the stunning new summer home of Barbara and **Bill Whitman**. Stonington is the ancestral home of one side of Willy’s family, and they have built a remarkable compound on a peninsula. We were joined by Diane and **Fin Fogg**, Sue and **Sel Whitaker**, Marjorie and **Jay Johnston**, and Judy and **John Huntington**. We ate, drank, laughed a lot and lied about our golf scores. Fin is the new president of the Legal Aid Society of New York, the largest of its kind in the country, with 850 lawyers (**Steve Pokart** is one of them) handling 295,000 cases each year and an annual budget of \$165 million. He continues “of counsel” with Skadden, Arps et al. Sue and Sel are loving their

new life as Pittsburgh condo residents (especially after last year’s Super Bowl) while spending summers in Great Barrington, Mass. Jay is hard at work on a book detailing his legal battles with and ultimate triumph over Richard Scrushy. He hopes to have a publisher by August, though the Williams College English faculty is lobbying hard against it. Judy and Hunts are trying to set a class record for number of grandchildren (nine and counting), although they admit it is somewhat out of their control.

John Oberteuffer published his book *Swedish Blood*, a taut, well-paced thriller (honest—I read it) with action taking place in Sweden and on Cape Cod. It is available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Look for it by author John Amiard, John’s middle name. **Mike Fosburg** is mentioned in the dedication as contributing many ideas to the book.

Rufus Jarman’s daughter Georgia, a noted opera diva, was married last year to Micah Fortson, the production director of the New Orleans Opera Company. They met when Georgia sang the role of Mimi in the production of *La Boheme*. She made her debut in 2004 in the NYC Opera production of *La Traviata*.

Now the sad news. We have lost four classmates since last I wrote, bringing our deceased total to 40. (We began with 302; with 13.2 percent deceased, we are tracking the mortality curve pretty closely.) **Kim Hart** passed away in March from effects of a stroke. He was an avid outdoorsman. He turned his love of the wilderness into a career as an outdoor photographer, supplying *National Geographic* and other notable publications. Since 1967 he had lived in Norway, where he married **Randi** and had two children. Our sympathies to them. **Linda Armour** died of lung cancer on May 11. Most of you will remember her as Linda Strubel, wife of **Dick**. A few years ago she sent me a note: “I’m so pleased to be on your class list that I wanted to write. Near my computer is a framed copy of my ‘graduation letter.’ It says, blah, blah ‘has completed all the requirements for the Williams Bachelor of Arts Degree. Under the rules of the College, however, you cannot be voted a diploma since Williams does not grant the B.A. degree

in course to women.’ When asked, I say that it reads ‘We don’t give degrees to broods.’” In the early 70s when “broods” began receiving degrees, Linda was granted hers. She and Dick had two children prior to their divorce. Linda remarried Vernon Armour and resided in Lake Forest, Ill., and Boca Raton, Fla. **Peter Quaintance** passed away on May 12 in Sarasota. He had a distinguished career in architectural engineering and was noted for designing outdoor acoustical shells for concert sites. His acoustical designs were utilized and acclaimed throughout the country, and more than 200 of them are still in use. Finally, one that hit me hard was the death of **John Roe**. John had a long and fruitful career with Bemis Co. Inc., culminating in several years as president and CEO. He retired in 2005 and died of lung cancer, which was diagnosed only three weeks prior to his death. He served on several boards and as vice chair of the Board of Trustees at Carlton College. Several classmates attended his funeral service, including **Dick McCauley**, **Marc Comstock**, **Peter Ryan**, **Jay Tompkins** and **Frank Ward** as well as others from surrounding classes. On behalf of the class I extend our deepest sympathies to wife **Sandra**, sons Kip and David, daughter Susan and brothers **Tom** ’63 and **Bill** ’66.

On the road again. Anne and **Chris Sargent** reside on a leafy street in Washington, close to several embassies. John began his career as an investment adviser after completing OCS in Newport (one of 12 classmates to go through that program) and three years on an ocean-going minesweeper. “An incredible leadership experience; we were involved in the Cyprus and Haiti crises.” Forty-three years later, Chris is still in the same profession in the same place, though there have been a few changes. He began with Auchincloss, Parker & Redpath in D.C. They were bought in ’70 by Thomson-Mckinnon, who were bought in ’89 by Prudential Securities, who were bought in ’02 by Wachovia Securities, who were bought in ’09 by Wells Fargo. Recently, Chris formed his own investment advisory practice, the Sargent Investment Group, under the Wells Fargo umbrella. “Much like a doctor with his practice

at a hospital.” His clients are mainly high-net-worth individuals and small institutions. “After Williams I turned into a workaholic. We recently took our first two-week vacation in 30 years.” Chris and Anne have two sons and they own homes in Rhode Island and Del Ray, Fla., which, Chris says, they don’t visit nearly enough. “I wish I had been more of a workaholic at Williams,” Chris says. “I wasted the first three years.” However, “I am fiercely proud of having gone there and made some wonderful friendships. I’d love to see **Ash Crosby, John O’Donnell ’63, Phil Wirth, Fred Wentz and Bill Robertson** again.”

Pat and **Steve Telkins** have been a bit more itinerate than Chris. After two years in the Peace Corps in Ghana (second Peace Corps class) and a master’s in international affairs from Pitt, Steve and Pat served tours of duty in Liberia, Nigeria, Madagascar, the Congo, South Africa, Chile and Mexico, with a few intermediate stopovers in DC. He was a member of the Foreign Service from 1966 to 2002, when he retired to Arlington, Va., with four months a year at Chautauqua Lake, the family gathering place since his childhood. Much of his work was as a communications officer for the U.S. Information Agency, and he has hundreds of fascinating stories about these times. One will have to suffice: “When we were in Madagascar, our ambassador and four others, including me, were accused of plotting to overthrow the government. It was a trumped-up charge by the French, who were irritated about the amount of influence the U.S. was gaining in Madagascar, but we were given 24 hours to get out of the country or be thrown in jail. I got the news by phone and had to drive 12 hours through some rough country in order to reach the airport.” The last dozen or so years were spent in DC, where he served as a member of the Board of Examiners for Foreign Service applicants and developed programs for the Meridian International Center, which served the foreign winners of grants from the State Department. In retirement, Pat and Steve work for the AMEN program (Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs). They have two children and two grandchildren. Memories of Williams:

The Freshman Review (“**John Calhoun** wrote some great songs, and I still remember the lyrics to one of them where I, as **Fred Copeland** ’35, who had admitted the largest class in Williams history, sang: ‘The other day old Phinney told me what to do— Get rid of 40 freshmen or I’ll get rid of you’; knee football at the Theta Delt house; **Bill Vaughan** and **Larry Kanaga** teaching **Jere Behrman** economics so he could get into graduate school.” Advice to a graduate: “Consider public service.”

Wif (Walter I.) Floyd also wandered a good deal in government service, but his work was for a different agency, the CIA. Wif joined our class from ’61 in our junior year. “I was sick of school and wanted to travel. Dean Brooks saved my life by saying to my father: ‘Why not let the young man see Europe?’ Wif was spotted by Professor Barnett as a candidate for the agency and interviewed in Washington the day after graduation. He spent three years in training for undercover work and in ’65 was sent to Laos, ostensibly as a member of the USAID program but really ran a force of 1,200 Laotian Hmong whose assignment was to stop the North Vietnamese from sending aid and weapons to the South through Laos. In ’67 he began language school to learn Japanese (Wif is now fluent in French, Greek, Japanese and Thai) and in ’71 was assigned to Japan and served in the embassy in Tokyo. His mission was to learn as much as possible about the intentions of North Vietnam and North Korea. He spent three very dangerous months in Cambodia, surrounded by the Khmer Rouge, on assignment from Henry Kissinger to learn if the Khmer Rouge were worth fighting for. His conclusion: “No.” He returned to Washington to learn Greek and was sent to Nicosia, Cyprus, where his charge was to assess the Soviet influence in Cyprus. Another Japan posting was followed by a tour in Athens, where he became involved in anti-terrorist operations and investigated the *Achille Lauro* incident. In ’87 he returned to DC, where he headed the CIA office for House (of Representatives) Affairs. He was the chief contact with Rep. Charlie Wilson (of Charlie Wilson’s War), who procured clandestine funds for the CIA.

“We were scared to death that Charlie was going to spout off some night and blow the whole deal,” said Wif. He returned to Japan in ’88 and ran the agency station in that country for four years. “I was at the dinner when President George H.W. Bush had that unfortunate reaction to Japanese cuisine.” After three more years in DC on the inspector general’s staff, where Wif studied the agency’s language-training capabilities, he retired in ’95. Wif was married to the former Susan Mann for 10 years and is now married to Taeko Fukubayashi, whom he met on his first Japanese tour in ’74. He has one child and two grandchildren from his first marriage and two children and one grandchild from the second. Wif and Taeko now run a Japanese B&B in Pembroke Springs, Va., which I wholeheartedly recommend to any of you traveling in that area. They both work very hard and love it. Says Wif about his career and subsequent life: “It is a real pleasure to meet someone now and not think immediately, ‘What does he know and how can I find it out?’”

My next trip was a short one, to my family room to interview **Gary Webster**. He was visiting relatives in Connecticut from New Brunswick, Canada, where he does social work aiding former incarcerated persons returning to civilian life. Following Williams, Gary received a master’s in politics from U. of Michigan on a National Defense Fellowship. He spent two years in the Peace Corps in Nigeria (just after Steve Telkins departed) and returned to the U. of Toronto for his PhD. For 22 years he taught politics at the U. of Prince Edward Island and became a Canadian citizen in 1975. He married a fellow Peace Corps volunteer, Karen Hiner, in 1975, but they divorced without children in ’83. He chaired the Dept. of Political Studies at P.E.I. for five years and became very involved in the politics of the Maritimes and edited a book on the P.E.I. Cooperative Movement, published in 2004. He continued his studies in Toronto, enrolling in a master’s program in theological study at Emmanuel College. At present, he has moved temporarily to Connecticut (may become permanent) as he helps his relatives with family difficulties. He remembers many great classes and professors

at Williams, including Fred Schuman, Bob Waite and **John Savacool** '39. He values greatly his Williams education and was responsible for sending the first P.E.I. student to Williams.

Using my Williams-developed analytical skills, I decided to visit Darlene and **Walt Stevenson** in their Naples, Fla., winter home rather than their year-round place in Quincy, Ill. My golf clubs arrived too late for a game—"Don't feel bad," the attendant said, "the last set we lost went to Naples, Italy"—but it was a fine visit, nonetheless. Following in his father's footsteps, Walt became an ophthalmologist in Quincy after four years at Washington U., where he met Darlene, who was working on a master's in social work, two years in the service at Camp Lejeune, and a two-year residency at U. Penn. He developed and became president of a multi-specialty group of 90 doctors in Quincy. "Too much administration and not enough medicine." He remains very much involved in community affairs in his hometown, serving on the board of the Mercantile Bank and as president of his country club. He and Darlene married in '65 and have two children. One of them, Scott, is a bodybuilder and was recently named "Mr. Arizona." He looks nothing like Walt. Golf has been a constant interest in Walt's life, and he won the Illinois State Boys Amateur while in high school. He never played on the Williams team. "Too busy studying." He went to Williams partly because **Carl Davis'** father insisted he interview there. Carl and Walt were roommates at Lake Forest Academy. Williams memories: "Typing a book report for **John Wilkinson**, who had read only the first and last sentences of each chapter. He got a B. Getting a test returned by Prof. Dilts in quantitative analysis. Dilts grinned and said: 'I have a reputation for teaching more on the test than in class.'"

Here's the briefest possible list of what **Chip Black** has done in his life: Got an MBA from Harvard; worked as assistant to the president of a toothpick company in Maine (his boyhood home); took over his father-in-law's business (400 employees) growing and packing avocados and limes in Florida; bought a bank equipment company and then a printing company; started a nationwide business

distributing high-security safes for jewelers; started an ice distribution company in Nassau; ran for Miami City Council and lost in a run-off by 3,000 votes; started a company to sell office machines; bought and sold mango and avocado groves; joined a mortgage company; founded his own commercial and residential mortgage company in Miami; joined a commercial real-estate company; bought an exotic aviary with his wife Patricia. See a common thread here? Neither do I. Except that he remains the peripatetic, effervescent, hard-working guy we all knew at Williams. Patricia is Chip's third wife, and he has three children and seven grandchildren from earlier marriages. The aviary is spectacular—I had a \$6,000 macaw on my arm when I visited. Chip's advice to a graduating senior echoes his life. "Make as many mistakes as you want to but learn from them. Don't take yourself too seriously and maintain a keen sense of humor." Obviously, it works.

Hope I saw you at our mini in October.

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As some of you who attended our 45th reunion will remember, four of our classmates—**Brooks Goddard**, **Phil Reynolds**, **David Jeffrey** and **Peter Mook**—expounded about the delights of living and/or traveling to exotic parts of the globe. Encouraged by their alluring tales, I thought it would be of interest to hear from classmates who have spent the better part of their lives post-Williams living abroad. Three members of our class—**Alex Kyrtis** (Greece), **R.W. Schwab** (Southeast Asia) and **Ned Grew** (Finland)—responded to my inquiry.

I still vividly remember **Alex Kyrtis'** elegance from our years at Williams, particularly when he wore his impressive array of exquisite ascots. Alex wrote that after Williams he returned to Canada to earn "megabucks," but his ambitions were interrupted by a 1965 summer vacation to his birthplace, Greece, where "the combination of history, art, architecture and natural beauty kept me there in spite

of the social chaos that often frustrates political visions."

After working for the Greek Budget Bureau and then a few private companies, Alex founded and managed 16 diverse companies ranging from representing large U.S. firms in the Greek market to "software, a financial newspaper, health care, real estate and fashion." Quite an unusual collection of enterprises, whose success he attributes to finding it "much easier to compete in a market where the lax and fun-loving nature of the Greeks lead to inefficiencies."

Alex has two sons. Dimitri, 36, his older son, studied business at Stanford and then became involved in real estate. He is "taking advantage" of the recent financial crisis by investing in Eastern Europe properties. George, 33, attended the London School of Economics and then went to film school at NYU. After working for Fox in California, he moved to Australia to become a personal assistant to Baz Luhrmann (*Moulin Rouge* and *Australia*). He is returning to Hollywood to pitch a movie script that he recently wrote. Both of his sons are unmarried, and Alex speculates that his divorce in 1981 might have impacted their views on matrimony, even though "their mother, Mirella, is still my best friend."

Alex retired in 1993 by selling his business to his partners, and he proceeded to write a travel book about Greece, which afforded him the opportunity to travel to all 220 inhabited islands as well as remote areas of the mainland. As a result of his years of travel, he wrote a book *Greece: Only the Best*, which was a bestseller locally. He is now writing a self-help book, which all of us should read, entitled *Want to Be Happy?*.

Although he has lived his post-Williams life in Greece he spoke of his wonderful education and friendships he gained in North America. Politically, he felt a preference for the Republican Party, even while expressing his own and his country's sense of relief about the election of Obama after the "eight nasty years of George Bush."

R.W. Schwab developed wanderlust as a young boy, and as an adult he feels unequivocally comfortable with his decision to live abroad. R.W. pithily opined about his experiences, "Whatever drove the real

explorers drives people like me to see, and to restate what I'm seeing to what I've seen in other places and what others, seeing, have thought. The real explorers' accounts had consequences far beyond their own lives; I accept that mine don't, until I finish my Vietnam War book, of course." R.W. skeptically commented, "It seems to me America is squandering so much of what we Americans came into when we came into the territory and into history. We came into much more than just any other people and then on top of that were able to start out with a new-under-the-sun system built on the best bones of the European ones we came from and the sense, at the time, to realize it. I have a detailed theory of what went wrong; we all do, don't we?" Living abroad seems to have enhanced R.W.'s perspective.

R.W. doesn't have a family, nor does he think he will have one because he has simply spent "too much time and effort on various government and personal causes in Asia." He added, "It was/is so easy to have the joys of short-time cohabitation without extended responsibility that I stayed satisfied with a main focus on my projects. ... The notable exception was one girl in Vietnam. We were separated at the fall of Saigon. I'd made her a promise in those last few days. ... When she'd made contact again by secretive mail in 1981, I did what was possible to try to keep the promise." The effort failed.

It certainly sounds as if R.W. has led an extraordinary life, far removed from the quotidian concerns of most of our fellow classmates.

Ned Grew's reasons for living abroad were totally fortuitous. Ned completed the requirements for a degree in art history at the end of our junior year and so spent his senior year studying at the *École du Louvre* and the Sorbonne. After returning to the U.S., Ned received an architectural degree and subsequently was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for a year in Finland. He decided to stay. "There was lots of work. Despite the harsh living conditions I found the general way people have of relating to nature struck a resonant chord in me. Coming from New England, wearing the hair shirt felt comfortable to me. The harsh climate, lack

of daylight in the winter, very difficult language all made up a hair shirt that felt comfortable. I didn't decide at any point that now I am going to stay."

After 11 years in Finland, Ned married Eva, and they have three children. Henry, who is their oldest son, is 32, lives in Sweden and is in a longterm relationship with a Swedish woman. He graduated from UVA and works as an urban planner. Their daughter Sofia is a furniture designer and lives in Helsinki with her husband and daughter. After graduating from the Swedish School of Economics in Helsinki, Robin, their youngest child, has started his own company.

Eva is almost retired, having been a majority owner of a patent attorney firm with 30 to 35 employees. Eva also has a master's in chemistry. Ned is essentially retired as well but continues to work on small architectural and construction projects, including building a small summer cottage for Eva and him.

I inquired of Ned in my initial e-mail whether he thought he had acquired a unique perspective by living abroad. He answered in several different ways. He indicated, "Eva and I speak English together. I speak English with our children, and Eva speaks Swedish with them. ... This is the direction of the world and makes me feel on the cutting edge." Ned speaks four languages, while his children are fluent in three.

Living in Finland is "out of the mainstream," but he felt that many things are easier in Finland. Public education is excellent, health care works, but concomitantly taxes are high. He and Eva also own a place in France.

Ned visits the States once every year or year and a half. He enthusiastically spoke of the pride he felt as an American about the election of Barack Obama.

My encapsulation of the experiences of Alex, R.W. and Ned falls far short of the evocative and rich letters that each of them sent describing their post-Williams lives. I urge classmates who are interested to contact them to learn more.

I heard from **Phil Smith**, who has lived in Marblehead, Mass., since his graduation from law school. For 40 years he was a partner in the prominent law

firm of Ropes & Gray, where he continues to work in a consulting capacity. Phil is an active sailor and is presently serving as vice commodore of the Eastern Yacht Club while also helping the Pleon Yacht Club. Formerly, he served as president of the Greater Boston Young Symphony Orchestra and helped found the Keewaydin Foundation, which operates three canoe trip camps.

Bruce Friedman wrote that he left Williams without a degree in 1962 in order to attend medical school at the University of Michigan. Many years later, on the basis of his medical degree, Williams awarded him a B.A. Bruce, who has the title of active emeritus professor of pathology, has spent 41 years at the University of Michigan. He retired from the faculty three years ago.

I received an e-mail from **John Bell** announcing his retirement as director of planned giving for Hospice of Michigan. John, who did yeoman-like service for the Hospice for a number of years, stated in his announcement, "Leaving this special place is extremely hard, but I am excited about more time with our children and grandchildren." On behalf of all of us, I wish John, a real stalwart of our class, good luck as he and Lyn embark on their next adventure.

Bill Burnett, who successfully managed our 45th reunion, has been selected to undertake the daunting challenge of chairing our 50th reunion. Bill has been retired for 10 years since his company Difco Labservices was sold to Becton Dickinson. He revels in retirement because it has afforded him additional time to engage with his family, play golf, travel and volunteer for the United Methodist Church and other civic organizations.

Bill and Miranda, who reside in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., have two children. His son Bill lives in Cohasset, Mass., and works in a sales job. In his extra time, he developed and now runs the Cohasset Triathlon. His daughter **Elizabeth** '94 is a much praised senior development officer at our alma mater.

Because of his past experience in health care, Bill, who volunteers for the United Methodist Board of Pensions, is immersed in the problems of our health-care system. He stated, "We have health care today that we cannot afford. Something

different is needed to align our need for new technologies with the affordability of health care. ... The sooner we look at the real cost issues, the faster affordable health care will come."

In addition to all of his activities, the Bear manages to have lunch monthly with **John Bell** and **Bill Walker** '64.

Kathryn and I spent the better part of our July vacation reuniting with some classmates in the East. In NYC, we had a sumptuous meal at the redecorated (**Bobby**) **Seidman** loft in SoHo. Bobby is currently engrossed in writing a proposed documentary about the Hammerstein family (Oscar II was Richard Rodgers' lyricist). Patti's architectural practice continues to thrive, despite the recession that has been affecting residential construction. Peter, their son, who regrettably graduated from Wesleyan, has recently moved to LA to pursue opportunities in the music business.

We then traveled in a northeasterly direction to South Dartmouth, Mass., where we spent a few delicious nights with Hobby and **David Jeffrey**. They had just returned from a memorable trip to the Galapagos. David, after working part time for several years, recently decided to fully retire from the firm he founded. While in South Dartmouth, we "bumped" into Mary Lou (née Sam) and **Mike Heath**. Mike, who recently retired from the newspaper business, and Mary Lou spend summers in South Dartmouth and winters in Austin, Texas. They have four grandchildren, two of whom were with them in South Dartmouth.

Our trip next took us to Cape Cod, where I had a delightful lunch with Sue and **John Sargent**. Sarge is now fully retired, and he and Sue are safely ensconced in their charming house in Orleans, which just happens to be adjacent to their daughter Kathy's home, where three of Sarge's five grandchildren reside. John's extensive array of early American silver spoons, which he has been avidly collecting for a number of years, were on display.

Our next adventure was a journey to the "burbs" of Boston, where after a foreshortened (due to my gimpy calf) but highly competitive doubles match (**Lenny Bernheimer** and I challenged **Brooks Goddard** and **Wally Bernheimer** '61), we

adjourned to a jovial dinner at a Turkish restaurant in Wellesley, where we were joined by our respective spouses.

I look forward to hearing from a wider array of classmates. Please do write or e-mail me with fodder for the next notes.

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Classmates, it was nice to see so many of us back at the College for our 45th reunion this past June. Several members planned to return in October for our 1964 Class Halloween party. I hope we will have pictures of the best "goblins" from our class for a future report.

One of the highlights from Reunion Weekend was the luncheon and discussion with Professor **James MacGregor Burns** '39, who spoke with us prior to the publication of his book on the Supreme Court. Following the weekend I read his book and began a discussion with some of our classmates who had a variety of reflections on this work and other books by Professor Burns. I was pleased that several new voices responded and provided additional news about themselves as well as their ideas about Professor Burns' court analysis. **John Jobeless** reflected about his experiences in the political science department and identified the impacts of several teachers on his life. "In a narrow though exalted sense, Fred Schuman was my most memorable teacher at Williams. He inspired me to produce a huge term paper on Soviet music, the most serious academic undertaking of my life. In fact, it was probably the 'only' serious academic undertaking of my life. But in a far, far broader sense, however, **Jim Burns** '39 was my favorite teacher. Aside from the two courses I took with him, I read and enjoyed all his fine books up to and well beyond our time in Williamstown. In 1962, I was head of the Young Democrats on campus and was among the students who worked with him in Pittsfield registering voters and getting out the vote when Ted Kennedy won what had been JFK's Senate seat. In my mind's eye, I can still see candidate Kennedy addressing us in

the basement of Baxter Hall."

Additionally John recalls that "when Professor Burns received the National Book Award in 1971 ... I was living in Boston at the time, but as an opera subscriber I was frequently in Gotham. Strolling across the Lincoln Center plaza, I spotted the good professor heading my way and went over to offer my congratulations. He was in a hurry, so it was only a brief ... exchange, but I've never forgotten his beaming expression—no 'Dour Scotsman' that day!" Thanks, John, for sharing this experience. I wonder if others might wish to reflect on how members from the Williams faculty inspired them and influenced their lives.

Jamie Neidlinger took an entirely different approach. He said that he was more interested in Professor Burns' current thoughts regarding the functioning of the legislative branch today in comparison with his analysis in *The Deadlock of Democracy*, which he wrote in 1963. That was pretty provocative of Jamie, so I decided I would see what he was concerned about. Basically, Burns was concerned that there was too much fragmentation in American politics. Presidents are unable to control the members of their own parties and therefore are not able to enact their programs. They are unable to create the necessary congressional majorities for support of their programs. Part of this is, of course, is due to the influence of special interests, even then. In the book, Burns called for an overhaul of the system so that the winning party once elected could implement its programs, and, I presume, the loyal opposition would play its role with civility.

When Professor Burns spoke with us during the weekend, he noted that many of his ideas throughout the years have been challenging, and certainly this notion remains as relevant today as when he wrote it nearly 50 years ago. I guess we are left, Jamie, with Winston Churchill's quote: "It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except for all the others that have been tried."

In keeping up with a political and timely theme, **Alex Long** suggests that there might be interest in learning about the challenges he faces daily in the field of "real-world health care"



In August, 1964 classmates Skip Gwiazda (left) and Leo Murray (right) visited the Zanskar region's 1,000-year-old Lingshed Monastery (at 13,154 feet), one of the most remote monasteries in the Indian Himalayas.

as a volunteer on the board of a medical clinic. Alex writes, “After retiring and selling my company, I have been spending quite a bit of time working with a medical clinic located at a beautiful but remote California coastal town (Gualala). The clinic has a diverse but sparse population ranging from the affluent to many who are living ‘off the grid.’ There are 24,000 patient visits annually, and the nearest hospital or emergency room is a one-and-a-half-hour trip by automobile. We have challenges attracting medical staff to this unique environment and survive financially through a combination of payments for visits (fee for service), grants from governments (to help subsidize our large base of uninsured) and fundraising. Unfortunately we must increase visits per provider and cannot afford the time to address the quality of an individual’s health program (where we would like to focus). The financial system is incredibly complicated, and we are lucky to be nearly fully reimbursed for costs by both Medicaid and Medicare.” Alex goes on to describe the difficulties his clinic faces as a result of state budget reductions and the recent elimination of the clinic’s adult dental program for the poor. “My conclusion is that we need a better health-care program for all U.S. citizens, which can focus on improving the quality of care provided for the individual and does not require increasing the number of visits or procedures performed.” As a former public

health official, I wholeheartedly agree and would further suggest, Alex, that we need you in Congress (on either side of the aisle) to relate your experiences and bring some sanity to our current health-care reform debate to perhaps break this “Deadlock of Democracy”!

Across the pond, **Bill Bachle** writes (after recalling our workouts together under Coach Muir and instructing me that I need to work harder in the swimming pool) that he has had an opportunity to live in England, France and Italy in addition to the U.S. With regard to the health-care debate he adds that, “Fortunately any health problems for my family have been sorted out expertly, quickly and relatively inexpensively in three of these four countries.” Perhaps, Bill, I can encourage you to return to Williams for our 50th reunion, where we might include a topic that describes a variety of international health-care systems and compares and contrasts them with our own.

But there are other points of view. **Larry Green** is concerned and “afraid of what is happening to our country today.” He believes the administration wishes “to grab as much power as possible from the people and Congress and push through legislation under the guise of health reform and other actions that will increase the scope of government and adversely impact the economy of the U.S. by markedly increasing the national debt.” While I don’t

think we should create a political “blog” here, I think that Professor Burns would smile and be pleased that his lecture has stimulated the juices of many of us and that we are participating and discussing the political process. I might ask Jamie if Larry’s concern doesn’t go to the heart of Burns’ argument in the *Deadlock of Democracy* and argue against his premise.

Having referred to “blogging” I am amazed at the new technologies available for instant communication and transmission of information and for improved social networking.

Jim de Jongh writes that he recently downloaded a book to his Kindle (anyone else have a Kindle—a lightweight Amazon tablet that stores books, newspapers and magazines instantaneously?) and uses Facebook to remain in touch with a number of classmates: **John Wester, Albert McMean, Bob DiForio, Gavin Spence and John Jobeless.** He says he does not understand the point of “Twitter.” I wonder whether there is interest in the class to establish some form of networking—perhaps a Class of 1964 Facebook page for example. If there is interest, is there anyone in the class willing to work with me and the alumni office to set it up?

Jim remains on the full-time faculty in the English department at City College and the graduate faculty in the PhD program in English of the CUNY Graduate Center. Although Jim was to have had a sabbatical last year, a minor illness prevented it at that time, so he is currently using his extra free time to complete a historical dictionary of African-American literature “for which I’m under contract with a prominent publisher of reference volumes.” Please let us know when you have completed your work and also identify whom you consider to be your top authors. Jim states, in addition, that he is spending a fair amount of time in the Virgin Islands, visiting with and caring for an elderly mom, an activity that many of us will or have already gone through. Caring for an aging parent, although difficult, can be rewarding, particularly when we consider the opportunities that our parents have provided and sacrifices they have made for us! Good luck, Jim.

Chris Hagy and **Gay Mayer** have their own “face to face” methods of social networking. Chris

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informs us that, after attending the 45th reunion and learning that **Terry Finn** (our former class secretary) had retired and become a novelist, he decided to read Terry's first novel, *The Best of Times*, and enjoyed it so much that he has started to read Terry's second work, *To Begin Again*. Chris notes that although "Terry doesn't claim to be James Joyce, his books are well worth the read, and if we all rush out and order them he will soon be rich and famous." Way to go, Terry. Judge Hagy is not an easy guy to please! Maybe with enough time and some coaching, I too can use this position to gain fame and riches. Chris must have some extra time on his hands, since he recently rented a video featuring **Ben Wagner's** son Ben Jr., who "had also ventured into the arts and was the force behind the production of *Southbounders*, a film that has become somewhat of a cult film for those who have hiked or dreamed of hiking the Appalachian Trail." Young Ben even provides a cameo appearance for Papa Ben. Chris suggests that if we each view the film and make our collective voices heard "we can get the demand up for this flick and create a chance (slim) that Ben will be nominated for an Oscar." Our star football player is that good an actor, eh, Chris?! Let me conclude with Chris' final exhortation to the class: "I recommend that the class support our budding artists, or the children of those of us who have already budded and produced budding artists. (Now you know why I am not a writer)." But I will take the privilege of my position and rebut my esteemed classmate from Georgia by arguing that his judicial opinions are very well respected in the legal field.

Gay Mayer continues to network through his travels and concluded his annual trek to the beach to join **Russ Bishop** and **Bill Ruddiman** and wives for a few days. He says, "It used to be that we looked at the old geezers on the boardwalk. Now we are the 'old geezers' there!" Gay, who does a fair amount of travel, plans to encourage a get-together of a number of us in the greater Baltimore-Washington area including **Jay Freedman**, **Skip Gwaizda**, **Jon Spelman**, **Dennis Helms**, **Peter Buttenheim**, **John Wilson** and myself for starters. I know I am omitting others,

so please contact me, and maybe we can pull it off!

Gay has always contributed to the community, not only house-keeping on the New Jersey trails but also providing service to the Men's Leadership Alliance, where he helped staff one workshop for 30 men and then was chef/kitchen czar for 12 men who were exploring their faith. Both activities were outdoors in the Colorado mountains near Estes Park. Gay reminds us all: "I find spending time in a sleeping bag and a tent is very different with a 66-year-old back from what it used to be. Should I be surprised?" Are any of us surprised?

Gay, our newly elected class president, also says that he is really "looking forward to the next four-and-a-half years as we head toward our 50th reunion. Pretty amazing! I am honored to be of service to the class in this way. It will be a fun journey." We are fortunate indeed to have Gay's leadership and experience at this time.

Dick Tucker informs us that while his back is fine, he is delighted that he has been relieved of his duties serving as interim dean of student affairs ("a task better suited to a 37-year-old than a 67-year-old") and is now traveling to the Middle East, where he has taken on new responsibilities for ensuring "quality control" for the campus in Doha, Qatar. Although Dick will still be based in Pittsburgh, he will be spending a lot of time videoconferencing and will likely travel a few times each semester to Doha. Otherwise, he writes, "Rae, both daughters and the combined five grandsons are all doing well. We spent some nice time together at our house in Harwich Port in mid-August." You will need to plan not to be in Doha but rather in Williamstown during our 50th in 2014.

I was delighted to hear that **Kent Valin** has been traveling and hiking in the Rocky Mountains during the summers and cross country skiing in the winters. In between, he keeps cardiovascular fit on his NordicTrack. Kent sent some pictures of his wife and family in Alberta, Canada, including grandchildren, but cannot believe that "I have a grandson starting college this year! Life has been very good to me." Like Gay, Kent volunteers and spends "a significant amount of time building homes

with Habitat for Humanity. We have a very active chapter here, which has built over 300 homes since 1988. Super group of people to be a part of, and I have even become semi-handy after all those years of sitting at a desk." Kent also serves as a volunteer mediator in his local community helping people resolve conflicts and disputes. "We help people mutually arrive at solutions and agreements in a way that often provides a more satisfactory result than would litigation."

Kent's final thoughts probably are reflective for many of us: "In short, I feel like I've been blessed in many, many ways and am enjoying the chance to 'give back' for some of the good fortune I've enjoyed."

Barb and I biked the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in October. The C&O covers 184 miles from Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Md. While it is not a cross-country venture, as **Leo Murray** did many years ago, it certainly was a challenging experience at our age, especially considering we endured an unseasonably cold and rainy time period!

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season. Happy 2010! Marty.

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Secretary Burnett reports: By now, everyone should have received the notice from Class President **Dave Coolidge** and Reunion Chair **Jack Foley** describing the plans for our 45th reunion. Please remember to mark your calendars for June 10-13, 2010, for three days of celebrations, meals, lectures and other activities. Those of us lucky enough to have attended the 40th reunion can attest to the value of the experience, and I encourage all classmates to sign up and to make every effort to attend next year's reunion.

Jane and **Jim Hawley** finally have a landline phone at their cottage in Michigan, which they enjoy when not in Louisville. Jim has retired and welcomes hearing from classmates who happen to be in either area.



Last summer, while volunteering with the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Crew, John W. Mitchell '66 worked on a monument to U.S. President James A. Garfield, Class of 1856, in the remote Toltec Gorge.

The cottage is about one hour's drive from the vacation home of Priscilla and **Jim Worrall** in Michigan. Jim's number in Michigan is 231.352.5440. He and Jane plan on attending next year's reunion.

Jack Foley had occasion to visit a relative in Kansas City, where he was able to catch up with **Carl Helmstetter** and **Doug Drake**. Doug has established a full-time role in an art appraisal venture and seems quite happy with how it is going so far.

Jim Worrall met up with **David Stern** during the summer in Williamstown. David was in town for the celebration of **Fred Rudolph's** '42 89th birthday. David says he plans to attend the reunion next year. Jim also ran into **Rod Patton** at the Taconic Golf Course in late August. Hopefully, we will see Rod at the reunion too.

I received a helpful note from **Dan Plaine** with an update on his career and family. Dan and Sue helped to host the minireunion in May, which involved a private tour led by **Art Wheelock** of the National Gallery exhibition for which he was the curator. The Plaines have two daughters, Caroline and Meredith. Caroline is a sophomore at Vanderbilt, and Meredith is a junior in high school. Meredith recently spent a month touring China with a student group. Dan is partner at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in DC. His focus is international trade and finance. Every summer the family enjoys spending time in Martha's Vineyard near Edgartown Outer Harbor.

Dusty Griffin has officially retired from NYU as of Sept. 1. He will continue with his scholarship activities, however, and Cambridge University Press will be publishing his next book on Swift and Pope in 2010. He and Gale enjoy Williamstown and see several classmates there, but with three grandchildren in San Francisco and two in NYC, they are frequent travelers.

We look forward to seeing **Barrie** and **Tom Gregory** at the reunion, too, since he expects to attend. Tom is continuing to work part time in his dental practice, and they have moved from downtown Baltimore to the Deep Creek Lake area of western Maryland. Tom is doing well with his pacemaker implant from one year ago, and **Barrie** is recovering from a serious auto accident in 2008.

Chichi and **Len Brumberg** are enjoying life in NYC, having moved from the suburbs in 2001. Len retired from his position with a large real-estate company in 2008, but this year he established a smaller strategic real-estate consulting company with three former colleagues. Their son **Richard** lives in Atlanta and is an interpreter for the deaf. Their daughter **Shari** and her husband **Steve** live in Irvington, N.Y., so **Chichi** and **Len** are able to see their two grandchildren (**Jordan**, 7, and **Dyland**, 4) frequently. **Len** keeps up with **Bruce Mazor**, an ophthalmologist on Long Island, and **Rob Oehler**, who heads up an Asian-owned bank in LA.

The big news in the Burnett family is the arrival on Aug. 25

of **Ruby Rose Fefferman**, the daughter of our daughter **Liza**. **Liza** and **Stephen** live in **Chelsea**, which makes visiting them easy for **Harriet** and me (same subway line as the one I use for office and convenient for the necessary array of ATMs, one among many of the attendant joys of grandparents). Everyone is doing well, with the only disappointment arising from the fact the new father is a **Mets** fan, so no **Reds** merchandise was acceptable.

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As **Adam Falk** waits in the wings to take over as the 17th president of Williams this April, it is sobering to realize that he will be the seventh president we have known since our time in the Purple Valley. Eight, if you also count **Phinney Baxter '14**, who retired in 1961 but was very much alive in 1962 when we started (he died in 1975). That's almost half of the total since 1793.

Happily most of us are still very much alive too. And still kicking.

Andy Burr and **Ann McCallum** refurbished their tired, sagging, dilapidated old website, www.burrandmccallum.com. Thrill to pictures of other people's houses! Gasp at massive commercial projects! Swoon at tasteful institutional buildings! And bemoan the overuse of exclamation points!

Dave Tobis helped create a new organization, **Maestral International**, which with a contract from UNICEF developed a tool kit to map and assess child protection systems in low- and middle-income and other distressed countries throughout the world. He was to embark on field testing the instruments in Kenya, Cambodia, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan and other garden spots in September. He also reports that the **Jeff O. Jones** Journalism Fellowship continues to receive contributions from members of the class and others. He sends his thanks to everyone. For now it looks as though the

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program will be able to provide fellowships to aspiring journalists in perpetuity.

Jim Meir stepped down as board chair of the American Jewish World Service. During his tenure the organization grew and did work in over 35 developing countries. Now Jim will focus on his consulting business (Arete Consulting). He recently read that three times as many people have climbed Mount Everest as have swum the English Channel. So, of course, he has begun training for a solo attempt to swim the channel during the first week of September 2010.

Bill Bowden, though retired from the rat race in NYC, has gotten more and more involved in his new community, a small, remote village in northwestern Massachusetts. He joined the board of the Williamstown Theatre Festival, which had another good season this past summer. As the winter comes, he is preparing to teach a Winter Study course on AIG and the Global Financial Crisis with, ominously, “a few friends who were heavily involved.” He hopes to help students understand more about how our financial system works, what went wrong, what the feds did to try to fix it and how the industry should be regulated in the future.

Bill also serves as a genial host for class members passing through Williamstown. In the fall he and Margo hosted the third annual Class of 1966 minireunion, which included Ann and **Andy Burr**, Bonnie and **Wink Willett**, Lee and **John Linen**, Janet and **Roger Kubarych**, **Allen Rork**, **Budge Upton** and **Tucker Jones’** wife Sue. The stalwarts suffered through a rainy, one-sided football win against Bates, but Margot and the wiser heads took in the Clark.

This was the first fall in several years that **Wink Willett** has been in the U.S. He and Bonnie have had wonderful travels visiting grandchildren (now at five and counting) and pursuing Wink’s passion, travel photography. Their travels have taken them to Bhutan and Northern Thailand (Golden Triangle), India, Mexico, Bahamas, Florida and Istanbul. You can catch some of Wink’s shots on www.winkwillett.com. In Florida last May Wink and others put together a mini KA reunion with Kyle and **Budge Upton**, Betsy and **Bill Roe**,



Returning home to Sun Valley, Idaho, after 35 years of distinguished service to American art museums, Jack Lane '66 (left) talked art and skied groomed runs on Baldy Mountain in March with Tom Stevenson '71 (center) and Ted Ragsdale '68.

Jon Linen and Bettina and **Bob Snibbe**. Wink also advises that you might like to look at the profile of the Williams Class of 2013, especially if you need to be humbled. Check out tinyurl.com/yzzsylvl.

Ned Donaghue proudly has a daughter, Maggie, in the Bennington College Class of 2013. That will give him a reason to be close to Williamstown more often. He and Peggy went to France to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, visiting Aix, Paris and Normandy.

Ben Coplan practices pediatrics in Fremont, Calif., but in August he returned to rural Honduras as a medical volunteer. While there he met **Hernando Garzon '84**, an emergency medicine physician from Sacramento.

David Batten, Evi and their children, Lydia and Alexis, spent the summer sailing the Turkish coast. They put about 1,000 miles on their 53-foot ketch between Antalya in the east and Bodrum in the west. The coastline was spectacular, with fascinating history and ruins. Now they’re back home in New York where the children attend the Lycée-Français with children from around the world. When he is not consulting part time, David and Evi are involved in a theater company and the Central Park Conservancy, and they continue to figure out how to meet the challenge of retirement with two rambunctious young children about.

Bailey Young did not spend the summer on a medieval archeological funerary excavation in

Europe this year but instead traveled west with Christine and their son Zack across North Dakota and the badlands and discovered Glacier National Park. He had been to the Colorado Rockies before, but he was inspired anew by the majesty of the mountains and the beauty of perfect little Alpine lakes with floating icebergs and snow in early July. As an archeologist and historian, he admits to being discouraged about how much of our natural heritage has been lost, even in our lifetime. The trip reminded him though of how much is yet preserved, in large part because of a consensus that it is worth preserving. What he finds not so well preserved is familiarity with the music of our decade. Fortunately for him, his son shares a taste for the music, and together they take in Leonard Cohen or Dylan concerts.

Jon Britnell wrote from the grandeur of the Northwest, where he practices medical oncology in Seattle, of the preservation project he has joined, influenced by a lecture he attended given by his Sage E freshman roommate **Peter Willing**. The topic was Peter’s expedition to the headwaters of the Baker River in Chile. He is part of a team of MIT environmental engineers surveying the area to study the impact of a proposal to dam this and other Patagonian glacial rivers. You can check out the story at www.internationalrivers.org.

Roger Kubarych too headed west from the grimy city—first

to Michigan to see his first granddaughter and then all the way to a working ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Sensing an imposter, the horse threw him, and he ended up in the hospital with nine broken ribs and a punctured lung. He is still recuperating. "Dinner with Bowden in Williamstown helped, not least the wine."

Bill Adams got a new hip in June. He was aiming to be ready for the squash season this winter.

Jeff Rosen is also in rehab mode. He had an operation on his neck earlier this year and hoped to be back to playing tennis by November. At Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, he is professor of cellular biology and medicine and runs a busy research laboratory. He and Madeline also spend time in their second home in Taos, N.M. He spent a semester sabbatical last year at the Swiss Institute of Cancer Research in Lausanne and still gets invitations to speak at medical meetings in nice places. Who needs to retire to travel and see the world?

Peter Hoyt's new knee is solid, works well and is not too painful. He is relaxed and happy in his retirement. He does an occasional consulting gig and enjoys the time with his daughters and three grandchildren. He has also taken up serious quilting.

Willard Spiegelman's bones and joints remain sound. He came north for the summer, lounging on the Connecticut coast after the publication of his book *Seven Pleasures: Essays on Ordinary Happiness*. "Happiness has received less respect and less attention than melancholy, its traditional opposite." He helped to correct this historic failing at a reading and discussion at the Williams Club in July. Several worthies were in attendance: **John Gould**, **Karl Garlid**, Anne and **Ernie Eynon**, **Ned Davis**, **Larry Stone** and me. A happy time was had by all. Regrets were sent in by **Mike Katz**, who was teaching in North Carolina but attested to the book's wit and wisdom. **Jon Powell** also sent regrets, but he wanted to remind us that Willard has made two excellent DVD/CDs on reading poetry and the Romantic poets. They are full multilecture courses that have gotten good reviews available on the Teaching Co. website.

Con O'Leary is retired but still teaches a few courses in

constitutional law and legislative process at UConn Law School, where he also supervises the legislative clerkship. He hosts a summer internship program in Hartford for German military officers who are studying engineering. Over the summer he took a break to visit Pat and **Tom Gunn** in Concord, N.H., and hosted Pat and **Ed Groszewski** in the fall.

You should know that an article in the Sept. 14 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "In very few words: Alumni notes pack a punch," sang the praises of alumni class notes and made special mention of the high state of the art in *Williams People*. Although your dedicated co-secretaries were not singled out for their exceptional wit and tireless toil, the credit really goes to you and the news you send in. Keep it comin'!

As for us, your secretaries, we soldier on. **John Gould** is the most active, now that he is a retiree. He spoke at the biannual Anthony Powell Conference in Washington in September about his experience teaching Powell's 12-novel series, "A Dance to the Music of Time." He just published a book, *Dance Class*, in which he collected essays written by his Andover students. Four of them, now sophomores at Georgetown and George Washington, attended the lecture and were treated like rock stars. In Washington he stayed with Judy and **Coleman Bird** and had dinner with Karen and **Jim Harrison**. Earlier in the summer he attended the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim with his wife, the Rev. Jane, and son Sam. Although it was only a block away, they did not attend Disneyland. No need: Every time he looked in the mirror, he thought he saw Goofy.

I crossed the age threshold over the summer and applied for one of the perks that accompany that milestone, a reduced-fare Metrocard. The downside is that the card boldly identifies me as a senior citizen and has a disturbing, gratuitous picture of an old guy on the front.

The annual Class of 1966 Dinner with No Special Agenda for all of us old guys, hosted by Lance Knox and now in its 19th year, will be held at the Williams Club in New York on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, 2010. Please plan to attend. Have safe and happy holidays.

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This issue represents the overwhelming response that you all made to the e-mail appeal your secretary sent following the anemic earlier snail mail results. This was the best ever. Thank you.

Positive news leads this issue. **Steve Mark** reports that things look pretty good so far with his cancer treatment. This follows surgery, chemo and radiation. He says he doesn't have much lung capacity after the removal of his upper right lobe and after having smoked unfiltered Camels for 50 years. But he can walk a couple of miles and doesn't need oxygen or anything else. We fervently wish you continued excellent results, Steve.

In positive news last June, **John Way** was given the Merit Award for his work as a social worker and union delegate at Interfaith Medical Center in the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. He has worked for 16 years on the surgical floors there. He claims to be the minority white guy on site.

Mark Richards hosted a minireunion in South Freeport, Maine, in July. In attendance were Jan and **Steve Watson** (Steve piloting his own plane from Colorado), **Jinx** and **John Hufnagel** coming from Rockland, Maine, and Mary and **Warner Fletcher** from Worcester, Mass., and Kennebunkport, Maine. Mark's sons **Pete** '96 and **Drew** '99 have joined him back in Vermont with his firm The Richards Group. So he's having too much fun to retire. His daughter **Annie** '01 is also back home. Liz and Mark have four grandchildren.

Jan and **Steve Watson** are living half the year in Colorado and half the year in Carmel, Calif. They reported a great time with the Richards gathering and noted that all attendees were well and "typically irreverent."

Warner Fletcher said that he and Mary also thoroughly enjoyed the rendezvous, although he felt that it may take some of the local communities they visited a while to recover.

John Hufnagel spends half the year in a half-time law practice in New York and the other half in Maine painting. He also works with the Maine Coast

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Heritage Trust, which his son **Steven** '96 joined last fall. They are putting a favorite island into a land trust. **Dave Shepler** visited them this summer on his annual kayak trip to Maine. The Hufnagels' niece **Karen** '90 and her husband **Brice Hoskins** '90 visited as well. Two entrepreneurs, they are making world-class rum called Montayna in the Colorado mountains. The Hufnagels also saw Susan and **Allan Stern**.

Bill Scott has been working in Lublin and Krakow, Poland, on a project of his in distributed drug discovery. After retiring from Lilly Pharmaceutical Co., he became a research professor at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. There he is educating students worldwide in synthetic chemistry. At the same time they are making new molecules that will be tested as potential drug leads for neglected diseases, including those in the developing world.

Pam and **Larry Ashby** are concentrating on living "La Vie en Rose," which also happens to be the name of their boat. Larry retired in 2008. He became "of counsel" at his firm Ashby & Geddes, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. They spent a glorious summer

Quantico as a Marine Corps Reserve Officer. His unit left for Afghanistan before he finished, so he will be assigned to another reserve unit. He is a project manager in computer networking for Wells Fargo.

Tom Ehrich's son Nathanael has asked him to preside at his wedding next June. Tom worries, "I wonder how I'll do when it's my own son." Meanwhile he says his web-publishing venture is growing, and he is on the road regularly working with congregations.

Jonathan Lovell and his wife Ellen spent a vacation with their daughter Stephanie, her husband Mike Rose, and their step-granddaughter Sarah Rose, age 8. They visited Point Lobos, the Monterey Aquarium and the Elkhorn Slough, midway between Santa Cruz and Monterey.

Diane and **Jack Hunt** had a lovely dinner with Lisa and **Jake Taylor**. Jack is approaching some transitions in his life while dealing with a difficult year at King Ranch. He will be leaving the ranch in a year or so. Also, his second six-year term as a member and vice chair of the Texas Water Development Board will end in December. During his tenure they issued roughly \$5

traveled around New England. They visited **John Hunisak**, longtime professor of art history at Middlebury. They also visited battlefields of the French and Indian War, including the site where Col. Ephraim Williams was killed in 1755. Earlier in the summer in Boston they enjoyed a dinner with **Jonathan Vipond**.

Jon Cannon served on President-elect Obama's EPA transition team and was appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Committee on America's Climate Choices. Jon teaches environmental and land use law at the University of Virginia. He and Alice live in an old house in the Virginia Piedmont. Their son **Ben** '02 is pursuing a PhD in English literature at Berkeley. They also look forward to visits from their grandson Sam (Class of 2028) from New York.

Sara and **Scanlon Gail** are back in LA following their stay in Philadelphia. They were both working on location there for a new film *The Last Airbender*. They say they loved Philly, particularly the food scene. Back in LA Scanlon is in rehearsal for a play, *The Anderson Trial*, about the Civil War POW camp.

Bill Biersach says that he and **Doug Mills** are trying their best to convert from aging sailors to competent senior golfers. Limited success so far. Bill and Kathe planned a fall trip to Oregon for a tour of wine country, mountains and the seaside. They hoped to visit **Dave Rikert** and **Dave McCarron**. Later they intend to head for New Hampshire and a rendezvous with **Warner Fletcher**.

In more Oregon news, **Pete Watson** in Portland is "still delivering babies and looking forward to retirement with his wife Harriet in five years." He was in Williamstown in early fall to visit his oldest son **Eric** '97 and wife **Paola** '98 and their two children Aracely and Oliver. Eric is the men's soccer coach at SUNY-New Paltz and coached against Williams in September.

Andy Binder is practicing medicine in Ventura, Calif. He tried a 10-month retirement but returned to the fold. He specializes in pulmonary medicine and sleep disorders. No more critical care. He and Carolyn celebrated their 36th anniversary. They have two daughters. Their youngest finished her college swimming career at Auburn University

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In September, Christian White '67 won the Federal Trade Commission's Chairman's Award, the highest award presented annually to an employee who has made a lasting contribution to the agency. White is deputy general counsel to the FTC.

on Chesapeake Bay, where they spend long weekends at their place on Rock Hall Harbor.

Bryan Hickman writes that both his business and family are doing well. His daughter **Danner** '05 entered Tuck Business School at Dartmouth this fall. The one less good item is that Bryan has one herniated disc and two bulging discs. They resulted from building rock walls, and they have now partially incapacitated him. He'd be grateful for any helpful suggestions.

Rick Williams reported in from Dawson City, Yukon. He and Valerie were there on a two-week trip to Alaska and the Yukon. He reported gorgeous night skies with many more stars visible than even in the Florida Keys. Their son Christopher finished a year of training at

billion in bonds to fund water and wastewater infrastructure in Texas. He hasn't decided his next moves, but the water-skiing circuit is a distinct possibility. He spent two days observing operations aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Truman* (CVN75) as a Secretary of the Navy guest.

Buddy Karelis accepted the Bosky Visiting Professorship in Public Policy and Political Philosophy at Williams. That means he was to teach a couple of courses there in the fall.

Bill Clendaniel is now chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the nation's oldest (1791), repository of most of the private papers of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. One of his fellow trustees is **Bernard (Bud) Baily** '45. In July Bill and Ron



1967 classmates and their wives met up in South Freeport, Maine, in July. Pictured, from left, are John Hufnagel, Steve and Jan Watson, Warner Fletcher, Liz Richards, Jinx Hufnagel, Mary Fletcher and Mark Richards.

with an NCAA Div. I title in the 500 free and NCAA championships in three of four years.

Susan and **Hiram Lewis** are in Silver City, N.M. Travis, 19, is helping develop a youth space there and is going to school at WNMU. He is a good musician and is active in public art. Hana, 23, is doing entrepreneurial things in Cleveland. Hiram buys and sells old postcards, paints (hiewisart.com) and teaches Hapkido. Sue is a manager at GCEC, educating grade schoolers about conservation.

Julie and **Steve Kiechel** wanted to clarify that although they are building a house in Dartmouth, Mass., retirement is not part of the immediate equation. They want to have a footprint closer to their friends **Bob Bahr**, **Ed Wing**, **Bill Holt** and brother-in-law **Roger Mandle** '63.

Jeff Modesitt began his report by plugging his brother **Lee** '65, who in October published his 54th novel. Lee has averaged two books per year since his first was published. Earlier this year Jeff and Leslie had a visit from Jan and **Charlie Potts** '68. Charlie is fighting the battle of hip and knee replacements. Jeff and Leslie enjoy Sunday family dinners with four generations, from 90 to 18. Nicole, their youngest grandchild, even invites her boyfriend. Having their youngest grandchild leaving for college next year is a wake-up call.

Ron Bodinson along with **Gordon Gee** and **Irv Blond** hosted the Williams gathering of Expedition 2009 at his house.

He reported that **Barry Gradman** retired but remains busy in Brooklyn. He also stays in touch with **Fred Rudolph** '42. Also in his correspondence circle are **Andy Cadot**, **Larry Ricketts** and **Larry Ashby**, who usually relive moments of past baseball glory.

Last May, Paula and **Warren Suss** visited their daughter **Becky** '03 in Berkeley, where she is pursuing her MFA in painting. While there, they visited **Pat O'Donnell** and his wife Barbara Gates. They have also been spending time in the hip-hop world with their older daughter **Ginny** '99. She works for The Roots, which is the opening house band for *The Jimmy Fallon Show*. She also produces their hip-hop website, and she is producing the tour of another hip-hop group, Bahah and the Dry Eye Crew. They are hugely popular in Sierra Leone. Ginny is introducing them to the U.S. Their site is www.Planetbahah.com.

Mark Piechota is head of The Crefeld School in Philadelphia. It is a private, progressive school that does particularly good work with underserved and marginalized youngsters. He finds it a refreshing new direction after 38 years in public education.

Bob Carpenter has moved from Connecticut to Ipswich, Maine. He works in the department of otolaryngology at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass. He has cut down to three days a week to better recharge his batteries.

Dave Hanni is at Harris Bank, where he specializes in wealth banking while juggling the

difficult current banking and credit markets. His family is well, including eight grandchildren. He is feeling particularly ancient since his youngest turned 30 this year.

Hank Grass is well and enjoying his psychiatry work as well as biking, running and water skiing.

Last summer **George Cannon** and his friend Kitty took another "discover these great United States" trip. This time they were in southern California. The temperatures in Palm Springs hit 115.

Arnie Heller writes that after 31 years with a large Center City Philadelphia law firm, he has moved to a smaller firm, High Swartz LLP, in the burbs to start a new life. Retirement is not in his near-term cards.

John McCarthy reports his executive search boutique in Geneva is doing OK in spite of the economic conditions. Fortunately he has had some high profile assignments. In what was a tough hiring decision his ace researcher is an Amherst grad, Adwoa Bagalini '94. John says he's coping.

Zhanna and **Dana Stevens** and their children Angela, 7, and Diana, 18 months, spent the summer in Armenia. They are building a dacha there. Dana is VP of academic affairs at Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics & Strategic Research.

Susan and **Marty Samuels** have acquired a beach house in Nahant, a little town north of Boston. Late summer they went to Toms River, N.J., for the memorial service for **Larry Ricketts'** dad Dewitt "Doc" Ricketts. Marty writes the Rickettses were like a second family to him.

Wally Wilson sends thanks to all who contributed on **Rob Hammell's** passing. He and Rob had just begun an e-mail correspondence after the 40th reunion. They were freshman roommates and had lost touch with each other. They were both pleased with the reconnection. Wally had some other musings that because of space your secretary will hold for a later edition.

Jon Macomber and his wife are in the travel period of their retirement. Last fall it was the Pacific Northwest and Yellowstone. They also spent three weeks tandem bicycling in New Zealand last February.

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 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 plying rapids on wilderness rivers.

"I was in Pittsburgh on a case last spring and had a fun dinner with Mona and **E.J. Strassburger**. Have talked a number of times since, trading case referrals. **Don McGill** and I continue to do our annual Western fly-fishing trip—this year in the Madison River Valley. He was pulling in 19-inch Browns like he owned them. I'm blessed with such a great friend all these years."

Finally, here's a lovely story from **Lowell Davis**: "Nancy and I have recently returned from a 23-day, 4,000-mile car tour of the Midwest visiting numerous alumni of the Landon School, where I have been teaching, coaching and doing alumni affairs for almost 40 years. With such close-quarter living (car,

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motel, guest room, bathroom, etc.) on the trip for that length of time, people ask if we are still married. The answer is 'yes,' but the jury is still deliberating on the question of 'happily' married. One of our stops was in Leland, Mich., where I met a gentleman named **Bill Steel '37**, who had taught at Landon for only one year (1942-43). In addition to the Landon connection, he was a graduate of Williams ... and had taught at Lake Shore School in the Chicago for many years.

"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

so I could start a second career in university teaching following 25 years as a health administrator. My health administration career was peripatetic, and this latest 11 years is longer than I have spent in any geographical location. We feel at home in the Ozarks, but not as if we have roots here. Those are still in New England and the Carolinas. It has been a Benjamin Button journey. While most of you have grandchildren now, I've got young teenagers in the home and spend many spare moments as a Boy Scout or church youth leader. Perhaps in retirement I should open an infant day care center. It's all good, but it seems reverse-ordered. My best to all of you!"

Francis Moriarty has been elected second VP of the Foreign Correspondents Club in Hong Kong and is "looking forward to some writing projects in the coming year. I'm thinking of visiting the Berkshires in autumn to see friends and family and to watch the leaves change. Margie and **Bob Ware** '70 are now forewarned." Frank reports that **Tom Krens** was in Hong Kong for an arts forum and met with local alumni for lunch. "He's involved in some fascinating projects, and it was a pleasure to listen to him speak about them."

Proud grandfather **Spike Riley** sent along a photo of Melanie Anne Foster—"31 hopefully"—appropriately clad in Williams attire. Her parents are Shaun Foster and daughter Rachel Riley Foster, both Connecticut College '00. Spike and Peg have met up with Andrea and **Bob Whitten** and planned to see **Rich Pollett** as well. "As I recall, some of our classmates were musing about doing some time on the Outer Banks. If anyone is interested in Hatteras Island, we have friends living there involved with the two largest realtors on the island. Would be happy to make intros!"

Jim Barns says his reunion experience "continues to resonate with me. I call it a 'top-five' experience in my life." Jim was especially gratified recalling a Sunday morning experience relating back to his time on campus. Discussing an Amherst football game with **Dick Peinert** and **Sandy Smith**, they were trying to determine who threw the critical block springing **Jack Maitland** '70 for the winning touchdown. Discovering it was Sandy, Jim later e-mailed Jack

to talk about the game and got a call back at work. "We had a great chat. Rewarding for this former diffident *Record* sports writer who had never talked with #40. Forty-one years later, it was all so satisfying."

Congratulations to **Dan Cianfarini**, who had another exhibit of his paintings, this one following his showing at the Williams Club earlier this year. "The Texture of Landscape," watercolors by **Dan Cianfarini** and Alexandra Lee, ran for six weeks in October and November at the Old Schwamb Mill in Arlington, Mass.

Steve Poindexter has checked in after a long absence, reporting he is still alive and well in the Twin Cities. Steve's life remains busy with six grandchildren and his snowboard business, and he reports seeing **Doug Donaldson** '71 occasionally. "My best to everyone."

Dave Low had a "fly-by visit to the class members at the alumni reunion parade, and it gave me the quickest of chances to catch up with a few '69ers. Among other pleasant surprises was running into Gloria and **Eric Koster** and determining that they too have found a way back to the Purple Valley and are fellow summertime residents of Pownal, Vt. An August dinner gathering gave us the fun chance to swap 40 years of news since the time that we had last been together in Williamstown. We'll be looking for other classmates who migrate just north of the Massachusetts/Vermont line."

From Seattle, **Pat Dunn** expressed regret in missing the 40th but is visiting Massachusetts, as a daughter is a sophomore at Wheaton College in Norton. **Dick Peinert** says he now has "plenty of excuses" to visit Williamstown, as his daughter is now a sophomore at Emma Willard School in Troy. His son Max goes to the University of Delaware.

Mike Goodbody planned to tie the knot in October with Darcy Duval, with son **Lucas Goodbody** '03 as best man. This follows the wedding of Mike's daughter Free to Jordan Ferenc in Hilton Head in June. Amy and **Phil Geier** '70 attended the festivities

In another report of a marital union, **Sal Mollica** reports the marriage of his son Mark to Kate Cassella on Aug. 15, taking place at Sal's lake-front summer home in Harrisville, N.H. "The weather gods were with

us, and we had a wonderful event graced by the attendance and performances of the many musician friends of Kate's, a professional violinist, and Mark's, a professional jazz guitarist." That's it for now. Stay well and in touch.

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Charley Sawyer sent the following report on a most significant happening in Middlebury, Vt.:

"Q and **Kim Montgomery's** son Ross married Annie Morris on Aug. 29. That's the good news. The confusing and shocking news for many was that I was the guy at the pulpit conducting the ceremony. Three months before, Ross and Annie had asked me to do this, I agreed and then realized that at all the weddings I'd ever attended, I had never listened to a single word said at any of them. Welcome to the nightmare of showing up for the final exam in a class you never knew you were taking. Payback time. But somehow it all worked out and ended up being fun. Possibly because of some innovative wedding planning: the champagne bar was open a half hour before the service. Interesting fact: Many good-looking women make a big fuss over the minister. Seeing this, **Lee Owen** observed that being a man of the cloth at a wedding could be as effective as walking a puppy at Skids on Friday afternoon. Kim and Q are justifiably prouder and poorer by equally huge amounts. To help deal with the latter issue, Kim is encouraging wealthy classmates with expensive dental problems to stop in at his office. But please not during hunting, golf, ski or dog training season."

John Hitchins reports that the family is well and the nest is slowly emptying. Daughter Claire started classes in August as a first-year UVA student at its Brown College part of campus grounds. She follows her sister Christine's steps; Christine was UVA class of 2006. John says, "When we drove Claire to Charlottesville on Saturday morning, traveling only 115 miles from home (in Roanoke),

Jean and I both felt multiple levels of relief that we were not making the 600-mile trek to Williamstown. Although had Claire chosen Williams, I am certain that I would have felt a special excitement for having one of my own children attend. The only remaining progeny at home still is our boy Jack, who is in sixth grade. Jean and I are happy to be starting another school year as teachers in the Roanoke city public school system; her fifth year and my 11th.”

In my last column I shared a new e-mail address for **Rod Titcomb**. Unfortunately, it had a typo. Here’s the correct version: ertitcom@comcast.net. Rod and Cecie took a Baltic cruise to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, with visits to St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Amsterdam, among other spots. The Titcombs’ four children have blessed them with seven grandchildren ranging in age from 20 months to 8 years. Rod says, “Three live in West Palm, so we see them regularly; two in St. Paul, where my office is, so I see them frequently; and two in Phoenix. All the children and spouses are employed, a minor miracle these days, and we give thanks for that. Cecie is nearing her fifth anniversary as an ordained Episcopal deacon. The deaconate has been a fulfilling experience for her but has limited her interaction with grandchildren, so I think she’s moving toward a reduced workload.”

Jennifer (Mace) Wolcott and husband Dan had a great trip to Scotland for the Gathering of the Clans in July, followed by the 100th anniversary of the Morrison clan in the Outer Hebrides. They also drove across the U.S. from Boston to their summer home near Vancouver, Wash. Jennifer’s son continues as a brewmaster for Red Hook in Seattle, and her daughter Emily is in Brevard, N.C. They spend the rest of the year in Panama, where they have two guest rooms for classmates. Jennifer looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion in June!

I’m very sorry to report that **Dan Frost** passed away July 20 after a long battle with early-onset Parkinson’s disease. Dan received his medical degree from UCLA and was a specialist in cancer surgery. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Dan’s

wife and family. **Joel Sklar**, who is a cardiologist in Marin, Calif., wrote, “Dan and I were roommates all four years at Williams. He was an oncologic surgeon who, when he couldn’t operate anymore, retrained as a radiation oncologist—therefore apparently the world’s only M.D. with that combination of expertise. I was in contact with Dan until his recent death, unbelievably sad.” Joel also reports, “I have a side hobby/job as board chair of a local community bank, the Bank of Marin. Our daughter Liz, who got into Williams but went to Brown (go figure), is an actress, about to get married.”

As he has done for the past few summers, **Jack Murray** joined **Clifford Robinson** and **Jerry Christensen** in the Adirondacks, where they hiked and cooked and talked. They no longer tackle the high peaks as they did in their younger days, but they still manage a few of the lesser mountains.

Stephen Squires had a great piece titled “Woodstock Remembered,” published in the Willimantic *Chronicle*. I can’t include the whole thing here, but here’s an edited version that will give you a flavor of his account: “We half million were barefoot from Babylon, wannabe innocents trying hard to love one another, and for one remarkable weekend it actually did work at the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair. I still have my ticket.

“Major blessings were going on at Max Yasgur’s muddy concert bowl, nestled down meandering farm roads cosseted by gentle green hills, from the top of any one of which you could see for miles. I should know since our red, white and blue hippy bus was parked on one of those roundtops a mile off. I was shocked to get off that bus Friday afternoon only to be greeted by Greg Fait, my old grammar school classmate from Storrs, Conn., directing parking on that hill.

“We spent the month before preparing our old yellow bus for hippy wonderland, painting it red, white and blue, temporarily removing the seats. It was christened the ‘Frankly Dankly Bus’ after somebody dangled an old print of Franklin Roosevelt from the rear-view mirror. We were from a political ‘commune’ of Williams College seniors, all too ‘seriously’ dabbling in Alinsky style community organizing up

in North Adams and Pittsfield, Mass. We funded our project, called the Berkshire Volunteers, with a slick line or two tossed off to wealthy College alumni (leaving out the Alinsky part, of course).

“It was all meant to happen at least once in my life. Though I tried to capture it again 10 years later, wandering back to Max Yasgur’s pasture, compelled like Richard Dreyfuss in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, radar-directed as if by aliens to his *Devil’s Needle* spaceport. We were, each of us, ‘aliens’ back in 1969 and for very many years afterward. I guess too many still are. We have been meant to always wonder just what on earth we were doing on planet America in the first place!”

Barbara and **Dick Cooch** have joined the ranks of the Class of ’70 empty nesters with son Richard a sophomore at Sierra Nevada College on Lake Tahoe (Dick doesn’t think Brodie Mountain would quite stack up to Squaw Valley for him) and daughter Merritt a freshman at East Carolina University. Dick and Barbara had a great visit with **Ken McCurdy** and his daughter Kate in Maine this summer. Dick has been on the Delaware Superior Court bench now for 17 years and continues to enjoy the work, especially the absence of time sheets on his desk.

Lea and **Paul Miller** spent a great day last summer with Cindy and **Bran Potter** at Brandreth Lake in the Adirondacks, the first time in several years that their Adirondack vacations have coincided. Paul says, “It’s always a treat to be at Brandreth—Bran’s family maintains the prohibition on any motorized watercraft, so it is a place of wonderful peace and quiet. Cindy and Bran are both still teaching in Sewanee, Tenn. (Bran at the University of the South and Cindy at St. Andrews-Sewanee School). They have lost none of their love and enthusiasm for the work and are both (deservedly) held in the highest regard. I don’t know if you saw the article on **Pat Bassett** in *USA Today*—it featured his advocacy of right-brain thinking and his efforts to change the nature of secondary education. Despite his being in demand as a conference speaker he’s still finding time to get out on the golf course. I can almost always count on being thrashed

by him when we play together.”

I got a nice update from **Gates Hawn**, who reports, “All quiet on the Far Hills front in the East, and all quiet on the Carefree front in the West. We have some Eph sightings since we came home to celebrate May Day. I arranged a group of intrepid guest golfers for a contest at our Tillinghast cult classic Somerset Hills between **David Dewey** ’82, **Randy Rogers** ’85, **Joe McCurdy** ’70 and me. The ’70s were outclassed in all efforts except the beer drinking on the porch after the round. In June Mary Ellen and I went to London for a godson and nearly nephew’s wedding celebration hosted at the beautiful National Trust gardens and museum at Chiswick House by my cousins Tru and **Robert Helms** ’69. In July we gathered a couple of dozen family members together in our gardens to celebrate the 85th birthday of Alberta and **Gates Helms** ’46. His children were all there—including Laeili and **Roger Helms** ’79, Bill and **Marian Helms Hewitt** ’82 and their children, and Meg and **Dennis Helms** ’64 and their children. Once we recovered from that family incursion and celebration, we were able to have a quiet evening in early August with Robin and **Chris Linen** and Madeleine and **Key Bartow**. I can say from consistent close observation that the Never to be Famous, Great or Wealthy Class of 1970 continues to eat less, drink less and perhaps think more. It was easier for me to follow along in the diverse discussions when it was the other way around!”

Ty Tuttle sends greetings from Normandy. “Have been here since early July but not really on vacation—working as much as I normally do in Paris, but we had our daughter and her kids here for 10 days, which was fun, and were joined for one weekend by our son and his fiancée. [This year] marks the 30th anniversary of my moving to France. And to think that 40 years ago I was at Woodstock—almost two thirds of our lifetime ago.”

Janelle and **Sluggo Stearns** are safely back in Thailand after some extended travel to visit family and friends in the U.S. and around the globe. He says, “Janelle and I are well and happy in our little beach town with barefoot monks, goofy locals and perpetual heat, dry or wet—take your pick. Tropical

fruits we’ve never seen or heard of and hanging orchids for two bits apiece! Had a great but tiring round-the-worlder last April and May; San Fran, Indy, Fort Wayne, NYC, Delaware, Rhode Island, Amsterdam, Finland (my favorite western country), Istanbul and the Bosphorus and finally home. Fifty-two days and nine flights, exhausting for old geezers like us, but it seemed like a good idea at the time! I can remember when that statement got several of us in serious caca in Billsville! Anyway, happy and accepting life as it is—wild, weird and wonderful. Planning a short getaway to Varanasi, India, this year when Janelle has a short break from university. All friends, siblings, offspring and friends of friends are welcome.”

When **John Peinert** wrote, his cruising sailboat was in Newport, R.I., being painted, and a big launching party was being planned. By the time you read this he will be cruising down the Intracoastal Waterway to the Bahamas for the winter. After that, who knows, but he says there are more islands and beaches to visit than he has years left.

Lane and **Ron Clark** are empty nesters no more. They acquired a Bernese Mountain Dog since they were tired of living in a house where everything is not covered in dog hair. Also, Ron had some perfectly good shoes that needed to be chewed up. And get this, Ron has a recurring nightmare in which he wakes up to find that the entire country is being run by his high school graduating class.

Mark Lyon had a nice summer revolving around two trips. “First, my son Eliot and I went to Australia for three weeks—birding in Queensland, sightseeing in Sydney and environs and then a week of amateur astronomy in Coonabarabran, NSW, home of Siding Spring Observatory. A week back and then off to Oregon/Idaho/Washington for a nearly-all-birding trip—the aptly named ‘Woodpecker Wonderland’ of Sisters, Ore., being the excuse for the trip as a whole. Eleven species of woodpeckers in three days. Now back home in hot, drought-stricken Austin. No matter what you read, water is the most important resource. Books currently being read: *Team of Rivals*, a story of Lincoln’s cabinet. Well-written,

great president. *Dune: Heretic*, the best of the Dune series past the first three. *The Great Inflation and its Aftermath*, Robert Samuelson will tell me what happened, I guess.”

Sucosh Norton is “well established in and enjoying immensely my position as COO of NRG Systems (not NRG Energy) in Hinesburg, Vt. The commute is long but pastoral. Roni and I are well—well, save for a torn meniscus in my knee—and our children are well. Our daughter is off for two years in the Netherlands pursuing a master’s degree in design at Design Academy Eindhoven, which I am hoping will position her to support her parents in the manner to which they have become accustomed. My 401(k) certainly won’t.”

Richard Wendorf retired from the directorship of the Boston Athenaeum in May and is spending a year (or more, he hopes) getting back to some research and writing projects before taking on a new position. He and Elizabeth have been making the most of their free time by traveling to Greece, England and California. Richard’s most recent book, *The Literature of Collecting & Other Essays*, was published early this year.

Jim Cantlon sends news of the sale of his inn. “We have retired from the inn business. The Horse & Hound has been sold, and we have moved across town to a view lot. Visitors are still welcome, but overnight accommodations are limited to the fold-out sofas in the living room. Advance reservations are requested. And, yes, we will still provide breakfast. All at no charge.”

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In the last class notes I reported that **Jim Lavine** had been named VP of NACDL (National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers) in March. Well, Jim is blasting his way through that organization, having been named president-elect at the NACDL annual meeting in August. So congratulations to Jim once again on a job well done.

Rick Beinecke is still teaching leadership and U.S. and

global health policy at Suffolk University in Boston and continues to work on global mental health issues. “My twin daughters Emily and Katrina enter Tufts (have to switch from a purple cow to a jumbo elephant) and Roanoke, respectively, this fall.”

George Ebright wrote to commiserate over the early demise of the 2009 Cubs, but he also had more upbeat news: “The end of my summer was fantastic. I suddenly became the father of a 15-year-old girl when Aurore Jacques, our foreign-exchange student from Bordeaux, France, arrived on Aug. 13. We then had two more foreign exchange students, a boy from France and a boy from Germany, spend a weekend at our cottage in Michigan. We also recently entertained 50 folks including about a dozen foreign exchange students from Sweden, Bolivia, Italy, Germany, France, Japan and many friends to welcome Aurore. My wife Patti, our son Geordie and I are really enjoying our foreign connections. Geordie and I also visited **Bernie Brush** earlier in August. Bernie had found a very smooth Irish whiskey named Powers Gold Label. So we toasted to the memory of our late roommate **Jimmy Powers**. We both agreed Jimmy would have loved Powers Gold Label. We also saw Bernie’s wife Vicki just before she took a pony club group to Ireland, including his daughters Ursula and Acacia. Ursula shared the DVD of her rides in a Rolex three-event tournament in Lexington, Ky. It was a real treat seeing Ursula give such a thrilling performance.”

A few classmates indicated that they are coping well with a certain milestone birthday. From **Don Macartney**: “At 60, I am feeling extremely well. I have two fine, intelligent and genuinely nice and happy children. I continue to enjoy my work in education, interpretation and translation. I am reading less Larkin and Quevedo lately, but more Yeats and Heaney—so I still find a great deal of poetry in life. I saw **Rives Kistler** at the reception for Lisa Corrin (director of the Williams College Museum of Art) at the Portland Art Museum. The contact with old friends and Lisa’s talk made me want to visit The Berkies and to see some of you again after such a long absence.”

Rod Brown wrote: “My way of coping with this summer has been

to keep unusually busy. A case I brought on behalf of Unilever was featured in the Aug. 17 issue of *Fortune* magazine, in an article entitled ‘The Grifter.’ The article highlights legal actions concerning fraud and trade diversion. The article is available on *Fortune’s* website. In a different area of activity, I was elected chairman of the Rye (N.Y.) Democratic Committee.”

An update from **Mark Pearson** indicates further progress on his never-ending building project: “I doubted I really turned 60 until a large number of people my age told me they also did. My wife and I are so thrilled at finally opening a building of our own for our whole-person healing center (family practice medicine, counseling, massage, prayer ministry) in Kingston, N.H. We are hard at work with the design of the second building, which will house a chapel and bedrooms for about a dozen and a half people coming on retreat or for in-residence whole-person care. My son-in-law is about to pass his architect exams after several years of being an apprentice, and he’s the designer. Fundraising is under way. Went to Scotland with Mary, eldest son and his wife for the Highland Games and gathering of the clans. Haggis is quite good but not as good as was Joe’s cooking at Brooks House.”

Jeff Schulte responded to my inquiry by directing me to his Facebook page for a picture of his 60th birthday celebration, a surprise party hosted by his brother on Martha’s Vineyard over the summer. Jeff is smiling, on the outside at least.

A highlight of my summer was a group 60th birthday weekend in Williamstown attended by about a dozen of us along with a number of spouses. The weekend was hosted by Ellen (Shortell) and **Gene Bauer**, Jane and **Doug Pickard** and Holly and **Dick Lamb**, and unlike our last class reunion the weather cooperated. The Lambs and Pickards live in south Williamstown, just a short distance across Route 7 from each other, and each hosted a dinner out on the lawn or deck. While many people golfed on Saturday, Barbara and I managed to climb Pine Cobble for a great view of the campus, still very green in mid-August thanks to the rainy summer. The day was quite humid, so a post-climb dip in Pickard’s pool was very welcome. Here’s what

else I remember: Holly met **Dick Lamb** back when he was mayor of North Adams and she was a reporter for the *Berkshire Eagle*. The interview apparently went well. They married, raised Dick’s two kids and had two more. Everybody’s grown up now, and Holly and Dick now work at the same local company, True North Financial Services. Dick is the president, and Holly runs the employee benefits business unit, and they enjoy the 10-minute commute.

Eileen and **Mike Rade** drove in from Buffalo along with a plug-in cooler containing a massive (and excellent) birthday cake. They originally met on a blind date—courtside seats at a Buffalo Braves game against the Celtics—proving once again that blind dates work out better when they’re not for a whole weekend. Things worked out well for everybody except the Braves (now the L.A. Clippers). Mike is still a surgeon and a Bills (and presumably T.O.) fan. Their daughter Emily, a physical therapist, recently moved to Florida, so the Rades have a good excuse to get out of Buffalo in the winter. Their son **Matt ’04** does medical research at Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC.

Susan and **Dave Olson** were in town checking out locations for next summer’s wedding of their daughter **Meredith ’04**. They had already stopped in Boston to visit her and daughter **Karen ’07**. Both were swimmers at Williams like their father. Dave is still gainfully employed as an attorney with a large firm in Cincinnati. He impressed all of us with his culinary skills, commandeering the Pickards’ grill and stove for Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch. Dave says he’s been the primary cook in the family for many years.

Andy Grunwald is still a practicing cardiologist, living with wife Linda (Roepfer) under the Throgs Neck Bridge in Queens. Their three kids all attended Williams, and the youngest, **Danielle ’07**, is moving upstate this fall to enter Cornell Law School. In July, Andy and Linda saw Susan (Bass) and **Ian Fierstein**, who were in NYC from Israel to visit grandchildren.

Bill Wilson retired a couple of years ago as director of Berkshire tourism to devote full-time efforts to his ministry of the Community Church in

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Stamford (Vt.), just over the border from North Adams. Bill lives in Dalton, Mass., with his wife Helena, who was recruited from her native Ecuador in 1974 to teach Spanish at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield. She must have liked it, because she's still there after 35 years with no thoughts of retirement. And speaking of lasting friendships, Bill's oldest son William has been a close friend of **Dick Lamb's** son David for 36 years.

Meg and **Paul Schneider** came over from Longmeadow on Saturday to join the party. Paul has been at the same law firm in Springfield for the past 25 years, after an earlier DC-based government legal career. Paul and Meg were the only ones in attendance who still have offspring at home—their son Greg is a sophomore in high school, and his sister Kate is a college sophomore.

Roger Kaufman, professor of economics at Smith, returned from a sabbatical in the Bay Area. **Susan** and **Steve Brown** also stopped by and the **Pickards**, as did **Steve Lawson**, who was hoping to keep the Williamstown Film Festival operating in the black for the 11th year in a row, in spite of the economy.

Colin Brown was there with stories from freshman year, mostly involving episodes of our collective social ineptitude which typically ended, dateless, in late-night bridge games back in Morgan West. We seem to have come a long way since then, but in some ways we haven't strayed too far, as Saturday ended in Williamstown with a late-night bridge game.

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The class lost a friend with the death in July of English professor **Fred Stocking '36**. Many of us took classes from Fred, whose teaching skills were part of the legendary fabric of excellence that made the College what it was for us. Fred was a contributor to our 25th

reunion book, writing of his freshman experience in 1932 on the day Franklin D. Roosevelt drove through Williamstown. A Rooseveltian term, although one associated with Theodore more than with Franklin, applies wonderfully: Fred led the active life, in the process enriching the lives of so many others. He was a marvelous correspondent; the creator of drawings that have a special place in the homes of many; the builder, pretty much by hand, of his summer home as "Down East" as it is possible to get in Maine at Lubec; a first-class scholar; a learned guide to London theater; the pursuer, with Prof. Ted Mehlin, of solar eclipses; and perhaps most notable of all the cherished confidante and adviser to many. If you look at faculty publications from the 1950s onward, his name often appears in the acknowledgments. He had a keen eye for literary style, an ability to choose the right word and a clear yet moving way of writing. Fred lived life with the belief that it could be exciting and enjoyable and that all of us should do what we can to make it so, for ourselves and others. His example and spirit live on.

Mike Lehman writes that he and **Jan (McClure) '75** "have had much fun with our middle daughter at Williams (**Emma '10**) giving us an excuse to visit often. Coming from a family of liberal arts majors, the fact that she is majoring in astrophysics continues to amaze us, and it has opened a window on the extremely impressive science side of Williams (which I did everything possible to avoid). The equipment and facilities and the opportunities for research and travel are truly stunning, as was the planetarium show Emma gave us in the old Hopkins Observatory, which I had cluelessly walked past a thousand times.

"Our oldest daughter, Julia, graduated from Vassar last year and is teaching at a charter school near Santa Cruz with a population of mostly lower-income children. We spent a day with her and enjoyed her students, who were amazed that their teacher had a real family, particularly one that came from a place as foreign as New Hampshire! It was treat to watch our kid do something well and actually get paid for it. Our youngest, Rebecca, is a senior at an international school in the

Swiss Alps, which she found on her own and prudently decided would be much more interesting than staying home. After years of part-time consulting and volunteering, Jan is now full time with The Nature Conservancy, working on land protection projects. It gives her ample opportunity for fieldwork, which she truly enjoys. She is also a star of the local cable-access channel as one of the members of the Concord City Council who does the homework. I am still with Sulloway & Hollis, the firm I joined out of law school (an increasingly rare phenomenon), defending doctors and several academic medical centers, a job that continues to be challenging and occasionally terrifying but never dull. Looking forward to our 40th."

Don Beyer was named ambassador to Switzerland by President Obama and was confirmed by the Senate. "We made it to Bern in time for the girls (Clara, 17, and Grace, 14) to start school. The whole family is studying and speaking German all the time, despite being surrounded by Switzerland's own unique version, one as yet not officially committed to writing, Schweizer-Deutsch. Our conversations tend to start in decent German, be answered in Swiss-Deutsch and concluded gratefully in English. We can see the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau out our window. There is no traffic in Bern, and my commute is a 30-second walk. And as at Williams in our time, everyone is thin.

"I love the work. The Swiss did excellent work on normalizing relations between Armenia and Turkey, and I hope there will be a signing ceremony soon. A recent crisis has been the two Swiss hostages being held in Libya, and Colonel Ghadafi's promise to introduce a U.N. resolution to break up Switzerland into component parts and give them to the neighbors. The only hard part for the four of us has been the acute sense of loss of our Virginia-DC friendships, built over a lifetime. But they all promise to come visit (and stay with us) in the years ahead."

When pressed, Don acknowledged that he is also ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Liechtenstein and that he has already been to Vaduz to meet His Serene Highness, the Hereditary Prince Alois, which involved entering the famous



Last summer 1972 classmates (from left) Jerry Carlson, Ann (Freeman) Fisher and Sharon Mosse Miller got together in Shanghai.

castle there over the drawbridge and through the wooden tunnel.

Ann Fisher writes: “**Jerry Carlson** was in town for a week, speaking at the Shanghai International Film Festival. **Sharon Mosse** was here with her son Ben on the first leg of a China tour that included Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Yangshuo and Hong Kong. Our dinner at a restaurant called Lost Heaven, appropriately, recalled many great memories of Williamstown. I hope to see more Ephs here!”

David Webster writes: “Lucia, our daughter Jessie and I enjoyed a visit with Joey and **John Dier** in August at their beautiful 75-acre home in the hills outside Cooperstown, N.Y., where John continues to practice medicine at Bassett Hospital. John severely modified his usual twice-daily vigorous hiking routine to take your co-secretary and his family to the pond in the hills behind above and behind their home. ... John also kayaks and canoes on Lake Otsego. It says something about changing interests that, having to choose between visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame or the Fenimore Art Museum, the Websters chose the latter, and for us it was a wise choice indeed.”

With deep regret, we report the death of **Doug Payne** on July 29. Doug and his wife **Nancy** lived in Bloomingdale, N.Y. Doug’s obituary in the *Adirondack Daily Enterprise* stated that he “became an avid hiker and outdoorsman and taught himself how to walk out his back door and bushwhack his way virtually anywhere in

the McKenzie Wilderness. He also had time to pursue his love of blues and rock and roll and to write poetry after a hiatus of some 20 years.

“After college, Doug spent a number of years in Boston and NYC as a freelance writer, authoring such books as *Where Have They Gone?* and writing a sports column for Andy Warhol’s *Interview* magazine. By pure chance, Doug took a position in the early 1980s with a human rights organization based in NYC, which completely changed the direction of his life. With no previous experience in the field, Doug used this opportunity to become a self-taught expert on Latin America and the Caribbean. He gained international recognition when he took a delegation, including then Mayor of New York Ed Koch and Lt. Gov. Richard Ravitch, to Nicaragua in 1987. Doug testified several times before Congress as an expert on Latin America.

“As a freelancer in the 1990s, Doug began consulting for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as an asylum officer. There, he evaluated requests for political asylum based on his extensive research and detailed knowledge of the politically oppressed groups and social conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean. ... Doug ... was held in highest esteem as the kind of man who worked tirelessly on behalf of the oppressed and disenfranchised.

“He also worked with the Socialist International Party as a writer and consultant, drafting

many of their official statements over the past 15 years. Doug was an early voice in the organization for action on climate change and global warming. His last work for them was a project detailing the effects of climate change, of which he was especially proud.”

Mark Tilden wrote: “Doug and I were classmates at Pingry School, the only two to go to Williams. So I knew him all the way back to pre-adolescent days at school. At Pingry we played football together for four years, a band of brothers sort of thing there, and saw each other a lot socially. There’s a great picture of Doug in the yearbook running for a touchdown after catching a long pass. We remained good friends at Williams, stayed in touch although we were in different sets. Lost touch after I went to Europe.

“His loss is a real shock to me, as to so many others. He was, in truth, a childhood friend; so many happy memories of early, uncomplicated days. I will never forget his mischievous smile, sparkle in the eye, usually preceding some kind of quite funny and slightly scandalous verbal zinger. You could see the rebel tendency in him way back then, always bucking the system, getting into mild scrapes in our strict and conventional school. I was glad to read of the way he spent his life ... helping down-and-out people find their way. ... He worked out a good and honorable way to channel that rebel spirit of his to help people, and that sounds like a life well spent.”

You’d think your class co-secretaries could get it right after two tries, but they’re embarrassed to report that **Tom Cesarz’s** name was omitted from the list of ’72s who helped **Dave Shawan** inaugurate “The Walk” up Spring Street following every other year’s customary football victory over Amherst at Weston Field. Apologies to Tom, and if we have omitted the name of any other classmates there that day, just let us know.

Carol Martinez Weber writes from Tulsa, where she was visiting family before returning to NYC, her home for more than 30 years. Ten years ago, Carol was forced to retire from her practice in internal medicine and geriatrics as a result of psoriatic enthesopathy, an inflammatory disease of ligaments and tendons. The focus of her work was

the homebound elderly and also marginally housed and homeless persons, which, in New York, means working at shelters and single-room occupancy hotels. It was work she loved and took great pride in. Since 1999 she has traveled extensively throughout West Africa, delivering medical supplies on behalf of the charity Heart to Heart and also visiting Nimatullahi Sufi groups in Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin and Senegal. Her latest trip, in October, helped launch a collaborative project involving psychologists at DePaul University and the Ivorian Ministries of Education, Scientific Research and Health. The program is designed to help educate parents, health-care workers and teachers in the identification and affordable, effective management of children with cognitive delays and physical impairments. Carol has a daughter who teaches in the NYC public school system and a son who's a senior at Northeastern.

Paola Fano Nisonger writes from Milford, Mich., that earlier this year she decided that working for an auto company wasn't worth it anymore for three reasons: extreme stress, workload and commute. "And so I retired." Retirement has been wonderful, she reports. She is volunteering at the local Community Sharing organization, where her management and computer expertise is being put to good use. Tutoring is very rewarding, and she is planning on becoming involved in the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics activities and competitions. She adds: "Our daughter Christina is a fourth-year medical student at UNC-Chapel Hill, and this fall she selected a rotation in radiology ... taught by Dr. **John P. Clarke**. He and I exchanged a few e-mails, and I hope to see him at commencement in May."

Deb Platt Rucci reports that she and Peter completed their move to New London, N.H. After living in temporary digs for a few months, they moved to King Ridge, a former ski area, in June. "We have the old starting hut and two old ski slopes—no lifts or grooming, but great views. Last winter we skied frequently and started snowshoeing, and this winter we plan to volunteer at the adaptive ski program at Mount Sunapee. The newest member of our family is keeping us busy and entranced: Monty,

a 5-month-old golden retriever." Deb extends a welcome to classmates, with the warning that there is indeed a black fly season in New Hampshire.

Ted Browne's book *Battery H First Ohio Light Artillery: The James Barnett Papers* has just been published. James Barnett was the commander of a unit that served with distinction in the Civil War at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Cold Harbor. After the war, he asked the officers who commanded the 12 Ohio batteries to submit their respective histories. The work was never published, but Barnett's manuscript, containing contributions from the various commanders, was held by the Western Reserve Historical Society. "My book is a transcription of Barnett's manuscript, but it also contains excerpts from letters, manuscripts, newspaper accounts and diaries. It includes a number of photographs of the soldiers. It's a culmination of about 15 years of research." Making the matter of special interest, Battery H was first captured by Ted's great-great-grandfather, James F. Huntington.

Kitty Earle Babson reports from Brunswick, Maine, that she completed her dissertation and was awarded her Doctor of Ministry in May. She remains the Episcopal Church's primary link to the church in Myanmar and, as an ordained woman, serves as a model to women there. But being an ordained woman causes problems in some Asian contexts, especially now, with the Anglican Communion in upheaval over issues of sexuality, so she will have to pull out all the stops on her creativity to assure continuing ties to Myanmar churches in need. She and **Brad** had a banner garden year and were able to stock the freezer with homegrown produce. They also made almost five gallons of their own maple syrup, a first-time venture. Brad suffered a retinal detachment in June and had to undergo four corrective surgeries, forcing him to curtail the travel he normally undertakes as an adviser on development economics. But his eye has just been cleared for takeoff, and he expected to travel to Korea for the State Department and to Myanmar for the U.N. He also is a board member of the World Affairs Council of Maine and

the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust.

Jerry Caprio was moved to write after seeing a purple house on the Dingle Peninsula. He's on sabbatical from his job as chair of the Center for Development Economics, and he and Jeanne were traveling around Ireland before taking up residence in Dublin for the semester. Jerry extends two invitations to classmates: a beer on him at a local pub for those passing through Dublin any time before Dec. 18 and lunch at the CDE when he's back in residence in Williamstown. He writes: "It has been immensely enjoyable being back in the Purple Valley after so many years. I teach money and banking and financial history to third- and fourth-year undergrads and have loved that. Even more is the reward of teaching at the CDE, where developing-country students are so dedicated that it is a favorite both of the faculty and now the many undergrads who take courses there. For those looking for a cause to support at Williams, look no further—we are heavily dependent on scholarships, as we focus on countries where training opportunities are rare."

Sam Moss and daughter Lauren were in Wheaton, Ill., in July as guests of Cantigny, a museum commemorating the U.S. Army's First Division, particularly its service in France during WWI. The reason was an exhibit honoring Sam's grandfather, Samuel I. Parker, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism on the Western Front in 1918. Later in the summer Sam reported, "Isabelle and I just came back from Peggy and **Kevin Kelly's** son Matt's wedding to Briana Miller at Lake Keuka in upper New York State."

Nancy and **John LaPann**, Betsy and **Jim Armstrong** and **Gordon Hardy** '78 spent the first day of summer at the historic Pierce House in Lincoln, Mass., at the wedding of **Cas Groblewski** and Teresa Zabik. Cas was attended by his three children, Jan, Peter and Natasha. His year-and-a-half-old granddaughter was on hand, and so were his parents, making for four generations. Cas' kids offered a wonderfully humorous toast, full of all sorts of insider information, which the groom received with aplomb and grace. Then it was off on a honeymoon to Italy. Terry is a pediatrician and practices at

Winchester Hospital; Cas is a commercial mortgage broker in Boston.

The class has recently received some fan mail—thank-you letters from current Williams students who spent their summer vacation working in internships made possible by the fund that the class set up for our 25th reunion. One student wrote about working in Beijing with an organization that helps children of migrant workers. Another served as a research associate in the emergency department at a hospital in NYC, while another worked at health clinics in Minneapolis. One student interned at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in DC, and another worked for the Campaign for Human Development office of Catholic Charities in Brooklyn. All the letters concluded with a common sentiment: “Neither my summer internship nor the resulting career epiphany would have been possible without your help, especially during these hard financial times”; “I am deeply grateful for the support and opportunities you have provided for me and other Williams students”; and “Thank you very much for giving me such an amazing opportunity.”

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Kate and **Steve Goode’s** 14-year-old son, Jamie, in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 20. A scholarship fund has been established in Jamie’s memory to benefit a student at Austin High School. Donations may be sent to Austin Community Foundation, 4315 Guadalupe #300, Austin, Texas, 78751. Our condolences go to Kate and Steve.

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Well into our mid-to-late 50s, we seem to be still working too hard and not vacationing enough. Why else would my call for news from the summer vacation season have turned up such a dearth of responses?

Luckily, a few members of the Class of 1973 still seem to know how to enjoy time off, take adventurous getaways and write to their class scribe about their doings.

The most adventurous summer account has to be **Jeff Bowen’s** description of hitchhiking back from Washington State to Minneapolis with his newly college graduated daughter (Katie from Evergreen College).

Jeff reports meeting some “great folks: Iraqi refugee truck driver, a traveling poet and an oil-pipeline worker among others.” Father and new grad also saw an eclectic mix of monuments and natural wonders: an Idaho brothel museum, the South Dakota badlands, Yellowstone Falls, and Chicago’s Field Museum. To my surprise at the ambitious hitchhiking endeavor, Jeff explains, “Technology has changed the concept of hitching. Cell phones and Craigslist got us a long ride from Wyoming to Sioux Falls, but the other 10 rides were put out the thumb, hold up the sign.” They made it back East (to Bucknell in Lewisburg, Pa., where Jeff teaches physics—that must be why he knows the most creative ways to move forces and bodies through space) in time for another major family event: the July wedding of “number-one son John Bowen to Kate McGuire.”

Before the Evergreen graduation, Jeff and his wife Mary Beth visited his freshman- and senior-year roommate **Rob Duisberg**, who showed them the sights of the Pacific Northwest, including bald eagle and a baby owl, “and treated us to fresh baked salmon.” Jeff reports that Rob is a part owner of a Seattle diner “with great pastrami.” The class secretary’s all-knowing and all-prying assistant, Google, discloses that Rob has been involved in music (composing and directing), software engineering and teaching on the university level in the Seattle area for 30 years. Google could not find any mention of pastrami.

The musicians from our class seem to take these notes more seriously than the rest of my ’73 brethren. Maybe they are more aware of the importance of notes or more attuned to keeping in touch.

Bill Foot writes from Red Wing, Minn., that he spent a good part of his summer on stage as Teyve in *Fiddler on the Roof* in a local theater production. “Wonderful experience,” Bill reports, and “an excuse to call **Andrea Axelrod ’75**, who talked Yiddish at me for a while and told stories of

her ancestors.” Bill maintains his lung capacity for singing by officiating soccer matches (about 50-60 from early May to the end of September). Bill has a daughter graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 2008 now living in Tacoma, Wash., and a son in his sophomore year at the University of Vermont.

Michael Prigoff reports that he is doing “a lot of singing with the University Glee Club of New York and with a male cappella group, The Crickets.” He is putting out a request that any “male classmates in the New York metropolitan area who are interested in singing with a fabulous men’s chorus should consider joining—we’ve got a few Ephs there besides myself,” including **John Romans ’64** and **Adam Zamora ’06**.

Michael says his summer adventure was a trip not taken: “My wife had to deal with an accident from being struck by a bicycle messenger going the wrong way down a one-way street,” Michael reports. “She’s had two surgeries with a third to come ... and we had to cancel plans for a family cruise in the Black Sea in July.” Instead, Michael and family ended up on Martha’s Vineyard in August where an Eph hat drew a swarm of current and past Ephs and a number of Lord Jeffs (the downside of wearing a good Williams hat). Michael reports that his son **Jon Prigoff ’08** is doing heavy travel for a hedge fund and is likely to be soon generating more class notes news than either dad or grandfather **Milton Prigoff ’44**.

The hottest vacation report is also in the musical sphere and comes from **Larry Heiges**, who braved the Burning Man event in the Nevada desert. Instead of reminiscing about Woodstock 40 years ago, Larry spent five days living the new version. Sounds like it is not for the faint of heart. “Art, music, theater and lots of presentation of the beauty of the human body,” Larry reports, with a note that much of the human beauty part “should not have been brought forward for our appreciation.” Maybe the memories of Woodstock have some advantages over the reliving.

Larry was looking forward to an “event Oct. 6 honoring Cindy Simon, **Bill Simon’s** lovely wife, for her work with UCLA and autism.” Bill is doing great

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with William E. Simon Sons and enjoying being a senior statesman on the California stage. Looks like he is 35—life is not fair.

Bill Eyre is also planning a visit with the Simons. He reports seeing **Jim Hearty** in Boston over the summer and hoped to see Simon in LA in the fall. When not traveling, Bill is frequently in court—a squash court that is. He has a houseful of very talented squash-playing daughters. **Toby '10** led the Williams women's squash team to an eighth-place finish in the country. She finished with a number-three individual ranking, "highest ever for a Williams woman player." High-school senior **Libby** played for USA in the World Jr. Squash tourney in India. Bill has two daughters out of college: "Avery, Dartmouth '07, has moved back from San Francisco and is engaged to another Dartmouth grad. **Ashley '08** is working in New York at SG Partners, an executive search firm." Bill is undertaking that bane of the modern work world—the big merger integration (Towers Perrin and Watson Wyatt).

It's nice to hear about **Bill Simon's** youthful mien and his many Williams visitors, but it would be nice to hear directly from him in upcoming notes. Bill should write and join other '73 current and former trustees (**Steve Harty** and **Janet Brown**) in supporting the notes. Janet was a big contributor last time, spotting Ephs and Eph dogs throughout the East.

Steve came forward with a lot of news about family and work. Life sounds busy at the Hartys'. Steve has four school-age daughters, from a junior at Guilford College in North Carolina to 9-year-old Caroline, "still in that amazing stage of still being a kid." In between, he has a high-school sophomore "dividing her time between volleyball and video chats" and a middle-schooler who is following her dad into new forms of drama: "fascinated by film and video and a regular YouTube poster when not contributing to blogs on the *Twilight* vampires."

The large brood of school-aged children is keeping Steve and his wife Cate intent on careers. "Cate has returned to the work force with full force and is helping lead a startup agency specializing in marketing to women," Steve reports.



In July Williams geology alumni, including those from the Classes of 1974 and 1975, gathered for a dinner with Bud Wobus (fourth from right), the Edna McConnell Clark Professor of Geology, when he was in Denver.

Steve is also back in advertising and clearly thriving with the British agency Bartle Bogle Hegarty. The name must be one of those cute Britishisms; Hegarty: what a clever way to spell "Harty." Steve notes that at one recent agency meeting he was surrounded by people from all corners of the world with varied careers on different continents. As they expounded on their varied posts, Steve pointed out that his career was built on substantially less globetrotting. "I pointed out that I was now working only 10 city blocks from where I was born," he relates. "Compared to the rest of the room I'd crawled just two blocks per decade." Steve is too modest to point out that from some perspectives, that is very efficient crawling.

To keep up with the advertising career, the young family and Eph duties, after almost three decades of coaching and playing, Steve has recently given up rugby. "I'm now completely on the sidelines in terms of rugby—but that's not a bad place to be." He notes that he can't linger on the sidelines in his other endeavors. "Reading of some classmates' empty-nest lives induces fantasies of carefree evenings, weekends free from soccer practices and interesting vacations. We're still a long way away from an empty nest." Steve calculates that he will be 71 when his youngest daughter graduates from college. That sounds like a good time to take up rugby again.

Laura Hanft Korobkin reports on an extended spring trip

combining work with pleasure in Belgium, where she was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Leuven. She taught two courses in American literature "to large, surprisingly international groups." She and her husband **Barry '71** learned (like every visitor to Belgium) to enjoy the beer and food ("chocolate, French fires with mayonnaise") and the art ("flamboyant medieval art and architecture"). Laura is back at Boston University now "teaching and running the grad program" and probably looking for the best suppliers of wheat beers, lambic and Nancy chocolates.

Creating literature in Europe was **James Fraser Darling**, who reports finishing a novel about Ancient Rome (completing it must feel like a vacation) and preparing to submit it to an agent. James, who lives in London, attended a Williams reception at the Savile Club. Those European Ephs know how to get together in style. He also saw **Field Horne** in May in London, and Field "introduced me to some venerable Anglican ecclesiastics." It is worth pointing out that in my brief tenure as class scribe I have become immensely impressed by (and forever indebted to) Field's ability to connect with Ephs in a wide array of places. He probably should be renamed far-a-Field Horne.

Field also reports: "My friend **Peter Klejna** helped organize a minireunion in August, theme 'Still Friends After 40 Years.'" Attending were **Mike Barry**, **Tracy Brown**, **Fred Harris**, **Jamie**

James, Steve Kimberly, Sandy McGill, Charlotte Neuville, Dan Schwartzman, Mike Segell, Bill Teitler, Craig Walker and Nancy Doyne Teitler '74. Just from the names, I can tell it was a literate event. One report from the event confirms that. Peter forwarded a thank-you note to **Mike Barry** for an address to the group: "Don't look for 5/7/5; a 'mike-ku' is 6/7/6 syllables." Sounds like they got into some good rhythms.

Dede Gotthelf is also quickly becoming an important correspondent for '73. She reports seeing "**John Loeffler** at the finals of the Hampton Classic (the second largest horse show in the East—or the world)—with all the star-studded paparazzi." Paparazzi? Loeffler? How little things change over the decades. Dede also continues to offer her Southampton Inn as a location for Eph gatherings. She offers to "bring down the rates and even contribute 10 percent of the room proceeds to our alma mater." There are 90 guest rooms. I hope the development office or the minireunioners are reading these notes.

Win Quayle reports that his daughter **Katie** '08 "is now a first-year medical student at UMass," where one of her first-year preceptors is going to be **Jay Broadhurst** '74. Win's son **Will** '11 is a junior at Williams, and he has a high school junior at home. Win wrote originally with the sad task of forwarding an obituary for **Bill Miller**, who passed away on Aug. 31. Bill lived in Newfane, Vt., north of Brattleboro. A nice obituary in the local paper said he "died after a very brief and unexpected illness." Bill was a master woodworker in Vermont; the obituary reported that "his creations are nothing short of works of art."

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Friends, it is always a pleasure to report the extraordinary accomplishments of a classmate who distinguishes not only himself but of course the Great Class of 1974 as well. Last summer when I learned that Prof. **Don Westblade** was leaving on a mission trip to Uganda, I asked him to tell us about it when he returned. Don writes, "The weeks in Uganda ... left me very

impressed with the work that is going on in the mission/orphanage my daughter and I visited. The work there was begun 20 years ago by a man who 10 years ago sent his daughter as a student to Hillsdale College, where I teach. I've helped organize some teams to go help at the orphanage since she was here, but this was the first time I've had the chance to go myself. It's nothing short of miraculous what they've helped the Ugandans to accomplish there in these last two decades, some two hours out in the bush north of Kampala. The mission was begun first in response to orphans and refugees of war and the Rwandan genocide. Today it responds more to the ravages of AIDS. Some 300 kids are being given a family environment in which to grow up (no warehousing of orphans here: a dozen 'aunt and uncle' couples each have a cluster of huts where they raise a 'family' of some 15 to 20 kids). The school on the site also educates an additional 200 or so from the surrounding villages and produces the best test scores in central Uganda. A vocational institute prepares them after that for trades in agriculture, milling, carpentry, construction, weaving, sewing and so on. A training institute gives six months of instruction to others who want to start similar missions in other regions. A property near Lake Victoria allows for retreats to reinforce enduring practices of marriage and family. A property in the north of the country help children who have been kidnapped by and escaped from the 'Lord's Resistance Army' get re-introduced to civilized society after the training they received in becoming (literally) killing machines for the rebel group. On all these fronts they are combating the blight of fatherlessness in this part of Africa. Their 20-year goal now is to eliminate fatherlessness in Central Uganda, and at the rate they are going I believe they can manage to pull this off. My daughter worked with the Primary-1 class in the elementary school. I taught 130 high school students an Old Testament survey each afternoon. Others on our team of 20 helped with construction of some new houses and a clinic, with their info-tech setup and with the temporary clinic. A friend who is chief of surgery in our Hillsdale hospital was also on the team with his daughter

and enjoyed diagnosing and treating more exotic diseases than he ordinarily gets to work with. All of us hope to be able to return. One Williams highlight of the trip: While I was there, the chairman of the board of this organization came up from Kampala with his family for a board meeting. Speaking with him I discovered that he was a grad of Williams' Center for Development Economics and is now retired from national government in Uganda. Very small world." Of course, we expect great things of this man. At Williams, Don was president of the Purple Key Society, winner of the David A. Wells Prize for Political Economy and a member of the marching band, Williams Christian Fellowship and Phi Beta Kappa. He has begun his 22nd year as a professor of religion at Hillsdale College. Don's children Luke and Julia are students at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.; daughter Kirsten, Don says, "just began high school and will keep us from facing an empty nest for four more years."

It is great to hear from **Chuck Zellerbach** that he's gotten married and that his family is thriving. Chuck writes, "OK, since I missed the reunion, I guess it is only fair to spill my guts. Over the summer, Patricia and I married in Maui, honeymooned in Italy and Greece, and we now live in Fullerton, Calif. We are about 10 minutes from Fullerton College, where she is a professor of English. My commute went from 10 minutes to about 45, and I have now been granted the rank of asst. prof. of business at Orange Coast College. My oldest daughter is presently working for her master's in divinity and BA in social work in San Francisco. She soon starts as the Buddhist chaplain at San Francisco General Hospital. My son works for a medical consulting firm in Incline Village, Nev., and my youngest daughter is in her final year at University of Washington Nursing School. Oh, and my two cats are doing just fine. Phew. Now I guess I will be quiet for another 10 years." Chuck, it doesn't work that way; you need to stay in touch.

Bill Gisel writes, "We missed the actual reunion, but my wife Mary and I enjoyed a minireunion at our home in Ontario with Jane and **Tom Barron** and Linda and **Nat Robbins**.

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GINNA '76 and **Ted Walsh '76** also joined us. **Nat Heintz** was a last-minute cancellation but was there in spirit and on the phone.” **Ronnie Kraus** broke a streak of reunion appearances but visited with **Peter Talbert** and his family after dropping off her son at Arizona State University. She says, “My youngest, Brett, happily kissed his winter parka goodbye and headed to Arizona State University for sun and fun. His older brother, Eric, traded his pennies for euros and flew off to Barcelona to study business and Spanish culture for the first semester of his junior year. While in Arizona, I was lucky enough to visit with Pete, Annie and Chris, have a night of great laughs and spend the next morning—before it hit 115 degrees—enjoying the iridescent hummingbirds in their backyard. I even met the emu that for some crazy reason lives around the corner!” Ronnie counts herself as a “definite” for the Fantastic Class of 1974 Holiday Party at the Williams Club in NYC.

Grace Terzian dropped us an e-mail also promising to be on hand at the holiday bash.

Congratulations to **Dwight Cook**, who writes of his marriage. (The marriages of Dwight and Chuck establish, I’d say, a trend.) Heading off to his honeymoon, Dwight socialized with **Mayo Delilly**. He writes, “I got the opportunity to see Mayo the night before my wife and I went on a Mexican Riviera cruise to Matzatlan, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta. It was great for Mayo to meet my new bride and her family members and to catch up on old Williams acquaintances.” Dwight says he stays in touch with **Michael Mitchelson**, **Gloria Mobley**, **Eric Harris** and **Donna Irish**.

Hats off to **Marty Seely**, a soul reclaimed from the “lost list,” who has finally checked in and writes, “Though my life is just plain overflowing with artsy things (designing costumes for a theater show at Fitchburg State College; styling (wardrobe) for commercial shoots here in Boston; staging houses; trying to grow my jewelry business; making art and trying to develop a market for the work ... and beginning to reach out for adjunct work in local universities—teaching costume design and wardrobe styling for both theater and film students, somehow, it all feels like I am on some sort of treadmill. This



Bill Gisel '74 and his wife **Mary** (fourth and third from right) hosted a minireunion last summer at their home in Ontario, Canada, attended by (from left) **Jane** and **Tom Barron '74**, **Linda** and **Nat Robbins '74** and **Ted and Ginna Remington Walsh**, both '76.

recession has been tough for those of us who are artistically inclined freelancers, and health care does not come cheap. Usually, it is my husband who covers health care—but he ‘retired’ January of 2008 (not a smart time to retire) and now is looking for work again. Hence, my reason for reaching out for a university job. It would be nice to have life be a little simpler.” Check out Marty’s nifty website at www.makeoverstyle.com.

Congratulations to **Tom Allingham**, who has been awarded the Delaware ACLU’s Kandler Prize for distinguished service in the cause of civil rights. Tom says, “I feel like a kid crashing the grown-ups’ party—this usually goes to people whose careers are devoted to civil rights, and I’ve just been fortunate to have ended up with two high-profile cases, getting a new trial after 10 years for a client on death row and successfully challenging public school prayer practices in Delaware. The latter case has taught me not to pay too much attention to what people say about you (that is, me) in anonymous web postings, though I can’t help but admire the creativity (in content and spelling) of some of the vitriol spewed.” Tom also writes that the first of his four children, son Jack, was married on Sept. 12. Congrats are also owing to **Doug Miller**, MD, PhD, clinical professor of pathology and anatomical sciences at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Doug writes, “My new textbook is out, officially published July

2009 although I had a copy by mid-June. The title is *Modern Surgical Neuropathology*, it is 44 chapters, 536 pages, over 1,200 color illustrations. One of my friends tells me, ‘It is like a dinosaur ... bound to be obsolete but for now ruling rampant over its universe, trampling its competition,’ or something like that.”

Finally, several of our class have sent dispatches with glowing reports of their children’s experiences as Williams students. The graduation of **Lusyd Doolittle’s** daughter **Arianna Kourdes '09** was a bittersweet experience for Lusyd. She says, “I am sad that her career at Williams has come to an end because I so enjoyed having the excuse to go to Williams to watch field hockey and squash matches for the past four years. She spent an amazing month this summer in Amman, Jordan, working for an organization formed by three Williams women, Reclaim Childhood. They had four-week-long sessions of sleep-away camp for Iraqi refugee girls. These girls have very few opportunities for educational activity or any other kind for that matter, so for a week they got to be kids. This is a wonderful organization which grew out of the initiative of three students and which they hope to continue to grow. It was a life-altering experience for our daughter, and if you would like to learn more about it, please visit their website: reclaimchildhood.com.” **Bill Gisel** writes that his daughter **Hanna '10** is a



In September Jody Hale Norton '76 (left) and Susan Collier Collings '76 (right) attended a Women of Williams event in support of Martha Coakley's '75 run for Massachusetts state senator.

senior and would “gladly stay a few more years if given the option.” **David Hoffman** and **Eric Olsen** write about dropping their children off at Williams. David says that his son **Fenn** '13 is “happily is ensconced in Sage B. ... I remember my early freshman days as being an adventure as we all lived through the last all-male freshman class, but it looks like a great experience today. I am looking forward to more frequent visits to town.” Eric, who wins this edition’s Steve McQueen Award for Cool, drove his daughter **Lindsay** '12 to Williamstown from Alaska on a motorcycle.

That’s it for now. Cheers! Have a great holiday season with family and friends.

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Hello, everybody! As I began to organize my material for these notes, **Tim Reny** gave me a call. Tim has been living in Lexington, Mass., for a number of years and has recently been involved in a series of historic restorations of residential real estate properties. He and his wife have three kids. Two in college, Tufts and George Washington, and the youngest boarding at the Brooks School.

A number of classmates have contacted me to communicate

their active support for **Martha Coakley's** campaign to fill Ted Kennedy’s U.S. Senate seat. To help support that effort, go to www.MarthaCoakley.com.

A brief note from **Peter McChesney** tells me that he saw **Mike Pucillo** last summer and that he is planning on coming to our 35th reunion.

I have received the good news of the marriage of **Amy Stone** and Greg Snider in July in Half Moon Bay, Calif. Amy continues to work in student affairs at Stanford. Her son will be graduating from UC-Davis the weekend of reunion, and she is sorry that she will miss seeing everyone.

David Hillman checked in to say that he had dinner last summer with **Peter Getsinger** and **Mark Cresap** '74 on Martha’s Vineyard.

On Labor Day weekend, **Bob Kittredge** called me from the south French coast. Bob’s wife is originally from France, and they have rented their house in California and are spending the year reconnecting with her family while the kids (ages 7, 5 and 11 months) are still young. The French reconnection is giving Bob the opportunity to play a lot of golf, often getting to the course on his bike. On the return home next June, Bob will be stopping in to Williamstown for our 35th.

Susan Read Cronin reports having solo shows of her bronze sculptures during the last few months in galleries in Denver, Brattleboro and Williamstown. She and her husband **Ted Cronin** '68 were “planning to take a

break in November at our favorite get-away spot, **Mike Watkins’** Naples Golf and Beach Hotel.”

“It has been a very busy year at the Christopher Reeve Foundation,” writes **Peter Kiernan**. “Two trips to visit the big O at his office—one for the lifting of the stem cell ban, and after five years we got the Chris Reeve Paralysis Act signed into law—the first law in our nation’s history in support of people with paralysis. ... We are practically empty nesters now. Two in grad school, one a college sophomore at UVA, and my senior son is shouldering his way through high school football. I see a great deal of my old **JA Emlen Drayton** '73. I restored a property in Newport, R.I., and he is a fixture in that community. On any given evening he can still be persuaded to play the *William Tell Overture* on his teeth or walk on his hands with a mere pint ... or two. ... Everyone in town loves the man.”

Faithful correspondent **Charlie Selcer** reports having been in touch with **Pete Zaccagnino** and **John Nail**. “Here in Minnesota, our best politician, **Steve Kelly**, has thrown his hat in the ring for our next gubernatorial race. Steve would be a great governor. ... In addition to my normal hectic CPA practice, I have been teaching ethics to the CPA profession. I just got reappointed for another three years to the national ethics enforcement body for our technical standards. There are some bad actors in my profession, of course, but so far none are Williams grads!”

In a note from **Gwen Rankin** we hear that **Bob Samuelson** was married in June. “I spoke with Bob, and he’s happier than ever. Also, **Clive Hulick** just got engaged. We Baldwin High School girls are trying to get her to include all of us in the wedding. ... Clive is happy, too. All is about the same for me. I’m happy to have four kids gainfully employed, and only my ‘baby’ **Mimi** is a sophomore at Williams.”

Charlie Safford saw his son **Zach** '09 graduate from Williams and relocate to Vietnam to do some work for a performing arts school. Charlie has been living in Atlanta for the last 22 years. “While I am still working as a therapist in private practice, I have been cutting back on my hours over the last 10 years to pursue other things. This

includes, in no particular order, executive coaching, running my own little continuing education company and consulting work for Georgia State University's employment development and wellness dept. If all goes well, we are hopeful about making it back for reunion this summer."

Good news from **Bill Rich!** "I write with joy two days before my marriage to Dr. Donald Schiermer on the 5th of Sept. The civil marriage will happen in Copley Square, and the blessing of our holy union will happen in Trinity Church, Copley Square, where I am the senior associate rector for Christian formation. We are grateful to be in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where this is possible. And we are grateful to be members of the Episcopal church, which delights to bless our union." After the ceremony, Bill and Donald were to go on a two-week wedding trip to Greece.

Mike Glier had an exhibit of his paintings this fall at the Gerald Peters Gallery in NYC and then at the College art museum through the end of February. The exhibit is based on his "Along a Long Line" project. The project/adventure is explained in more detail at Alongalongline.com. "I've also started a new traveling painting project called 'Antipodes.' This time I'm traveling to opposite points of the globe to paint comparisons. I've made the first trip to Botswana and recorded the experience at Antipodes.us. This winter I'll follow up with a trip to Hawaii, the antipode of Botswana. Tough work!"

Dean Cycon dropped me a line with the proud description of the accomplishments of his two daughters. In connection with his coffee endeavors, Dean sent me a photo from his meeting with President Jose Ramos-Horta of East Timor, winner of

2006 Nobel Peace Prize.

Another of our class artists (and teachers), **Ned Reade**, had shows of his work in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Martha's Vineyard last summer. On the Vineyard, Ned was able to catch up with **Liz** and **Hank Haff**.

On one final sad note, we extend our condolences to the family of John Ryan in Putney, Vt. John passed away in July after an 18-month struggle with a rare form of cancer.

As I have written here before, open each day like a precious gift. Thank you for your support and help. I hope to see you at the 35th reunion.

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Dear classmates, it was good to hear from so many of you in the fall. It strikes me that we are at a transition point in our lives, some of us from a full house to an empty nest, others from parenthood to grandparenthood and yet others to new jobs and adventures. It makes for some interesting editions of class notes.

Teri Price Landers has moved to Santa Cruz, Calif., after 10 years in Oregon. "Most folks go the other way, but I like to be different," says Teri. "I am the library director for the Santa Cruz Public Libraries." They moved "into a house in Felton; out in the Redwoods, in mid-September but have been here since July 1. My husband Gary will start looking for a counseling job after the final move, or he may just decide to retire, given the state of the California economy."

According to press reports, **Susan Schwab** also has taken on new challenges this year, in the form of appointments to the board of directors of FedEx and investment bank Miller Buckfire. The country's top trade representative during the Bush administration, Susan currently is a professor at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy. "We are delighted to welcome Ambassador Schwab to our board of directors," wrote Frederick W. Smith, chairman,

president and CEO of FedEx. "As a global company, we look forward to benefiting immediately from her vast experience and knowledge of international trade and policy issues."

Also in the news was **Gary Fisketjon**, who received a Bicentennial Medal from the College at Convocation on Sept. 12 in recognition of his work "discovering, nurturing and championing writers of fiction." Gary is an editor and VP at Alfred A. Knopf and has been instrumental in helping to launch the careers of a generation of new writers, including **Jay McInerney**, whose *Bright Lights*, *Big City* was the first in the Vintage Contemporaries series Gary launched in 1984.

Nancy Gold Gray has had an exciting year, as her good friend Justice Sonia Sotomayor was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Friends since 1979, when they both started jobs at the Manhattan DA's office, Nancy and Sonia have shared many good times, including rides on Nancy's Honda 650 motorcycle and weekends at a joint vacation house in upstate New York. The first phone call from the White House came just a week after Nancy had been visiting Sonia in DC, and a month later the official offer was extended. "On May 26 I was awakened by a phone call at 4 a.m. Pacific time that the possibility was now reality and watched a few hours later when my friend stood next to President Obama and VP Biden and accepted the nomination," writes Nancy, who attended the confirmation hearings, the White House reception and the September investiture at the Supreme Court.

Also close to the new administration is **Joe Singer**, whose wife Martha Minow taught Barack Obama at Harvard Law School. What's more, Martha's father was a partner in the Chicago law firm where Barack and Michelle met. "When Barack left the firm he met with my father-in-law to tell him the bad news that he was leaving," said Joe, "causing my father-in-law to say he understood but was very sorry. But then Barack said he had more bad news—he was taking Michelle with him. At that point, my father-in-law got all worked up: 'You can't take Michelle; we need her!'"

Joe continues to teach at Harvard Law School, where he is an expert on property law and

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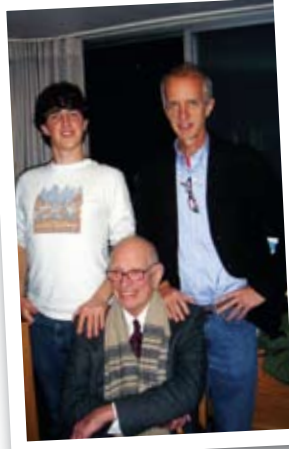
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Federal Indian law and is creating a new course in problem solving that will be required of all first-year students. He plays violin and viola informally with friends and attends a music camp each summer at Wellesley College. Joe is proud of Martha, who recently became dean of Harvard Law School, and his 17-year-old daughter Mira, who is an artist, writer, actor, singer and story teller. She has published a book for middle schoolers called *Stones of Power*, which is available on Amazon and at her website www.dragonsathenaem.com.

Diana Moran Chabrier and husband **Willie** '77 are enjoying their status as empty nesters in Westfield, N.J., with all four daughters out of the house. Diana works at Westfield Library and Willie at the Port Authority. Daughter Kristina is a freshman at St. Joe's in Philadelphia; Gabriela is at Franklin & Marshall; Julia works for TeacherU at Hunter College; and Francesca is in the Univ. of Mass. MFA program, where she teaches freshman composition. Diana keeps up with **Ann Cramer**, who is living with husband David on 75 acres in Alfred, N.Y. Ann continues to teach college English and psychology and has returned from a stint in Beaufort, S.C., where she taught Marines at the MCAS Beaufort.

Also enjoying newfound freedom are **Rebecca** and **Art LaFave**, whose older son **Nicholas** '03 got married last summer in Vermont to **Danielle Torin** '02, surrounded by several generations of Ephs. The newlyweds are living in Virginia, where Danielle is a small-animal vet and Nicholas is starting law school. Rebecca and Artie's daughter is a sophomore at Williams and led one of the WOOLF trips for freshmen this fall, and their younger son, a Carnegie Mellon graduate, is studying Chinese at Beijing Normal University. Rebecca assists Artie with his legal practice and "spends as much time as I can teaching therapeutic horseback riding (to disabled veterans) and riding my own horse or walking the dog in Rock Creek Park."

Steve Taft reports that all is well with him, wife Virginia and sons Dylan, a sophomore at Lafayette College, and Eliot, a junior at Deerfield. "Still playful and happy to be teaching at Deerfield," Steve



Three generations of Schneiders gathered at Mission Park last October (from left): Anders '12, Ben Jr. '42 and Ben III '76.

visited **Bill Moehle** this summer in Rochester and "enjoyed the 'Woop!' with my tall friend."

"Daphne and I are really enjoying our lives together and our work," reports **Bob Woods**, who is completing the first year of a new venture, a fundraising consulting business. "I'm enjoying working for myself while doing good for others." Bob's eldest daughter, Catherine, just moved next door in Palo Alto, and two other daughters are on the East Coast, Claire at Columbia Law and Eleanore at Middlebury. "The only thing that would be better would be to see more of my classmates!"

"One boy is at Colgate, the other at St. Lawrence," reports **Deborah Heineman**. "One more to go, and yes, I am secretly hoping (he will) go to Williams, but it's his choice." Deb was on the verge of having big news about the nonprofit she runs, the Wolf Conservation Center, but it will have to wait for our next edition.

"Everything's been pulling us to Massachusetts in the past two years," writes **Ben Schneider**. "My son **Anders** '12 started at Williams last year. Shortly thereafter I took a job teaching political science at MIT after 14 years at Northwestern University, leaving just before Morty Schapiro arrived there." His proudest accomplishment: "After several years without success, I finally qualified for the Boston Marathon!"

Jim Baldwin, a commercial real-estate broker in Raleigh, had big news three days after

his 55th birthday. "My son and daughter-in-law gave birth to my first grandchild, Cameron Christopher Baldwin! Very exciting."

Bill Hudson reports a "delightful summer with family," including two weeks with his three sons and grandchildren in a cabin at Ticonderoga on Lake George. Michael, 27, is a captain in the U.S. Army and back in Iraq for his third deployment of combat duty. While at the lake, John, 32, proposed matrimony to Darinka Neumann, and Timothy, 8, drove the boat over 50 miles per hour. "It was great to get out of the Texas heat for a bit."

"Ron and I are still healthy and employed," writes **Candy (Cox) Dann**, who lives in Andover, Mass., where she is a regional recycling coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. "The best news is that our daughter is employed full time with benefits in the career of her choice after two years of graduate school! I was going to say we're enjoying our empty nest except that it has recently been refilled with my mother after a stroke, and now we're heading to see Ron's mother, who is also in marginal health. So after a few years of having everyone healthy, we're now getting to know firsthand what is meant by the 'sandwich generation.'"

Chuck Goller has made regular visits to the Purple Valley while son **Taylor** '10 has been at Williams. He's still living "in the other beautiful valley, the Champlain Valley of northern Vermont," where he does sales management for Allstate and Encompass Insurance companies. "Like all businesses, the recession has had an impact on the insurance business, but we are persevering," writes Chuck. "That is a good thing, as I now have a daughter who is a sophomore at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire." Chuck and wife Debbie were to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a two-week trip to Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone, Park City, Bryce and Zion National Parks later. "Two weeks alone together. That hasn't happened in 22 years. That is how old Taylor is!"

Erik '74 and **Carmany Thorp** spent six days last summer on the aircraft carrier *USS John C.*

Stennis with son **Galen '04**, on what the Navy calls a “Tiger Cruise.” They “went all out to give us a taste of ship’s life, including making us do clean-up chores called ‘Kill the Dirt’ and removing debris from the flight deck called ‘FOD Walk,’” writes Carmany, adding that “they also treated us to multiple demonstrations of takeoffs and landings, helicopter rescues, target practice, safety drills and navigation. It was the most incredible, noisy, exhilarating, awesome and gratifying experience I’ve ever had.” Galen flies the F-18 Hornet over Iraq and Afghanistan.

A senior systems engineer for Mercedes-Benz by day, **Ernie Roberts** is an active volunteer at night. He recently received the District Award of Merit for his work as scoutmaster of Troop 49 in Orange, N.J., and he is roundtable commissioner and communications chair of the Northern New Jersey Council-Orange Mountain District. “It’s all volunteer work. I still have my day job,” writes Ernie, who ends his e-mail with the wise advice to “Be EZ.” Ernie also is a booster for the West Orange High School music programs, traveling with the marching band and wind ensemble.

Dave Berson responded from Cooperstown, N.Y., where he was playing in a men’s senior baseball league tournament. “Real baseball! At 55!” he wrote. We’re impressed too, Dave.

Jim Whitcomb, a partner with The Chart Group in NYC, packed younger son Ashton off to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland last fall and describes it as “one of the most beautiful colleges I’ve ever seen.” Older son James is a senior at the University of Virginia, and Christiana is a high school senior. Jim saw **Arthur Goodhart** in London and reports that his literary agency business is thriving. He also keeps up with **Kit Traub**, who is with the U.S. Consulate in Munich.

Tom Belden sends “greetings from the Evil Empire,” where he has been with U.S. Trust as an SVP and private client adviser since 2001 after 22 years with J.P. Morgan. He recently was elected to the national board of directors of the ASPCA and serves on the finance and audit committees. “Guess the fact that Peggy and I have three rescue dogs and three show horses must

have had something to do with my election!” Tom and Peggy moved from Bronxville, N.Y., to Southport, Conn., last year to have “more land for the menagerie,” and Peggy has launched a women’s clothing business. Older daughter Meredith is working in New York, and younger daughter Amanda is a sophomore at Miami of Ohio. Tom and Peggy enjoyed an eight-day family trip to Italy last summer, and Tom played in the Alumni Golf Tournament in July with **Pat Landers '77** and enjoyed seeing **Joanie Shainman, Cappy Hill, Cyndie Spencer, Teddy and Ginna Walsh, and Susan and George Evans.**

A number of our classmates had interesting trips to report, including **Meg Lowman**, who was headed to Bangalore, India, in October for the fifth international forest canopy conference. Meg is leading an adventure trip from the mouth of the Amazon River to its headwaters next April 4-20 through the venerable Explorers Club. “If any classmates want to see the biodiversity of the jungle up close, this will be a wonderful trip via shipboard—including my favorite forest canopies!” she writes.

Eric Christiansen took his production of *NORMAL, A Family Musical of Hope and Survival*, to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August. Eric’s students performed the fast-paced rock musical about a family dealing with a teenager’s eating disorder, and he co-directed with Robyn Hussa, the original off-Broadway producer. **Jeanne Gerulskis** also traveled in August, to NYC. She stayed in Greenwich Village and spent time with **Deborah Heineman**, who took her to a favorite spot for pommes frites. “It was fun to spend time with Debbie, and the Village was lovely; I couldn’t believe all of the flower gardens, fun little dining spots, street fairs and sunny weather with cool breezes.” Back in New Hampshire, Jeanne had another thrill, meeting her “favorite Man from U.N.C.L.E., Ilya Kuriakin (David McCallum), who was staying at a friend’s bed and breakfast.”

Dave Trawick’s summer was capped off by a week of hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park with wife Becky and sons Alex, 8, and Sam, 10. “Each hike afforded us incredible views of craggy peaks, occasional

glaciers and a myriad of wildlife. Regarding the latter, the most spectacular show was watching big horned sheep butt one another in a testosterone-laden display for a would-be mate. For me, I enjoyed the herd of elk crowding the Trail Ridge Road at 12,000 feet altitude at dusk. Needless to say, the thin air tested my cardiovascular reserves.” Dave and Becky are faculty members at the University of Rochester Medical Center, and sons Alex and Sam are known for their developing interests in ornithology and soccer, respectively. Dave has kept up his running, “albeit at a slower pace,” and remains “eternally optimistic that my favorite college basketball team, Louisville, will win it all even after flaming out in the Elite 8 last year.”

Finally, the summer brought a flurry of Eph activity to Atlanta, where I had the privilege of welcoming the Williams Expedition on its caravan through the South. Our local association hosted a barbecue for the traveling group at the home of **Worth MacDonald '11**, inviting local students and young alumni. I was delighted to see **Jeff Artis**, whom I had not seen since Williams, and to learn that he is living in Alpharetta, Ga., where he is an SVP with Spherion Technology Services.

Again, thanks to all of you who responded to our plea for news. Keep the e-mails, Facebook messages and other correspondence coming!

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Dear classmates, although I’m editing these notes on a 75-degree day in September, by the time you read them, another holiday season will be upon us. Where does the time go? Thanks for the words of encouragement from those of you with older kids. It was heartening to receive your notes confirming that life really does go on after the nest is vacated! My son Joe is enjoying his freshman year at Stanford, and I’m appreciating every minute with my daughter Margot, a high school junior who’s still at home. And for the first time in ages, I’m actually considering my own preferences as I



Mark Chaffee '77 and his son Macklin '09 won the Bellefaire JCB Biathlon in Shaker Heights, Ohio, in August, setting a meet record.

contemplate “part two” of my life. As I expect to live well into my 100s, I really ought to have a plan! Any ideas out there?

Scott Davis also finds that time flies faster the older we are. Charlotte, his 19-year-old, graduated from St. George’s School in RI and began Trinity College in the fall. The case management work Scott does at Housing Works in New York certainly has not waned because of the economy; nevertheless, he had a great summer, spending much of it on Fire Island. Scott also managed to visit Williamstown in mid-July for the first time in seven years. He returned in September for Convocation and sat with **Chet Palmieri** and Professor Irwin Shainman. Of Prof. Shainman, Scott wrote, “It was great to see him, share some memories of being a music major and to chat with one of the few senior faculty I saw who was teaching when I was a student. Like every other alum, I’m sure, each visit to the College provides a reminder of how fortunate we are.”

Mark Tidd and wife Jennifer made the empty nest transition three years ago by moving to Stuttgart, Germany, when their youngest left for college. Not a bad way to handle the change! Mark served as the senior chaplain for the U.S. European Command, supporting U.S. military forces in Europe. Last spring they moved back to DC, where Mark is now serving as the chaplain of the Marine Corps and the deputy chief of Navy chaplains. He and Jennifer are happy to be closer to family on the East Coast.

Jeb Seder has two out and flying from the nest: Chris at Hampshire and Julia at Goucher. Sixteen-year-old Luke has two years to go. Jeb enjoyed a Williams European reunion last summer in Utrecht, which included interim College President Bill Wagner, **Karen Bowen** '86, **Sophie Huguenot** '79 and others. As victims of the college diaspora, the trip offered a chance for all five Sederes to enjoy time together. They found Utrecht surprising for its historical riches and abundant shopping opportunities. Jeb’s other Williams sightings last summer included: **Randy Sturges**, who visited Paris on his way to the Mediterranean, **Dave Rogers**, who attended Bastille Day celebrations in Paris, and **Joe Rudick** '79, who came through Paris twice on family trips. Jeb also re-established contact with **Lynn O’Toole Forgione** (exchange from Mount Holyoke) and caught up with his brother **Tad** '79. A trip to Cape Cod allowed for some time with **Jack** and **Susan (Hyndman) Costello** '76. Jeb also had a fine time comparing child-rearing techniques and results with **Todd** and **Mary Burton Nelp**. Alyssa Simpson, daughter of **David** '78 and **Jo Sadoff Simpson**, has passed through Paris during her time on Trinity’s Barcelona program, which Jeb’s wife manages.

I was pleased to hear from **John (Dombrowsky) Dorsky**, who wrote in for the first time. A general surgeon, John currently works for the Cleveland Clinic. On April 22, John became a grandfather, so he finds our moaning about the empty nest

phenomenon entertaining! His 29-year-old daughter is an attorney in Cleveland, while his 26-year-old son is an attorney in LA. John recently spoke with **David Farrell**, who is living on Cape Cod and has a very active Maritime law practice. His oldest son, David, graduated Bates and is working as a paralegal in the family law firm, while younger son Sam is spending his junior year at University of Virginia, sailing around the world on a boat. John still misses his friend **Jim Spaulding** and has kept the piece of the goal post Jim gave him after the Nov. 7, 1976, homecoming game, when John was named defensive player of the week. (Tim Dunn had given the piece to Jim.) John’s last trip to Williams was for the 100th football reunion of the Williams-Amherst game.

Ron Eligator dropped a note to say he has a long way to go before he’s faced with “ENS (empty nest syndrome),” as his son just entered the second grade! Ron and his wife live in NYC.

Babe Kirk Unger and husband **Peter** '78 experienced a fun minireunion with some Williams friends on the weekend of June 20, when their son **Ted** '06 was married in Middletown, Del. Joining them were **Holly (Prentice)** and **Ramsay Stabler, Barbara (Lee)** and **Michael Eisenson, Mary (Burton) Nelp, Betsy** '79 and **Tom Balderston** '78 and **John Friborg** '78. There were also lots of recent Williams (and Middlebury) grads from '06 and surrounding years, and everyone had a wonderful time.

At the beginning of August, **Byrne Kelly** spent a week in the Adirondacks surveying and inspecting the historic Tahawus Masonic Lodge Building in Au Sable Forks, which his sister Rebecca and her husband Craig acquired to convert into a fine arts and crafts center. Together they run Rebecca Kelly Ballet in NYC and the Adirondacks, and Byrne is looking forward to assisting them with the redevelopment of their latest endeavor, as he specializes in landscape architecture and environmental planning, including green design and development. He recently launched his company website: www.thegreenfieldscompany.com.

Mark Chaffee is extremely proud of eldest son **Macklin** '09, who graduated from Williams

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in June. He continued to excel in track and field, earning his sixth All-American award in the NCAA Outdoor Nationals, and was national runner-up in the 1,500-meter for the second straight year. He also qualified for the U.S. Track & Field Championship in Eugene, Ore., by running a 3:44 1,500-meter in Boston. Father and son raced as a relay team in the JCB Biathlon (run/bike), where they won and set a meet record. Mark and his wife couldn't be happier with Macklin's Williams experience.

Hank Korth just finished a six-and-a-half-year term as chair of computer science and engineering at Lehigh University and now enjoys being a "real" faculty member again. He is finalizing the sixth edition of his textbook *Database System Concepts*.

With husband Alex Schwartz and son Irwin, **Jennifer Fleischer** visited **James Roe** at his house on Shelter Island last summer at a quasi reunion, along with **Seth Dahlberg** and **Anne Chaffee**. Jim entertained other visitors last summer, including **Bob Oldshue**. Jennifer is still a professor of English at Adelphi University. This coming spring, she and Alex have sabbaticals in Newcastle, England, where Alex will be working on an urban policy project and Jennifer will be writing a historical novel about a slave mistress. Irwin will be attending nursery school, where he "will be served breakfast, lunch and tea."

Jerry Tone and wife Martha came to Boston in late August to spend a couple of days with daughter **Haley '07** and worked hard to dodge the humidity. **Chris Lovell** and wife Julie helped by hosting a dinner at their home in Sherborne with Brooke and **Jeff Cook**, where the temperature was noticeably cooler. After Boston, the Tones headed to Maine for a cycling trip sponsored by the Trust for Public Land. Impressively, they made it to the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park! Haley is enjoying her job with Neoscape in Boston, and **Nathan '10** is having fun living off campus.

Over the summer, **Joel Scheiman** stayed home in Tokyo, taking advantage of any good weather to go cycling along the Tama River. From his description, there are hair-raisingly

steep hills and winding roads in this area. Joel also began work at a startup venture in the fall, which he expects will be an interesting experience.

Fred Simmons, wife Olga Mohan and daughter Carolyn spent 12 days in Peru, with stops in Machu Picchu, Cusco, Lima and the Amazon—"a glorious trip." His daughter Carolyn started her freshman year at Stanford following a year off to work and travel. As it turns out, Carolyn and **Daiva Gasperetti's** son Joe live on the same floor of the same dorm! **Clarence Young** and his wife Wendy stopped by when they dropped off their daughter at UCSB to start her freshman year. Fred and Olga are happy that they'll be seeing more of the Youngs now, especially since Wendy reportedly wants to move to Santa Barbara, having experienced Philadelphia weather long enough.

After 25 years on Wall Street, **Bill Jaume** is semi-retired and has launched a new career. Following seven months of massage therapist training in Florida, he passed the board exams for his state license. To celebrate, there was a great party at his house attended by lots of friends, including **Joe Rickards** and wife Lisa Morgan. Bill will take more courses to meet New York's license requirements so he can divide his time between NYC and Fort Lauderdale. He plans to focus on medical therapies, working with geriatric and oncology patients.

Karen Leaf wrote from Williamstown, where she and husband Tim were visiting their sons **Colin '11** and **Robert '13**. Both play soccer, so they enjoyed cheering for Williams at Cole Field, which is still as lovely as ever. When not trying to keep up with her duties as a Williams mom, Karen stays busy as a lawyer for the state of California, working on tobacco related issues.

Tim Quinn, wrote to say that he and wife **Margaret Stuhr '75** moved their son **Andy '13** into Williams C last fall. It seemed Andy was settling into the Purple Valley nicely. However, it remains to be seen how mom and dad will deal with their new empty nest status! (Hmmm ... do I detect a constant theme in this issue of our class notes?) Their daughter **Katie '08** completed her one-year master's in education at Northwestern last June and is now teaching

second grade in a charter school in Chicago. Tim continues doing software engineering work for Sun Microsystems, waiting for Oracle's acquisition of Sun to be complete. The EU has delayed its approval until perhaps as late as January. Until then, says Tim, "there's no telling what Oracle's plans might be for specific projects, including mine, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed and staying cautiously optimistic."

As of this writing, **Martha Pritchard Bick** was waiting for confirmation that her son **Evan '06** had departed from Baghdad and was on his way home to the U.S. Evan joined the Army upon graduation from Williams and has served as a battalion battle captain, leading a platoon of 31 soldiers through a 12-month deployment. Also awaiting word of his safe return is his wife of one year, **Gillian Sowden '06**, who somehow managed to get through this period while completing her second year at Harvard Medical School. Martha explains, "It has been a year of highs and lows, with feelings of soaring pride and patriotism interspersed with the simple fears of a mom worried about her child who somehow turned into a man. During the year I have met an amazing number of incredible young people, many from fine schools like Williams, who cherish their freedom enough that they are willing to fight for the freedom of others." Evan will be joining his wife in Cambridge after he leaves the Army in January and, in Martha's words, "will take on something really dangerous—trying to find a job in banking or consulting in this economy!"

Randy Sturges took pleasure in a wonderful trip to France and Italy last summer. He spent a week in Paris and "saw the town with the best tour guide the city can offer—**Jeb Seder**. Jeb knows every charming bistro and restaurant" in Paris. After that, Randy spent 10 days on a boat, traveling from Portofino to the Amalfi coast. Later in the summer he saw **Dave Rogers** and his four kids in LA. Dave's oldest, Mae, is approaching college age and his youngest, Nat (Randy's godson), is 8 years old."

Ken Leinbach's oldest daughter is at Hamilton and is interested in going pre-med. Ken, a JD and MD himself, claims she "lacks imagination." She'll also

be playing for the women's basketball team and hopes to beat Williams this season. Ken's youngest girl has moved on to high school sports, so this was his first fall in 12 years without coaching soccer. She was on the Massachusetts State AAU girls' basketball tournament second-place team last spring and has grown three more inches since then. "She leaves me in the dust," says Ken, who's leading the New England Runner Pub Series for the 50-plus age group. (Apparently, they run for beer.) Ken stays in touch with **Bob Clifford** '76. Bob continues his industrial hygiene consulting work to multi-nationals and local institutions. **Charlie Safford** '75 and wife Amy Skype with their son **Zach** '09, who's teaching acting and piano to ex-pats in Vietnam.

Reporting that he's "turning into a bit of a bike nut," **Roger Wilson** is seeking smooth loops and fast riders in the Boston area, so let him know if you're interested!

Donald MacDonald continues to travel to Senegal and Ghana twice a year to perform cataract and eye plastic reconstructive surgery. He and other volunteers formed a nonprofit, Right to Sight and Health, to raise money to improve the health care in Third World countries. Without being asked, **Richard Remmer** was their first contributor. The last of Don's three Williams children is a senior now. "It is as if **Lore** '80 and I never graduated ourselves!"

Richard Remmer wrote to say that **Dan Davison** is a principal in Documentary Arts Inc., a producer of a great show in NYC called *Blind Lemon Blues*. See www.blindlemonblues.com for details.

On National Public Radio's health blog, Scott Hensley reported on swine flu in a surprisingly lighthearted way. Our own **Dennis O'Shea** was the inspiration for the piece, which describes how Johns Hopkins University developed its own humorous lexicon to help educate and inspire students to employ prevention against H1N1. For example, students sick with swine flu are now known as "pigs," making freshman "piglets" and those who are sick in the dorms "pigs in blankets." Other definitions include: "Sleeze: to sneeze properly (into one's sleeve) when a tissue isn't handy,"

and "Slough: cough properly (into one's sleeve) when a tissue isn't handy." Visit tinyurl.com/naes4w for more fun (and useful) info.

So, ciao for now, and remember to write!

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Just before I hit "send" for this issue of the notes, I tuned into one of my old favorite shows, *This Old House*, after I heard that one of **Paul Rovinelli's** architectural firm's projects had been selected for showcasing. Sixteen episodes will be shown. It is to be hoped that Paul's crew follows the advice I never took: "Measure twice, cut once." Paul's firm is located in Boston and recently moved to more spacious quarters.

Dan O'Connell was at the U.S. Open Tennis tournament in the Louis Armstrong Stadium in NYC. Whether he was actually hit by a spitball or just sensed he was at risk, he turned around to find, dressed in a deep purple polo shirt, his old teammate **Jim Parsons**. Afterward, they traded stories about forehands and families.

Steve Rothstein ran into Dan's daughter **Caroline** '11, a junior advisor in the freshman quad, when he dropped off his son **Isaac Maze-Rothstein** '13 at Sage F at the start of his freshman year. Steve was thrilled to have **David Simpson's** eldest daughter work at Perkins School for the Blind.

Sue Stred met **Connie (Carpenter) Deans** '79, widow of **Stuart**, in Redding, Conn., where they shared a lovely lunch in a pastoral setting. Sue sees a fair number of Williams window stickers in her home in upstate New York, especially—for reasons she can't fathom—on Subarus.

Gavin Watson and his two sons **Peter** '13 and **David** (a junior at Darien, Conn., high school), joined the Williams College expedition to observe the total solar eclipse at 9:33 a.m. local time on July 22 in Tianhuangping, China. The group joined solar physicist Professor Jay Pasachoff and his scientific expedition together with some of Jay's former students and alumni at an unusual

mountain site near Hangzhou, China. The total eclipse time of 5 minutes, 38 seconds, in Tianhuangping was the longest of this century. Gavin took photographs of several well-known phenomena of solar eclipses: Bailey's beads, where the last sliver of the sun shines through craters and jagged mountains at edge of the moon; the diamond ring effect, where the corona of the sun becomes visible forming a ring while the last bit of sunlight shines as a diamond; and the inner corona, the luminescent plasma radiating from the sun's surface.

Gavin's first eclipse was as an undergrad when Professor Pasachoff, **Dan Bruns**, **Stu Read** and he witnessed the 1977 eclipse on board a ship in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Mexico. Once you see one eclipse, Gavin says, you have to see another! The recent trip necessitated a geographical excursion, which was spectacular in its right, about a day's journey from Shanghai.

Pam Jennings sent an update on her "brilliant scheme" to switch careers to the arts after 23 years of practice as a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst. She is happy to report "mission accomplished!" albeit with some reservations. She is living in Baltimore. After her first week of classes as a post-bac in fine arts at the Maryland Institute College of Art, Pam writes, "It looks like to step forward in art I will have to step backward in education." Surrounded by peers half her age, she finds her vanity greater and her ego more fragile than when she was in the 18- to 22-year-old demographic. Academically, she finds the undergraduate art history course to have "kindergarten performance standards" and finds it hard to swallow being infantilized as a student by an instructor who is her contemporary and maybe her equal. "Do I humble myself and just focus on the course content, or do I out myself as her peer and fierce competitor? *To be or not to be* an adult, that is my question. Other than that, I am happy that I made space in my life to paint, I think."

Barbara Jackson Palladino is the new co-president of the Makefield Area Branch AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women). In her two-

year hitch, she looks forward to advancing the organization's mission to bring equity and equality to women and girls in education and the workplace. Their branch focuses on a recognition reception for seventh-grade girls in eight local middle schools who are feted for their excellence in mathematics and science. They also participate in Let's Read Math, a national program begun by one of Barb's branch-mates, which develops primary math interest and skills through reading.

Carmen '76 and Barb are able to see the tunnel of light leading to an empty nest. Their eldest daughter Kimberly just finished her PhD in particle physics and moved in September to work at MIT as a postdoc in dark matter studies. Daughter **Sarah '06** left Williams after two years to live and work for five years in community service primarily in South America and in August began studies in international relations at Florida International University. She likes the warmth of Miami and the proximity to her friends in Panama and Colombia. Gina graduated from U Del as a chemical engineer and is teaching chemistry in Kigali, Rwanda, with World Teach, a program out of Harvard. She loves her work. Son Nicholas is a senior at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, majoring in history and working on that elusive "job after college."

Lastly, their Panamanian "daughter" Evy, who lived with the Palladinos her senior year of high school, now attends college in Panama, studying tourism. She was the host sister to Sarah while she was in Panama. They expected to host Evy's younger brother Edy in January.

Barb and Carmen traveled to Kigali to visit with Gina for two weeks last July and managed to take in a four-day gorilla trek in northern Rwanda and an eight-day safari to Tanzania. Barb joined Facebook to keep up with what her kids are doing but found many of the "geriatric generation" (our class) doing the same thing. She placed an album of her African photos there for all to see.

Carmen continues (knock on wood) at Citi in NYC as a derivatives strategist. "We thank God daily for health, jobs and a wonderful family!"

Gordon Hardy and his wife Alice celebrated their 24th

anniversary on Labor Day. He spent a week in the summer touring colleges with younger daughter Lora, who, "alas, is probably not applying to Williams on the principle that she has never lived outside of Massachusetts and has itchy feet. This wasn't really a surprise, as her older sister Molly is also far afield in her fourth year at Capilano in Vancouver, B.C."

Gordon has attained the professional quinnella of fulfillment and fun. He does a lot of writing, editing and web work for Bentley University, just down the street from his house in Waltham. In the fall he was to teach a class on "Journalism for the Web." It did take him aback, though, when a lost student showed up looking for Professor Hardy. It took him a few beats to realize it was he!

Elizabeth Twyman and **John Bessone** are still in Santa Fe and will soon to be empty nesters. Their daughter Mary is spending fall semester at Portland State and then in January will set sail with 600 of her new best friends on a semester-at-sea program. She has already traveled to far more places on the globe than her dad, and now she will sail around the world. Son Peter is coming East to do a post graduate year at Phillips Exeter, taking his New Mexico-honed hockey skills to New England to see if he can compete with the big boys.

And last (fittingly, since he is the last member of our class), increasingly prolific **Fred Strong** has unearthed even more Williams history with his cyber shovel. Check out bit.ly/3KxBaJ. You will be well rewarded with a fascinating look at Williams in the mid-19th century. It is the catalog for 1849-1850, complete with faculty, students by year and dorm, calendar and courses available. It even shows the total expenses for one year. (I won't give it away, but let's just say it's considerably less than beer money.) Fred found it while pursuing his hobby in genealogy, which he defends from his north-of-the-border vantage point, as "it beats shouting down elected officials at town hall meetings."

Remarkably, that's all the news for this issue's 1978 column, the briefest in my tenure. Whether this is a statistical fluke or a trend, we'll have to see. Thanks to all.

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It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Daniel Murphy, high school honors student, crew enthusiast and 15-year-old son of **Marcia Leous** and husband Paul Murphy. Daniel was killed in an accident involving an all-terrain vehicle in Solon, Ohio, on Sept. 19. Marcia and Paul have received an outpouring of love and support of many friends, classmates and family.

Sharon James zipped me an e-mail from Michigan, mentioning that this is her first submission to our class notes since graduation (i.e., in 30 years!) She is a new (and proud!) certified software quality engineer. She is also a passionate fan of the Detroit Red Wings, the New York Yankees and University of Michigan teams. From Phoenix, **David Barranco** reports that he and **Jessica (Wittenstein) '78** went to LA last fall to take their daughter to college. They enjoyed a wonderful visit from **Candy** and **Steve Magee**, and they have also been in touch with Sheryl and **John Sokoloff**.

From **Cyndy Tufts Anderson**: "Our news is that our son Jay graduated from Harvard and has a job and an apartment in NYC on the same street where **Betsy Jeffrey Balderston**, **Nancy Cenek Brigstocke**, **Mary Lou Cardwell Hebard** and I lived (Studio 34). Our daughter Katie is a junior at Hamilton, where her best friend and freshman roommate Carolyn is the daughter of **Cindy Hill Dopp '78**. Small world!"

At age 52, **Jody Harrison** report, "Life is very good!" She celebrated her birthday on her motorcycle; is enjoying her business—now in its eighth year (The Harrison Gallery on Spring Street in Williamstown), and loves small-town country life in Vermont. She also thanks all who stop in when they are in town.

Christine ("Stine") Ball loved seeing so many classmates at the reunion, which meant even more because she hadn't been back to Williams in 20 years. Her daughter Sara is in her second year at University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and her son Erik is a junior in high school. Her



Last June, Becky Staiger '09 (seated, center) celebrated her graduation with family members (clockwise from top left): brother Matt Staiger '12, father Bob Staiger '79, aunt Kathy (Kraft) Leonhardt '82 and mother Sally (Kraft) Staiger '79.

husband's money management business is doing well, and she is excited about her new job as director of development at Marin Agricultural Trust. Her work involves land preservation and promotion of locally grown foods.

Diane Hughes and **Bill Webster** are making things (and life) work. After two unfortunate, recession-related employment changes, Bill accepted an offer with Sun Life Financial in Wellesley, Mass. With their two older sons grown and paving their way, Diane is at home in New Jersey with the 15- and 6-year-old Hughes/Webster sons—as she continues work on a grant from the National Science Foundation. Their commuter marriage has been challenging, to say the least. However, Diane feels that the upside is that the arrangement has allowed them to reconnect with Williams friends in the Boston area, namely **Brent Shay '78**, **Judy Bowen '78**, **Lucienne Sanchez** and their families. They even got together with Minnesotan **Pat Strong** (via Brent) during one of her Boston stops.

I received news from **Ken Hollingsworth** (aka “Hollywood”): “We dropped off our youngest son Eric for his freshman year at Bates. He will be classmates with children of **John Dell’Erario** (middle son Joe), **Peter** and **Laurie Thomsen** (daughter Julie), and **Lydia** and **Mario Chiappetti '78** (son Chris). We had a great Williams mini-reunion in Lewiston on opening

day.” John D. adds that Eric and Joe were both trying out for the football team and that “while Joe should have little trouble exceeding his father’s underwhelming accomplishments on the field, Eric has much larger shoes to fill.”

After living on the West Coast for some years, **Marcia Johnston Wood** will be making it back East (specifically, Berkshire County) more often, because her daughter is to start Williams in the fall of 2010 (after spending a year in Rome). Life is busy with Marcia’s private clinical practice, not to mention that she is the president of the Oregon Psychological Association (which she reads as “major non-paid job” but a fascinating and challenging one!). Her husband and 15-year-old son round out her life, and she keeps in touch with **Amy Demorest**. They also recently enjoyed a visit with **Mark Lanier**.

Aimee and **Pete May** are delighted with the newest addition to their family—beautiful daughter Remi Soleil, who was born on Aug. 14 and welcomed by sister Savanna, 7, and brother Slade, 3. In addition to the 30th reunion, Pete attended his 20th law school reunion in San Diego this year.

At the gentle nudging of daughter **Susannah '11** (a JA in “Willy B” and loving it), **Susan Eckman** “checked in” with us. She, husband Rick and their four daughters have lived in Chadds Ford, Pa., for the last 17 years, and all are doing well. **Gerry Kelly** missed the reunion because

he was traveling with son Luke to lacrosse camps. Son Andrew is a sophomore at Amherst (wife Liz’s alma mater), and daughter Hope is a fourth grader. Gerry works for the state of Delaware, assisting residents in foreclosure. **Kathy Connelly Ruane** has three children—Allison graduated from Bowdoin this year; Matt is a junior at Bowdoin; and Kristen is a senior in high school.

That’s almost all the news that’s fit to print for now. Enjoy your holidays, and have a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year.

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Greetings classmates, and merci beaucoup to everyone who e-mailed me in September. As you all know, we are collectively easing our way toward our 30th reunion next June. (How is that possible?) All reunions include elections for class officers, and tradition seems to have it that the secretary volunteers for the honor, so don’t be shy! It’s a fun job made simple by the miracle of cyber-communication. My five years will soon be up, so, as we say at church, I’d like you people to “prayerfully consider” stepping into a new role in service to the Class of 1980. I will be delighted to take your self-nominations.

Meanwhile, the following folks have a few items to pass along:

Sarah (Austell) '81 and **Ben Cart** can report that, “**Dan Chapman**, **Jon Hammond** and **Peter Rowland '79** are all well, having shown up at our 32nd consecutive annual summer get together (since 1978 can you believe it?). And we would be remiss not to [mention] ... Addison Cart, our purple granddaughter, who has two Williams parents, three Williams grandparents, three Williams aunts/uncles, and even two Williams great-grandparents.” Wow! That’s brand loyalty, no?

Dave Beardsley has “moved to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in downtown DC, overlooking the Lincoln Memorial, in August '09, moving from 6,000-square-foot house in Annapolis overlooking the Severn to

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900-square-foot apartment on subway. My fourth son enrolled at Husson College in Bangor, Maine, making the traveling football team as a right guard, so no more at home, which makes it quiet.” Many of us are wending our way into “empty nesterhood,” n’est-ce pas?

Edward Bousa: “I have happy news that our daughter **Marina** ’13 is a freshman at Williams and loves it. We are looking forward to visiting her often! Also, a side trip to Taconic will be fun, too. We have three younger kids in 11th, 9th and 7th grade, so there are a lot of college applications in our future. I have kept in touch with **Chip Oudin** a lot recently; his niece made the quarterfinal of the U.S. Open tennis championship. The 30th reunion is next spring; wow that is fast!” Amen to that!

Anita (Cook) Gholston: “My first grandson was born today. His name is Jaida Christopher Drahme, and he was born to parents Avery and Momar. He is 5 pounds, 14 ounces, healthy and beautiful. We are blessed!” Congratulations to the whole family!

Kathleen Kelliher sent this from England: “We had a great summer holiday in the USA. **Betty Keller Lynch** invited us up to St. Johnsbury, Vt., for a visit. Her kids Sam, 16, and Sarah, 14, got on great with mine, Leticia, 15, and Spencer, 13. They introduced me to kayaking, and Betty filmed me for a documentary she is doing on health insurance. The following week, we had another Williams trip out to Worcester to meet up with Fr. **Bill Clark**, who is a Jesuit priest and professor of religion at Holy Cross. The Jesuit center provides a great lunch. I also had a long chat with **Ann Hollenbach Barrett** but unfortunately ran out of time before we could meet up. The Teddy Kennedy funeral and Hurricane Danny really interfered with life in the Boston area in late August.”

Kathleen continues, “Since returning, I joined the Williams alumni group for an evening with Darra Goldstein at a Russian restaurant to sample from delicacies and vodka. I’ve had her book *A Taste of Russia* for years. Christmas is not Christmas in my house without piroshkis using her book. Lots of fun.”

Gus Nuzzolese: “All is A-plus here on Long Island. Boating this summer was fabulosity!

Margaret working in DC with Jesuits Volunteer International (paid job finally!), overseeing the volunteers around the world. Cool stuff, but not for Gusto. Liz is in LA almost done with master’s. Colls is almost nurse at Boston College, and Pat Nuzz is starting center and captain of Chaminade JV football. I cry crimson and gold tears when they come onto the field. Wife Mary is super. Connected with the unforgettable **Mike Curran** and his four adorable and athletic kids (including 12-year-old triplets) on Fire Island for unofficial Summer Olympic swimming games. They all look like Captain Curran! Miss all my Ephantastic friends!”

Bert Snow wrote in from Boston’s North Shore of the “11th annual Outdoor Sculpture at Maudslay show—a yearly exhibit of site-specific sculpture of which I am the coordinator and one of the founders. It’s a non-juried open event but one which somehow inspires great work each year. This year there are 36 sculptures ranging from a crash-landed cartoon spaceship to a cross between a park sign and a landscape painting. My own piece is a suspended Phoenix-like tree in honor of (and built from) the many branches and limbs knocked down in last winter’s ice storms.

“Other than that, I’m busy trying to keep yet another small-game company going. **Leigh (Olson) Snow** ’82 is teaching yoga and running the Yoga Center of Newburyport. Our kids are busy and happy at 19 and 17. Have seen a lot of **Pat** and **Wendy Barnett-Mulligan**, as their world HQ isn’t far from Vassar, where our son Erik is a sophomore.”

Sonia Weil: “Life keeps us busy, especially with kids who are applying for college. I spent a wonderful summer, which included visiting **Jill Simon** in Chicago and then Jill and I meeting up with **Laurie Smith** in Montana. We spent a super time in Yellowstone National Park and trekking around the Grand Teton area in Wyoming. No kids, just us three. It was great.”

Ruth Wells, who detailed recent contact with about a dozen Ephs, has, after admitting to a couple of dozen years of procrastination, at last penitently decided to include *Williams People* in her social circle: “I am still living in Pennington,

N.J., after having moved to the Princeton area in 1985, a job and location I promised myself would last three years maximum. I married a fellow architect ... and we have two sons, Lyndon, 15, and Patrick, 17 (driving license age!). They attend Princeton Day School, headed in the upper school by **Carlton Tucker** ’77. The boys have transitioned well to high school from their all-boys Sacred Heart school, save for the academic side. I am now practicing (that’s putting it loosely) architecture from home.”

Bill Wickwire: “My partner Allen Carrier and I traveled up to Thunder Bay, Ontario, from LA, then drove back into Minnesota along Lake Superior en route to a Labor Day weekend minireunion with **Bob Safford** and his partner Pat at their place on Poplar Lake along the Gunflint Trail. Fabulous location with a sunset cookout on a private deserted island. ... They said it was the best weather of the whole summer. We all had a great time.

“We also have plans with the four of us to go to Honolulu and Maui for another minireunion for Pat’s Easter break in April 2010. We will be back to reunion in June. Looking forward to the 30th!”

As for me, after many years of substitute teaching, I am now “regular Army” on the reading support staff at our local middle school. No more 6 a.m. phone calls, woohoo! Short commute, benefits, nice staff, great kids. I am one lucky gal, especially in this weird new world of financial tsunamis and snowballing unemployment.

Here’s wishing all of you a pleasant and peaceful holiday season and a healthy, productive New Year. Keep up the good work!

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Greetings to all with news from coast to coast. Here’s **Peter Barbaresi**, checking in from the far west: “Have had ongoing opportunity to see and stay nicely connected with my old roommate **Lee Wahl**, who continues practicing law in Westlake Village, Calif., a bit north of LA. Lee is extremely



The 2009 Courage Classic (hosted by the Children’s Hospital in Denver) brought together (from left) Ted Congdon ’81, Zach Friesen, Jim Christian ’82, Derek Johnson ’81, Sean Bradley ’81, Dan Friesen ’81, Sandy Pike ’81 and Scott Tripler ’81. It’s the third year the group has participated in the three-day, 157-mile bike tour.

busy with work, life and his kid’s athletic schedules ... all of whom are extremely good/competitive in soccer and volleyball, among others. Lee’s eldest is a plebe at the Naval Academy in Annapolis; how proud we all are for this achievement. I also had a great catch-up with another roommate, **Gary Cole**, who now hails from Raleigh. He too is busy writing plays, books and practicing law. Gary sent me an article about a group of college grads in 1976 who traveled the country and ended up in Cheyenne, Wyo., at Frontier Days. This was a bit scary because that is exactly what ... Lee, **Hud Plumb** and I did the summer of ’81. **Tim Marr** and **Kathy Kraft** somehow got meshed in with the jaunt from Aspen to Cheyenne and “some of us” got arrested that night in Cheyenne. I don’t remember much of the details. Ask Gary. ... Otherwise, I have had wonderful occasion to reconnect with **Michael McGinn** ’82, who was my second business partner (after G. Cole) in the used-furniture business I/we started. (Remember all the junk I/we bought from everybody and sold the next fall to incoming freshmen?) Anyway, he is running for the mayor of Seattle, and this gave us occasion to catch up on the past and his hopeful future. (His date with destiny was Aug. 18.)” Peter was planning a trip to Connecticut in the summer and planned to

see Messrs. Santry, Merrill and “any others I can track down in the vicinity in the course of three quick days.” He concludes, “Otherwise, Team Barbaresi took our annual trek to Europe, making sure to blow all remaining dwindled savings on an incredible trip through Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich. It’s good to have lots of frequent-flier miles and Hilton points these days. ... Nonetheless, the family time and experience is/was priceless.”

Rusty Case reports the continuation of the Case family escapades at Williams: “I have been reliving my freshman days vicariously through my daughter **Christine** ’13. Her uncle **Brad Case** ’85 drove her up from DC and deposited her in the Quad, where she now shares a room with the daughter of a Williams classmate of another uncle, **Ed Case** ’75. Indirect reports through Facebook suggest she is enjoying her freshman experience so far.”

Sarah Foster checks in: “I have been having a great time bringing my daughters to visit prospective colleges over the past couple years, in particular Williams. I think touring Williams was more of a treat for me than them. Everywhere we walked, I kept saying, ‘Look at the mountains, aren’t they beautiful?’ The response was, of course, yes (when it wasn’t raining), followed at least on one occasion by, ‘But where is the town?’ To some of us,

Spring Street is enough of a town! My oldest has just started college. (Williams was a strong contender, but she opted for a school in Boston.) Perhaps I’ll get lucky with the second one! I continue to work as an environmental consultant in my own small firm, mostly assessing human health risks from various types of waste management technologies (not quite as glamorous a profession as so many of our classmates, but it’s an interesting living). Still residing in the DC area and thinking that it is high time to have another Class of 1981, DC metro area get together. Those of you who live in and around DC will hear about it, if I ever get around to it!”

Finally some news from the Fayerweather crew! **Mary Kate Shea** posts a note just to make us jealous: “After several years of trying to land a job at Williams, I started working as the director of conferences and events at the College in early September. It’s great to be back on campus and only appropriate that I’m living on Meacham Street, almost directly behind the Weston Field press box. Wish we’d had that beautiful, enclosed press box back in our day; it would have made covering the football team on those fall Saturdays a lot more comfortable!”

Offering his quarter-century update (He promised! Once every 25 years), **Paul Staff** sends news from the Midwest. “We moved to downtown Chicago a few years ago from the suburbs, and it’s been great. Hopefully Chicago will get the 2016 Olympic bid (Ed. note: bummer) and the city will be even more fun. We have two daughters—the oldest is a freshman at Grinnell College in Iowa—probably the only school more remote than Williams. My youngest is a junior in high school, and this spring we will make the northeast college circuit, ending at Williams for the weekend. Living vicariously through my kids is often really fun, and maybe it will bring me full circle back to Williamstown in a few years.”

See? That wasn’t hard. And it’s great scoop. It’s never too late to write.

Bruce Miller reports in with character-building scouting updates: “Two minor transitions which loom large here—my son begins middle school and moves up from Cub Scouts to

Boy Scouts. Since both are bad memories for me (towel snapping, snake bites) I have taken to carrying a security blanket like Linus van Pelt. Luckily for my horde of Twitter followers (47 souls at last count) my online persona (cleverly named @brucewmiller) only tweets about topics of general interest: trade tariffs, 17th century map projections and 1940s prefab housing. No daily personal trivia here.” Me, I was a Campfire Girl. Way more fun than Brownies, because we mostly hung out in the woods and didn’t have to sew stuff.

Jackie Logan sends news of a celebratory get together: “In August, **Nancy Gray, Pegeen Galvin, Charlotte Smith** and I got together at Nan’s place to celebrate that birthday ‘that shall not be mentioned.’ Except for the few hours of sleep we had (a sign of age I guess that we even bothered to sleep!), we couldn’t stop sharing news. It couldn’t have been more terrific to spend time together—invaluable. And the exciting news is that **Collin ’13**, Nan’s son [started] at Williams in the fall. So cool.”

Sue Pettengill adds that she “is vicariously enjoying her son **William’s** ’10 senior year at Williams. She and her husband Dan attended the Ultimate Frisbee College Nationals to cheer on WUFO.”

Cover Girl **Val Nierenberg** (seen in the *Boston Globe*, kayaking while on vacation!) reports from the coast: “My news emanates from Martha’s Vineyard. Vacation, first week of September, Obama family has just left, crowds are pretty much gone, and it is the Friday night opening of the Artisans Festival at the Ag Hall. I walk in and see a striking resemblance to **Whitney Woodruff Moody**, so striking in fact, that it was Whitney herself. Whitney has a thriving business



Dorothy Stites Alig '81 (center) celebrated her birthday in Indianapolis with classmates Marc Johnson and Katharine Pearsall.

called WhitKnits, where she makes the most beautiful knit and felted pocketbooks. She even won the Blue Ribbon Prize at the state fair for one particular design. Check it out—great gifts! Whitney and her husband Bill are enjoying life on the Vineyard, and it was great to reconnect with my geology buddyette!”

From the other coast, we hear that **Marc Tayer** was a speaker on a Wharton Media Panel in San Diego, where he discussed the impact of the Internet video revolution (YouTube, Hulu) on established content providers (HBO, CNN) and service providers (Comcast, TimeWarner Cable). The panel was moderated by **Paul Gaspar '92**.

Rich Besser reports: “Big news in my family. Last winter I had the opportunity to serve for five months as acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention until a political appointment was made. In April, I was leading the agency when swine flu hit. Very intense time. In August I left CDC and Atlanta. We now live in Montclair, N.J., and I work at ABC News in NYC as senior health and medical editor. My wife Jeanne just published her second cookbook for the American Cancer Society. This one is called *What to Eat During Cancer Treatment*. Our boys, Alex, 14, and Jack, 11, are settling in to their new schools.” Those of us who saw Rich as interim director during the beginnings of the H1N1 scare greatly appreciated his clarity and focus. Hey, Sanjay, move over.

Sue Edelman has teen boys, too: “My son, 15, and many of his soccer teammates, have an aversion to purple uniforms. They are just too girly. So the organizers made the new unis darker purple. Still no dice. Only one of the things about teen boys that I just cannot understand. Mentioning that purple is Williams’s color, even for football players, only gets me Div. III sneers. Nothing personal, of course—my son had a great time at the last reunion.”

The Lidz/Berryhill family has been traveling far and wide. Diane writes, “Within days after celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary and just prior to Keith’s 50th birthday, Keith and I headed up north to take our daughter Leah to Hamilton College to start her freshman year. Leah is thrilled to have achieved her goal of attending a small liberal arts college in the Northeast. Very different from her public school days in Marietta, Ga. We still can’t believe that we are old enough to have a child in college. Wasn’t it just a few years ago that we were freshmen at Williams? I guess not.

“On our way to Hamilton we had lunch with **Scott Tripler** at a great spot along the Erie Canal near Rochester. Scott and his wife Patty had just sent their oldest child off to school at Syracuse. It was great to catch up with Scott, whom I have known since 10th grade.

“Earlier in the summer Keith enjoyed the hospitality of Janice and **Marc Johnson** in Indianapolis. Keith was up there to participate in the U.S.

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Masters Swimming National Championships, where he won a national championship in the 1,500-meter in his age group. I had no idea when I met Keith back in 1978 that he would still be swimming competitively more than 30 years later.”

Steve Schow writes, “I am still at SF Sentry, where I manage investments for 24 families. Family life is generally good, if sometimes challenging. My daughter is 14 and my son 13. I loved **Kathy McCleary’s** line in the last *Williams People* class notes, ‘Another few months of being a stunned witness to world-class eyeball rolling.’ Cracked me up—we’re right there. ... **Charlie Lafave** came to town a while back. He was threatening to move out here, until I ran him up and down the hills and the fog rolled in. ... I caught up with **Sandy Pike** on the phone the other day—He’s running Putnam Japan from Boston and Tokyo. ... I know it’s ancient history at this point, but I had such a great time at our 25th reunion! I can’t remember when I’ve laughed as hard as at our first dinner, but I think Charlie, Erika and Tom were winding me up a bit. ... If anyone comes through San Francisco, say hello!”

From sunny Florida, **Tom Rizzo** posts this update: “Despite **Danny Friesen’s** inability to talk me into riding a bike for three days in Colorado, my trip was a success—beyond a great dinner with Dan and **Jim Christian**. I passed my exam for subspecialty certification in sports medicine. Given that I haven’t been doing as much sports medicine as I was 16 years ago in Rochester, I really had to brush off the test-taking skills. I didn’t ace it, but I had some wiggle room. Don’t look for me in the Williams rowing pictures from the Head of the Charles this year. I will be in Chicago with my four brothers running, er ... participating in an Urban-athlon to benefit the Challenged Athletes Foundation. This is like an obstacle course in a city. The highlight was running up and down the stairs in Soldier’s Field. There will be a lot of Ephs in Boston. There are at least two alumni boats-worth, including a bunch from ’81. Scheduled to appear: **Scott Tripler, Tom Knowlton, Sandy Pike, Pat Diaz, Cabby Tennis.**”

Martin Kohout takes a break from the blogosphere to send news: “I just returned from a two-week backpacking trip across northern England. My friend Bruce Bennett (parent of **John Bennett ’06**) and I walked the 200 miles from Ravenglass on the Irish Sea to Scarborough on the North Sea in two weeks. Sore feet but all in all a fabulous trip across the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales (James Herriot country); we walked through some of the most beautiful scenery I’ve ever seen, stayed in some wonderful inns, saw an awful lot of sheep and drank a good bit of cider. (Nothing like a cool pint at the end of a long day!)”

Martin and Heather have started a great blog, and all are invited to check it out. It’s called “Free Range: Food, Writing, the Texas Hill Country, and More,” and it’s at madronoranch.blogspot.com.

And last but not least, **Marc Johnson** reports in: “**Katharine Pearsall** and I joined **Dorothy Stites Alig** in Indianapolis for Dorothy’s 20th anniversary of her 30th birthday. As a surprise for Dorothy, Katharine flew in from California for the fun paella party at the Aligs complete with a classical guitarist. ... I saw **Keith Berryhill** one week earlier in Indy when he traveled here from Atlanta to compete in the national championships for Master swimmers. Keith swam right next to Olympic

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Hhhheyyyyyyyy, kids, it’s great to be here with you on WKYJ, all the way to the left of your FM radio dial, bringing you community updates and spinning those old-new and new-old platters that leave you feeling like the ’70s never quite ended because they were just ... thaaaaat ... funky. I’ll be your host for the next 15 column-inches or so, so sit back, relax, grab your favorite loneliness antidote and dig some throw-back freeform radio, baby.

We just heard some urban-folk with a blues twist from **Sheldon Ross** out of windy Chi-town with his latest, “Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).” Last week we had Sheldon in the KYJ studios and he told us, “I recently became the co-chair for CERT for the 18th district in Chicago. We prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters across the U.S.” Sheldon, man, keep on rockin’ and rescuin’.

Before that we heard a daring new single, “Williams Track,” from MC **Joel Richardson**. Over

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Lisa (Campolo) Goodheart ’82 was elected VP of the Boston Bar Association in September. Goodheart is a partner at Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen, where she focuses on environmental, real estate and business disputes. She is chair of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission and has been treasurer of the bar association.

gold medalist Rowdy Gaines in the 50-meter freestyle—and he placed #1 in the 1,500-meter swim! Coach Sam’s practices are still paying off some 30 years later. ... Keith then convinced me to enter a triathlon the following weekend without any training, and I’m happy to say I survived.”

Well, all this talk of sports and triathlons has gotten to me. It must be time for a nap. When I awaken, I’m sure there will be more news. Cheers till next time!

some really shizzly beats, Joel was slamming some rhymes from his “short book about the Williams track team.” Very grooving, Joel. The single will be available in fall 2009 through Amazon.com and possibly at Goff’s on Spring Street. “I spent a couple days in the Archives in July photographing documents and also interviewed a number of athletes from the school list server, as well as coaches. It was a lot of fun to research and has some comical stories as well as enthusiastic reactions from virtually all the interviews on what a

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great experience it was.”

Cooooool. As I take a look outside the studios, all I see are cars, man. Fossil fuels being burned. Don't ruin the environment, people. Take it from my man **Will Foster**, now “back at the University of Arizona's Research Institute for Solar Energy (AzRISE) and working on multi-agent simulations of alternative energy adoption.” That cat is smart, and I don't think he's driving a Hummer, right?

But enough chat. Let's get down with some honest music from the old troubadour himself, Bobby Z, the one and only Bob Dylan. Cat is mystic, man—you know he is. So says another poetic master, **Seth**

own lives. It's also a pleasure to read. Each page is a ride with music all its own.”

Do you music lovers remember when Seth used to perform in the Rathskellar here in town, “banging away on my guitar and singing ‘Tangled Up in Blue’ and ‘Forever Young,’ or my graveyard shifts at WCFM when I'd play the fourth side of ‘Blonde on Blonde’ (we're all so old records had sides back then), which of course consisted of one 16-minute song called ‘Sad-Eyed Lady of the Lowlands,’ so I could sneak out to the men's room or the Baxter kitchen for a honeybun?” Well. I remember, Seth. Gonna read your book while I listen to some Highway 61 Revisited.

Maeve '13 is living in Armstrong house. It felt just like home to be at Williams.”

Hi, I'm **Jim Peck**, and I also want to share with you “the joy of bein' back in Billsville for the start of Freshman ‘First Days’ for my eldest son, **Collin**, who is now a full-fledged member of the Great Class of '13! It was lotsa fun helping him move into Sage F in the Frosh Quad. I told Collin that, like it or not, I intended to experience the freshman year at Williams vicariously through him since my own freshman year had been spent a little too far north on Route 7! To which he promptly groaned and pretended not to know me around his new suitemates! My dad, Robert Peck, was also there for the big move-in. He spent 30 years as the athletic director at Williams but is now retired just across the border in Pownal, Vt. I also have a 6-year-old son and 3-year-old (boy/girl) twins!”

Whooooaaaaah! That's a whole lotta Williams, my friends. Maybe it's time to hear something fresh. Let's dig something from a great singer-songwriter we haven't heard from in a while, **Suzanne Cast**. She says that I sound lonely on the air, but don't worry, doll, I'm OK. She “resigned from working as a verger (never mind, it would take too long to explain) for St. John's Episcopal Cathedral and am in the last quarter of my master's in social work at the University of Denver. I am working for a resource center focused on women's empowerment and self-sufficiency called ProjectWISE. I do a lot of hiking, climbing 15 14,000-foot peaks, and I still ski a lot on big mountains and sail a bit on tiny, tiny lakes.” Nice, Suzanne. And here's her latest song, “Verger.”

We're baaaaaack, here on WKYJ, 87.9 FM and just barely broadcasting here from the foot of Mount Belzoni. In the studio tonight I've got **Willa Black** and **Tom Costley** as part of our evening feature “Community Roundtable.” Welcome, Willa.

Willa: “I can't believe we are all cresting 50. Was it really that long ago? I am still running marketing for Cisco Systems Canadian operations but making less frequent trips to San Francisco. Last year in Canada we launched a corporate social responsibility program called ‘One Million Acts of Green.’ Cisco partnered with the CBC to challenge Canadians to commit

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The Merrill Lynch & Co.'s Simmons-Wilkes Group of Portland, Maine—led by Gibson (Rymar) Wilkes '82 and including Blake Wilkes '81—was named a “Top-Ranked Advisor Team in America” by *Barron's* last fall. The team's assets total \$550 million.

Rogovoy, who has a new book out on Nov. 24 called *Bob Dylan: Prophet, Mystic, Poet* (Scribner), the first full-length examination of Bob Dylan's life and work from a Jewish perspective. When we had Suzanne Vega in our studio last month, she said, “I enjoyed this book very much and found it thought-provoking.” Rock critic Alan Light wrote, “**Seth Rogovoy** is uniquely qualified to examine the connections between Dylan's songwriting and the Jewish liturgy, and *Prophet, Mystic, Poet* helps fill in one more piece of an endless and endlessly fascinating puzzle.” And Rabbi Alan Berg, former Williams College chaplain, exclaims, “Rogovoy's book is required reading for those who seek to understand not only Dylan but the meaning of their

Ahhhhll-riiiiiight. Thanks for joining me, people. It's 61 degrees outside the WKYJ studios and dusky. Traffic is bad, man. Traffic is always bad. But your radio dial is set just right. Back to more music after this public service announcement from a very, very fancy and competitive college.

Hi, I'm **Amy Daubert**, and I recently moved from Pittsford, N.Y., to Chapel Hill, N.C. “My husband Jim is back working at Duke. No more Rochester winters—17 of them was enough. Our younger two children, Mairin, 14, and James, 12, are with us. Patrick is at the University of Rochester, majoring in creative writing. But our second oldest, **Thomas '13**, will be spending the next four years in the beautiful Berkshires in a little town called Williamstown. We dropped him off in Sage A, which seemed pretty much the same. Within five minutes, I saw **Howard Shapiro** with his son **Zack '13**. Then, as I was walking down to Mission Park, **Evan Benjamin** called out my name. His son **Ari '13** is a first-year too. Then I recognized a mop of curly brown hair and, indeed, it did belong to **Dan Goldman**. He was helping his daughter **Heath '13** set up in Williams. I even went looking for and found **Jo Maguire '79**, whose daughter

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'green acts' and register them on an interactive website. After nine months we had over 1.8 million green acts, equating to a savings of over 100 million kilograms of greenhouse gases. Schools, businesses, communities and celebrities from Richard Branson to John Legend and Alanis Morissette all got involved. It won a Gemini nomination (our version of the Emmy Awards) and has been launched globally. In partnership with Earth Day, it will become 'One Billion Acts of Green.' It was exciting to be a part of something so successful and so meaningful for Canada. And my children, 16, 14 and 10, are thriving. If anyone is ever in overcast Toronto, please give me a holler!"

Wow. TC, do you have anything to add?

Tom Costley: "Just encourage everyone to read *The Glass Castle*, a memoir by Jeannette Walls."

Well, it's been a fascinating discussion. Thanks to you both.

And now, here's another word from our sponsor.

Hi, I'm **Chris Smythe**, and "my son **Doug** '10 has been studying in Edinburgh. The only news here from Cleveland (besides the Cavs) is that I have been working with ... **Ray Headen** on an exciting new business venture involving mortgages and the government. Ray and I were political economy majors and co-wrote our thesis together. Fun to see a little academia translate to the real world 30 years later."

Hi, I'm **Margot Greer Carr**, and guess where my daughter **Lexie** '13 just started in college? Williams College (not William & Mary!). "I am sniffing away under a cloud of melancholy at the diminution of our family. Fudge helps. So does travel, which for 2009 has been especially bountiful and experienced mostly as one-on-one trips with people I love. In August, it was fun to join **George Baumgarten** and **Tim Clark** in Boston, where **Matt Simon** gave a reading from his exciting new book, *The Chosen Few*. GMA Foundations, where I work as a philanthropic adviser, has had an active period because the economic downturn has led more charitable foundations to investigate our shared-staff model in order to reduce their overhead and intensify impact."

I'm **Evan Benjamin**, and ... guess what? "It was a beautiful day in Williamstown Sept. 2.

The campus sparkled, and the new students were arriving. It was with great pride, anticipation and a little sadness that I dropped off my son **Ari Benjamin** '13 to be part of yet another entering frosh class. Coming back to campus was wonderful and filled me with so many memories. As I helped Ari move

I got so much out of the experience. I am humbled by how much I do not, and will never, know. I've accepted a tenure-track job at Framingham State College (Mass.), where I've been teaching in a visiting capacity for the last two years. Brian and I were sorry to leave Minnesota, but the pull of family back east

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Clothing designer Lee Allison '82 was selected to provide silk neckties to Olympic delegates representing the city of Chicago's bid to host the games there in summer 2016. Delegates from around the globe were in Copenhagen for the announcement.

into Williams D, the memories of freshman year came flooding back. Even though some things look the same and I can somewhat anticipate his year ahead, Williams is so different from 1982. The class is much more diverse, racially as well as economically. I was pleased to see the change and know Williams will provide a great experience."

Heck of an advertising budget that college has, huh cats?

This is WKYJ 87.9, and let's get back to the music with underground hip-hop star **Bill Beres**. Bill told us that he's been in jammin' contact with **Micah Taylor**, "who recently established the U.S. office for IMS Consulting US, LLC. He provides legal and compliance services to hedge funds and brokers entering the U.S. markets. Micah and his daughter Sophie, 5, recently joined me, Heather and my younger sons Gabe, 6, and Max, 3, for a night of Kiddie Breakdancin'. I, however, left my moves in the Dodd House living room." Bill's son Ryan graduated from Fieldston High School in June and started Hamilton College, where he is joining Hanna Adams, the daughter of **Brad Adams**. A minireunion is in the works for upstate N.Y." Bust it, Bill!

...and now it's time for 87.9 news at the top of the hour, covering the community with hip acoustic finger-picking in the background. Like NPR but without any actual reporters, you know?

In our cavalcade of education, **Judy Otto** earned her PhD in geography from the University of Minnesota in 2008. "Going to grad school as a mature student was a fantastic experience—easier than working, and

was strong, so here we are back in the same house, in the same town. After almost two decades in city planning, I had gotten pretty burned out on it—but that feeling has waned, and I've just been appointed to my hometown planning board. Having no children of my own, I follow the lives of about 35 kids who are nieces, nephews, god-children and kids I have tutored. I also stay in touch with **Laura Blockel** (my suitemate during junior and senior year), who is doing great work with those who suffer with mental illness. She has two very special boys. Sometimes I run into **Jim Christian** at church."

From the legal desk, here's the latest from our man **Kevin Hirsch** on the west side of town, who had a "whirlwind reunion" with "Judge" **John Segal** and **Russell Platt** in early August. "Russell was doing his usual business jet-setting between London and the Orient and had just a couple days in LA. I drove up from San Diego, picked up our mutual friend and frequent Williams visitor Andy Smith in Orange, then nabbed Judge Segal en route to Dodger Stadium. There, we were nearly cavity-searched by deputies before we were admitted to Judge Segal's courtroom."

For the latest health news, let's turn to our medical consultant, **Bill Tetreault**, from his family medicine practice in Guilderland, N.Y.

"My wife Rita and I appear to be adjusting quite well to becoming 'empty nesters.' Our son **Matt Tetreault** '08 is starting his second year at UPIIT Medical School, and his twin Nicole (Hamilton '08) is beginning her first year at the University of Rochester Medical School. Our youngest, Danielle,

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is beginning her first year at Harvard.” Sounds like WKYJ will have no shortage of medical consultants going forward.

It’s always good to hear from **Gail Graham**, covering politics, business, entertainment and sports. Gail?

“We have been empty nesters since Ian went off to college, and Whit is out in the real world as an equity trader. John is running Decoturf, a company that makes tennis court surfaces, notably for the U.S. Open. He’s having a blast. My brother-in-law **Don Beyer** ’72 has joined the ranks of Williams grads in diplomatic service. He and my sister have moved to Switzerland, where he is ambassador. In the transition process, they ran into **Liz Berry**, among others from Billsville, who has been named by President Obama to help our international leadership. I’m still conjuring up marketing ideas for Fidelity and am hooked on *Mad Men*. I am also completely passionate about my horse, Indius, and dressage riding. It grounds me.”

So, there it is, listeners. Some groovin’ tunes and the latest from the community, keeping you grounded, horse or no horse. If you want to get on the air with me here on the midnight shift, just send news to me at Will.K.Layman@gmail.com or to my producer at krask@holycross.edu. In the meantime, stay tuned.

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One fall afternoon I made a small, bound book in our Severn School monthly artist workshop. I had forgotten how entertained I am by using my hands in this simple way. I was also surprised at how much I had looked forward to this event. Now I am looking forward to making silk-screen prints, wood-block holiday cards (though I used to make mine with potatoes or carrots ... whatever I had handy in the kitchen), hand woven baskets and whatever other craft delights the department head contrives. I have spent too long away from creating. Perhaps moving away from the crazy hustle of DC to the watery crab-filled Chesapeake Bay is rejuvenating the artist in

me. As much as the world may not need another waterscape, I might use those huge sunrises over the bay to feed my inner artist. Evolution not revolution in changing my patterns, I am hopeful. Anything inspiring you these days?

John Graham wrote that he has “been reading an author named Joyce Cary, whose writing packs more insight into a paragraph than many do into an entire novel. Although apparently not nearly as famous, I would have thought his stature comparable to that of Nabokov or Graham Greene or maybe someone like Robert Graves. His *The Horse’s Mouth*, *To Be a Pilgrim* and *Herself Surprised* form an unusual trilogy in which three different voices narrate events that touch on each other but in a startlingly modern, tangential way. That style of writing is reminiscent of many recent, widely admired novels such as David Mitchell’s *Cloud Atlas*. Of the three, *To Be a Pilgrim* is probably the most assimilable, but *The Horse’s Mouth*, with its chaotic main character, probably the most audacious and startling. Just returned from the Toronto Film Festival, where I had a movie premiering; astonishing how late actors are willing to stay up. It’s like college.”

Una O’Malley writes, “Best book—*The Shack*—made me think about my relationship with God.” **Sherry Blum** adds, “I haven’t read it yet, but I just today bought the third book in the Rashi’s Daughter series, *Rachel*, by Maggie Anton. The books are novels about love and the Talmud in Medieval France. They are historical fiction about medieval rabbi and scholar Saloman ben Isaac (nicknamed Rashi) and his daughters, who were reputed to have been scholars in their own right. The first two books were very entertaining, so I’m looking forward to this one. Now if I can put off reading it until after I get some grading done. ... My son Gregory represented the U.S. at the World Maccabiah games (think ‘Jewish Olympics’) in Israel [last] summer as a member of the juniors track team. He competed in the 3,000-meter and 1,500-meter runs and was a member of the 4x400 relay team that came in second to Israel (beating Great Britain). Another member of his Maccabiah team is a first-year at Williams this year, and Gregory is planning to

apply to Williams next year. ... My daughter Natalie went with me to Israel to see the opening and closing ceremonies and the track meet, and we also did some traveling. ... My husband Don spent the time we were away visiting his parents. All four of us spent a wonderful week in Colorado in June with **Jamie Crist**, **Laura Kaiser** and Laura’s husband Jon, and we saw **Tamara Gallant** in New York later in the summer.”

Rich Weber has tremendous personal news: “On May 7 Catherine and I were blessed with a beautiful adopted baby daughter, Elisabeth Deleman Weber. Elisabeth’s arrival was quite a whirlwind. We had just finalized all of our paperwork with the adoption agency in late March and were settling in for the usual long, long wait for an adoption to come through. Suddenly, late in the day on May 7, we received a call from the agency telling us that she had been born that morning and we had been selected by her birth parents, would we please get down to Texas ASAP to meet our new daughter. Arriving at the hospital after a race through Babies’R’Us to pick up everything from a car seat to bottles to diapers to clothes and blankets; we met Elisabeth and of course fell in love with her. Within 48 hours from that phone call we were the parents of a beautiful, healthy and happy baby girl. We feel unbelievably blessed to have received such a wonderful gift, and so quickly, too! Life has been fantastic, if hectic, ever since then. We have yet to get our Manhattan apartment anywhere close to baby proof, and Elisabeth’s nursery is still not fully set up yet, but we are settling into a very happy routine. Suddenly all those stories classmates have been telling us about life with kids for the past 20-plus years have a whole new meaning and relevance! I also take considerable comfort from the fact that **Jim Corsiglia** has two young children—3-year-old Tommy and newborn Alexander (August)—just across the river in Brooklyn, and **Mike Nock’s** two kids are only a few short years older than Elisabeth, so we won’t be the only ones who are not going to be empty-nesters for a long, long time!”

Melanie Taylor wrote that she “caught up with **Mike Jones** over dinner and strong drinks

and have re-befriended (is that a word?) many classmates on Facebook, including **David Bicknell**, who Skyped me and **Jan Lin** on a conference call from India; we are threatening a revival of our reggae band in Thailand, where David lives, and need to get the likes of **Nadine Francis** and **Bill Simpkins** back on board. I am enjoying all this reconnecting, and to top it off, visited Ephland (is that a word?) ... with my 17-year-old daughter, who is in the throes of the 'what do I want to do with my life?' conversation. ... Any and all advice is welcomed!"

Sarah Thomas: "Having just sent our son Robbie off to Occidental to college, we gave in to intense pressure from our 16-year-old daughter to host an exchange student from Thailand. She had a terrific summer there and wanted to continue the experience. And that was just when things had seemed to get a bit simpler on the home front! At work, I am deeply into the health-care reform battle. It seems to never end."

Bruce Irving has "just started work on a new TV series called *This New House*, which is perfect for me, since I produced *This Old House* for 17 years. This show is about new approaches to and new technologies and products for residential construction and living, and it will premiere on the DIY Network sometime next year. I'm still running my home-renovation consultancy as well as writing and doing real estate work, so it promises to be a very busy year—for which I am grateful! I see **Mark Pine**, who also runs my website, from time to time, and I ran into his fellow Winchester, Mass., citizen **Jamie Spencer** at a street fair recently. She's doing beautifully and is working on a new book, having published a ripping children's yarn called *The Train to Maine* last year."

Sally Haas "started an online master's program at the University of Buffalo." She was to start a new job in October "with a learning company as a content writer. We provide training programs for pharmaceutical sales reps and for patient care. I'm excited. Williams education helped. I will be moving to New York State soon to be closer to the job. My daughters are all in college. It looks like Thanksgiving will be in Montreal for synchronized

swimming FINA Trophy Cup. On of the girls will be swimming for the U.S."

Irve Dell and **Kira Obolensky** '84 joined forces to create a theater/art extravaganza. Kira wrote *Cabinet of Wonders, an Impossible History*. The objects and cabinets are by **Irve Dell**. The piece was to have its world premiere at Underground Arts in Philadelphia, Sept. 29-Oct. 24, and was to be produced by Gas & Electric Arts, a 4-year-old physical theater company that commissioned the work. In *Cabinet*, a brother and sister—offspring of a family of immigrants, revolutionaries and entertainers—live on the edge of eviction, and as they debate their strategies for survival, they argue over what to do with the plethora of family possessions that are stashed inside ancestral cabinets. With impending homelessness and with no destination or relatives in sight, they can only take away what they can carry. According to the press: "Renowned for concocting wildly imaginative adventures, playwright **Kira Obolensky** and visual artist **Irve Dell** of Minneapolis join forces bringing fierce physicality and object theater together for a multi-sensory ride through the magical mesh of fiction and reality that reside in family stories." Wow! And I am just thinking about doing art again...

Andy Schlosser writes, "Fender Musical Instruments Corp. purchased Kaman Music Corp. in Jan. 2008 and consequently decided to take over the distribution of all of our products in Europe through its own sales network, so I found myself with an uncertain future. However, it wisely (!) hired me to act as the liaison between KMC Music and Fender Europe, so I am no longer int'l sales director for KMC but rather am playing diplomat and wearing many hats, acting as an intermediary between the two organizations and also coordinating activities with our factories and key customers. I am actually the only Fender employee in the KMC office in Connecticut and travel often to the U.K. to spend time at the European main office as well as other Fender Europe offices in France, Germany, Spain and Scandinavia. My son Evan, 18, is now a freshman at the "other" Williams (William & Mary), and daughter Maddy, 15, is a sophomore at Granby

(Conn.) high school. My wife Robbi is temporarily (I hope) unemployed, as the high-end interior design market has dried up a bit in the area, but is coordinating youth group activities in our church and staying busy with unpaid mothering work. Still playing when we can get gigs (another consequence of a difficult economy) in Missguided and having fun rocking out whenever possible. Strangely enough, I am starting to experience some problems with whiplash and general soreness after gigs now, something I never experienced in the past. Maybe something to do with age and using muscles, ligaments, and tendons that probably aren't designed to be so stressed after 40 years. I guess I need an aging rocker health regimen if I'm going to keep up with my idols that are still touring."

Cary Gaunt has "finally completed my PhD in environmental studies; deposited my final dissertation on Sept. 4. Loved my research, which entailed diving into a question posed by one of my watershed policy/planning clients (the Chesapeake Bay Program): How do we cultivate ecologically enlightened citizens? So, spent the last several years interviewing and studying the life journeys of people considered role models of ecological enlightenment and sustainable action. Specifically was exploring the role of spirituality, religion and spiritual practice on the transformation to an ecological way of life. Can't do this kind of research without being transformed yourself. So I continue my personal journey toward lightening my own ecological footprint. As far as what comes next, after the PhD? First, lots of rest and wilderness exploration. Just returned from an amble up the Maine Coast. Then? The door is open. Who knows?"

From **Ellen Kerns:** "These have been an eventful couple of months for me. My mom had a benign meningioma removed from her brain in July and miraculously she was recovered enough to be at my older son's graduation from the University of South Carolina in mid-August. He has moved home temporarily until law school starts in the fall of 2010. My younger son (soon to be 5) is thrilled to have his big brother around! **Bruce Goff** attended the graduation, so you know

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it was a high quality party. ... My husband is recovering from his second lumbar fusion, and I have developed a vitreous detachment in one eye. It seems every time I go to the doctor now they tell me, 'It's a normal part of the aging process,' NOT what I want to hear! I have one grandparent still living ... to turn 99 in November, so maybe I'll have the last laugh. **Marianne O'Connor** and I had a wonderful time when I went to spend a few days with her at her beautiful home in British Columbia this past June. She spoiled me rotten, and I had to force myself to leave and attend the meeting in Seattle that prompted my West Coast trip."

Well folks, have a calm winter, and I will talk to you soon. I am really enjoying my new job and life and hope you are all doing well. See you on Facebook? Or visit here and I can feed you blue crabs from the dock...

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Holiday greetings to you all, on behalf of myself and fellow new secretary **Sean Crotty**, who is quite busy flying this month, and so, since tapping on a keyboard is considerably less tiring for the arms, I am the medium for this quarter's news. I imagine Sean has beautiful clear skies yonder for his paces and pirouettes, as it is a perfect, glorious, azure and amber fall day—a Champagne day, as they say in Minnesota—as I write, to which: it's about time! Even after 16 summers in San Francisco, I'm still no Mark Twain, but I will say, the dangest wettest summer I ever spent anywhere was this one. Slugs, mildews and blight were all that emerged from the gardens of me and just about everyone I know this year ... although perhaps I could talk to some people from the South. And in any case, with an eye to optimism and acceptance, apparently all the rain was good for the bunnies, and therefore for the bobcat population, and so, as always with the way of the universe, we cycle.

Speaking of bunnies, summer also spawned a fresh supply of news and/or languorous meditations from our class, contrary to being potentially all talked out from the big 2-5. From many remarks I received, people were still feeling touched by the experience of reuniting with new and old friends in Williamstown and are eager for the next opportunity, and since there was some captivating power to 25-year-old thoughts and memories of then, hopefully these below, at a distance of six months, will still resonate.

A few people expressed regrets at missing the reunion. **Lucy Corrigan** and **Josh Schapiro** '83 were in San Miguel Allende, Mexico, in between a two-year working and schooling sabbatical there with their two girls, Hattie and Tula (and, yes, a bunny by the name of Jasper). Lucy writes, "I have just celebrated my second consecutive Mexican Independence Day in the place the revolution began, Dolores Hidalgo, in the mountains of central Mexico. It's a very interesting thing to experience our perceptions shifting subtly from that of wide-eyed tourists to something else—not quite residents but no longer just visitors. We find ourselves asking, 'Could we continue to live here?' and the answer, as much we love it, is surprisingly not clear. For all my wanderlust, being away reminds me of my deep love for the U.S.; I have been thinking about what makes one feel at home, and just today I realized, while winding through fields of corn and alfalfa, one thing that always makes me feel comfortable in a place is driving a country road through farmland. I guess I will always be a small-town girl from Minnesota at heart." If you are passing through or nearby, look up the Corrigan-Schapiro's; they have full fruit trees, and there's almost always a parade.

From **Tim Goss**: "Sorry to have missed the reunion weekend. **Missi [Booth Goss]** and I were in Cincinnati with our oldest daughter, Amanda, 18, who was competing at the rowing junior nationals in her quad. I was back on the East Coast ... dropping Amanda off at Bates College for her freshman year. She's pretty jazzed. That leaves two daughters, Lena, 16, and Lydia, 10, at home. It's a different dynamic with the night owl having flown the nest.

I am still practicing landscape architecture, optimistic that we have seen the bottom of this downturn. Missi continues to work at the Waldorf School that she helped start 10 years ago here on the island. Life is treating us well. We still try to get out into the backcountry as often as we can and somehow have raised kids that share this love of ours."

Tracy King Memmi says, "So sorry to have missed our 25th reunion. I was unable to get away, having started a new job teaching business to community college students. I'm also teaching the Buteyko breathing technique—it is now recommended for the treatment of asthma by the National Health Service in Britain. Our family is well; we're still enjoying life in a quiet suburb of Paris, and we plan to travel to the U.S. this summer."

Others had a few lingering fond thoughts of the gathering. **John Campbell** wanted to share that "the reunion was really fun for my daughter Jasmine, who got to meet so many people in our class. She was amazed at how friendly, interesting and just plain cool people were. Thanks to everyone who was so nice to her." I for one was very pleased to meet Jasmine, an exceptionally poised and interesting and lovely young woman.

Suzu Akin had some follow-up thoughts. "The reunion was simply a great opportunity to be back in Williamstown with fond and familiar faces. It was great to re-connect with old friends but also great to meet their spouses, such as Lucy Crotty and Elaine Leon, and their kids. Good to be reminded, also, of what a warm-hearted group of people we've been fortunate to know. My partner Todd is convinced that everyone in the world is connected somehow to either Williams or Hackley, where I work, since I seem to run into connections everywhere I go. The latest evidence: visiting friends in Idaho, I attended a 7 a.m. yoga class and found myself surrounded, literally, by Ephs in town for a Williams wedding. My summer was in part about accomplishing small goals. I made a list ranging from growing tomatoes (so-so success; I blame the rain) [I told you so. —ED] to kayaking across the Hudson and back (did it; sore arms) to making gazpacho (outcome pending; see

note above about success with tomatoes). But, among the goals accomplished were attending the Williamstown Theatre Festival for the first time and climbing Mount Greylock, another thing I managed to graduate from Williams without doing. I ran into **Jim Bell** on Spring Street, who was delivering his daughter to squash camp and stared at me in one of those ‘boy, you look familiar’ moments, confused, before his worlds collided and he realized that, um, yeah, he might actually run into someone he knew here at this particular camp location.”

One last reunion roundup from **Suzie Dingwall Williams**: “**Celia Ciepiela-Kaelin** flew in from Iraq, where she’s doing some consulting on rebuilding the local economy, for reunion. Her arms WERE tired. I went to breakfast Friday morning with the men of Mission Park (**Blake Martin, Richard Dodds, Raf Francis ’83, Dan Aramini, Mike Chambers, Jeff Sultar**) and **Lyn (Marshall) Betz**. Within 10 minutes, they all were comparing cholesterol levels. Some of them even ordered cranberry juice. I thought this was a sign of old age until I later found myself discussing removal of skin moles with **Bill Harrison** and **Mike Shore**. **Nick Nocca** told me I looked fabulous, and I got to bask in this compliment for 17 whole minutes, at which point he told **Mike Shore** the same thing. (Mike looked good, but I had moisturized AND used firming gel on my face and neck. There should have been no comparison.) I spent time with so many people I wish I had known at school; isn’t that the greatest part of all this?! And there were too many people there who I never got to chat with—was this just me?”

No! Me, too, Suzie. And **Kathy Spraitz**: “My only regret is not to have ‘lived in the moment.’ The list of people I saw, and figured I’d see again ‘later,’ when we could ‘really catch up,’ was sadly long. Advice to the Class of ’85: When you see ‘em on Chapin Lawn, take advantage. The weekend is fleeting!” More from Kathy on the subject of summer: “A quick snapshot from a day at the Minnesota State Fair, then. Continuing its marketing assault on Target’s hometown, WalMart had the bravado to sponsor this year’s grandstand. And here’s why that’s exciting. Behind the biggest marketing wars since

Pepsi and Coke lie two of our own: **Susan Martin Mitchell** (ad exec representing WalMart) in the left corner, and **Tim Murray** (a Target creative director) in the right corner. Are they aware I am now torn when selecting a mass merchant from whom to source my bulk goods?”

In answer to my hard-hitting journalistic question, whatdja do this summer, my co-secretary **Sean Crotty** reports that for him “the reunion in June was followed by the rainiest July in upstate NY history [Yup. —ED], two weeks on the Connecticut shore at an old ‘camp,’ lazy days starting with a great walk to check on the osprey nest.” Other highlights included “body surfing at Watch Hill, my kids amazed that their Big Daddy could ride so far, me spilling out the front in my blueberry-colored Maui Jim swimsuit, most to the consternation of my wife looking on and the embarrassment of my 14-year-old daughter, who simply would not acknowledge me the rest of the day on the beach. Finally, spent the last 14 dog days of summer dealing with tax law, a runaway accountant, some nasty government employees and some great ones, pulling my first all-nighter in 20 years and getting the ‘documents’ in right under the wire. ... Phew.”

Donna Ching is defiant in the face of the recession (another original and unpredictable topic I raised) and was gearing up for an exciting fall travel itinerary. “I’ll be heading from Honolulu to Boston (my first visit in nearly 20 years), then to Billsville for a Society of Alumni Executive Committee meeting at Mount Hope, back to Beantown, and from there to Prague and Budapest. Why, you ask? Well, it seemed far enough away from HNL to be a good use of frequent-flyer miles, and I hear the spas and buttered pastries are excellent!”

Donna reports that fellow Hawaii resident **Ted Leon** covered a lot of miles himself after the reunion, journeying to Europe and then China for the total eclipse with Jay Pasachoff’s Williams Eclipse expedition.

Rob Kent spent his summer—for the 33rd time!—at Camp Susquehannock, “where I serve as program director, teach Aikido and mentor the junior counselors. This was also the second summer of my nonprofit

The PeaceCamp Initiative, which shares the amazing friend-making and trust-forging power of an American summer camp with a few Jewish and Palestinian teenagers from the Middle East.” Rob is also helping to arrange and raise money for an international training seminar in Jerusalem next spring at the Japanese embassy, which will “bring together Jewish, Palestinian, Egyptian, Jordanian, Syrian, Lebanese and Saudi practitioners of the art to train together—hopefully under the watchful gaze of as many TV news cameras as possible. If any of our classmates have connections in the State Department, I’d love to know how to marshal U.S. diplomatic resources.”

Sarah Griffiths testified to her great time at the reunion and thereafter had a “lazy summer.” She is carrying the fresh connections on in efforts, with **Suzie Dingwall Williams**, to get the few Toronto-area ’84 folks together: “Us two, **Anita Kamat, Amy Lewtas** and **Paige (Sillcox) Braunstein**. There, now that it’s in print, I’ll get my act together.” Sarah adds that they did do some home renovation last summer “and now have plenty of guest space, so if anyone is swinging through Toronto, please come and stay. Kids welcome; pancakes definitely a possibility.”

Alongside musings of the languid summer variety are stirrings and quickenings of new fall schedules and challenges. **Lyn Betz** says, “I guess I’ve gone and done something just so typical of a Williams graduate: I’ve decided to try on a bit more education. ... I have been accepted as a special student (meaning I’m not yet committed to a degree program) at Andover Newton Theological School and will be taking an online class. ... Am I a Unitarian Universalist minister in disguise? Even I don’t know yet, but more will be revealed! Stay tuned for the next thrilling episode of Soccer Mom Goes to Seminary!”

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And **Lisken Van Pelt Dus**: “This modest tidbit: Three of my students from Monument Mountain High School are in the new first-year class at Williams!”

Tom Davies and **Mark Belemjian** kicked off fall with an annual tradition they launched in junior year, Carter House Sundays: a pro football game-picking contest. “We initially agreed to play until someone reached 15 wins—measured in years that is—and I am sad to disclose that 27 years in, Mark hit the mark with a 15-12 victory. Fortunately, Mark has accepted my request for an extension. Hope springs eternal—this is definitely my year!”

Rob Shatkin says he spent the summer canning peaches and for “fall/summer/spring” (my categories in the questionnaire) has for plans, “baseball/college football/baseball.” I almost could have seen Rob and **Todd Solomon**, who hied it all the way to upstate New York for the All Tomorrow’s Parties festival at Kutcher’s resort. I have played a couple ATPs but had to miss that one, drat, because I would have loved to rock the Catskills with those two gents.

I did get to rock the Catskills with **Matt Widman** and **Sarah Mack** when we actually bumped into each other among the thousands tangled up in blue in the lawn of Bethel Woods for a Bob Dylan show. My husband Marc and I are also very happy to have found out via the reunion that we live blocks away from Matt and Sarah in the West Village, and all of us had a lovely rooftop dinner with uptowners **Matt Shapiro** ’83 and his wife Ellen as a result of another reunion chat. We’re plotting more meals soon.

As I close, I’m wondering how many readers here are on the list server, which seems the best resource for reaching out for class notes; as a rookie, I’m worried I overlooked means for welcome nudging. If you are reading this and did not get my pesky e-mails and wish you had, please sign up at the Williams website.

Finally, thank you to those of you who chimed in on my butter sculpture love. For my fair, **Kathy Spraitz** is the winner (and not because she and fellow predecessor secretary **Chris Harrington** have been so great helping me enter this post);

she sent a picture from the Minnesota state fair of a maiden sculpted in butter that bore an uncanny resemblance to herself. I recommend you nudge her to see it.

Cheers!

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It may be winter as you read these words, but I’m typing them on the last official weekend of summer, so sit back and enjoy these memories of a warmer season.

My longtime DC roommate **Allison Martin Mertens** and her adorable son Mac logged 2,700 miles from South Carolina to Maine for a camp reunion, with stops along the way to see **Jonna Kurucz**, **Rich Wada**, **Katherine Myers**, **Rebecca Haile** ’86, **Mike Coakley** and yours truly.

Not to be outdone in the mileage department, my co-JA and Williams roommate **Betsy Crill Robertson** and her family continued their summer road-trip tradition for the third year in a row, exploring the byways of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina (where they visited with **Shannon McKeen** in Winston-Salem), Virginia and West Virginia.

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Laura Henriques Colburn ’85 received a Distinguished Faculty Advising Award from California State University, Long Beach. She has been on the faculty since 1998, is chair of the science education department and is an adviser in the single-subject science credential program and the science education master’s program.

Speaking of road trips, **Rachel Stauffer** appeared to be the only classmate last summer who encountered the College-sponsored Williams Expedition undertaken by four recent grads. She hung out with the young road trippers at Zanzibar’s Coffee Adventure—owned and operated by **Julie McGuire** ’88—during their stop in downtown Des Moines.

Joan Becker Kelsch, **Tom Feist** and their respective families vacationed at Lake Louise in

the Canadian Rockies this past August. “Just like getting together in the Berkshires only with bigger mountains and bluer lakes,” Joan observed. On the way home, she bumped into **Chris Goss** at O’Hare Airport in Chicago on his way to Maine and sporting a vintage Williams T-shirt.

Julie Meer Harnick and family enjoyed their annual summer vacation at Schroon Lake in the Adirondacks as well as a fun long weekend in Chicago to see their Mets play at Wrigley Field. Julie’s 10-year-old son Justin, a travel baseball player, loved that experience, but 15-year-old Jocelyn, who took classes at NYC’s Fashion Institute of Technology over the summer, found a lot to enjoy in the Windy City as well.

Candace Andrews ’86, who entered Williams with our class, wrote that she’s relocated from one great college town—Burlington, Vt.—to another: Austin, Texas. Her 15-year-old daughter is “a total theater buff,” according to mom. “I’m not sure she’s my kid!”

Gus Haracopos enjoyed his first non-working summer since high school, having started work at an independent day school this past year. He spent it settling into his new neighborhood in Norwalk, Conn.; accompanying his sisters and nephews to Disney World; and taking two trips to Williamstown—first for the Rainbow Graduation in June (“Cool ceremony and dinner with LGBT members of

the Class of ’09,” he reported) and a second time to hang out with **Christian Howlett** and **Robin Lorsch Wildang** ’86.

But the summer of 2009 wasn’t all fun and games. For some of you, it brought big developments on the professional front. **Jeff Speck** published a new book, 10 years in the making, *The Smart Growth Manual*, available on Amazon. If it’s half as influential as his previous work, *Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and*



In October (from left) Dan McCarthy '87, Ted Thomas '85, Mike Coakley '85, Bill Sperry '84, Chris Pappas '86, Jim Sperry '87 and Jamey Gallop '87 gathered at the Country Club of Pittsfield for a golf reunion the day before the first Williams home football game.

the Decline of the American Dream, our cities and towns will be better for it.

Meanwhile, **Paul Ades** joined Hilton Hotels Corp. as senior VP of labor relations, responsible for overseeing labor relations for the global enterprise. Paul brings many years of labor relations and hospitality company experience to his new duties, having previously held similar positions at MGM Mirage, Harrah's Entertainment and Caesars Entertainment.

Appropriately enough, Hilton announced Paul's appointment just before Labor Day. The following week, I actually stayed at a Hilton while traveling for business in St. Louis and, I must say, the staff seemed quite happy.

Arizona State Rep. **Steve Farley** got a lot of headlines last summer against growing national concern over the issue of texting while driving. As the first legislator in the country to introduce a bill that would ban such behavior, Steve was invited to speak at a two-day summit in Washington hosted by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Walter Lehmann wrote in from Lancaster, Pa., where he is managing partner for a law firm specializing in museums, nonprofits, artists, musicians and others engaged in creative endeavors. "Correctly anticipating a slower than normal summer, I continued taking classes toward my master's in museum studies at George Washington University, including one taught by **Tom Costello** '72 on museum

marketing," he reported. "It's a relief to realize that I'm only one class and an internship away from degreedom. I will be interning at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, where I am conducting what I'm calling a 'museum intellectual property audit'—identifying the museum's intellectual property assets and assessing how best to manage them. I'm also working as a curator at a local natural history museum and will be participating in the Institute of Museum Ethics' First Biennial Graduate Student Conference, presenting a paper dealing with the National Gallery's acquisition of the Barack Obama 'HOPE' portrait by contemporary artist Shephard Fairey. Now that I'm finally coming to the end of what has at times seemed like just a blur of driving back and forth from Washington, I'm looking forward to finding some challenging opportunities to put my legal and museum experience to work. To that end, I'd love to network with any classmates in the museum world."

Many of you experienced life changes last summer, including **Kimerer LaMothe**, who welcomed her fifth child, Leif LaMothe Gee, born at home on June 14. "He was later than expected, bigger than expected, and labor was longer than expected, but it was all perfect!" she exclaimed. Hopefully most of you saw the profile of Kimerer the September *Alumni Review*.

On an equally joyful note, **Kelley Murphy** spent the summer

preparing for the next transition in his life. Many of you may recall that Kelley lost his first wife Christina three years ago to brain cancer. Last fall he and his two sons welcomed Sandra and her three children into their lives, witnessed by a small but special Williams contingent (with **Floyd Short** winning the award for longest-distance-traveled, having flown from Seattle to Boston to attend the nuptials). "The children—four boys and one girl between the ages of 6 and 10—are all great friends and are as excited as the principals about the merger," Kelley wrote. "Until recently I've kept quite busy as a stay-at-home dad and pursuing a few hobbies: I started a blog on energy and ran my 14th marathon, in London. I have a feeling that, with five young'uns at home, a full-time job will become suddenly more attractive!" In the meantime, you can check out Kelley's blog at www.theenergytab.com.

Paul Toland wrote in from Cary, N.C., with news of a life-changing event of a different sort: "On Aug. 19 at about 7 a.m., I suffered a heart attack shortly after returning from my daily walk around the neighborhood. I was able to call 911 while Beth and the kids were still upstairs asleep. However, the sirens of the Cary Fire Department quickly served as their very abrupt wake-up call.

"At the hospital, the doctor confirmed that I had experienced a moderate-to-severe heart attack involving a blockage of the left anterior descending artery. They inserted two stents, which greatly relieved the chest pain. I stayed there for three days and, upon returning home, was able to watch the Red Sox thump the Yankees, which is really the best form of medicine.

"Beth and the kids have been so very supportive during this time," Paul said. "I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful family." He assured me that he plans on attending our 25th reunion in June, especially after having a wonderful time last spring at Beth's 25th at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Paul's great recovery aside—he wrote me just one month after his heart attack—this getting older business is sobering stuff. **Peter Burghardt**, who volunteers as an EMT in his small New Hampshire town, was on several emergency calls for elderly patients who fell, including a

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couple of hip fractures. Knowing that balance is one of the first things to go as we age, he decided to try unicycling and recommends it to the class as “good silly fun, though I’m not sure if this is what our professors meant when they told us to ‘keep learning.’”

Finally, I am somewhat gratified to report that my lame attempt at e-mail poetry to capture the simple joys of summer via the class list server inspired at least a few of you to do the same, far more successfully, I might add.

From **Peter Zeeb**: “My favorite moments of this summer were, of course, about watching my kids enjoy it. Like at a pool in Antigua, Guatemala, where I consumed half a gigabyte of memory card freeze-framing their spectacular jumps into the water. Like at the beach, where they will ride waves that are the perfect size again and again and again. Like at the live lobster races we had in the kitchen. Like at the summer Little League games, where my son learned to steal bases and hit fastballs. Like at Pony Camp, where my daughter cleaned up after horses with far more vigor and cheer than cleaning her own room. And the list goes on. ... I need a job that goes away during summer.”

From **Jeff Potter**: “Favorite moments from [last] summer: Seeing a mother and baby black bear in the wilds of upstate New York. Watching our oldest boy go to work every day at a paid job with his ‘lunchbox.’ Seeing our middle boy shoulder his first ‘work summer’ with discipline and effort. Watching our youngest girl go away to camp and come back appreciably taller. Watching all of the above jointly with my wife of 20 years. Reading a parade of books. ... Watching as good committed people try to respond to serial bouts of rain (and then late blight) at the local co-op farm. Hiking in the woods and trying to figure

out what is truly edible and what is potentially dangerous. Watching the college process begin in our house and preparing ourselves for the eventual departure associated with that process.”

And, from **Ken Hillman**, memories from an earlier time and a different place: “Running through the woods with the crew team during hunting season, I wrote my only song, one that many of us sang together. It was called ‘I am not a deer. I am a college student. Please don’t shoot me.’”

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Anne Williams made it to **Kathy La Riviere’s** son’s bar mitzvah over the summer and saw some other Williams folks, including **Martita (Weil) Fleming** and husband Chris. Anne and her daughters Ellie Minasian, 17, and Rose Minasian, 13, live in Charlottesville. Anne is an assistant manager at radio station WNRN and is the host of Acoustic Sunrise, which is the weekday morning drive program. Anne selects the CDs for the station’s “CD of the month” series and recently featured the latest from **Jesse Winchester** ’66.

Mark Smith has been living in beautiful Amherst, N.H., for the last 15 years with wife Carla and sons Beau, 23, and Ian, 13. He is still working at Virtusa, a software consulting organization based in Westborough, Mass., where he has been for the last six years.

Vernon Squires is practicing law in Iowa and is a partner with the firm Bradley & Riley. He was recently recognized as a Great Plains and Iowa “Superlawyer” for labor and employment law. He completed the bike leg of a team triathlon. He inexplicably allowed an Amherst freshman to handle the swimming leg of the triathlon, doubtless as a favor to the student’s father, who is one of Vernon’s law partners. Vernon’s wife Cindy is a physician specializing in geriatrics. They have two daughters, ages 12 and 8, and are enjoying the peaceful pace in Iowa.

Jan Spoor lives in Tacoma Park, Md. For the past couple of years he has been working

as a private contractor for the National Counterterrorism Center. He is looking at post-graduate programs in the U.K., probably for 2011.

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As I sit down to write these notes, the last full day of summer lingers outside my window, and it becomes apparent that many of our classmates seem to have made the best of the recent season. For myself (**Rob Wieman**), I spent some time in Maine with my family. This year I was rewarded with the largest catch of my heretofore undistinguished fly-fishing career. Upon further inspection, however, the fish in question was **Bill Ryan** ’61, my father-in-law, who was occupying the stern of my canoe.

Although their vacation did not involve catch-and-release father-in-law fishing, **Maurice Blanks** and **Eric Adelstein** had some outdoor excitement near Jackson, Wyo. Apparently, the event they entered at the Dubois Rodeo involved a calf with horns, ribbons on its tail and a well-developed understanding of its own personal space. The well-subscribed competition was quite entertaining to the local populace, none of whom, it seems, entered the event themselves. Maurice advises fellow Ephs to “limit their bovine exposure to fictional purple cows.” **David Attisani** was able to enjoy the outdoors with less risk to life and limb, fishing and golfing with great aplomb while spending the weekends with his family on Martha’s Vineyard and lawyering in Boston during the week. While David did just miss seeing his old law school classmate Barack Obama on the Vineyard, he was, himself, sighted by **Sean Denniston**, who was on the island to dedicate a memorial to his father, a native Vineyarder. Sean is working in DC for the Federal Aviation Administration as part of an international initiative analyzing how organizations integrate safety into their operations and culture.

SEND NEWS!

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Last summer 1987 classmates spent a weekend with Cindy (Morhouse) Bardwil '87 (standing, fifth from left) at the Lake George house of her father Sanford Morhouse '66 (to her right).

Perhaps the most Eph-connected activity of the summer was the get-together at the Lake George house of **Sanford Morhouse '66**, hosted by his daughter **Cindy Morhouse Bardwil** for 12 of her closest friends. In addition to tooling around in a vintage motorboat and marveling at **Missy Wilcox DeBarge's** waterskiing prowess and **Deb Gordon Offenkrantz's** newfound love of fitness, the friends had this to report: **Suzanne Biemuller** is living in Philly, working for the mayor. **Maria Cook Robertson** and **Kerry Cullen Morgan** are both living near Boston, staying busy with kids, Kerry as a banker, Maria not as a banker. **Carol Smallwood Mullin** and **Monica Crossman Meling** both made the trek from far away, Carol from California, leaving her new dog in the care of her family, and Monica from Calgary. **Deb Gordon Offenkrantz** and **Missy Wilcox** combine their physical activities with legal acumen, Deb teaching at Drexel Law School and Missy practicing health-care law in Connecticut. **Barb Halligan Fisher** is keeping the home fires burning in Williamstown and noticing that the College seems to be letting in younger and younger freshmen each year. **Thayer Tolles** is curating at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, where her exhibition on American sculpture recently opened. **Kelly Flynn Post** is moving to Waitsfield, Vt., the better to watch her two sons making the rounds of the U.S. ski-racing circuit and going to school between runs

at Green Mountain Academy. **Karen Adams Finley** and **Cindy Morhouse Bardwil** both are active in their local school districts, but only Cindy claims to be “kicking butt and taking names.” Perhaps Karen is getting soft on the local educational elite while summering on some New Hampshire lake. Finally, **Haley Clifford** got married last spring, uniting her daughter with her new husband's two sons and loving life in Somerville, Mass. If anyone else is planning on getting married, they may want to get in touch with **Kara Klopfenstein Buntin**, who runs her own custom wedding cake business in Richmond, Va., when she is not caring for her accomplished 11- and 14-year-olds. Many other classmates shared work-related news. **Brant Nelson** is teaching astronomy and calculus at Vermont Academy in Southeastern ... Vermont. The local tradition of crossing the state border into New Hampshire for tax-free shopping brings back memories of other cross-state trips in search of non-puritanical pleasures in Pownal. **Jericho Berg** has received a postdoc position at the University of Pittsburgh, prompting him to move from San Diego and to study interdisciplinary virtual organizations. (“Your guess is as good as mine,” he writes.) When Jericho discovers what interdisciplinary virtual organizations are, he can share it with **Jenny Attiyeh**, who has a public radio show called “thoughtcast” devoted primarily to writers and academics, with whom she can commiserate

about the precariousness of living off grants in a bad economy (as she hopes to keep doing). When scientific academics are not chatting with Jenny, they may be chatting with **Daphne Lurie**, who continues to work in a counseling center for same at the Scripps Institute in San Diego. By this reading, Daphne hopes to be the owner of a new house, with a guest room for visiting Ephs. Perhaps she bought it from Jericho.

Daphne may want to decorate her new home with furniture from Urban Outfitters, which is launching a new line by **Blu Dot**. Apparently when he is not busy pulling ribbons off the tails of enraged cattle, the aforementioned **Maurie Blanks** continues to do effective design work with fellow **Blu Dot** founders **Charlie Lazer** and **John Christakos**. Other classmates whose names appeared in news articles sent my way are **Steve Ames**, whose arts organization in Morrisville, Vt., continues to be a bastion of creative activity, and **JC Calderon**, who, in addition to gaining expertise in green architecture, has been working with curators to find spaces for international architecture exhibits.

Karin Muller has moved to Santa Fe, which sounded exotic until she reminded me that she moved there from her previous stint in Tanzania and Sudan. She is preparing for next year, when her filmmaking work will bring her to the Middle East. She spends time mountain biking while listening to Arabic language tapes “with sometimes disastrous results. Certain bloody rocks and trees will always be associated with particular Arabic words for me.” Karin can practice her Arabic by talking to **Tom Williams**, who is serving as deputy chief of mission for the U.S. embassy in Kuwait, where he enjoys being back in the field after six years stateside but bemoans the lack of Ephs in view. His wife is studying Arabic in nearby Bahrain (presumably not while mountain-biking) before she takes her own diplomatic post at the embassy there. Their two children are watching their two dogs suffer in the heat and eat the furniture in retaliation. (The dogs eat the furniture; the children do not eat the furniture.)

Jay Altman has also made an international move, back to New Orleans from London,

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where he is leading a charter school management organization. Jay has been in touch with **Jon Schafer**, who is dean of faculty at the Menlo School in California. Jay also reports that his son benefited from the excellent coaching of **John Amoss** while making it all the way to the championship game in Little League.

Dave Tager has opened his own firm, appropriately named Tager and Co., where he provides a variety of services to corporate and nonprofit clients. He writes that his Williams network has been invaluable, as his new venture has been aided by **Scott Berman '88**, **Jon Hollenberg '88**, **Ray George '88**, **Ashley Clarey '91**, **F.R. Dengel**, **Bill Pike '88** and, of course, **AJ Mediratta**, who is “always good for a shot/dram of courage.” Dave may want to share his insights with **Kate Pugh**, who is also starting her own consulting firm, Align Consulting. She also mentioned her ongoing Williams connections, particularly the “Williams Women in Boston” monthly dinners organized by **Jordan Hampton**.

Jordan may find that she has other things to worry about next month, as she became a mother to Grace Hampton Sullivan on Sept. 9. **Amy Barstad Law** also had a baby, Wesley, her second son, in April. She moved from the hospital to a new house in Cody Wyo., where she runs into **Mary Keller** at the local library.

Jim Wolf writes from Houston that he crossed paths with **Steve Browning**, whose Ohio-based law firm was opening a Houston branch, and with **John Hund**, who is at Rice “teaching America’s youth the ways of high finance.” **Greg Keller** writes that he noticed that **Sam Beltran’s** child was on the invitation list to a birthday party that Greg’s kid had to miss, which he supposes counts for some sort of Eph sighting. Greg hoped to have a more substantial Eph experience camping with **Tom Fitzgibbon** and **Sheila Coogan** and their families. **Joey Horn** wrote of **Liz Gardner’s** participation in the three-day, 60-mile walk for breast cancer research, followed by many friends on Facebook and other media. Joey also would like to thank her classmates who supported her in her successful bid for alumni trustee, especially **David Futterman**, whom she has dubbed her “Karl Rove.”

Joey also hopes to get the new president of Williams to attend a Williams in Asia event she is planning from her home in Singapore with **Paula Moore Tabor '76**.

Finally, **Chris Kirwan** made his own bid for future class secretary with an entertaining letter that deserves to be quoted at length. He writes: “Unless I lie outright, I can’t come up with anything captivating for the class notes. And because I’m pretty sure I’ve lied in the past, I am hesitant to weave any more exaggerated tales of personal triumph. Thanks to Facebook, I enjoyed a summer of living vicariously through the travel and accomplishments of my fellow classmates, in particular the many exotic adventures of **Joey Horn**. While I’m in Wichita, she’s on a beach in Singapore; I get home from a day trip to Oklahoma City, she sends a note from atop a Norwegian glacier. I’m going to have step up my game or go into hiding. In work news, the financial crisis has turned my business into something of a circus. Our company provides insurance services—including insurance on foreclosed real estate. It has been a challenging year. In matters intellectual, I attempted to join the group of Williams alums who read and discussed the David Foster Wallace novel *Infinite Jest*. By page 100 I was wishing we could switch to something easy like *Gravity’s Rainbow*. I’ve since decided to give up reading altogether and watch more reality TV. I can’t get enough of those Kardashians. Hope all is well with you.”

Indeed.

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For those of you that read the September article on class notes in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, please know that we now fact check your submissions. Only one of the following stories is fake.

Two alums wrote in for the first time in 20 years! (If you

have never written in, please do so.) **Debbie Zalesne** took a sabbatical from her position as a law professor at the City University of New York to travel to Guatemala with her daughter, Ella, 4. Debbie worked on a book while young Ella attended a local school. They also enjoyed a visit from Ella’s godmother **Carey Francis**. Debbie and daughter are back in NYC.

Dan Comiskey made up for his class notes silence with a long and humorous note describing his work, kids and pets. In June, he left a job as deputy medical director at Bridgewater State Hospital in Massachusetts after working there for 10 years to become the chief forensic examiner for the state of New Hampshire. He conducts court-ordered psychiatric evaluations on defendants in the criminal justice system in New Hampshire and commutes from his home in southern Massachusetts. The commute provides a little quiet time from his home crew: spunky Nathaniel, 2, savvy Sophia, 5, three cats and a Bernese mountain dog puppy. He and his wife Jacqueline say that it’s not their home anymore: They just live there and take care of all the other beasts. “Good thing they’re all cute,” he writes.

A convalescing cat kept Dan from attending **Jim Elliott’s** summer party (referenced in earlier notes). But **Dekker Buckley**, who attended with his wife Maricarmen and two kids, Sebastian and Nicole, reported that the usual suspects were there—including but not limited to **Scott Berman**, **Brooks** and **Alison (Denne) Foehl**, **Ray George**, **Mike Harrington**, **Jonny Hollenberg**, **Bill Pike**, **Mark Raisbeck**, **Blake Robison** and **Dave Tager '87** and their respective families. Jim, wife Kate and **Charles Elliot '54** and wife Ann were excellent hosts, as usual. Some highlights: Jonny cooked, cleaned and taught his kids to tap a keg; Brooks snuck sons Jake and Taylor onto the golf course for some nighttime play; **Ray George** beat everyone at Wales Tales; and **Mark Raisbeck** fell asleep on the couch (i.e., things haven’t changed much since college). Dekker missed **Steve Gutterman** but caught up with him a few weeks later at the Dublin House in NYC with a group of Williamsfolk that included many of the above as well as **Doug Troob**.

Andrea Walter was kind enough to write in for the first time in 10 years—and threatened/suggested that she won't for another 10. Say it's not so Andrea! She is happily settled in North Carolina these days. She teaches fourth-graders and has an 8-year-old daughter who is still idealistic enough to believe that their "fixer-upper" house will be done soon (or ever).

Nils Christofferson is enjoying the beautiful outdoors in Oregon. Last summer, he and his family took a four-day trip with their horses into Hells Canyon, two backpacking trips into the Eagle Cap Wilderness and a mountain climbing expedition up Oregon's sixth highest peak (father-and-son trip). In addition, his son Nikolai and daughter Silje both showed and sold pigs at the county fair. Nils also enjoyed brief visits with **Tom Higgins**, who stopped in on his way to a medical conference in Washington, and with **Chris Swindell** and his wife Kate. Last summer Nils' father and his son traveled to Greece, where **Pavlos Yeroulanos** provided them a private tour of the Acropolis.

Tom Smith is still in Williamstown. He is teaching a new course in medicinal chemistry and coaching his twin daughters' first- and second-grade soccer team despite the fact that, according to him, he is neither a medicinal chemist nor a soccer player. (Tom, we saw how you single-handedly organized a group of about 25 kids in a game of kickball during our 15th reunion while their parents drank beer. We think you're a natural on the field as well as in the classroom/lab.) Tom sees **Orion Howard** and **Katie Kent** at Williamstown Elementary School, where they have kids. In addition, he runs into his daughter Amaya's first-grade teacher from last year, **Alison Foehl**.

Sarah Benioff traveled from London to Fire Island in June to meet up with a group of (predominantly) Williams F women, including **Katie Brackenridge**, **Beth B. Harrington**, **Tal Klein**, **Ellen O'Connell**, **Christine B. Roach** and **Cindy Soohoo**. Sans husbands or children or other distractions, they spent the weekend "reminiscing, eating and talking about eating, running and talking about running, and mostly laughing a lot."

Speaking of **Cindy Soohoo**, **Claire Hsiang Marx** and family

recently saw Cindy, hubby and kids at the local pizzeria. Claire spent a week last summer in the Adirondacks with "her family and a couple of loons, not including **Amy Searight** and **KK Roeder**, who also went along." Amy taught Claire's kids to kayak and play backgammon, and KK survived an onslaught of mosquitoes during a lakeside bonfire.

Like the Williams F women, **Beth Stein** and **Anne (Molleur) Hanson** found that as soon as they get together they start laughing as if no time had passed. The two spent a week at Beth's house in Oregon, with Anne and family traveling from Vermont. Beth said they live "parallel lives on opposite sides of the country ... both at our happiest when working with kids and nature, both always trying to do far too many things all at the same time and both still capable of getting really goofy with hand puppets! Three cheers for great friendships that only get better with age!" And three cheers for hand puppets!

Barak Rosenbloom and **Ken Marcus** also reconnected over the summer. Pondering a move back to the East Coast, Barak also caught up with **Dave Treworgy** in DC and **Gerry Kirshner** and **Christopher Hayes** in Boston.

Despite the fact that (or maybe because) she is knee-deep in diapers since the birth of her third daughter, Pier Valentina, **Laura Gasiorowski** seems to be denying middle age or reliving her youth. She was "stoked" that her husband got her surfing lessons for her birthday this year (we won't reveal her age!) and confesses to jumping up and down like it was 1988 at the Echo and the Bunnymen concert at Radio City Music Hall.

John Keller enjoyed the summer playing with his daughter, Meghan, 2, on the swingset and at the pool. His summer highlight was seeing the Six in Fenway with a group of '87 Ephs, followed by flying to Dublin to catch U2 in their hometown. He also reported that **Dave Greer** and his wife Stephanie Kwei welcomed baby boy Samuel Thomas on Aug. 10. Congratulations Dave!

While some classmates have new babies, others are escorting theirs off to college! That was the summer task for **Mike Schelbe**, who took his daughter Allison to start Washington U

in St. Louis. Mike was stunned by the laptops, flat-screen TVs, iPods, cell phones and hundreds of cable channels found in each dorm room. In fact, Mike has yet to return home.

Russell Werkman started a new job at St. George's school in Spokane, Wash. During the summer he had the opportunity to play in the 40-plus division of the Vail Lacrosse Tournament with a host of Williams alums, including **Chris Oldham** and **Dave Crompton**, both of whom reportedly did our class proud with their excellent play. No comment was available on the amount of Motrin necessary for such a reunion. **Sarah (Loebs) Werkman** recently went to Montana to visit **Sarah McMillan** in Missoula. Sarah M. was on her way to Europe to visit her husband, who is on a short sabbatical.

Russell and Sarah also visited **JR Rahill**, who had a great summer deployed somewhere not hot. JR did dislocate his kneecap twice playing combat crud up in Alaska. (Combat crud up?). His kids Sky, 9, and Finn, 7, are very into baseball. JR hosted a group of local Ephs for a tour of the guard base and the F-16s as well as a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Champlain.

Stephen Kargere boasts that his better half, **Karen (Costenbader) Kargere '89**, was awarded the Young Investigator Award from the Lupus Foundation of America, given annually to recognize excellence in lupus research. Stephen insists his own accomplishments, notwithstanding the Olympic medals, pale in comparison to hers.

Abby Burbank traveled to Prague to coach the Danish National Team in the Women's Lacrosse World Cup and to present at the International Lacrosse Federation. We recall Abby hailing from Maine rather than Denmark, but, heck, they

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are both pretty far north and cold. She also was active last summer leading wilderness trips in Maine, camping in the Thousand Islands in Canada and leading a challenge course adventure program.

Jody (Abzug) Irzyk completed a different kind of traveling, with eight extended family members in a seven-seat minivan. Covering 29 states in 26 days, the highlights were San Fran, Chicago, the Grand Canyon and clean rest stops. Jody also visited with **Lisa Buxbaum** and **Bernadette** and **Chris Tyler** on Cape Cod.

Kim Rich reports a fun shopping spree with Jody in NYC (perhaps helping her buy appropriate wash-and-wear travel outfits) and later a hockey reunion with a group of alums for Coach Mac's 80th birthday over the summer.

Bob Gallagher is still reminiscing about the Fiat Spider convertible he drove freshman year. (Carolyn saw one for sale in Harvard Square; give us your number, Bob!) After working more than 10 years building one of the global mega-banks, Mizuh Corp. Bank of Japan, he realizes his real accomplishment is his two kids, in pre-school and grade school. He's looking for someone in their 40s who can beat him in squash. Sounds like a challenge: **Wendell Chestnut** perhaps?

We think **Eleanor Congdon**, associate professor of medieval history at Youngstown State University in Ohio, may be featured in the next Tom Hanks/Ron Howard/Dan Brown film: She was one of 15 people selected to go to the Getty Research Center in LA to study the variations of Italian handwriting from the 1200s to the 1500s. Paleography, which for those of us who don't do it daily is the study of handwriting, "an essential skill for anyone studying original documents made before the printing press became exceedingly widespread." When it came to "merchant hand" Eleanor reports she was in her "element." Although she kindly defined paleography, she didn't explain what is meant by "merchant hand."

Eric Hansen meanwhile is busy wrapping his merchant hands around Philly cheese-steaks and home-brewed beer! On a more somber note, Eric, **Matt LaPointe**, **Rob Pucciariello**, **Keith McIver**, **John Kucich** and

Tom Smith trekked up to New Hampshire for the annual **Eric Reath** memorial camping trip. According to Eric H., neither rain nor Keith's never-ending collection of old Williams T-shirts ("It's the only time I can wear them, y'all") could prevent them from properly commemorating a departed classmate and friend.

Mary Miller survived the Arizona heat, attended a Shakespearean festival last summer in Utah and added a flock of chickens to her barnyard. Never a dull moment indeed. Her guest ranch has a new website, www.elkhornranch.com.

Katie Chatas suggested that her report wasn't that exciting, but she managed to see several classmates last summer. She sees (Professor) **Jane Amidon**, head of the landscape architecture section at Ohio State University's School of Architecture, periodically but "not enough." Having been rewarded/punished by Brooks for doing such a good job as our class agent, Katie was back at Williams for Alumni Fund planning, and she saw **Sean Logan** and **Brooks** and **Alison Foehl**.

Bill Brydges was appointed managing partner for MorganFranklin Corp. Bill will be responsible for the ERP practice, and although this was not defined, we are sure it is critical.

Pete Grose, wife Marisa and daughters Sofia, 7, and Marisol, 3, hosted **Britta Bjornlund** and daughter Dasha, 2, for a sleepless (no window shades and three wound-up little girls), fun weekend at a Delaware beach. Later, Pete attended a Chelsea-Milan soccer match in Baltimore with **Mike Roach** and son Tad.

Carolyn O'Brien spent a similarly sleepless but otherwise lovely five days with **Tracy Heilman** at Tracy's Maine house. Carolyn's daughter Audrey, 2, loved playing with Tracy's sons Boden, 4, and Luka, 2, but she was not fond of sleeping. Nonetheless, Carolyn and Tracy enjoyed catching up. Carolyn started a new job directing a city of Boston initiative to help middle-class families consider the Boston Public Schools—so if your children are attending an urban public school, please let her know.

As it turns out, all of our stories were true. We just wanted to give you a reason to keep reading. Send us your stories, and have a great winter!

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Congratulations to **Mika Brzezinski**, who received the prestigious Bicentennial Medal from Williams in September. A TV news journalist with star power, she is a familiar anchor on a host of NBC shows, including MSNBC's "Morning Joe," "NBC Nightly News" and "Weekend Today."

Hart Murphy is pleased that the faded remnants of a Williams education recently helped him dupe the James Madison Memorial Foundation into giving him another chance to screw up graduate school—20 years later. They have awarded him a fellowship to get a master's in government. He started at UT last fall—in a department now boasting Prof. Gary Jacobsohn, among other luminaries. Though keeping a low profile on that campus thus far—as he has managed to maintain in these pages for two decades—if it starts to look like anything resembling a comeback is in the offing, he plans to bill himself as the "Mickey Rourke of Philosophy"—not that more of a Rodney Dangerfield turn remains inconceivable. He has spent more time teaching high school than anything else since Williams, primarily social studies, mainly at an urban public high school in Austin, Texas. Enjoys the town he lives in and how he makes not quite a living.

Paul McGreal is associate dean at Southern Illinois University. He seems to be enjoying his job immensely and describes it thus: "The job description of the ass. dean should be, 'The "somebody" of the law school.' That's because every time a person at the law school has a problem or needs something, and then says, 'SOMEBODY needs to take care of t... hat,' you can bet that the ass. dean is that 'somebody!'" **Mark Saalfeld** is back in Africa after a short sojourn in Geneva: "My wife is working with UNICEF and has dragged myself and our two boys along. I am working with a startup that develops applications for

mobile phones for bottom of the pyramid groups (i.e.; market information, birth registration, monitoring systems, etc). It is great to be back in a place I first came to two weeks after graduation from Williams.”

CJ Johanson is working as a GIS analyst in the Center for Biodiversity Studies at Western Kentucky Univ. He is working on watershed models to assess and predict water quality issues. “I got to see **Minnie Cho, Tim Cohan** and **Sally Ball** ’90 at my wife’s open studio exhibition in Chelsea NYC in July. I also got to visit with **Mark Barr** and his family (Mark was with our class for two years) when I was at a conference in Boulder, Colo., in August.”

For the past five years **Dorothy Lee** has been alive and well and living in Paris with husband Olivier and daughters Madeleine, 6, and Beatrice, 5. She works for a reinsurance company appropriately called Paris Re (a spin off from the AXA Group) and specializes in the entertainment business. Each summer the family visits the States for three to four weeks. **Frank M. Tokioka II** has been named president of National Mortgage & Finance Co. Founded in 1929 by Masayuki Tokioka, the company’s principal businesses are real estate investments and property management. **Ninette Enrique** ’87 writes of her husband: “**Mark McLaughlin** started his own company, Direct Source Packaging Co., a few years ago, and it’s doing well, thanks to a lot of hard work and smarts on Mark’s part. Shop at Banana Republic, Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, Kate Spade, BCBG Max Azria, to name a few, and use up those wonderful bags Mark makes. If you went to Williams reunion and got those snazzy Williams bags in which your reunion stuff was placed, Mark gave those to the College. By the way, Mark will probably shoot me when he finds out I’ve sent this in, but I think he’s pretty darn amazing.”

Shirley Kagan writes, “I can’t believe it has been almost a year since we added Avi to the Kagan-Dubroff clan (on Sept. 18, 2008). Since then we have enjoyed several trips, including one to Disney World, where we ran into **Dave Allen** and his lovely family. I’ve also loved getting back on stage for the first time in a while in Richmond

Shakespeare’s production of *Hamlet*.” One week after reunion **John Berger** moved his family and their nonprofit to Florida, “where we don’t know a soul, so if anyone is in Florida or coming through Disney, look me up at madeby-survivors.com.” **Stu Verdery’s** firm, Monument Policy Group, moved offices all of 500 feet to get some more space. In September he went to a very cool charity event in Boston with **Drew Sawyer, Kirsten (Neuse) Hano, Mike Harrington** ’88 and others for kids sports. He also saw **Juan “John” Dillon**.

Bill Tulloch has joined the world of academia as an adjunct instructor to the George Washington University. “My company, NCQA, is co-sponsoring a master’s degree program with the university, and I will be co-teaching one of the 2010 courses.” **Ann Carson** is still working at NCQA but is now telecommuting: “After 18 months of financial modeling, house hunting, job reorganization, prepping a house to sell, endless packing and 10 hours of a cat going ‘meow’ in the back of a car during the actual relocation, in late July Paul and I moved from Rockville, Md., and the busy, crazy DC lifestyle to Harwich, Mass., on Cape Cod. Hello kickback, semi-rural beach life. The 18-month planning time coincided with economic peril, so we almost got derailed. However, I had always planned to port my job (I stepped down out of management to a job that allowed telecommuting but kept all the tenure and benefits), and once we realized Paul could port his, we decided to take the risk. He had planned to start a new career/business up here, with the fallback being part-time work as the starter at the local golf course: benefits—free rounds! The move was part a desire to change the quality of life and part a desire to move closer (but not too close) to my parents, who live about 20 minutes away. Too close was the house we looked at within walking distance to them. We have a Cape Cod-style house on a wooded acre about a half-mile as the crow flies from the water (alas, no views but nice breezes). So far, we love it up here, but ask again in March, when DC would be all cherry blossoms and Cape Cod will be all, well, gray and muddy.”

Leslie Jeffs Senke spent some

time with **Fausto Espinosa** on his recent visit to NYC: “We met up with **Alison Brown, John Nathanson, John Watkins** and his wife Kim for cocktails at the Watkinses awesome apartment in the Flatiron district followed by a delicious dinner at Bar Breton. It was great to catch up with everyone, especially Mr. Watkins, who was a no-show at the reunion in June.” Leslie was to spend the weekend of Sept. 19 “in Burgundy, France, to help celebrate the long-awaited nuptials of **Maria Teresa Tejada**. Full details and photos upon my return! I had a nice visit with **Sarah Mitchell**, who was in the NYC area for a few weeks in July with her husband and twin daughters, Naomi and Kaylah. Sarah and the girls drove out to my place in New Jersey for a leisurely lunch. It was great to see her and for our twins to get to know each other. Sarah is currently living in Albuquerque, N.M., where she is in private practice as a therapist. Her girls are beautiful, and Sarah seems to be thoroughly enjoying life in the Southwestern U.S.”

Susie Sullivan spent summer vacation in the Midwest and visited the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the NFL Hall of Fame, Six Flags Great America and the Willis (formerly Sears) tower with family. “We did stand outside on the new glass platforms—102 stories above the city. And, I finally took the plunge—no not getting married, but joined a golf club here in Boston and am working on improving my game.” **Tom** and **Tina Loose** got together with **John “Bunnyman” Bellwoar** and family at B’man’s home in Connecticut over the summer, followed by a weekend on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire with **Tim Allen, Heather King Allen** ’90 and kids. Good friends, good food, good tubing/boating on the lake! The Looses also did a scenic week around Pennsylvania, including a first white-water rafting experience (easy class 1 and 2 rapids), and Tina and their twin 10-year-olds braved a terrifying ropes course in New Hampshire while visiting her family. Tom’s still at Merck, the kids are back to school, and Tina’s turned Cub Scouts into a full-time unpaid occupation!

Shannon Penick Pryor was re-elected in September as a trustee and as secretary of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical

Society (the president-elect is an Amherst alumnus, but we like him anyway). She also received the 2009 Honor Award from the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. “Although I do still practice medicine two days a week, most of my time is spent shepherding my kids, 5, 3 and 1, to three different schools and fulfilling the glamorous job of ‘room parent’ at two schools.”

After five years of being a stay-at-home mother, **Bridget Baird** is re-entering the world of getting paid for working, teaching three Music Together classes at her sons’ schools. Her chorus was to compete in Nashville in late October at the Sweet Adelines International convention and was hoping to improve on their previous fourth-place win.

Heather Zona is still working as a case supervisor at Court Appointed Special Advocates, supervising volunteers who work with foster kids. “I’m still playing soccer and having fun as long as the knees hold up. Nonprofit stuff keeps me busy, too. I’m trying to get to Barcelona for Christmas.” **Nancy Titus Johnson** and family spent the summer in North Carolina and returned to Dongguan, China, in August. This year she is teaching at QSI International School full time, and all four of her kids attend the school. She is planning a visit to Shanghai to see her sister **Laura Titus Tang**.

As always, thanks for writing! Though we were thrilled to hear from some classmates for the first time in over 10 years, we would love to hear from more of you. Although we can’t offer huge cash rewards for information, we will pledge to avoid inventing outrageous lies about ’89ers who do send us news occasionally.

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Brian and **Stacy Hughes** took a short vacation in Williamstown, where they enjoyed a huge family dinner at the home of **Rob Swann** and his wife **Ann Marie Marvin** ’91. Rob is in the alumni relations office directing off-campus programs and

travels to many parts of the country representing Williams. The Hugheses also saw **Doug Brooks** and his wife Beth, who live in Oradell, N.J., and have a little boy who keeps them extremely busy. Brian attended one of **Chris Parisi’s** high school lacrosse games and then stopped by Chris’ house for dinner afterward. The Parisis are happy to have older daughters Olivia, 9, and Abby, 6, help them out with 2-year-old twins Ethan and Eliza. Brian also passed along the following: “Attention parents: Whenever you are at the brink in your own crazy household, just stop by the Parisi’s for a reality check! I have a very healthy respect for people with twins.”

On a professional note, Brian recently received his LEED accreditation from the U.S. Green Buildings Council to design and service energy efficient buildings. He also serves as president of the Ridgewood YMCA in New Jersey. The Hugheses heard that **Sarah Fulkerson LeRoy** is back from living in Spain but has bypassed the U.S. entirely and has landed in Vancouver. Sarah, welcome back, and please write with news!

Kate Ill Skelly wrote with news of the birth of her daughter, Alexandra Kaitlyn, in February. “My poor husband is bemoaning the fact that we need more testosterone in the house,” Kate writes. “He’s surrounded by women—me, Charlotte, 3, Alex, and the dog, too.” Kate is still working at The FeedRoom, a NYC-headquartered software company, where she does M&A work.

Eric Oelkers and wife Casey welcomed their son Dylan Conner Oelkers to the world on May 20 in Madison, Wis. They are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 20th reunion with baby in tow.

Timmie Friend wrote from San Francisco, where daughter Lucia, who turned 2 in July, is “doing great—talking up a storm and using lots of multisyllabic words.” Williams College, here she comes! Timmie started a part-time job as a senior designer at an interiors firm in Mill Valley, which makes for a good work/life balance. She has seen many people from the class of ’89 (**Jen Gosselin**, **Shannon Brennan**, **Katie Albright**) as well as **Tal Klein** ’88 and **Jessica Melcher Yansouni** ’91.

Heather Wilcox spent a weekend with **Rebecca Mattson** and her husband **Marc McDermott** ’89, who were in DC visiting family and friends. They enjoyed a stellar evening at Wolftrap, a local concert venue, “where we sat on the lawn with **Jules Norton** ’89 and listened to great music under the stars.” Heather further noted that Rebecca and Marc “live in Williamstown, much to our envy, where Rebecca works as a vet and Marc as a pediatrician. Their kids, Col, 5, and twins Lily and Quinn, 3, played with our twins, Miles and Ellie, 8, at our house the night before while we sat outside and drank many bottles of wine. An excellent weekend all around!”

From the world of higher academia, **Catherine Crouch** wrote to share her professional news. She was awarded tenure at Swarthmore College this year and is now an associate professor. Well done! **Amy Ritzenberg Bug** ’79 and former Williams professor of mathematics Deb Bergstrand are among her colleagues at Swarthmore. Several years back Catherine taught Mary Wootters, daughter of Williams physics faculty member Bill Wootters, in an introductory physics lab. Both Bill and another Williams physics faculty member, Sarah Bolton, have visited the Swarthmore physics department recently, reports Catherine.

“I visited **Helen Lee** and her husband Brian and their three sons last summer, although two of the three boys were asleep by the time I got there after the meetings that paid my way to Chicago. I also saw **David Vosburg** ’97 at a recent conference for Christian faculty,” Catherine writes. Her husband Andy published his first book, *Culture Making*. Her 12-year-old son Timothy “finished sixth grade and is very pleased that he is within an inch of my height. If he keeps growing at the rate he’s been growing for the last two years, he’ll be taller than me by September. My 9-year-old daughter Amy is the family poet, artist and actress.”

Mary Leming Conner wrote with news from Smithtown, N.Y., where she is “still teaching English as a second language. The immigrant population is growing—and each year they seem to find a smaller room to put the ESL classes into, as the overall school population

is growing a lot, too. Good for job security, I suppose! I spent the past year racking up some Southwest Airlines miles however, because my husband of not quite two years, Brendan Conner, had a business based in Chicago, which makes life a bit complicated (and to think I used to be terrified of airplanes). In spite, or perhaps because, of not being home very much, my pet project is to become a locavore, trying to buy only locally-grown produce and even trying to grow a little bit myself. I mainly grow herbs as I have only a small sunny spot in the yard and an overabundance of trees and squirrels. This is when I most miss Williamstown and living in a more rural area!"

Jay Hartley wrote: "The software company I helped co-found just got an infusion of venture capital. We've been angel funded for nearly five years, and this is our first VC round. Very exciting, and in all honesty somewhat unexpected in the current environment. My wife is doing great as a nurse supporting the V.A.C. wound care product line for KCI (Kinetic Concepts Inc.). My stepsons are now 20 and 22. I suspect I win first in our class with kids in college! The younger one, Matt, just finished up his sophomore year at Cal State Fullerton. He works at Disneyland. Good union job. Bet you didn't know all those kids running the rides are Teamsters. He's studying criminal justice; may just move directly into Disney security when he graduates. The older one, Michael, is at Diablo Valley College, closer to home."

Jay "chatted by phone with both **Guy Beadie** and **Dan Drezner**. Dan is enjoying life as a tenured professor at Tufts. He's working on yet another book and has moved up the blogosphere food chain to semi-pro status on ForeignPolicy.com. Guy is still doing laser physics at the Naval Research Lab in DC. His family is relishing their hard-won new membership to the local pool club (that's swimming pool) in Falls Church, Va." They hoped to catch up when Guy was in San Diego toward the end of the summer.

Jay was looking forward to a visit from **Jim Adams**, who was coming south from his post with the National Wildlife Foundation in Anchorage to the lovely SF Bay Area. The two hadn't seen each other in 10-plus

years, so he was really looking forward to the visit.

Brian "Boz" Stevens is still fighting the good fight as a cop in a gun/gang street crime unit on Long Island. Brian was headed to Vail, Colo., in July to play in a lacrosse tournament with other Williams alums.

Nathaniel McVey-Finney finished up another year of teaching and is enjoying life with son Liam, now 2-and-a-half years old. He's enjoying his wonderful curiosity about everything in the world and was looking forward to a family vacation this past summer.

I got to spend quality time with **Hilary Steinman** and family in Watch Hill, R.I., last summer. My family rented a house near Hilary's, and since she's a native Rhode Islander, she showed us all the ins and outs of her special part of the world. Her daughters, Lucy, 6, and Paulina, 3, are thriving, and we all enjoyed a beach visit with **Dave Morrison**, his wife Frances and their sons Walter and Henry.

I am mixed on the whole Facebook thing, but it has been a terrific way to reconnect with classmates. I heard from my former JA, **Andy Harris** '88, after 20 or so years, and that brought back many fond memories of a freshman year spent in Morgan Mid-West. Andy is living in the Bay Area with his family and loving the Northern California lifestyle. I've also heard from **John Birgbauer**, who was having a nice summer in Michigan, and **Doug Brooks**, who also put in some time in Morgan back in the day.

I also got to catch up with **Courtney Monroe** last summer in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Courtney and family spend summer weekends in the area, and her husband, who is a triathlete and trainer, was kind enough to kayak next to my mom as she swam across the Hudson River last summer. Not pretty. Their kids, Miles and Lola, are both at West Side Montessori in NYC and are growing up fast.

My husband and I enjoyed a very festive dinner in NYC with Stacy and **Jeff Friedman** and Amy and **David Oman** back in June. Stacy and Jeff had just returned from a whirlwind trip to Turkey and Greece and are enjoying newly married life on the Upper East Side. The Omans were in great form on the eve of their third return trip to live in London. David is still with UBS

and has a title that I can't get right/understand, but just know that it is something important and is also UK-based. Luckily, they were preparing to move back into their old house in Chelsea (from their second stint over there), and they know the routine well at this point.

Until next time, take care and please be in touch. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our 20th reunion next June.

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Most of us have reached the big 4-0 milestone. **Sarah Peterson** organized a surprise party for **Melissa Fenton Herrod** at a NYC joint with an open mike. I joined a group of friends, including Sarah, **Deirdre Pappalardo Gurney**, **Jae Gruenke** '92 and **Christine Choi** to celebrate over dinner and champagne. The highlight of the evening came when newly single Melissa took the microphone in front of the crowd and sang "I can see clearly now the rain has gone." She sounded great and looked smashing in her sparkly black top, bejeweled sandals and the tiara and giant purple feather birthday boa Sarah gave her.

Lisa Kaestner had no exciting news to report from her summer in Tbilisi, Georgia, this year: The Russian army did not advance; Lisa and her family did not have to make a run for the Armenian border; there was no interview for CNN and no anxiety about friends left behind. Upon their scheduled return, they visited family in the Berkshires and met up with **Charley Rardin** and family.

Norah Shire and her husband Bernie went on a two-week cruise with her parents from Istanbul through the Greek Islands, up to Dubrovnik and back to Athens. She reported: "Croatia is so beautiful I can't even describe it. The Adriatic is just crystal clear and deep blue. ... You have to see for yourself."

For our summer vacation this year, **Greg Woods** and I took the kids and enjoyed a spectacular visit to Scotland, where we were summoned for a wedding and Greg sported a kilt. Other than men in skirts, the highlight for me was camping and hiking on the Isle of Skye. It was wild

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and beautiful, and the rain held off for two full days! Then we came back to NYC, and Greg left his partnership after 11 years at law firm Debevoise & Plimpton and accepted a political appointment in Washington. He's now the deputy general counsel for the Department of Transportation, which seems to involve policy discussions, negotiations, congressional briefings and legal strategy sessions. Apparently, the topics are fascinating, and I learn all about them ... from *The New York Times*. So far, he loves the job but hates the commute. He stays with **Bill Mowitz '93** during the week and comes home to NYC on weekends. I'm a single parent four nights a week, but with both of our children in the same great public school (and my happily part-time job as a staff attorney for the federal courthouse in Brooklyn), we just couldn't move. Greg's first week in DC coincided with **John Freedman's** 40th birthday. His wife Cecily threw him a surprise party, where we cooed over their baby Elio and caught up with Anne-Marie and **Cliff Majersik**.

Adrena Ifill also lives in DC, where she produces documentary films and other cultural preservation projects for DoubleBack Productions. She's currently working on "two exciting archive projects—putting valuable history online

school five minutes away. I am back to rowing and start my day sculling at sunrise on the Tred Avon River." Sounds perfect.

Sophie Muir is in London, working for Citi as the portfolio manager for lending to the technology, media and telecommunications sectors. She visits with **Marc Klaus** on occasional business trips to Stockholm and sees **Adena Testa Friedman** when Adena's work with Nasdaq brings her to London. During leisure hours, Sophie still plays tennis, and she and **Ramona Liberoff** joined the Monday night talks **Scott Schwager** organizes at the Arts Club. Ramona competed in her first triathlon—within clinging distance of the rescue canoe during the 750-meter swim.

Karl Galle is the proud holder of a card identifying him as an undergraduate student at the American University in Cairo. He's been posted to Cairo for the past year with USAID. His Arabic classes are small and filled with diplomats from the Indian embassy. He commented: "I'll probably end up speaking Arabic with a heavy Indian accent, but I expect the locals will consider that an improvement over my previous attempts to communicate with taxi phrases and sign language." Next up, organizing the marching band. I hope he brought his tuba.

us and told us that we couldn't be there. I sat up to explain my mom's situation and there was **Jess Walker!** She, Matt and my parents had been in cahoots and had taken measures to make sure I didn't realize that we were going off course and cutting through Blacksburg, Va., where Jess is in grad school. They were all brilliant, and it was a terrific reunion. The other Williams connection is that **Tannishtha Reya** is a professor at Duke, so I'm thrilled to be in the same vicinity as her."

Ken Levy finished a two-year fellowship at Harvard Law School in May and joined the law faculty at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. "I am teaching criminal law and tort law this semester and criminal theory (my main area of interest) next semester. I am really thrilled to be here. I think the South is much more my speed than the Northeast: Among other things, better weather, better food, more space (inside and outside) and friendlier people. The best part is that I am finally doing what I really want to do—teaching substantive law courses. Most of my time is occupied with course prep right now, but I'm still able to squeeze in some writing, the gym and a growing social life."

Happily, those of us still shivering in the Northeast have friends to turn to when we've had enough of the unfriendlies. (And just so you know, I don't mean to be rude; I'm just minding my own business, like a good [transplanted] New Yorker.)

Brian Carlson practices labor and employment law at a boutique firm in the Boston suburbs and enjoys "a short and predictable commute." He visited **Nick Antoun** and family in New Jersey and **Pete Crawford** and family in eastern Pennsylvania. Also near Boston, **Erik Sebesta's** newest project is cloudTP.com. Erik explained: "We partner with CIOs of medium-sized businesses to design and implement cloud computing strategy. As of July, cloud computing is at the top of the Gartner hype curve." I, Mary, don't know what the Gartner hype curve is, even after looking it up on the Internet, but I trust that the top of the curve is the best place to be.

On the friendliest-to-strangers scale, Mary from Oregon thinks that the West Coast sits somewhere in between the Northeast and the South. **Heidi Beebe**

EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Birgit Huppuch '91 received a Village Voice Obie Award in May for her work in the off-Broadway performance of *Telephone*, in which she played "Miss St.," a patient of the psychiatrist Carl Jung's who believed she had a telephone inside of her.

for the public to review, research and use in classrooms." **Bernard Ofori-Atta '92** and **John Rogers '93** visited on her birthday.

I'm thrilled for Greg's opportunity for public service and all, but it's been a major change on the home front. So I was just a teensy bit jealous to hear from **Geoff Oxnam**, who was promoted to VP of operations for Easton Utilities in Easton, Md. (where one company provides everything you need for modern living, from electricity and water to cable and Internet). He reported: "Easton is a wonderful place. My wife Talli works across the street. My kids Charlotte and Nicholas are at

Anna Bardone Cone and family made a big move, leaving Missouri for the psychology faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill. She reported: "On the drive from Missouri to N.C., there was a day when my parents (who were in a different car, helping us move) had our GPS, and [my husband] Matt kept telling me he had a headache and would ask for a massage so that I would be facing him in the car away from road signage, and then my mom started feeling badly, so we stopped near a convenience store, and she and I laid on the grass in the shade so that she could rest. ... Well ... then a woman approached

lives and works in Portland, where she connects with many interesting and friendly people. She recently went to dinner with Jane and **Spencer Beebe** '68 and Barbara and **Jock Kimberley** '66 and Williams College Museum of Art director Lisa Corrin, following Corrin's Portland talk on "The Art in the Liberal Arts." Heidi already knew Corrin from her tenure as the curator of Contemporary Art at the Seattle Art Museum, where Heidi was a project manager for construction of the new space downtown. Now Heidi and her husband Doug are Beebe Skidmore Architects, and one of their projects, "a roof garden and a cool little house," was photographed by renowned visual artist **Ethan Jackson** '92. Heidi is also collaborating on a Seattle design project with **Josh Smith** and his wife Maggie Orth. In a break from her design work over Labor Day weekend, Heidi introduced **Leila Jere** and her husband Dan to "Portland's happening food scene."

Since their wedding three years ago, **Elisa Dugundji Friedman** and **Robb Friedman** '93 have packed in a lot of living: "We bought a house in Newton, Mass., and have been blessed to add two new Friedmans to our family: Alex, born in June 2007, and Adam, born in March of this year. Robb has been busy working as a hematologist/oncologist, and I have continued working part time as a writer/editor at Harvard Business Publishing. Earlier this summer, we were fortunate to have **Louise Price Kelly** and her kids Emmy, Andrew and Austin stop by for lunch en route to Maine to see **Kirsten Staples**. Inspired in part by Louise's journey ... Robb and I packed up our family to visit Kirsten, her husband Harold and their kids Nathaniel, Sam, Sarah and Elizabeth. Next summer, Louise, Kirsten, and I vow to spend a weekend together—this time, without the chaos of our respective broods!"

Philip and **Jessica (Baraka) Nolan** welcomed their second child, Leo Gregory Nolan, on Jan. 2. She reports: "I'm a stay-at-home mom. This July I took my family across the country and met **Deidre (Goodwin) Carovano** and her family in the Thousand Islands (on the St. Lawrence River). Dee's parents have a cottage up there that

I first went to back when we were at Williams. Dee's two kids (Zoe, 7, and Nate, 5) did a wonderful job entertaining my toddler, which made the vacation really relaxing for me! It was also lots of fun to see how the kids reacted to being on a boat. I never expected that my freshman roommate would become my best friend. Of all the great things I got from Williams, that is the very best!"

And **Michael La Porte** and his wife Laura welcomed their first child, Margot Fiona La Porte, on Aug. 18. As always, I welcome news, comments, constructive criticism (but I might forget to print the latter). Have a happy holiday season and a blessed New Year.

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Hola, Class of 1992. I hope you all had a good summer, were back in the swing of things in the fall and are gearing up for the holidays. (I believe you will get this around December, but I feel funny writing this in early September, especially since it's 80 and sunny and I am still in shock over seeing the Halloween candy already in the drug store). Not much new here in New York, although things appear to be looking up after a long, slow summer.

Over the summer, the Williams Expedition crossed paths with **Bob Riley** while in Little Rock. I don't know much about the expedition, but it seems like an awesome gig for some 22-year-olds. I mean, who wouldn't want to do a well-subsidized road trip for the summer? You can read all about the entire trip at expedition.williams.edu.

I need to offer an apology to **Eric Kaye**—he sent in a baby announcement for his daughter—Alexandra Gedid Kaye—before the last deadline, and I totally missed it. Sorry, Eric. Alexandra was born on May 31 to Eric and Maura Gedid. Hope all is well with your family!

There was lots of news from **Kate Queeney** (who is an all-star notes contributor—thank you, Kate!). First, I received a great article about Kate—apparently she has a new running coach

and has since (as of July) won two events: the women's division of the Whately Police Sprint Triathlon, covering the half-mile swim, 14-mile bike and 3-mile run in 1:21:16; her victory there came three months after she won the WAMDA 5K Road Race in Northampton in 21:23. "I've been running since I was 12. I don't win many races, so it was definitely fun," said Kate of her showing at Whately. Not to be outdone, **John Staudenmayer**, Kate's husband, placed sixth overall at Whately in 1:16:04. Shortly after receiving this news article, I heard from Kate, herself. She writes: "We hosted an afterparty for the Greenfield Triathlon in August, where a whole bunch of Williams folks competed: **Bill McKinley** (joined by **Jen (Plansky)** and their girls for the party), **Kent Wosepka** (and his son Jack), John and me, plus **Katie** '05 and **Chris Garvin** '03, **Tim Austin** '03, **Kari Andersson** '94, **T.J. Lydon** '86 and **Chuck Chokel** '75. **Jess Austin** '03 was an enthusiastic spectathlete. I counted six Ephs with podium finishes, including Kent's son, who won his age group (and scored Kent a 'drafting penalty' for biking alongside him)."

Abigail Solomon, who is another regular contributor (thanks!), writes that she's leading a busy bicoastal life and still acting and producing in LA and now more in New York, both with her company Rosalind Productions and with the nonprofit Peccadillo Theater Company.

Also working in the arts is **Alison Locke Perchuk**, who wrote that she spent part of the summer at the Clark Art reference library in Williamstown, completing a book on Italian Romanesque art and architecture. Spending the summer in Williamstown seems like a delightful thing to do—it's a whole lot nicer there than it is in February and March when it refuses to get above 35 degrees. Good luck finishing the book, Alison!

Arielle (Kagan) Masters—another stalwart notes contributor—writes that she and her daughters had a great time at Girl Scout camp, and the girls were on their neighborhood swim team for the first time. When that was over, the family took a driving vacation from their home in the DC suburbs

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down to “Historic Triangle”—Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown—plus Busch Gardens. As Arielle hit “reply to all” when sending in the news item, I’ll leave it at that, but it sounds like the Girl Scouts take a whole lot of her time!

We also heard from a couple of new contributors (seriously, thank you—this gets really hard when no one writes in!). **Abel Henry** is living in Atlanta and is employed by Allied Athlete Group, a community of professional athletes banded together to extend the value of their professional sports careers. He leads operations and compliance for this niche instance of a private membership (mutual benefit) organization. Abel writes, “I am also tracking various opportunities to leverage my classic education (thank you L’ville) as an ethnographer (media storyteller) ... watch yo back Anderson Cooper 360.” Abel travels often between Chicago, Oakland, New York and Tucson and invites anyone in those areas to connect with him (abel.henry@gmail.com).

I also heard from **John Adams**, who had been off the grid for a while. John actually e-mailed me looking for **Travis Rundle**. (Travis, let me know if John didn’t find you—I sent him to your Facebook page.) John has been “kicking around Montana since ’94. Currently trying to complete a PhD in public lands management and working for the county on brownfields redevelopment. Two great kids. Too busy right now, but that should ease off a lot when I finish the dissertation.”

Now onto the baby section:

Shannon Morse gave birth to Josephine “Josie” Davis Clifford on Sept. 14. Josie and Shane are both doing well; older brother Will and husband Dan were expectantly awaiting their return home.

Ali Henrior Kaplinsky (who Shannon recently joined in Dallas) reports that she had baby number three on May 30—Sarah. With Jerem, 4, Nina, 2, and Sarah, Ali reports that she and husband **Andy** ’90 are very busy but having lots of fun.

On Sept. 3, **Cherie (Macauley) Weldon** and her husband Marcus welcomed another child to their family—Luke Owen MacKay Weldon.

Kris Davenport Toohey and her husband John welcomed a baby boy—Parker Shear Toohey—on



Lora Verkouille '92 (right) celebrated her 40th birthday with classmates (from left) Lon Troyer, Christy Johnson and Molly O'Meara Sheehan in Connecticut.

May 28. Parker joins his twin big sisters Annie and Sarah.

After sabbatical trips to Tunisia and Syria, **Kerr Houston** wandered into the realm of burp cloths and sippy cups when his wife gave birth to their first child, a daughter named Cleo, in June. Now splitting time between teaching art criticism and Islamic art and exploring the city of Baltimore through the eyes and inchoate gestures of a baby, Kerr also wrote a chapter in an upcoming book on images of religion in graphic novels.

Tom Warren, another new contributor, writes that he and his wife Beth had their second son, Samuel Robert Warren, on March 13. “Our older son, Patrick, is 4 and loves his little brother.” Tom and his family are still in Atlanta. Apparently, Tom has been suffering from guilt about not writing in more (I support that—perhaps a little more guilt from your classmates and I will actually get more submissions?) and writes, “I haven’t seen any old classmates recently. I did fail miserably to report on or send pictures from the wedding of **Chris Pare** from November 2008. He married Courtney McDonald here in Atlanta. They put on a good show, and I hung out with **Dan Reichmann** a good bit at the wedding. I am sure I could dig out a picture if you wanted one, but it seems a little silly a year later. Probably too late to report, but now I won’t have that on my conscience any more.” Tom, it’s never too late to send in news. Seriously.

Holly Hedeman Lovvik also welcomed a child to her family: “On July 10, my husband (Paul) and I welcomed our first child into this world—a little girl we named Olive Hedeman Lovvik. She is, of course, adorable and perfect. I could shower you with pictures, but I will wait until she grows into some excellent Williams bloomers that my sister **Nancy Hedeman Cleary** ’89 delivered to Olive in the hospital. No time was spared to begin her education on purple cows.

Candace Kelly was able to visit as well and threw in a purple cow blanket for the little one. Candace had been holding on to it for years waiting for me to get my act together!”

Holly also writes that she (not so conveniently) started a new job five weeks before Olive arrived. While she doesn’t actually say what the job is, she does note that it is very local, and she is excited that it is small: Her new company has all of eight employees, which is a big change after having spent most of her career in really large companies.

Holly also had the pleasure of returning to Williams during Reunion Weekend in honor of her dad, whose class held their 50th reunion this year. **David Wilmott** was there as well with his father and family. It sounds like a wonderful occasion—I can only imagine what our 50th will be like!

Kate (Lee) Flynn writes, “I do have some exciting news: We welcomed a new baby girl, Lucy Flynn, to the family this year. Mike and I are enjoying living in

NYC with our son Tommy and our new daughter. I still work in banking.”

Jaе Gruenke is also a new-ish mom and another new contributor. She notes, “I’ve been planning to write in for so long that I originally wanted to write that I got married, but that was two years ago now and our first child, Carter, is 7 months old. So I guess I’ve just had a really long to-do list, and writing in for class notes just finally came up to the top. You should see what’s still on it.” Not surprisingly, that never-ending to-do list is very familiar, so I’m pleased that the notes finally made it to the top!

Jaе is still in New York, trying to nurse her two businesses—Intelligent Exercise and The Balanced Runner—along through the recession and having a baby, which seems like quite a challenge. Best of luck, Jaе—hopefully by the time this goes to press the economy in New York will have bounced back a bit from its slump.

Roderick (Rick) Moon is having a pretty exciting year. He writes that his daughter Corinne Selena-Rosi Moon was 5 in November and that he is enjoying the single father experience. Also, Rick was running for mayor of Pittsfield, Mass. Check out www.RickEMoon.com to see how things went!

In other class miscellany, **David Kane** ’88 wrote in that **Kris Delmhorst’s** artwork is still being used for the “First Days” schedule and facebook for the Class of 2013. (I think First Days are what they now call Freshman Orientation). That’s pretty cool to see how our class is still making a mark on the new students!

Lon Troyer made a quick trip to Palm Springs for some well-earned rest. Earlier in the summer he saw **Chad Muilenberg** and **Chad’s** three boys. Chad lives in California, but that’s about all I know, so Chad (or others), feel free to fill in the blanks. (I know I usually make stuff up in these cases, but I know better than to mess with Chad.) In the spirit of finding out what’s going on with people in my freshman entry, here’s a question: Will **Dan Levy** please stand up and be heard from? (I can find almost everyone else on Facebook.)

So that’s about it from the class for this issue. Best wishes to all for a happy New Year.

Look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

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One of the tools provided to class secretaries is a little automatic e-mail that sends word whenever a classmate makes news of some sort. This got me two updates over the summer: The first said that **Pat Duquette** was being considered for head basketball coach at Holy Cross (he ended up staying at Boston College and was promoted to associate head coach, where he will help BC continue to beat up on my Maryland Terrapins). The other was a story about me giving the graduation speech at my old high school. The cited source for that was a post on my own blog. ... Happily, you all stepped up in a big way, providing lots of good material in response to my e-mailed plea, so I don’t have to spin an installment of class notes out of just those two items.

The Class of ’93 continues to reproduce at a respectable rate, with another seven new arrivals to report. **Tim Pinto** and his wife **Jamie** had a daughter named **Harper** in May, their second child. **Tim** also changed jobs around that time, leaving U.S. Soccer to teach legal practice at the University of Michigan, leading to a hectic summer moving from Chicago to Ann Arbor with a new baby in tow. **Ashley Deeks** had a son, **Tate**, in July and is still working in the legal adviser’s office at the State Department, one of a great many Ephs in the national security establishment (she mentioned **Amy Jeffress**, **Candace Kelly** ’92, **John Carlin**, **Allison (Marston) Danner** and **Tom Heinemann** ’91). They have yet to break into “The Mountains” at a diplomatic event, but I’m sure they’re just waiting for the right opportunity.

Brian Foster and his wife welcomed baby **Zoe** in May, and fellow Fayerweather-ite **Jeff Whitaker** had a son, **John Nicholas Whitaker II**, in July. **Jeff** reports that indoctrination is well under way in the form of Williams-themed baby clothes. One of these was from his sister, an Amherst alumna, which goes

to show that it’s never too late to see the light.

Meredith (Collura) Applegate had a daughter, **Lucia Ruth**, at the end of April in Boston, at around the same time that **Ben Joslyn-Siemiatkoski** had a daughter of her own, **Miriam**, out in Berkeley (as reported by **Bridget McManus**, who is living in Syracuse with her husband **Brad Hunt**, who recently made partner at his law firm). **Barb** and **Jon Crabtree** wrote in with a late announcement of their daughter, **Chloe**, who turned 1 in September. **Barb** is working in reinsurance in Charlotte, and **Jon** is doing software engineering for the University of Maryland and studying Brazilian jiu-jitsu, adding yet another reason why one should fear the turtle.

Rounding out the happy family news, **Penelope Stanesco** writes that she got engaged to marry **Kevin Crabtree** in June 2010. Judging from her e-mail, they’re ecstatically happy, so congratulations to both of them.

Lots of classmates are opting for the milder disruptions of new jobs or locations.

Yung-Yu Ma started a new job as an assistant professor of finance at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Elsewhere in the Keystone State, **Pete Kirkwood** continues to expand his craft-brewing empire with a brew pub restaurant set to open soon, while **Curtis Schmitt** has moved to Phoenixville, Pa., the town where *The Blob* was filmed, and reports that “every year at BlobFest (no joke) they re-enact the scene where people run screaming from the movie theater.” To pass the time between re-enactments, **Curtis** keeps busy with a variety of creative projects, releasing two DVDs of short films and a book of short stories (available on Amazon), playing guitar, and occasionally hiking with **Lisa Orrantia**.

Eugene and **Susan Kim** relocated from Louisville, Ky., to Greenville, S.C., where he started at a new anesthesiology practice and they’re building a new house. Meanwhile, **Erik Jacobsen** has made a much shorter move, relocating his studio from its original three-story location into a smaller cottage. **Erik** has also been made a bishop in his church, leading a congregation of 400 people in San Jose and getting him a whole new range of salutations in his mail from the Society of Alumni.

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The aforementioned **Tim Pinto** reports that **Jon Nasser** is moving into a new house, a process that was complicated by some work on the new place that ended up with Jon living in a hotel and his wife and kids staying at her parents' beach house. Tim, Jon and **Bob Lundman** got together for a Yankees game and some golf. Tim reports that Nasser's golf game has never been better, while Bob is still working for the Justice Department in DC and saving up for the new clubs Tim says he needs to fix his game.

Tom Kimbis has moved from his job at the Department of Energy to become executive director of The Solar Foundation, a nonprofit promoting (you guessed it) solar energy. He writes, "Time for everyone to order up some solar panels." **Kevin Weng** is now the manager of the Pelagic Fisheries Research Program at the University of Hawaii, where he spends his time disbursing grant money and "gallivanting across the globe to various meetings and field sites, thus ensuring a gigantic carbon footprint that cannot possibly be offset by biking to work." All the more reason to buy some of Tom's solar panels.

Among the many classmates traveling all over the world is **Kim Cleland**, who e-mailed from Genoa, Italy, where she was sightseeing while her husband attended a conference. **Brad (Sharp) Nicholson** spent some time in Korea over the summer and will be taking students to India next year as part of his job running the Asian studies program at the Peddie School in New Jersey, where he and **Kate Nicholson** and their three children live.

Other people are able to stay home and have the world come to them, like **Dennis** and **Katherine Kuo**, and **Anamaria** '95 and **Tim Lupin**, who hosted the Williams Expedition group in Little Rock and New Orleans, respectively. Or **Mei Ying So**, who had **Scott Paulin** unexpectedly turn up in the Artisan Wine Shop in Beacon, N.Y. (which, incidentally, is celebrating its three-year anniversary). She also made a trip to Maryland to visit **Nicole Ferran** and **Pam Israel** (who was herself visiting from Pittsburgh) and their kids.

Mike Lapin managed to find excitement without leaving Seattle, running the Great Urban Race there (a sort of three-hour version of the *Amazing Race*

seen on TV), finishing ahead of 59 percent of the other participants without even trying. **Sharon Glick** and **Jess Carroll** '96 decided that there's no place like home after four attempts at camping with their 1-and-a-half-year-old son Oscar. Sharon vows to stray no farther than the giant backyard teepee of their neighbor in Bozeman, Mont., where Sharon is still illustrating things and Jess teaches at Montana State. Most domestic of all was **Stephan (Fiedler) Terre**, who celebrated his son Leif being able to entertain himself (at 2-and-a-half years) by ... writing an iPhone game for toddlers.

As for myself, to close with a little personal reportage, I spent a weekend in Chicago in July with **Andrew Baird**, **Jonathan Coleman**, **Mike Goodman**, **Andy "MC" Lee** (now a psychiatrist to the stars, at least those stars who are in the California penal system), **Ed McDermott**, **Steve Possick**, **Collin Roche** and **Luke Shullenberger**. We played some golf, took in a Cubs game (running into **Rob Bice** '94 outside Wrigley Field), absolutely did not call **Chris Wolf** at 2 a.m., and generally enjoyed ourselves. Later that month, my wife and I went to a party thrown by **Ethan Zuckerman** and **Rachel Barenblatt** '95 at their house in Lanesborough, Mass. Ethan had eye surgery in August and planned to spend the month painting the house while his vision recovered. He seems to have made it through his Internet-less month all right, though, and at last report was back to work.

And that's it for another edition of the class notes. This should hit your mailbox in December, right around the time that (shameless self-promotion alert) my book, *How to Teach Physics to Your Dog*, arrives in fine bookstores everywhere, just in time for your last-minute gift-giving needs. And if you think of something newsworthy on your way to the mall to pick up a copy, you can e-mail it to me at oilcan@gmail.com (or 1993secretary@williams.edu).

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Greetings, Class of 1994, from Brooklyn on a cold October night.

Thanks to the respondents for your news. It is a thrill to be in touch with classmates and to be more connected to Williams by being your secretary. I hope you all send me updates over the years.

My job has finally slowed down after a period of intensity. As a reporter at *The Wall Street Journal*, I covered credit markets when it was actually the exciting beat to have. The financial and economic crisis we've all been through is clearly far from fully over, but the markets are functioning more properly, so I can get home in time for dinner, thankfully.

It was great to see many of you at our reunion this past June. I hadn't been since our fifth. I was impressed by all of your careers and lives and gorgeous families, of course.

Speaking of families, **Coreen McCool** braved the drive from Boston to Williamstown with her new baby, Gabriel. Coreen, who fortunately has her tomboyish, athletic side, has three sons about three years apart that keep her busy sword-fighting, light-saber dueling and hunting dragons. She also works as the head of global human assets efforts at the consulting company Monitor Group. She's worked there for 15 years, including getting her MBA from Stanford Business School, and was recently elected as a partner.

On the girly side, Coreen reports she saw **Kari Andersson** and **Lisa Lynch** at a wedding looking "glamorous."

Sarah Malone is also a Massachusetts woman but recently relocated to the academic haven Northampton from NYC. She is now working on getting her MFA in fiction writing at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Last spring Sarah won first prize in a short-story contest conducted by the writer's website www.writingsite.com, where you can find her piece titled "Until." She also keeps her followers updated on her blog sarahwrotethat.com.

Nell (Winston) Smith attended reunion with her husband and her two boys Josh, 4, and Cameron, 2. They trekked the mile-long "Walk Through Time" in the science building, which seemed to take endless time to reach actual live creatures—the main attraction for little boys. The Smiths also enjoyed crawling over trucks and honking horns at the "Wheels!" event.



1995 classmates **Sacha Place** (left) and **Clare (Sibley) Campbell** (right) attended **Helen Spande's** wedding in Florence, Italy, in April.

When classmates couldn't get to Williams to get together, they made do in exotic locales, or at least glamorous urban locales.

Tibisay Salerno reported that she had a celebratory lunch across the pond during reunion with fellow Eph Londoners **Dom Ellis**, **Andreas Zapf**, **Denise Moline** and significant others. Andreas brought his newborn baby girl. Tibisay has lived in London for the past two and half years.

You had warm beer, we had cold. You were there in spirit.

Our prior class secretary **Cynthia Llamas** passed along a report about **Crispin Freeman**, which highlighted his appearance this past July at Otakon, an annual event in Baltimore, Md., that celebrates East Asian pop culture. Crispin has been the voice of many animated characters and video game characters.

Thank you for your contributions. Have a great winter.

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Hello, friends. It never ceases to amaze me how true that is. Some of you I know very well and some of you I don't know at

all, but we all have this Williams thing in common, and it is powerful. My husband and I hosted the Williams Expedition last summer in conjunction with the send-off party for incoming freshmen. It was wonderful to look around my kitchen and see people from the Classes of 1963 to 2014 all in one place sharing this Williams thing. My summer was filled with Williams. I embarked on a road trip of the Northeast with my sons, and along the way we saw **Sue (LePage) Wintner** and her family in Shawnee, Pa., where we attended our husbands' "Suzy H reunion." Then she and her husband **Tom Wintner '93** shared their home in Williamstown with us, where we spent July 4 hiking Stone Hill with our kids before attending the parade on Spring Street. Also along the parade route were **Sarah Brill** and her family, who kept busy over the summer "despite it being one of the wettest, most slug- and mosquito-infested summers on record in the Berkshires." One of the activities that filled Sarah's summer was the Hoosic River Bike Ride that benefits the Hoosic River Watershed Organization. The bike ride travels through Massachusetts, New York and Vermont, following the river in many places. Sarah has been in charge of the design of the ride logo, T-shirts, water bottles, jerseys, etc. and assists her sister **Kate Brill '93** with the five-star post-ride picnic. Sarah says, "It's a beautiful ride—usually happens in late August if anyone wants to plan a visit then (www.hoorwa.org)." In NYC,

I met **Jeff Alexander** in Central Park for lunch, and he got the distinct honor of becoming my spontaneous babysitter. While in Connecticut, we lunched with **Michelle Kang** and **John Fagan**, who went up to Maine July 4 with **Randall Friedman** and his wife Tomomi. Michelle says: "In between lobster feasts, we descended on **Brian Eng** (formerly '95) and his wife **Renee Bourgeois '94** (and their two dogs and cat) in Portland and had a magnificent dinner and dog-fest." John and Michelle then attended **Chris Hagy's** wedding on Jekyll Island, Ga. The wedding "featured a pirate-themed rehearsal dinner, low-country cuisine, Southern hospitality, misappropriated golf carts, errant fireworks, fountain diving and, best of all, a very happy bride and groom. Hedge capped off the reception by strapping on the bass guitar and leading the band in a cover of Aerosmith's 'Sweet Emotion,' which was sweet indeed!" Chris added, "Small wedding—John and Michelle were the only Williams representatives other than my father **Chris Hagy '64**, who acted as officiant. Blessed by 'cooler' weather, in the high '70s, low '80s, which is frigid for south Georgia in mid-July. ... We honeymooned in Ireland, Rome, Sicily, Greece, Crete and Turkey before heading home to Charleston." Michelle then spent the last two weeks of July in South Africa working with her boss on his philanthropic efforts related to HIV/AIDS and TB care and research in KwaZulu-Natal Province. While in Cape Town for several days of meetings, she made an unexpected Eph connection when they were introduced to a multinational NGO called "Mothers2Mothers," which offers support to pregnant women and new mothers living with HIV/AIDS and was founded and is run by Dr. **Mitch Besser '76** and **Gene Falk '75**. My road trip then took me to New Hampshire, where I stayed with **Shaye (Hokinson) Hardner** and her family. It was a dreamy visit that included a Friendly Farm and homemade Elderberry Port wine. My favorite part of reconnecting with my Williams family was seeing the next generation playing together.

Announcements regarding the next generation include a note from **Gretchen (Engster) Howard**, who welcomed her first son,

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Crosby William Howard, on June 21. Gretchen says: “Crosby decided to make an appearance three-plus weeks early on the Summer Solstice and Father’s Day, so we decided to name him after both of our dads. Wiley the dog loves having a little brother.” Gretchen was “enjoying spending lots of quality time with Crosby” and planned to “head back to Google in November.” **Judy (Kelleher) Davis** writes: “We have been blessed again with a happy, healthy baby boy. Benjamin Callahan Davis was born on March 27. He and big brother Eliot ... [kept] me very busy this summer. It has been a challenge and a joy.” An update from **Drew Zwiebel** says: “We introduced a new addition, Ellie Frances, to the family July 26. Mom, dad and Ellie are all doing well, albeit a little blurry-eyed from the lack of sleep.”

Christine (Hamel) Woodberry sent in the following: “My husband Shelley and I welcomed the birth of our son Foster in May; the summer [was] a new-parent blur, but we are totally in love with him. Professionally, I’m an assistant professor of voice and speech in the School of Theatre at Boston University and a couple of years ago was appointed a ‘designated’ Linklater voice teacher. I’m also acting and directing as often as possible. I’ve ... been in touch with **Sarah Knight, Karin (Meitner) Wichman** and **Becky (Poate) Schafler**, who also all have baby boys (Sam, Charlie and Lucas, respectively). Look forward to getting them in the same room together!” **Patrick Barnard** and wife Julie welcomed their second child on July 1. Lincoln Christopher Barnard joins his proud sister Addison, who is now 2-and-a-half. Patrick and his family still live in Santa Cruz, Calif. **Nancy (O’Brien) Wagner** and her husband Dave welcomed child number three on Sept. 2. Zoe Rosalyn is healthy and good, though Nancy feels “a bit like the guy in *Jurassic Park* when facing the velociraptors”—she is outnumbered and suspects she is about to be eaten alive. **Nomita Rao** and **Michael English** welcomed their fourth child, Eleanor Rao English, on Sept. 1.

There have been a few weddings this year. **Lillian Nave Goudas** attended **Karla Bradley’s** wedding to Jan Eitel at a ranch in Idaho. Also in attendance were **Elyse Rubin, Kari Gerster**, and **Heather Weston Wright**. **David Murungi** got married



Chris Hagy '95 (left) held a pirate-themed rehearsal dinner on Jekyll Island, Ga., before his wedding in July. Other attendees included (from left) Chris Hagy '64, Michelle Kang Fagan '95 and John Fagan '95.

on Aug. 1 in Baton Rouge. **Chris Wildrick** and **Jim Joy** were groomsmen. **Jeremy Fox** was the best man at the wedding of **Matt McHale**. Also in attendance were **Melinda Reidinger** and **Brinsley (Horner) Fox '94**. Jeremy writes: “Matt and I are a bit grayer than we were in college, but other than that all four of us look spookily the same as we did 14 years ago. Apparently the tap water in Tyler House is drawn from the Fountain of Youth.”

Many of you have traveled quite a bit. **Celia Quezada** visited San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she was greeted by a true Mexican Mariachi Serenata and her boyfriend Tobias down on one knee. After **David Lee** coached the U15 Town School lacrosse team to win the NorCal Championships, he and his wife Angela took a delayed honeymoon to Bali for two weeks in June. David teaches fifth- and sixth-grade math at Town School for Boys in San Francisco. David says: “Luck should have it I played contact football for 12 years with no major injuries, and then ... while playing flag football I was hit and tore my PCL.” He started school “fired up” and “on crutches and a knee brace, which is kind of a downer. Otherwise, married life has been great.” **Josh Attridge** reports in from Charlottesville. Josh continues to work at UVA as a neonatologist, and he celebrated his seventh wedding anniversary with wife Elaine. Josh saw **Chris Campin** on his drive back to San Diego after finishing his pediatric radiology fellowship

at Boston Children’s. Josh came across **Jason Haas** and **Meghan Dunn** on their own East Coast trip to see family and friends. Josh was glad to introduce his two youngest (daughter Farren, 2, and son James, 5) to their kids (Eli, 4, and Sebastian, 2). Josh also hosted **Alison Criss** and her husband **Christian Sheridan '93** for dinner. **Paul Boxer** wrote in from northern New Jersey. Paul continues to teach at Rutgers and marvel at his children’s growth, saying: “Our kiddos are now almost 4 (Noah) and almost 1.5 (Lilah!)” **Dedrick (Dunbar) Muhammad** tells us that he and his wife bought a house in Columbia, Md., this past May. Dedrick says: “Through the last year I have been catching up with many Williams friends through Facebook and just got **Melissa (Steele) King** to come on Facebook. Also caught up with a whole host of Williams people at the Williams Club in NYC ... [including] **Olivier Sylvain, Melissa King** and **Kwame Brandt Pierre**.” **Phoebe Fulkerson** still lives in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and is “painting her heart out!” Her most recent solo exhibit took place in the Center for Visual Arts from Aug. 7-Sept. 27. Additionally, Phoebe’s vision of opening a wine bar/art gallery has become a reality. Each month, The Garage, A Wine Bar, will feature a new artist whose work will be paired with wines selected by a certified sommelier. **Mahri Relin** performed in *Guys and Dolls* and *Singing in the Rain* at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Ogunquit, Maine, this summer.



Ephs gathered at the New Jersey home of Ammu (Ramakrishnan) Kirtane '95 (far left, on couch) in August. Also pictured, left to right: (on couch) Sheri Esteban-Elie '95, Rachel Levinson '95, Neel Rajnikant Gandhi '95; (on floor) Teresa Rodriguez '95, Medha Jayant Kirtane '00 and Melissa Steel King '95.

Paula Peters released a second edition of her book *The Ultimate Marketing Toolkit* for small business owners. Paula tells us that **Maria Suro Leach** had a baby girl named Ana in August. Maria and her husband Jay were getting ready to move to Peru.

Amanda Kaplan enjoyed an unusually warm summer in Seattle. Amanda says: "My neighbor and I have started an experiment in urban farming in our backyards, which has been surprisingly successful. We are dealing with the typical new garden zucchini overload and are constantly looking for any new ideas or recipes for our never-ending supply. Goodbye lawn, hello vegetable garden. ... Who needs fences when you can grow corn 6 feet tall!"

Flo Waldron spent July in residence at the Library of Congress as a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute fellow. Flo was diagnosed with Kienbock's disease in her right wrist, causing her to lose virtually all use of her dominant hand and wrist in the span of two months. Flo says about the fall: "[I will] teach several sections of Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies with my arm in a sling following emergency wrist surgery. Should be interesting. (Fortunately, voice-recognition software and I became well-acquainted in July.)"

The friendships that we began to form and mold in the fall of 1991 have given us much joy and support since then. They

are especially a source of love and strength when we face adversity and moments of great sadness. That was the case for **Sheri Esteban-Elie** this year. Sheri writes: "A bunch of us had planned a small reunion of our own recently, but unfortunately there was a sad note on it because my father passed away a few days before. But my amazing Williams family was right there to give their support to me and my family. It really made me realize how lucky I am to have developed such great friends during my time at Williams. ... Over the weekend, I was able to see **Teresa Rodriguez, Archana (Unni) Tamoshunas** and her husband Mark, **Rachel Levinson Waldman** and her husband Ariel, **Ammu (Ramakrishnan) Kirtane** and her husband Ajay, **Neel Gandhi** and his wife Sarita, **Melissa (Steele) King** and **Medha Kirtane '00**. I was able to spend some time in the evening at Ammu's new house, and it was great to have a chance to just hang around with everyone again. We definitely don't get to do that as much as I'd like. I'm definitely looking forward to our reunion next year."

Adam Kaplan also had very sad news to report. In his words: "Adam's beloved daughter **Michaela Kaplan** passed away suddenly on May 23 at the age of 5-and-a-half. Michaela was a beautiful, happy child who radiated light to the world around her. Nearly 500 people came to demonstrate their love to her and the family at her funeral,

including Adam's beloved Williams friends: **Jeff Allred** and wife **Gretchen Aguiar** (and son Henry), **Kathleen Sullivan** and **Lydia "Charlene" Hildebrand**. May her memory continue to be a blessing to all who knew her. On a happier note, the Kaplans welcomed their third daughter, **Maayan Rachel Kaplan**, on May 11. Hopefully the tears being shed during her first weeks and months of life will help her grow into a sensitive, compassionate daughter, sister and friend."

And lastly, many of you received my list server message delivering the sad news of **Daren James Bishop's** death. **Andy Kurita** and Daren's dad alerted us of the news. In Andy's words: "On the evening of Aug. 15, **Daren Bishop** passed away at San Francisco General Hospital. Daren spent two weeks in the ICU after a choking accident caused cardiac arrest. Daren had many friends across a multitude of cliques and class years at Williams. His fun-loving spirit and non-judgmental nature attracted many people to him. Daren was incredibly strong and determined. He was extremely curious about the world, and he was constantly learning about his favorite subjects (science, economics and history). Daren lived a rich and joyful life and was surrounded by family and friends up until the end. We miss Daren, and we will cherish our memories of him."

And so I end how I began. Until next time, my friends. May we continue to cherish the ties that connect us, in good and bad times, and I hope to see many of you at our 15th reunion. Until then, thank you for sharing your lives with your class secretaries and with each other.

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As you know by now, every couple of months it's time for a solicitation for news for the class notes column. And while I'm sure some of you see my name in your inbox and think, "again!?", thankfully some of you actually send in news to print. For that I am grateful, and please know that your classmates too are grateful for the opportunity to read about what's going on with all of

you. This go-round, academia and authors seemed to be the common threads. We've got classmates studying, teaching, researching and writing.

Museum Legs, the book that **Amy Whitaker** has been working on for the past eight years, officially came out Sept. 13 at the Brooklyn Book Festival and is available on Amazon.com. Amy has received rave reviews for her book, which addresses the question of why people get tired and bored in art museums, and she also has already snagged an agent for another project. She planned to spend the fall on a do-it-yourself road trip/book tour, so look for Amy and *Museum Legs* at a bookstore near you! One classmate who is probably not near you right now is **Yulia Chentsova Dutton**. She is on a sabbatical from Georgetown, traveling in Russia and collecting data on cultural differences in emotional functioning and social support.

Hanna (Kelly) Sanoff wrote, "Since someone wrote in about me last time and managed to give me a promotion to a tenure position (hurray for me!), I figured I'd write in about myself for the first time." (Author's note/disclosure: The College sends me news clips from newspapers big and small around the country. So if something appears about you in class notes and you didn't send it in, I didn't make it up. Or at least I didn't necessarily make it up.) Hanna continued, "My husband Scott and I just relocated to Charlottesville with our 1-year-old daughters Louisa and Katie and our hounds. We'll be working at the UVA Medical Center/School of Medicine, where I will continue my work as a clinician and researcher in GI medical oncology. With our move north I have the pleasure of getting to see some of my Williams buddies on a much more regular basis. **Kate Paxton** and I took the girls to the park. ... Kate is doing great and continues her intellectual pursuits in the field of education." **Wendy Morris** and her clan were to visit Hanna soon.

After years working on Capitol Hill as a senior adviser on defense and national security policy for a member on the House Armed Services Committee, **Micah Edmond** is now attending graduate school on the new post-9/11 GI Bill at Johns Hopkins, where he will be writing his thesis on U.S.

nuclear weapons policy. He had brunch with **Katy Ganino** when she was visiting DC. Also in DC is **David Panush**, who lives with his 10-year-old chocolate lab Karma and works as the director of technology and cross-country and track and field coach "and sometimes poli sci/psychology teacher" at Edmund Burke School in northwest DC. "I was just up in Williamstown visiting cross-country coach **Pete Farwell** '73. Every summer, I bring my team up there for a pre-season training camp, and Pete cooks us up a meal and we play croquet and horseshoes in his backyard. We also had our minds blown by the Sol Lewitt exhibit at MASSMoCA. Everyone should hurry up and see it before it closes in 25 years." In August, **Danny Kim** started a new job as a trial attorney at DOJ, having spent almost six years in private practice in DC. "Life is very different in the government, but so far so good! Before I started at DOJ, though, I got a nice four-week break, part of which I spent doing some traveling. I trekked up to Maine (where I spent a few days with **Janet (Alter)** and **Mac Stocco** '98 and their kids) and Boston. I also fit in a trip to Williamstown (my first time back in eight years!)." Finally, **Andrew** '97 and **Gretchen (von Oesen) Diemer** stopped in Alexandria, Va., on the way home from vacation and had a fun evening with **Amy Laderberg O'Sullivan** and her husband Paul in their newly renovated house. They also saw **Julie** and **Alex St. Clair** '97 and **John Young** '97.

Most of the baby news seemed to come from Massachusetts. **Margaret (Howell) Lawrence** and her husband Rob had a baby girl, Mae Billings Lawrence, on July 27. Margaret, also mom to toddler Wallace, managed to find the time to write in: "We are all doing well; figuring out how to juggle two kids." **Tiffany Steinwert** and her partner welcomed their first child, Grady Will Steinwert-Arrowood, on June 30 in Boston. "We can hardly believe the summer is coming to a close. Time has flown since he was born!" **Carole Smith** and her husband Tom had their first baby on July 2, a boy named Patrick Thomas Warren, weighing in at "a whopping 10 pounds 2 ounces!" And Henry Harris May arrived on Aug. 29 to join **Porter (Harris) May** and her husband Peter and big sister

Savannah. Porter's announcement also noted, "He came a bit earlier and quite a bit faster than expected, but all is well and we're enjoying our new addition to the family!" If Porter were not one of my dearest friends, I (who spent 20 hours in labor) would have gotten a wee bit frustrated reading that. But Henry is adorable, and my daughter Aviva and I looked forward to meeting him on a trip to Boston in the fall.

Levi Sokol moved to Boston to do a fellowship in nuclear medicine at the Harvard Joint Program in Nuclear Medicine. Levi says, "After finishing my training in radiology at University of Michigan and getting my board certification, I'm so happy to be back on the East Coast, close to the ocean, and close to old friends." Levi had dinner in NYC with **Tushar Shah**, who is a partner at Geo Capital, "successfully weathering the storm of our national financial crisis," and **Shawei Wang**, "who has a beautiful baby girl, future Eph Kaileen Wang." He also attended **Christine Chen's** '97 wedding, where he saw **Eunice Lee** '97, **Jessica Fu Bell** '97 and **Jeanette Kim** '97. "While preparing for my radiology boards earlier in the summer at a course in San Francisco I saw **Sarah Kate Heilbrun**, who was happily defending immigrants in her job as an immigration lawyer."

In June, **Samantha Jones** was named president of the Hudson Valley Paper Co. She is the fifth generation of the Jones family to lead the company and the fourth Williams graduate to head the firm. Former presidents of the company include **Sydney T. Jones Sr.**, Class of 1899, **Sydney T. Jones Jr.** '37 and **Sydney T. Jones III** '66. In addition, **Kurt Van Steemburg** '75 serves as executive VP of the company. **Liv Osthus'** big news "is that my book is finally out! *Magic Gardens* by Viva Las Vegas. Link here: <http://tinyurl.com/ygmr882>. (It's at amazon, too, but I like to support the local kids!)" Liv was to be on a "mini book tour" in the fall and hoped to get to most of the East Coast cities, including Williamstown.

On Sept. 5, **Alexis Gilman** married Michele Buenafe in DC. In addition to being a stunning bride, Michele has entered my all-time greatest names pantheon. Particularly for a lawyer, you can't get a better last name than Buenafe (translation:

good faith). The wedding was fantastic, officiated touchingly by our own **Wes Smedley**. **Rachel Allyn** and **Steve Bennett** '99 (who came straight to the wedding from a trip to Australia and Bali and then left right after the wedding to move from Salt Lake City to Minneapolis), **Amanda (Fay)** and **Brian Beckrich**, **Carlos Cecchi** '94, **Penn Clarke**, **Jonnie Cluett**, **Griz** and **Mary (Booth) Dwight** '97, **Schan Duff** '94, **Andrew Feller**, **Sandra (Jelin) Plouffe** '97, **Katherine Kelton**, **Paul Piquado** '94, **Henry Shinn**, **Lydia (Vermilye) Weiss** and I all were there to happily share the moment with Alexis and Michele and their families. As Penn wrote, "I couldn't have been happier for Alexis and Michele. They just looked so happy the entire evening." I deputized Penn for the evening, and he produced the following tidbits: a) the newlyweds left the morning after for a two-week honeymoon in Italy; b) **Andrew Feller** bought a new house on Capitol Hill and started working at the SEC; c) **Steve Bennett** '99 (aka **Rachel Allyn's** husband) "has some ridiculous stories (he is a urologist). ... Unfortunately they are not suitable for print! Just know that one involved a stray bullet. In a word ... ow;" and d) "Griz looked at me like I was insane as I belted out the chorus to 'Livin' on a Prayer.'" Penn, good job, and you are definitely hired for future events. And as icing on the cake, Penn shared some other pieces of news as well. After the wedding, Penn and his girlfriend Lauren headed to McLean, Va., to visit **Brian Lee**, his wife Esther and their daughter Katie. "Katie is absolutely adorable and such a riot! In other news, word on the street (and actually from the horse's mouth) is that **Jon Snow** is engaged."

Kristin Edwards wrote, "After a long pause of having nothing noteworthy to report, my life has exploded in a burst of changes. In May I married Bill Gustafson. While not an Eph himself, he does understand the place Williams has in my heart and actually chose to propose in front of the Clark Art Institute. It was great that **Pete Traube**, **Jennifer Stoner** and **Kristin Hem** '97 were all able to make it to the wedding in LA. After the wedding, and after 13 years of living in my hometown of LA, I made the big move to NYC and am now getting used to public

transportation, culture on every corner and having my groceries delivered to the front door (truly amazing!). Also, after two years in medical administration, I have returned to clinical work and started a one-year fellowship in palliative care. While the work is emotionally intense (caring for dying patients on a day-in and day-out basis), it is surprisingly rewarding and good to be back at the bedside again."

Also in NYC are **Everett Alexander**, his wife Nikia and their son Jared, who turned 2 this past August. "It's been a while since I've seen any Ephs, but I did speak with **Damon Vangelis** over the phone recently. He and his family are well." Everett was looking forward to taking Jared to visit Williams for the first time in the fall.

Bryan Greenhouse is enjoying life in San Francisco, "being a dad and malaria researcher. I think my norms have adjusted to the Left Coast—my siblings sent me an e-mail about a doll for kids that can be breastfed. They thought it was really weird, but I thought it was a great idea. I am really excited about a new project I am starting to track malaria parasites across space and time—we are piloting it in China and Zanzibar (which has great beaches)." Also in San Francisco, **Molly (Kelleher) Myers** started a new job in investment management at Dodge & Cox with **Lucy (Ingle) Johns**. Right before starting work, Molly met up with **Lisa Libby**, **Amy (Smith) Dundon** and **Emily (Donavan) Simone** in DC for a weekend. Just south of SF, **Farah (Schaeffer) Gerdes** and her husband Grant welcomed their third child, Nixie Beatrice Gerdes, on July 4. (Think she will be independent?) Nixie joins brothers Evan, 4, and Laird, 2. Farah wrote that all are well and enjoying life in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Despite lightning strikes and a tornado watch, **Abe Loomis'** band The Freightshakers performed at the Heath Fair in Heath, Mass., last summer. "The fog was like a smoke machine," Abe reports. He's now looking for a bass player for a new project, The Roots Collaborators. And **Meg (Romeis) Blume-Kohout** successfully defended her dissertation on July 2, and she has completed all the requirements for the PhD in policy analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School. "This year I'll

be working as an assistant professor in the economics department at University of Waterloo (Ontario, Canada), while my husband Robin finishes up his postdoc in theoretical physics, and we'll be on the dual-academic, tenure-track faculty job market in the fall. If anyone knows of positions available in our fields, preferably near mountains, let me know!" So, in addition to reading our classmates' new books, we're keeping an eye and ear out for jobs and bass players. Be in touch with any helpful hints and, as always, all your news.

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Hello, class!

Not going to overwhelm you all with tons of stuff this go-round, and it's not for lack of awesome things happening for and to our classmates. Suffice it to say we are doing great things and feeling fabulous!

Sumi Loundon and her husband welcomed their second, a son they named Sonjae, a year and a half ago. Sumi writes, "We have relocated to Durham, N.C., where my husband begins on the faculty of Duke. I am a SAHM (any parent knows this abbreviation—it stands for Stay at Home Mom; there's also SAHD, which you can guess)." In September, Sumi was "ordained as a lay Buddhist minister so that I can more legitimately do chaplaincy, perform weddings, give talks on Buddhism, teach meditation and so on. I get to keep my hair, and as a minister I will wear a brown robe, which is cool because I look good in brown."

Susan Arico writes, "On Aug. 16 baby Lucy arrived to join her big brother Jed, nearly 4, and big sister Quinn, 2. I was thankful that at 8 pounds, 13 ounces, she weighed nearly a pound less than her big sister. Busy but happy household! "

Faith (Cinquegrana) Gong's second daughter, Campbell Josephine Gong, was born on July 25, joining big sister Fiona, 21 months. Faith writes, "Everyone's healthy and happy ... and tired! Had the pleasure of seeing several Williams classmates in the East Bay over the past months: **Eunice (Lin) Nichols**,

Kristin Hem, Dahna Goldstein and **Sarah Altschuller.**”

Leigh and **Eric Kelly** had their second child in June—Claire Meredith. She is healthy and growing at a rate that rivals her dad.

Matthew Swanson submitted notes on a number of fronts: “**Robbi (Behr)** and I have been commissioned to illustrate the online serial release of sci-fi author/BoingBoing editor Cory Doctorow’s new book, *Makers*, which began in July and continues through the end of the year. Folks can go to Tor.com to check out Robbi’s illustrations or play a flash game that has been developed to let the reader interact with them (long story short, the 81 illustrations work together as a body of interchangeable tiles that can be recombined in almost infinite permutations).”

Matt also reports that he and Robbi have been working on the artwork for **Drew Bunting’s** long-anticipated third album, “The New South.” Matt wrote a story that serves as a companion piece, and Robbi provided the illustrations. Rounding out the Class of 1997 collaboration, **Brian Slattery** contributes fiddle, banjo and a golden ear for arranging. “It’s an amazing record, a blend of folk, rock, old time and gospel that pays heed to Drew’s twin callings of rocking and preaching.” It was to be out in mid-October and can be ordered through Idiots’Books (www.idiotsbooks.com) for a mere \$10. “I’m guessing a lot of our classmates will be interested in getting their hands on it,” writes Matt.

Richard Kleinman got married to Sally Rosen on May 23 in Chicago. Rich comments, “I should remember to send in a photo just because I always find those fun but will probably not get around to that for a while. We did have a nice photo taken.”

Derek and **Michel Ohly** welcomed their second child in August. In other news, they spent a week in Cape Cod with **Marc Mantell**, his wife Joanna, and their kids Jack and Luke. Michel reports, “It was a real trial by fire for Miles in terms of what life will be like with a sibling. It was a little crazy, but the boys mostly found ways to get along, either by sharing or ignoring each other.” Derek also played in the Watson Invitational golf tournament,

organized every year since graduation by **George Watson**, now joined by wife **Kari Lampka Watson**. Derek shared a golf cart with **Cami Barrow** and got to hang out with **Seth Morgan**, **Gavin** and **Jess McClear**, and others.

Christine Soares Cox and her husband welcomed Samuel Lawrence Cox on May 8. “Madeleine is thrilled to have a baby brother, and Sam has been a very easy baby thus far. I’m taking a break from practicing law to stay home with the kids right now, and I’m having a great time,” writes Christine.

Rachel Watts moved from California and returned to NYC to take the position of director of education and outreach at Ballet Hispanico.

Jeff Walsh got married in June and had a great honeymoon in Greece. He is still living in Denver and practicing criminal defense with a firm in town and enjoying it very much.

Pete Mackenzie’s big news is that his son, Iain Wanderer Mackenzie, was born on Feb. 17. “He’s now a 6-month-old with a hearty belly laugh and is a constant source of amusement for his big brother Samuel, who’s now 2-and-a-half. My wife Regina and I live in Falls Church, Va., and I’m working as a China analyst at CNA, a security-oriented think tank,” Peter reports.

Michelle Adams is the proud mother of another girl, Molly Michels, born Feb 9. She joins her 2-and-a-half-year-old sister Maggie. Michelle and husband Bill live in Wilbraham, Mass., where she is in private practice as a pediatrician.

Clare McLellan had a daughter, Andra Kate Doneit, on Dec. 12, 2008. Andra is super happy and lots of fun.

Ben Partan was enjoying summer on Cape Cod before heading back to Beijing in September to start work.

Christie Matheson writes, “My daughter Eliot Wren Adams (Ellie) was born on March 8. She’s amazing, and I’ve appreciated the advice and support of some fabulous Williams mamas! In work news, I had a lifestyle/etiquette book come out this summer called *The Art of the Compliment*, and I have a dessert cookbook called *Salty Sweets* (think sea salt caramels and peanut butter ice cream and stuff like that) out in September. Next up is a lifestyle book about

getting back in shape after pregnancy—good timing—that I’m co-writing with Alison Sweeney from *The Biggest Loser.*”

Carrie Philpott and husband Cy welcomed a happy, healthy baby boy, George Elson Philpott, on May 26. They’re adjusting to life as a family of three and still living in Atlanta.

Rob and **Jenny Feighner** joyfully welcomed daughter Sarah on May 18. Reports Jenny, “Big brother Johnny is adjusting as well as any 2-year-old boy can. At two weeks of age, Sarah had to have emergency open-heart surgery for atrial and ventricular septal defects. Fortunately she did extremely well, and her heart is expected to make a full recovery by the fall. In the meantime, she is eating and growing well and starting to let us get some sleep! We have been enjoying the beautiful Oregon summer. Please look me up if you are visiting the Northwest!”

What can I say, 1997? It was a whirlwind summer, and the fall didn’t slow any. I hope you are all enjoying your winter season, and when I hear from you again, we’ll be two years away from the big 1-5. Where did the time go?! Stay cool, 1997.

1998

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Hello to all of you from New York’s northern suburbs, which are sunny and crisply beautiful this autumn. I hope that the cooler weather and shorter days brought back fond memories of Williamstown falls and that you were all able to spend some time reconnecting with the great outdoors—even if you hiked sidewalks instead of trails.

Reflecting the un-summery weather that characterized much of the U.S. last summer, **Meggin Thwing Eastman** responded to my request for updates with: “Oh, is it summer? Here in New England it has been raining more or less since May ... bleh.” In addition to looking forward to her son’s second birthday (“yikes!”), she reports that her blog, Happy Valley Locavore (www.happyvalleylocavore.blogspot.com), which provides recipes and ideas for local, in-season produce, turned 1 in August. **James Kossuth** writes in with a reminder that summer is

a bit different for those outside academia. “Here in the ‘real’ world, sure, it slows down in August when half the office takes a vacation,” he writes. “But I, the junior associate, have to stick around.” However, the economic slowdown has brought its own rewards: “A lot more family time, a lot less work on nights and weekends, and in general peace and tranquility prevail.” After spending summer 2008 in India (for work), **Gwen Garber** writes that she “happily spent this summer enjoying the local comforts of Boston—drinks on the water, boating, hiking, barbecues on the back deck and a lot of time on the Cape.” Her BBQ guests included **Tony** and **Lauren (Guth) Barnes**, **Jane Woods Weber** and **Deb Hirschmann**.

Some '98ers spent the summer venturing farther from home. **Chris Bell** writes, “In the spirit of extending one’s nuptials and restoring the coffers” he and wife Sally celebrated their honeymoon last summer. The trip involved “hiking, biking and eating (mostly Norwegian chocolate) our way through northern Europe. Norway is her ancestral homeland, and Finland is my architectural one.” They also attended the Portland barbecue that **Honora Englander** hosted while **Veronica Roberts** was in town—one of the many events that surrounded **Jay Brody** and **Joanna Stevason’s** wedding. **Kate (Hedden) Vosburg** notes that **Pam Bromley** (another person enjoying the academic schedule) “spent the summer in Germany, ‘working’ while her husband Kris did ‘research.’” Kate adds: “I wish someone would send me overseas to ‘work’ and ‘research.’” **Rik Dugan** spent the summer as coordinator of the Global Youth Leadership Institute Year Three Program, which brought 41 students and 11 teachers from around the world to Costa Rica for homestays and work at two local campuses. “It is an honor to work with young global leaders,” Rik writes, “and I encourage all to visit www.gyli.org to learn more about the program.” After returning to the U.S., Rik headed to Atlanta for a National Association of Independent Schools Fellowship Program for independent school leaders. He also made it back to Williamstown to coach the offensive line at Williams’ Football Prospect Weekend in

July. And in other Williams-related travel news, **Linden (Minnick) Cornett**, whose son Jude turned 1 last summer, organized a Maine “minireunion” for several friends. “There were six children and 12 adults,” she writes, adding: “It was quite calm considering the potential for chaos!”

Another set of class notes also means another group of little ones to welcome into the world. **Andrew Kohl** writes: “I know it’s been a while, because [wife] Leigh and I are now the proud parents of two.” Their son Matthew Ethan was born June 23; daughter Chloe is “being a great big sister—with a couple of forgettable moments.” **Peter Robinson** says of daughter Emilia (Millie) Pearl, born to wife Liz on May 30: “She’s educating us on parenthood, and we’re doing our best to keep up.” Peter started a marketing consulting firm last year with his brother and reports: “Between these two changes, life is both exhilarating and exhausting, and I wouldn’t change a thing.” **Mary Frekko Kilavos** and husband Nick also had a May arrival: son George Connor. They took him on a California road trip at the end of the summer, and Mary writes, “It has been a lot of fun traveling with the baby but has definitely changed the way we

Art. **Liz (Kajunski) Fiorino** completed a fellowship in pulmonary medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in June and returned to New York to join the pediatrics faculty at NYU as a pulmonologist. **Emily (Snyder) Queenan** opened a solo practice, Queenan Family Medicine and Maternity Care. Although busy with work and her two children, Rowen and Riley, she warmly invites anyone visiting Rochester to stop by and catch up. **Seth Battis** left Massachusetts in June and headed for LA, where he is the head of upper school technology at the Milken Community High School. He spent the summer soaking up the SoCal lifestyle while “feverishly trying to prepare for my new (and very fun) media studies classes.” And **John Bozeman** was graduated as a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter, with **Ned Sahin** in attendance.

Moving farther afield, **Sam French** enjoyed his summer appearance on MSNBC’s *Dylan Ratigan Show*, talking about his experiences as a filmmaker living and working in a war zone. “[Former N.Y.S. Gov.] Eliot Spitzer asked me how I could go to such dangerous places,” Sam writes. “Pretty surreal.” Sam was preparing to direct a narrative short film, which he describes as a “coming-of-age

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U.S. Marine Corps Major Bunge Cook '98 was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for his work as a team chief of a border transition team in Iraq from August 2008 to February 2009. This was his third deployment to Iraq, and he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2001.

travel—more patience and more planning!” The glad-this-had-a-happy-ending birth story belongs to **Liz (Mills)** and **Chris Little** and their son Foster, who was also born in May. He arrived 10 weeks early, Liz writes, due to “pre-term labor induced by food poisoning at my baby shower.” Foster spent a month in neonatal intensive care but was released and sent home to his parents with a clean bill of health.

Several people wrote in with job updates. **Ben Anderson**, who reports that he spent the first part of 2009 on a five-month tour of the Middle East, is spending the next three years as a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery of

story about two 10-year-old boys who dream of being buzkashi riders.” (Buzkashi is a Central Asian sport played somewhat like polo but with a goat or calf carcass as the object that players try to pick up and move across a goal line.) He welcomes e-mails from anyone who might want to be involved in the project: sam@samfrench.com.

The former '98 crew team had a busy summer. **Lindsay Tucker** and his fiancée, whose immigration visa was recently granted, are purchasing a house in Wilmington, with **John Williams** as their lawyer. “When I ran into a little problem with the real estate agent trying to cheat me out of my right to

challenge the sellers on a major issue,” Lindsay writes, “JW (nihil in moderato) called the agent and threatened to take the case to the Supreme Court if necessary.” The issue was soon resolved. **Rob Wittenmyer**, who obtained his PhD in astronomy from the University of Texas last year—“having searched for planets and destroyed two,” he writes—has taken a three-year postdoc with the Anglo-Australian Planet Search Team in Sydney. He and his wife are enjoying Australian life, “which involves playing soccer and having beer with mates and hitting the beach two blocks from our apartment.” He saw Lindsay and John in May, when he returned briefly to the U.S. “under the guise of a professional conference.” In July, he and his wife visited China for the total solar eclipse, and they met up with Professor Jay Pasachoff and the Williams astronomy group. And **Ned Sahin**, whom Rob also saw during his return stateside, writes with “exuberance” that he married Nicole, his soulmate, the perfect lady for him, and has not come down from an ecstatic Cloud 9 since meeting her almost two years ago let alone since the wedding in May. He invites all to visit www.NicoleAndNed.com for details as well as his regular site: www.NedSahin.com. Ned adds that he and Nicole spent most of the summer in Turkey—a honeymoon mixed with working remotely. “Some of that work paid off,” Ned reports, with “a first-author paper in *Science*, the top science journal in the world, on my research into the brain circuitry that underlies language.” Ned extends his thanks to all who attended his wedding: **Chris Bell, Lindsay Tucker, John Williams, John Bozeman, Gerhard Lubitz, Brad Johnston, Ginel (Hill) ’00 and Matt Wheeler, Reggie Hall and Dave Gilford ’00.**

Several other ’98ers wrote in with wedding news. **Brady Murray** was married to Becca Rozell (Skidmore ’98) in a June wedding in Juneau. **Dave Napier** performed the ceremony, and **Greg Classen, Alex Harman, Graham McPhail and Pete Supino** all served as groomsmen. Other Williams grads in attendance included **Mike Ryan, Adena Herskovitz, Lolly Gaul, Alana (Teutonico) Brock, Tim Murray**

’84, **Katie Hansen ’00 and Steve O’Grady ’97.** In August, **Mary Frekko Kilavos** attended **Laura Davis Stahl’s** wedding in Bridgehampton, where she saw **Beth Lambert, Abby Ramsden, Sarah Roth and Danielle (Bahr) Eason.** Mary also caught up with **Rob Watkins** in August at the Legg-Mason Tennis Tournament and reports that he and his wife moved to New Orleans. Over Labor Day weekend, she traveled to San Francisco for **Tammy Brown Neuhaus’** wedding, where she saw Beth, Abby, Sarah, Danielle, **Emmy Starr, Kari Thorsen Norman, Kim Comeau Webster, Mindy Thompson, Christie McGovern Husa and Bunge Cook.**

While finishing these notes, **Rob Wittenmyer** wrote again with an addendum: The Sept. 17 birth of son Elijah Gelling. “Though he thoroughly frightened his parents by arriving with the cord wrapped around his neck, he is a perfectly healthy and happy boy, with eyes wide open, taking in the world.”

As 2009 moves from fall to winter, I hope that your lives continue to be filled with new experiences and old friends—and I look forward to hearing your next round of updates.

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Ten-year reunion, come and gone. It seems like just yesterday that we showed up in Billville as a bunch of bright-eyed 18-year-olds clinging to JAs in purple shirts. Now we’re a bunch of (hopefully) wiser 30-somethings, many with toddlers clinging to our legs. How did that happen? Fortunately, the years seem to have treated us well as a class, and I know that catching up with old friends in June was a highlight of the past few years for many of us. Now to the news.

Our tireless class chronicler **Nat White** and his wife **Julie Ruszcsek** report the Sept. 7 birth of their first child, Jasper Brownell White. With his new responsibilities, Nat is taking a much-deserved break and

handing off some of the class notes responsibilities to me. We’ll be serving as co-secretaries, a role that I am honored and excited to fill. Another classmate assuming new duties on our behalf is **Rich von Bargaen**, who’s been elected to represent our class as an annual fund vice chair and has been nominated to join the Williams Club Board of Governors.

I am writing my first class notes just a couple weeks after returning from Afghanistan, where I spent a month covering and writing about the war. It was quite an adventure and gave me an even greater respect for those serving in uniform. I followed up my reporting trip by traveling in Germany and Belgium with my fiancée Shannon Reid. In Europe, we just missed itinerant glass-blower **Marc Barreda**, who arrived in Amsterdam in late August to start an MFA program at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie. Marc reports a busy summer; after reunion, he hosted an annual pig roast at his family’s farm in Vermont, built a barn at the farm and still found time to hang out in NYC with **Lindsay Benedict, Charles Matthew Chen ’98, Gregory Whitmore ’98, Darby Jack ’97 and Juliette Spertus ’97.**

Also in Vermont is **Nick Zammuto**, who lives in Readsboro with his wife **Molly Frost ’02** in a passive solar house they designed and built themselves. Nick and Molly welcomed their second son, Asa, on Christmas Day 2008, and their son Sepp turned 3 during the summer. Nick and his band The Books are finishing up their fourth record and spending a lot of time performing on the road.

Another glutton for winter punishment—i.e., Vermonter—is **Marina (Gisquet) Knight.** Marina is the web director for two small weekly newspapers, the *Stowe Reporter* and *Waterbury Record*. Her husband **Chip Knight ’08** is the alpine director at the Mount Mansfield Ski Club and is working with the National Wildlife Federation on a state conservation project.

Maggie Adler is living in Williamstown, starting her second Eph tenure as a student in the graduate art history program.

Staying in New England, **Leigh (Olmsted) Blood** is excited to be teaching again after a hiatus. She is teaching high school

biology in Haverhill, Mass., at a school that coincidentally has as many students as Williams. A sign of how things have changed, and haven't, among today's high schoolers: Leigh reports that she and her colleagues are on the lookout for kids cheating by taking photos of tests with their iPhones and sending them to their friends. (Do they have an app for that?) Also teaching in New England are **John Pickard** and his wife **Ryan (Grimaldi) Pickard '01**. John, an English teacher in Dalton, Mass., is trying to back out of my bachelor party in the spring, but more about that later.

Laura Brenneman moved to Boston after completing a two-year postdoc at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center near DC. Belying the myth that liberal-arts kids can't do math, Laura is now starting a second postdoc at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. She is looking forward to reconnecting with other Ephs in the area and plans to join a women's baseball league in the spring.

Andy Kyle lives in the Boston area. Andy works as a user experience designer at Travelocity and is studying human factors in information design at Bentley University, where he expects to receive his master's in the spring.

A leisurely drive down I-95 is **Scott Selberg**, who is working on a PhD at New York University and living in Brooklyn. Also in New York is **Danielle Kunian Wallis**, who had to miss reunion and remain in the city awaiting the birth of their daughter. She didn't disappoint, as Sophia Elizabeth Wallis was born June 24. Something must be in the water, as **Dave and Courtney (Stokes) Willet** and **Robin Paul Kelleher** also recently had babies. Danielle, Courtney, **Nikki Strauss**, **Katie Walsh Gardner** and **Alexandra Egan** made time to meet up in St. Louis in September for their annual girls' get-together.

Another Midwesterner is **Melissa Ennen**, who is living in Minneapolis and working as an anesthesiologist. She and her husband Mike announce the birth of their first baby, a little girl with the lovely name Piper Rose.

Other classmates reporting recent births are **Alyssa Arnold** and Josh Cutler, who welcomed Miriam Eleanor Cutler on July

17; and **Brett Linck** and his wife Jamie, who were joined by Anna Marie Linck, born July 1.

Out on the Left Coast, I saw **Ian Eisenman** and his wife Ariane Verdy. They spent the summer doing research in Seattle but are now back in LA, where Ian is doing a postdoc at the California Institute of Technology.

John Platt is a teacher at Lakeside School in Seattle, and he recently led a group of students on a service-learning trip to the Dominican Republic. John then flew to Detroit in July to visit **Kristen Curtis** and **Nick Swan** and their children Trevor and Maren.

Devin Redmond, who lives in San Francisco and works in commercial real estate, joined the ranks of the married in June at a rustic resort in the Sierra Nevada. In attendance at the wedding were **Ian Eisenman**, **Jan Postma**, **Dave Cowan** and **Zach McNish**.

Leigh Winter Martin and her husband Justin also make their home in the Bay Area. Leigh reports the much-anticipated return to the area of **Will Slocum** and his wife Zoe, who attended a San Francisco 49ers football game with Leigh and Justin. Leigh also caught up with **Laura Moberg Lavoie** and **Ben McAnaney '01** at the wedding of **Devon DiClerico '01** in New Hampshire in June.

Another Bay Area denizen is **Jana Comstock**. She completed her PhD in low-dimensional topology at UC-San Diego last year and began teaching at the Saint Ann's School in Brooklyn. But apparently the previous seven years in California softened her up, and she soon moved back to San Mateo, a San Francisco suburb. There she reunited with old friend **Brian Gerke**, who is doing a postdoc at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, where he studies astrophysics, cosmology and galaxy clusters. Brian lives in San Francisco.

Down the coast in Santa Barbara is **Zack Grossman**, who traveled in June to Tofino, British Columbia, for the wedding of **Antony Blaikie**. **Sylvia (England) Michel**, **Steve Bennett** and **Rachel Allyn '96** were also in attendance. Zack also went Butte, Mont., to visit **Jen Hurley** and her husband Nick. Both Zack and Jen expanded their families recently, with Zack welcoming new baby Levi and Jen showing off her Keira.

In sunny San Diego, **Laura Moberg Lavoie** has lots to report. She and **Jennifer Walcott** were maids of honor in **Emily Palmer's** wedding in August; **Arlene Spooner** and **Aaron DeCamp** also attended. Laura has become active in the San Diego alumni chapter—which for my money hosts the best Williams-Amherst telecasts—and joined the Executive Committee of the Society of Alumni. Laura is keeping her eyes peeled for fellow San Diego residents **Kelly Shinn** and **Mike McAdam**, whom she hopes will get in touch so they can hang out.

Also out west is **Heather Kovich**, who moved to Shiprock, N.M., to work as a family doctor on the Navajo reservation. She has extended an open invitation to any Ephs who might be in the area and want to check out the reservation.

The farthest afield of this issue's writers is **Vivian (Wang) Lin**, who has moved to Taiwan with her husband David Lin, 3-year-old Zachary and 1-year-old Ally. Vivian is working in business strategy for the family's fashion design business and is also taking time to raise the two children. She reports that life in Asia is great—even considering the occasional earthquake and typhoon.

That's all for this time. Keep the news coming, and feel free to send any updates to Nat at natbwhite@gmail.com, or me at eholmes77@gmail.com (or both of us at 1999secretary@williams.edu). See you guys at the 15-year reunion!

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Look up there! See that thing that says "Reunion," with a date next to it? That means we all get to hang out with each other this summer and, with luck, it won't involve sweating all over each other to the degree that it did in 2005. This will be one of several plugs I make for reunion, and I hope that all of you who can make it will join us in Williamstown.

I'm going with an old gimmick for this edition: running your updates in the approximate order

in which I received them. Who's an eager beaver? Who submits her updates six days late? **Cara Shortsleeve** does. So she's going last. Who is going first? **Emily Gilmar**, having submitted the joyous news of her May wedding to **Tim Stoddard '99** more than a month ahead of our deadline. They were married in Honolulu, where they both grew up—though they met at Williams. Joining them for the celebration were **Sarah White, Cathy Williams, Dave Walfish, Cara Yoder Matzen '99, Chris Richards** and **Sarah Cohen**. Emily and Tim moved to San Francisco with their cats Squid and Hermione. **Tori Gorges** was the next to check in, with a brief update about making a trip to Seattle for The Pilgrimage (otherwise known as visiting **Jon** and **Alicia (Currier) Kallay** in Seattle). **Debbie (Ebert) Bloss** made the sacred voyage as well. No one gets more visitors than the Kallays.

Reading **Deb (Frisone) Young's** enthusiastic updates is always a pleasure. Deb is a full-time mom and part-time pediatric physical therapist, a description that, she says, makes sense in her head. She is also a part-time endurance athlete, having run the NYC half-marathon last August. Deb, I was disappointed that you chose not to run in that vintage Williams singlet you mentioned ... if I had one of my old track team speed suits I'd wear it all over town! But I digress. *Chronicle of Higher Education* cover boy **Raph Rosen** would like us to know that he prowls art supply stores in San Francisco, feeding his "insatiable fountain pen lust." He also rediscovered the virtues of 3x5 note cards. Who hasn't?

Deb Hsu married her husband Namgyal on June 1 in a civil ceremony after getting a blessing from the judge at the High Court of Bhutan. No, really! A second celebration is to be held in January 2010 for family members who could not attend. Deb is planning a permanent move to Bhutan in mid-2010 and encourages those of you interested in visiting to get in touch. **Randy Lindquist** is the Brevity Award winner this time around, defeating a crowded field of concise updaters. "I got married this August to Lisa Freude in Potsdam, Germany. We're living in Berlin and enjoying the continental atmosphere..." Randy, the ellipsis is so mysterious!

Farrah Musani has returned to Canada after a two-year stint in Afghanistan. She will remain in Ottawa for a little while as she continues her work for the Department of Foreign Affairs. Over the summer she caught up with **Saminaz Zaman, Ashley Kidd** and **Theodora Konetsovskaya '01**. **Gabbie (Thiele)** and **Pepper Whitbeck** joyfully announce the birth of their second child, Jackson Kane Whitbeck, on June 16. Jackson's big sister Alexandra turned 2 this year.

I'd been thinking it had been far too long since I'd heard from **Jen Kingsley**, and my telepathic powers yielded results. Jen is in the second year of a postdoc in art history at Columbia University and has been applying for jobs starting next fall. She reports that looking for an academic position feels like a second job itself, a lament I have heard from other classmates. Jen is also the recipient of the prestigious Class Secretary's Award for Making the Class Secretary Laugh, given for a passionately written summary of her love affair with Priceline.com.

Lindsay (Hatton) McLelland started her e-mail with real intent: "UPDATE!," she declared, and for good reason. She and **Geordie McLelland** had a baby girl, Hazel Hatton McLelland, on July 7. Lindsay reports that Hazel is "awesome and large and laughs at everything Geordie does." The McLellands live in Cambridge, Mass., and have welcomed a string of visitors, including **Emily Small, Abby Sayer, Carrie Wicker, Chris Ronai, Dennis DeBassio, Jen (Curley) Bessey** and **Matt Fineman**. **Angela Lankford** moved out of an apartment in Kanding, China, to a small cottage in the pretty town of Tagong, population 200, altitude 11,700 feet. Her cottage has no running water and no internal door between its two rooms. Angela washes clothes and hair in the river, dodges fruit peels and animal droppings in the street and carefully avoids the town's 40 resident stray dogs. She does, however, have high-speed Internet and says the surroundings are "some sort of tundra-paradise." Angela says her daughter is "the cutest being in the world," and who am I to disagree?

Katharine Lusk checks in from San Francisco with big news, some of it of the embargoed pre-MLE variety. Let's see how

much of it we can sneak by my editors: Katharine was admitted to the master's of public policy program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and is planning to move back East in 2010 to get started on her studies. At the time of this writing she had just experienced the welcome transition of her extremely long-distance relationship to a somewhat lesser distance one, as her fiancé moved from South Africa to Troy, N.Y., where he is a grad student at RPI. An MLE involving the couple is also planned for 2010. (Shhh ... if that one got through, it's changed everything!)

Andrew Singer married Corey Morris in Boston on Aug. 29, and a minireunion broke out featuring **Josh Pierson, Kay Kamiyama '98, Todd Carnam, Britton and Lili (Anderson) Mann, Michael Heep '99, Judd Greenstein '01, Peter Rosenfeld '99, Laura Guichard '99, Nick Waugh, Gordon '96** and **Jenny (Walsh) Singer '99**. **Leigh Greenwood** ran into **Daniel Center '01** at a mutual friend's house in Bozeman, Mont. The two resolved to go skiing together. **Rebecca (Young) Ireland** also resides in the Midwest, as she has moved to Minnesota to pursue her law degree. Other than reading a lot of cases, she claims she is not up to much, which I doubt.

Ron Parsons and his wife Kim had a great time at the wedding of a classmate who has not relayed the news to me, so I can't tell you who it was. I'm looking at the pictures on Facebook, though, and it certainly appears to have been a fabulous occasion. Oh, there's the bride with **Morgan Eckles!** And, look, there she's celebrating with half of the female population of Fayerweather Hall circa 1996! Ron was also planning to attend another mystery classmate's wedding, which was to occur on the same day as his own fifth anniversary. He concluded his e-mail by praising the lord for family members who babysit. I'm sure several of you have done that in the past couple of years, right?

Lauren (Siegel) Applebaum's forbidden MLE news is no longer forbidden; she gave birth to Liora Jamie Applebaum on Aug. 7. Key stats on Liora: 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and 19 inches long. Lauren remarks, "We are all doing great, even the dog." Why wouldn't the dog be doing great?

Kelly (Grant) and **Joe Rogers** are the proud parents of a Beagle puppy, Harrison. I do not know when he was born, how long he was or how much he weighed, but Kelly did send a picture, and I can report that he is white and brown, adorable and leaves cute little puppy paw prints on the beach. Kelly and Joe attended at least three weddings that I cannot mention. I can tell you that she had a lovely dinner with **Meghan (Fredericks) Dubofsky** and her husband in Boulder, Colo. Kelly also asked a question: “I’m curious—how do you think Facebook has impacted class notes, in terms of both contribution and consumption?” Well, I think it’s appropriate to answer that question here, mostly because I’m not in danger of exceeding the word limit. I think Facebook should, logically, be making class notes obsolete, but it is not. My two best explanations for this—and for why I almost always get more material than I can possibly jam into this column—are: (a) there’s an aspect of tradition involved in submitting to class notes that can’t be replicated online; and (b) having your MLEs and other experiences appear in print and mailed to several thousand people provides permanence that an ever-shuffling Facebook news feed cannot match. That said, in my opinion, our class secretary should really be doing a better job of using social media to supplement the notes, to make our exchange of news and ideas richer and more immediate. Someone should tell him to get on that. But to answer your question more directly, Kel, I think our class’s adoption of Facebook has reduced the volume of submissions slightly, but not appreciably, and that it probably has done the same to consumption, but I can’t really say. What do you all think? Please send me any ideas you have ... you can even write them on my Facebook wall for emphasis.

Back to the good stuff: **Dan Mason** held a Jersey Shore housewarming barbecue that **Patchen Mortimer** and **Nicole Draghi** attended. He also reports that “the baby is growing, crawling and climbing.” All good things! **Chris Foxwell** is entering the second half of his two-year Peace Corps service in Jordan, and he continues to have a great time in his school and village. In addition to finding a

nice village girl to take home to mom, ideally without being shot in the process, Chris’ second-year resolutions include: learning how to cook mansef and capseh, studying Standard Arabic in addition to the Jordanian dialect and building a playground in his village. He has also adopted a puppy and is slowly becoming addicted to figs and pomegranates. In a subsequent e-mail Chris also lamented—jokingly, I think—that a certain classmate of ours who will remain nameless is no longer single. As soon as he reads this I will be in big trouble, so I’ll try to deflect some of the heat by saying that I’m lamenting it a little bit myself. Intrigue!

Dr. **Ben Katz** checks in from Albany to report the birth of his daughter Dalia last February. She is keeping big brother Evan entertained, and Ben is very pleased that Evan is spending more time hugging his new sister than throwing objects at her head. **Katie (Fogg)** and **Brendan Kinnell** welcomed their second daughter, Lucy Viles Kinnell, younger sister to Phoebe. The girls love visits from Williams friends, particularly **Yng Ru Chen** and **Amish Shah**. Brendan is in his seventh year teaching at Saint David’s School and is the chairman of the mathematics department, and Katie is a hard-working stay-at-home mom.

I was very pleased to hear from Class President Emeritus **Erin (Morrissette) Ney** for the first time in far too long. In June, Erin finished her residency in internal medicine at UPenn (with **Aida Avdic**) and is doing a chief resident year, which she loves because it allows her to teach every day. She and her husband Josh have a 7-month-old baby girl named Amelia. Erin writes that Amelia “is pure joy, and although I know it will sound clichéd, I’m still going to write it—being a mom is by far the best thing I’ve ever done.”

We’ve now arrived at the Deadline Defying portion of the program. **Janine Ivanova’s** update would have made it regardless (she got in 21 minutes under the wire), but she clinched inclusion by beginning her e-mail with, “In my time zone, I am technically within the class notes deadline.” I love it. Further, she brought the happy news of the birth of Sebastian Alexander Wicklund on April 3 to her and **David Wicklund**. Janine was to return to work as an attorney in

November, while David, also an attorney, got right back to work after two good weeks off.

Ruko (Takeuchi) Senseney missed the deadline by three days, but how could I not find a way to include news of the birth of her third child, Tyson Jin Senseney, on July 2? She reports that “sleepless nights with an infant is still more sleep than sleepless nights with infant twins!” She also added this gem: “To put it simply, I’m working two part-time jobs, raising three bilingual kids, trying to maintain a house and watching *Jon & Kate Plus 8* to put it all into perspective” To be honest, Ruko’s entire e-mail was full of good material, including talk of shoe shopping, the use of the abbreviation BC for “Before Children” and a pledge to try to make it to reunion. Deadlines mean nothing in the face of such excellent updates.

Matt Levy and **Anna Frantz** were late with their update because they spent part of September in Germany visiting **Megumi (Onishi) Seebacher** and celebrating an MLE that will have to remain a poorly guarded mystery for now.

In the interest of keeping my promise to leave Cara for last, my update goes here. In June I traveled with my wonderful friends **Haynes Cooney** and **Steve Roman** to Iceland for an eight-day trip around the Ring Road. Iceland is not only one of the most beautiful places I will ever visit, but it also produces the world’s best yogurt-like substance, skyr. You may also like to know that Iceland’s second largest city, the gorgeous Akureyri, hosts perhaps the most ridiculous all-night party every Friday and Saturday night—the infamous Akureyri Runtur, which is not to be confused with the less automotive Reykjavik Runtur. After reluctantly leaving Iceland and spending most of July in Maine—thanks to the generosity of **Will Darrin’s** family—I moved back to the traditional Class Secretary HQ of Somerville, Mass., and started work at a financial services company in Boston. I also just ordered a whole grilled chicken from Redbones. **Wyeth Lynch**, if only your joint, Soulfire, were in Davis Square...

We conclude, as promised, with **Cara Shortleeve**. Cara missed our deadline by an impressive six days and led off her tardy update with highly

forbidden MLE news. What nerve! Cara still loves working for Google, has dinner with **Megan (Doherty) Kelley** every few weeks, reports that **Sarah (Sheppe) Okun** and **Alan Fitts** are still “holding down the fort in DC” and that she is excited for reunion. Please indulge her excitement, and mine, by making plans to be in Williamstown in June. Until next time...

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Thanks to everyone who wrote in! **Natalie Veras** and her fiancé (also her co-photographer and assistant) showcased her photography in the first ArtSmash of the Poconos. She is preparing to showcase more of her work at the next ArtSmash event, which is set to take place before the end of the year. Any classmates interested in viewing her work can check out www.NVcordero.com.

Sharmistha Ray lives in Mumbai, where she has been writing articles and essays on art for Indian and foreign publications. She traveled to the India Art Summit in New Delhi, where she was a panelist at the International Speakers Forum. In September she opened two exhibitions at her gallery. In November she was to attend the TEDIndia conference in Mysore, where she has been selected as one of 100 TED Fellows from around the world.

Elizabeth Hoover is teaching in the sociology/anthropology department at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa., while she finishes writing her dissertation.

Hoyoon Nam continues to practice corporate law in NYC. He and his fiancée will be temporarily relocating to London starting in January 2010.

Verena Arnabal and her husband celebrated their daughter Maya’s first birthday over the summer. The family lives in the Long Island City section of Queens and was planning to attend homecoming in the fall.

Gail Ferguson works as a college psychology professor at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. She visited Chicago a few times over the summer to see **Ryan Mayhew** and **Allison (Herling) Ruark**. She also traveled to



Williams students, alumni and their families gathered in Beijing in July to hear a talk on the state of Chinese study by Neil Kubler, Williams’ Stanfield Professor of Asian Studies (seated, fifth from left).

Jamaica for summer data collection on a research project and had the best research assistant possible—an Eph, of course: **Tamika Murray** ’03.

Todd Rogers and his wife Dana welcomed their first child, Caroline Ross Rogers. Todd reported that while “she appears very suspicious of us, I think we’re slowly earning her trust.” **Duncan Meiklejohn** and his wife Lauren welcomed their first child, Maxwell Douglass, on May 30. Duncan is set to graduate from Dartmouth Medical School next spring and will be moving to parts as yet unknown for his residency. **Phebe Drinker** and her husband **Jon Briggs** also welcomed a

Administration’s Office of Ocean Exploration and Research. **Chrissy** and **Cristi (Gunter) Head** planned to travel to Williamstown in October to join **Allison Swain**, **Brooke (Gibson) Hasenauer** and **Jesse Metzger** for a fun weekend.

Jamilla Deria wrote about a weekend getaway at **Enuma Menkiti’s** family home in Vermont. **Enuma** and **Jamilla** were joined by **Vanea Norris**, **Jerome Parker** and **Ian Brown**. **Jamilla** regularly spends the weekend in Brooklyn with **Feyisara Akanki**, a resident at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. **Jamilla** also sent along news from **Kevin Cummings**. **Kevin** and his wife

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Sharmistha Ray ’01 was one of 103 fellows selected to travel to Mysore, India, in November for TEDIndia. The conference, sponsored by the nonprofit Technology, Entertainment, Design, showcases the work of fellows born or working in South Asia. **Ray** is an abstract painter, art writer and director of Bodhi Art in Mumbai, a gallery for contemporary Indian art.

new member to their family. Their second son, **Eli**, was born in July. The family lives in Seattle.

Chrissy (Fletcher) Patrick spent September aboard a Russian research vessel in the Arctic Ocean, helping to document a unique oceanographic scientific project between U.S. and Russian scientists. The expedition is expected to be chronicled on the website for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

welcomed their third child over the summer.

Dan Perttu teaches music theory and composition at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. Over the summer, one of his compositions, *Valediction*, for solo violin, was performed in Zagreb, Croatia. He and his wife were able to hear the performance and traveled through Finland and England.

Liana Thompson got married

in May! She wrote: "It was an absolutely wonderful day, and I was lucky to have several Williams friends who were able to come be witnesses and to celebrate with me," including **Sara (Grote) Custer, Anne (Lanford) Penrosa and Amy (Balas) O'Connor**. Liana and her husband traveled to Stowe, Vt., for their honeymoon. Liana completed her master's degree program in dramaturgy at the University of Massachusetts in May.

Annaliis Canty wrote in to report on life in Northern Virginia. Her youngest son, Malcolm, turned 1 in August and started walking, while her older son, Danny, almost 3, oscillates between showering his baby brother with hugs and kisses and poking him in the eye. She and her husband traveled to **Nick Lafave and Danielle Torin's** wedding in Vermont in August and spent some time with several Williams graduates over the weekend. They also traveled to Seattle over Labor Day weekend to catch up with **Virginia (Pyle) and Kevin See '00** and their daughter Linnaea.

Gillian Green completed her PhD in clinical psychology and moved to Atlanta from New Haven, Conn. **Sandra DiPillo**, who recently graduated from the Smith School for Social Work, accompanied Gillian on the drive to Atlanta. While defending her dissertation in Boston, Gillian stayed with **Beth Powers and Dan Niedzwiecki '99** and their dog Xena. Gillian says that Beth works in the education field; after leaving teaching, she now works as a creator of the MCAS English tests.

Fumi Tosu left his economic consulting job in April. After spending the summer in Kenya and Burundi, he is now enrolled at Columbia University, studying international/sustainable development.

Julia Goren works as the coordinator of the Adirondack High Peaks Summit Steward program, where she hikes to the top of the highest mountains in New York and talks to people about rare alpine plants. In her work, she's met several Williams students, parents and alumni. Julia reported visiting with **Elena Traister**, who had finished all of her laboratory research and is well on her way to finishing her PhD. **Catherine Seelig** visited Elena and Julia over the summer from Seattle,

where she works as a public defender.

Jennifer Hahn took the summer off from lifeguarding for the first time in 13 years! Instead, she traveled to Spain and completed an Outward Bound backpacking course in the Rocky Mountains. She also traveled to Sun Valley, Idaho, for **Elizabeth Hamachek's** wedding with **Ellen (Jacobson) Sheedy and Robyn Goldman**. The morning after Elizabeth's wedding Robyn and Jennifer traveled to Boulder, Colo., for **Shekinah Cohn's** wedding. In the fall, Jennifer returned to teaching history and economics.

Joe Seavey and his wife moved from Northern California to NYC, where Joe took a job in the video game industry. He wrote that it's "good to be amongst old friends on the East Coast!"

Yang Wang and his wife moved to San Francisco after the couple completed their medical residences in Cleveland. Yang works with the U.S. Air Force as doctor of emergency medicine at Travis Air Force Base. They are really enjoying

Matt Atwood and Jackie Stein '00 moved closer to Williams, from Amherst to Pelham. Matt works at a farm stand in Deerfield and teaches writing to English-language learners in Springfield. While he enjoys his work, Matt is looking for a job that will help him contribute to community building.

Johanna Kolodny traveled to Boulder, Colo., in August to attend **Shekinah Cohn's** wedding along with **Jen Hahn, Robyn Goldman, Ellie Carothers, Victoria Goldman, Joanne Rah and Erin Palazzolo**. Johanna has been working for Basis, a startup with two new ventures: Basis Farm to Chef and Basis Markets. She focuses on the farm to chef service, which services wholesale buyers in the metropolitan region with products direct from farms.

Carissa Carter got married in June in San Francisco surrounded by family and friends, including **Moirá Shanahan, Carolyn Ryan, Beth Cadogan, Amy Warren, Alison Hess, Charis Anderson and Lloyd Nimetz**. She is now working as a designer for

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Valediction, a composition for solo violin written by Daniel Perttu '01, was performed at the College Music Society (CMS) international conference in Zagreb, Croatia, in July. Perttu is assistant professor of music and coordinator of the music theory program at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., and he is treasurer of CMS. His compositions have been performed in 20 states and China.

San Francisco and would love to meet up with other alumni in the area. Yang also wrote that **Dan and Anju Williamson** moved to DC, where Anju started a residency program in pediatric dentistry. Yang, Dan and **Ben Katz** attended **Matt Roessing's** wedding near Atlanta in May.

Robert MacDougall wrote that he was soon to be returning from his second deployment to Iraq as an EA-6 Prowler pilot for the U.S. Marines. He, his wife Ailish and their two children, Therese and Joseph, are set to move from North Carolina to San Diego on his return to the U.S.

Jessica Robbins has been busy finishing her dissertation research in Poland. She was in the States for a few weeks in September and October and expects to return to Ann Arbor in May 2010 to begin writing her dissertation.

Herman Miller and based for a year in Holland, Mich.

Michele Kovacs is in her final year of medical school at USC. She and **Scott Goldberg '02** got engaged earlier in 2008 while visiting Big Sur for the weekend.

Darik Valez and his wife **Elizabeth (Moulton) '02** moved to Cape Town, South Africa, with their son Rigel. The couple is working at the American International School of Cape Town. Darik teaches courses in science and math at the high school, and Elizabeth manages the library and the community service program.

Danielle Tarantolo married an Amherst graduate in October. She noted that there were a bunch of Williams folks in attendance—more than enough to prevail in the Ephs-Lord Jeffs rumble scheduled to take place during the reception.

Brian Werner spent the fall

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campaigning for a seat on the Telluride Town Council. Over the summer, he attended Burning Man. He also attended search and rescue training, where he ran into **Charley Abernathy**.

In September **Ben Thompson** and his girlfriend traveled to Chicago for a wedding. I was lucky enough to meet up with them for brunch and hear about Ben's work in New York. **Jess Paar '02** hosted an air and water show rooftop party in August, where we caught up and also visited with **Richard Bode '02**.

Please keep me posted on any and all of your adventures and travels. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Fall. Wouldn't mind being in Williamstown now, enjoying the autumn scenery, but we'll make do with our latest installment of class notes.

Lucky for me, I was able to have dinner in New York with old roommates **Niki Cosgrove**, **Rebecca Steuer** and **Jamiyl Peters** just before Labor Day. Niki, Rebecca, and I then made it to Nantucket for the holiday weekend. As always, we did a fabulous job of making wonderful meals and lounging. Beaching and boating were enjoyed as well. **Taylor Stapleton '04**, **Susan Combs '04**, **Kayla (Peek) Berube '05** and **Jen Feldman '03** joined in the festivities. While in New York, I visited **Kate Werble** at her gallery, where models adorned with Saran Wrap, preoccupied with their fashion show, failed to appreciate the renovations to the gallery since I had last seen it. Oddly, I still have not managed to see **Alix Partnow**, who lives mere hours from me. She's working on her neurology-neurosurgery veterinary residency in Columbia, Mo. I do get awfully car sick, but it's really no excuse. We'll rectify the situation soon, we promise.

Happy news comes from **Noëlle Ho**, who reports the arrival of a healthy baby boy, Lam Zhong-Xing, who spent the summer growing appropriately from one variety of adorable produce to another: small bean to hairy peach. Best wishes to Noëlle, her husband and her little one!



In July Jessica Ohly '02 (left) and Lila Heideman (P '11) met up at Confucius' tomb in Qufu, China, during a tour for educators.

Sergio Espinosa declares he and **Rolando Garcia** will have a rematch of the Taco Bell Grande Meal Challenge this winter in NYC. He hopes you can all attend. Please contact Sergio or Rolando for details. Other exciting news comes from **Jon Weiner**. He and Heidi Klum (somehow) failed to recognize each other a bit ago. This failure to connect is related to one or more of several factors: Jon was playing bocce ball and wearing sweatpants; she was not wearing lingerie; neither knew who the other was.

Jessica Hays has no qualms sharing that she was neck deep in the process of testing to become FBI special agent. I thought this might be a secret, but she set me straight—only the CIA has to keep it a secret. I would think the NSA would keep secrets, too, but maybe not. I'll tell you what I think is hard to remember: the Secret Service was part of the Department of the Treasury. It's not anymore, now it's under the direction of the Department of Homeland Security. I guess that makes sense. We are all now going to be flagged by some Internet search engine. I apologize for the weird noises you'll probably start hearing on your phone—it's just that they really feel a lot better when they tap those.

More employment fun, and let's face it, it's kind of fun to have a job in a lousy economy. **Dave Glick** is relishing life in Hanover as a new installation of the Dartmouth faculty. He managed to get in plenty of cycling, golfing in Williamstown and even a very exciting dog adoption. And, of course, he

made the traditional trek to **Brad Nichol's** place. A wildly different job belongs to **Sarah Phillipp**, who has arrived in San Diego for her residency. As detailed in a previous installment of these notes, she knows that **Caroline Messmer** and **Adam Sischy** are also at the Naval Hospital. They haven't seen each other much just yet. Between graduation and work, Sarah enjoyed a cross-country drive and a stop at the Grand Canyon.

Jason Chapman, newly minted grad from MIT's business school, squeezed in some travel (Ireland with spouse **Hillary W. Chapman**) and volunteering (Fiji for Habit for Humanity) last summer and is settling into his consulting job at Bain & Co. Jason will no longer be spending time in Boston with **Nishant Nayyar**, having just graduated from Harvard Business School with classmate-twice-over **Matt Haldeman**, as Nishant is off to London to work in private equity. Also arriving in London, provided paperwork gets sorted properly, is **Dan Elsea**. Dan will continue working for the same land planning and urban design firm as in San Francisco, just in a different locale so that he can join his boyfriend for four years, Yung, while he attends the Royal College of Art.

Josh Frankel wants to let you know that he has been in Vancouver, working as the previsualization supervisor for an upcoming feature film that, fingers crossed, will manage to find a modicum of success in the American market. "Previsualization?" you ask. Yes, according to Josh, it's "a way

of using computer animation to help directors design sequences ... like the next generation of storyboarding." I'm sorry, did I forget to mention the movie? That one with the vampires. ... Right, *Twilight: Eclipse*. You've heard of it? How nice. It sounds like Josh has enjoyed the location scouting, too. **Morgan Barth** encountered Josh, **Eve Biddle** '04, **Ben Smeal** '00, **Zack Lamb** and **Josh Weinstein** along the way last summer. Morgan is now back to work as a school principal—thankful to be in his second year of the adventure.

John Phillips has landed in the philosophy department at the University of Arizona. He tried to survive the warm temperatures by focusing on a fall trip back to Massachusetts. Apparently, the lovely pool helps, too. Enjoying life as a student is **Renee Robinson**, though in a distinctly different climate—she's started her master's in communications and cultural policy at York University in Toronto. She would very much like to make contact with any Williams alums in the Toronto area to restart the alumni group there! She's off to a decent start, having seen **Claudene Marshall** '03 and **Sharifa Wright** '03 at the Caribana festival in Toronto.

Natalie (Tolejo) Whiteford is thrilled to report that her baby boy (born November 2008) is taking his first steps as she starts her final year of her clinical psychiatry PhD program in Boulder, Colo. **Nicole Stephens** is wrapping up her PhD in social psychology this semester at Stanford. She'll leave the Bay Area to work as an assistant professor at the Kellogg School at Northwestern. It's pretty likely that she'll run into **Vivian Ko Rettke**, **Steven Rettke**, **Mike Recht**, **Kelsey Peterson** '04 and **Sarah Gilliam** '04. **Kristin Moo**, who works for Chicago Public Radio, visited **Johanna Heinrichs** and her husband **Scott Moringiello** '01 at their new home in Philadelphia. Nearby are **Carolyn Shank** and **Nate Foster** '01. Johanna and Scott enjoyed July in Venice while Johanna managed to fit some dissertation research into the gelato schedule—she'll be back there this fall to continue her studies (and gelato consumption).

Jonnie Vasse Moorhead and **John Moorhead** '01 trekked a bit more of the Appalachian Trail over the summer. Jonnie returns to her job teaching Français to seventh-graders, but she added

adventurous culinary school classes in the fall.

Newlywed **Stephanie Pirishis** has settled in Chicago with her husband Joris. They are so glad that **Meredith Fruchtmann**, **Ame Igharo**, **Kate Alexander**, **Tron Wang**, **Bokhyun Yoo**, **Danielle Rosario Mullen** '03, **Darren Schluter** '01 and **Lucy Suran** '01 joined them for a wonderful wedding weekend in Cyprus last April.

Danielle Torin reports her mid-August wedding to **Nick Lafave** '03 was "freakin' awesome!" Lots of alums joined them in Vermont—a multitude of family members, including sister **Claire Lafave** '12 and Nick's parents, **Annalis Abrego Canty** '01, **Scott Canty** '98, **Evan Gee** '04, **Evan Hiller** '03, **Rob Lopez** '03 and **Ian Bone** '06. Danielle has started small-animal vet work—a job with both "clients" and "patients," I've learned—and Nick has started law school at American University.

I have to end on a more serious note. **Eric Olson-Getty** and his wife Dayna had a son, who passed away after an all-too-brief time. As Eric wrote to the alumni office: "Our son, Ethan James Olson-Getty, was born and died on Aug. 31. He weighed 3 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 16 inches long. We were able to hold him for the entire time that he was alive, and he died peacefully in our arms after about two hours." They invite you to read Dayna's writings about their son at daynasmusings.blogspot.com, which also includes information about making a memorial gift.

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As the weather is starting to cool here in NYC, I received lots of news of classmates' summers. Last summer marked joyous arrivals for three classmates. **Andrew Layng** and his wife Caitlin welcomed their first child, Charles Gardiner Layng. The Layngs live in NYC and plan to be there for the foreseeable future. **Lisa (Haney) Vazquez** gave birth to twins Kate and Tyler Vazquez. **David Kutscher** and her husband Roy welcomed daughter Carmel Hadar Kozser.

Trisha '02 and **Alex Blake** and their two boys, Isaiah and Josiah, spent the summer

in Hawaii and were off to Jamaica for Christmas to visit both sets of grandparents and great-grandparents. Alex was looking forward to celebrating Isaiah's first birthday in Kingston.

Tamika Murray is also in Jamaica and started a new job working at a U.S.-based company that has her traveling between the two countries. She was about to start law school. Tamika worked with Professor **Gail (Anderson) Ferguson** '01 while she was in Jamaica doing a study on family and culture.

Other classmates are embarking on new jobs/ventures. **Faith Black** began a job as an editor at Berkeley, handling mainly mysteries and Westerns along with some women's fiction. She continues to play basketball in two different leagues.

Emily Martin was elected associate pastor of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md., one of the oldest churches in town. Emily has ministered to people with AIDS in South Africa, interned at a center for adults with mental illness and studied at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga.

Perry Kalmus talks to **Marshall Dines** and **Dylan Smith** on a weekly conference call, and occasionally **Hall O'Donnell** and **Ethan Linen** will join in. Perry attended Marshall's graduation from medical school in Denver. Perry also had a great Thanksgiving dinner in the middle of summer at **Guy Danella's** mansion in Beverly Hills. **Justin Dittrich** was there as well. Perry is starting a new company promoting boutique alcohol companies. You can check it out at www.drinksocity.com.

And the weddings keep rolling in. **Justin Reliford** married **Sabrina Schwager** '04 in Philadelphia.

Brigitte Teissedre married Lucien Patterson in Spring Lake, N.J., and honeymooned in French Polynesia.

Tina Howe married Brian Clites in San Diego. **Sheila McMurrich Greenlaw**, **Morgan Steiner**, **Katie Rocker** and **Jessica Calfee Stahl** attended. Tina and Brian spent the next two months on an extended honeymoon and dissertation research trip, which included stops in Spain, Morocco and France.

Katie Gortz lived in Madrid. In July she married a Spaniard whom she met while getting

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her master's degree in Madrid in 2004. She now works for Syracuse University as the coordinator of communications and student activities, a job she loves. In the spring, Katie toured Europe with a group of students going to Holland, Germany, France, Switzerland, Barcelona and Madrid. Last summer, Katie spent a weekend in Milan with **Lynn Lim '01** and saw many Ephs at her own wedding in Connecticut.

Abby Davidson and **Mike Tadenev** were married in a small ceremony at Thompson Memorial Chapel in Williamstown. They rented a house in Vermont for a long weekend for the reception and had a wonderful time celebrating the occasion with their closest friends and family. Mike is working at a law firm doing insurance defense in DC, and Abby is finishing her PhD in cellular and molecular medicine at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Jen Barone is keeping busy as the news editor at *Discover* magazine. In July, Jen married **Aleks Jakulin**. Williams friends in attendance included **Jon Chow**, **Alix Davis**, **Joe Gallagher**, **Mike Pinkel**, **Katie Saxon**, **Jason Carini '02** and **Caty Sumner**. A huge highlight of the ceremony was an amazing choral performance by **Pippa Charters**, **Dan DeMoss**, **Chris Holmes**, **Jason Leith**, **Sarah Nichols**, **Emmy Valet** and **Brian Katz**, who both sang in and directed the a cappella performance. Brian joined the department of mathematics and computer science at Augustana College in the Quad Cities, Ill. He is looking forward to catching up with Williams graduates in Chicago.

Liz Mygatt saw a lot of Williams people last summer on the never-ending wedding circuit, first at **Sarah Kliensky** and **Nick Nelson's** wedding in Madison, Wis., and then at **Kristin Hunter-Thomson** and **Malin Pinsky's** wedding in Machias, Maine. Liz moved to Ithaca to start business school at Cornell with an environmental sustainability focus. She loves Ithaca. She adopted two 3-month-old kittens who are spicing life up.

Mayo Shattuck attended **Claire Magat's** wedding in a redwood forest above Santa Cruz and saw **Rob Sawyer** and **Julia Bensen**. Mayo is covering the energy sector at KKR and enjoying being back in San Francisco.



Last summer alumni from the Classes of 2003 and 2004 gathered for their 10th annual fantasy football draft on a rooftop overlooking Chicago's Wrigley Field.

Jessica Katz is at Princeton Day School, teaching English and history to the younger students while coaching the high school girls' basketball team to its most successful season in eight years. Last summer she spent three weeks traveling around Italy, taking Italian classes and furthering her knowledge of prosciutto and gelato. After returning, Jessica attended **Kate Leonard's** marriage to **Alex Hood '02** in N.H. with a slew of Ephs, including **Abi Jackson**, **Sumant Bhat**, **Erin Shiels** and **Molly Stone**.

Dmitri Goudkov is teaching history at Sierra Canyon School in LA and working on his tan in his spare time.

Jordan Goldwarg graduated from Tufts with an MA in teaching. He started work at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School last fall, teaching ninth- and 10th-grade history and helping coach cross-country skiing. He moved to Lincoln, so if anyone is looking to commune with Walden Pond, let Jordan know.

Amy Graham finished her internship in N.J. and spent eight months doing veterinary relief work in Ohio. She moved to Peoria, Ill., last spring, and she is now working at two small-animal veterinary hospitals.

Rebecca Linder moved back from Germany last year and completed her first year studying religion at Harvard. Cambridge is a change from the Pentagon, where she was working before returning to grad school. Rebecca spent the summer in Kenya working on a development project and was headed

back to school in the fall. In Boston she sees **Morgan Steiner**, **Keji Adebayo '04**, **Rachel Berlin '05**, **Katie Rocker**, **Molly Stone** and **Kathleen Smith**. Rebecca also looks forward to spending time with **Ayesha Fuentes**, who is moving to Boston.

Vivien Shotwell received her second (and hopefully last) master's degree in May and shortly thereafter had a wonderful time performing in Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* in Williamstown with The New Opera. **Richard Giarusso '00** came up for the concert, and they had a lovely visit. Vivien is back in Nova Scotia and will be moving to Alberta for the Calgary Opera's Emerging Artist program.

Tony Ham received his MBA from the University of Chicago and moved to DC to start a job with PricewaterhouseCoopers as a consultant in the Washington federal practice. DC is definitely different from Chicago, but Tony is getting used to it. **Josh Kotin** graduated from George Washington University Law School and is practicing law in DC. In May, Josh visited China and met up with **Debby Chen** in Kashgar and Hotan in the Xinjiang Autonomous Region. Josh and Debby then went back to Shanghai and spent a night on the town with **Marlon Williams**.

Jocelyn Wang graduated from UC Davis School of Law and took the California bar exam. She plans to start at a law firm in San Francisco in January. In the meantime, she's been visiting Ephs around the country before

embarking on a trip to Chile and Argentina. **Karen Thome** and **Anna Renier** are also studying at Davis. Karen's finishing her PhD in agricultural economics, and Anna's starting a veterinary residency. In Boston, Jocelyn met up with **Meghan Bullock**, **Suzanne Mathew**, **Carmel Lyons**, **Joe Lucia** and **Parth Doshi** for some candlepin bowling and cake baking. Meghan's headed to medical school at Boston University, Suzanne's in the final stretch of a dual degree in architecture and landscape architecture at the University of Virginia, and Carmel's pursuing her MBA at the University of Michigan. At Stanford, **Emily Hatch** is working with tadpoles for her PhD in biology.

Samara Poplack is a candidate for a medical degree and an MBA in the dual-degree program at Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University. She was one of 18 students selected to participate in NASA's National Space Biomedical Research Institute's summer internship program at Johnson Space Center in Houston. She is working on a project that seeks to increase the ability to detect dangerous heart conditions. NASA will be using this research to test astronauts for heart conditions that could prove costly during a mission in space.

Jennifer Misyak gave a talk at the annual Cognitive Science Society conference that was held in Amsterdam. She was the 2009 recipient of the David Marr Prize, which was awarded for the research she presented at the conference. The award is considered the top honor among all first-authored student papers submitted to the CogSci Society conference. Jennifer is continuing her work as a doctoral candidate in the psychology department and cognitive science program at Cornell.

Maggie Popkin is living in New Haven and working on her PhD in art history at the Institute of Fine Arts at NYU. She spent two-and-a-half weeks last summer traveling in Germany with **Jae Cody**. Maggie spent the summer working at NYU's excavations in Samothrace, Greece, and in DC, where she had a lovely time hanging out with **Emily Siegel**, who has started her residency there, and **Nicole Theriault**, who came down to visit.

Erica Dwyer completed the fifth year of her MD/PhD program in history and sociology of

science at the University of Pennsylvania. She has at least four years to go. Erica spent the summer in South Africa taking an intensive Zulu language course along with 15 Americans from across the country. They stayed in KwaZulu-Natal, taking eight hours of language class a day, interspersed with cultural activities, including cleaning dirt floors with dung and slaughtering cows. **Alan Cordova '05** was in Philly and arranged a Williams get-together, which included **Rory Kramer**. Erica also met up with **Brigitte Teissedre** for dinner when she was in town and visited Yale to see **Kuda Mutyambizi** graduate from medical school.

Liz Chase is continuing to work on her dissertation and hopes to soon finish her PhD in literature at Emory University. She and **Tad Hodgson**, who has been working for Delta for a few years and enjoying free flights to cities like Amsterdam, had a wonderful time dancing for hours at **Kristin Hunter-Thomson** and **Malin Pinsky's** wedding.

Matt Ellis spent six weeks in Turkey on the tiny Aegean island of Cunda Adasi, participating in an intensive Ottoman Turkish program. He was having a great time exploring the island. Last fall he moved to Istanbul for three months and will continue on to Cairo for six months to do archival research for his dissertation. Matt is in the fourth year of a PhD program in history at Princeton.

During her five months of tropical soil carbon research in Yunnan, China, this spring and summer, **Nina Chaopricha** enjoyed meeting up with **Chris Holmes** in Shangrila, China, and visiting **Ben Scent '06** in Hong Kong. At the end of August, Nina took a road trip from Madison to Boston and back, including visiting **Kristen Wilmer '04**, **Jeremy '98** and **Anne Dwyer Wilmer '01**, **Gianna Marzilli Ericson '04** and Chris again, this time on his own turf at Harvard.

Last spring, **Jon Hatoun** did a pediatric rotation at UCSF. He got to hang out with **Tracy Cheung** and also saw **Hall O'Donnell**. Jon lived across the street from **Lissa Healy '04** for four weeks but didn't find out she was there until his last night in SF. At the hospital, he worked with **Joslyn Nolasco '02**. Jon was back in NYC in September planning a two-month trip to Rwanda to conduct research

projects in the prevention of mother-to-child-transmission of HIV and pediatric nutrition as part of his practicum for his master's in public health.

Monty Silva decided to book a last-minute flight to visit **Joo-Hee Suh**, who is with the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. Joo-Hee gave Monty the 30-minute tour of the city, they took a boat tour around the pristine Lake Lehman, where they visited medieval villages, and they drank espressos and munched on pain au chocolat.

Sumant Bhat writes in that he submitted a report to the Olympic Committee seconding its nomination of Chicago for the 2016 summer games after the city successfully played host to his 10th annual Williams fantasy football league draft. The draft had a record attendance featuring a Wrigley Field rooftop party and many Ephs: **Tim Folan**, **John Fitzgerald**, **Drew Demuth**, **Fulton Breen**, **Dan Healey**, **Augustine Whyte**, **Matt Casey**, **Jay Porcelli**, **Guy Danella**, **Andrew Fuller**, **Andrew Newton '06**, **Chuck Abba '04** and **Michael Crotty '04**.

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First, a few words about reunion from our Class Historian **Maria Lapetina**: "On Friday, June 12 more than 300 members of the Class of 2004 gathered in Williamstown, Mass., to commemorate the five-year anniversary of our graduation, to visit the town so many of us grew to love, to explore the new and changed parts of campus and, most importantly, to visit, laugh, reconnect and remember with fellow classmates. After traveling many miles in eager anticipation, and after moving into Greylock, the Class of 2004 met under our class tent for dinner.

"We eventually wandered to Goodrich to First Fridays, a tradition that our class VP **Adam Grogg** created during our

college tenure. A live band and full dance floor characterized the event in college, and in 2009, First Friday was no different. We hit the dance floor and didn't stop for hours. Despite the passage of five years, the good-looking Class of 2004 looked better than ever. Having practiced at many of our classmates' weddings, our dance moves have improved (and neither the heat nor the sweat stopped us). Like any Friday night in Williamstown, the evening ended back in the dorms with games of Beirut and visits from Constantine carrying many boxes of hot pizza. (Unlike in college, however, we didn't have to worry about security confiscating our Beirut tables.)

"Saturday morning, many alumni visited with professors, grabbed coffee on Spring Street and toured the campus and its new buildings. Later, the class convened promptly at 2 p.m. for a Beirut tournament. Thanks to **Charlie Davidson** and **Drew Newman** for organizing! And thanks to the weather for (almost) cooperating. It was perhaps during this event that we proved our age and the fact that it really has been five years since most of us have played Beirut. Ping-Pong balls flew around the field, and games lasted longer than they once had, but we were back in college for a few delicate moments.

"On Saturday afternoon, a number of classmates hiked the Money Brook Trail in memory of **Bob Quay** and **Pavel Hristov**, the two classmates we have lost since graduation. They stopped at Bob's Bridge, a bridge built by the Outing Club thanks to Bob's leadership. At the bridge, classmates shared memories, thoughts and poems about Bob and Pavel. It was a beautiful memorial to these two strong individuals whose friendship and spirit have forever impacted the Class of 2004 and the Williams community.

"All dressed up and looking sharp, the '04s returned to the (very muddy) tent on Saturday night for our formal event. We heard speeches from our class officials, toasted our achievements, and ate **Katherine (Haklisch) Earnhardt's** delicious truffles. Eventually, we hit the dance floor again. This time, the dance 'floor' was a muddy swamp where members of our class participated in an official 'dance-off.' Constantine

returned bearing gifts, which were consumed in record time. The night was reminiscent of Mount Hope: dinner, dancing, a touch of rain, a lot of mud, the mountains in the background and the Class of 2004, together and happy.

"While five years have indeed passed, while the campus has changed in many ways, and while our classmates are no longer college seniors, the entire weekend felt oddly familiar. The Class of 2004 has always been a group of enthusiastic, creative, devoted individuals. At Williams we used that enthusiasm to win championships, write published theses, plan parties and motivate one another. Now, as young professionals, we have taken that enthusiasm to start exciting careers, to earn graduate degrees, to maintain our Williams friendships and to return to the place where we spent four lovely years.

"Lastly, a huge thank you to the entire reunion committee and co-chairs **Drew Newman**, **Adam Grogg** and **Molly Jennings** for organizing such a wonderful reunion. Because of your efforts, we had record-breaking reunion attendance, we heard all about Caribou from **Tony Bletsis** and we had a fabulous weekend in the Berkshires. Hope to see everyone at the 10th!"

Thanks, Maria, for the reunion recap! Next, updates from our classmates:

Camille Mathieu, **Zan Armstrong**, **Katie Ackerly** and **Beth Grote** welcomed **Emily Kirby** and **Emily Gustafson** to San Francisco last summer. Camille had fun attending **Aaron Magid's** wedding to Sage Briscoe in Baltimore. Thanks to the efforts of best men **Aidan Finley** and **Eric Daub**, neither the bride nor groom were dropped from their lifted chairs during the Horah.

John Haywood is engaged to **Taylor Tyson '06**. John also notes that **Lex Urban** was, as usual, in last place in the Gladden 4 Fantasy Football League.

Nate Winstanley moved to Amsterdam from Paris in August but not before having dinner with **George Adams** and his now-fiancée Sarah while they were traveling around Europe. **Tim Patterson** wrote from Deqin, China, a small town on the Tibetan border, where he was preparing for a week of trekking before leading a semester trip for the educational travel company Where There Be Dragons. The

trip follows the Mekong River from a Himalayan glacier down through Laos to Phnom Penh.

Laura Day and **Andrew Giarolo** tied the knot in Williamstown on Aug. 1. In attendance were **Sean Gillispie**, **Elizabeth Just**, **Cyndi Wong**, **Michelle Cuevas**, **Carly Massey** and **Marcos Sahn**. Many Williams alums from other years attended, too, along with Williams staff Gail Rondeau and Barb Agostini, Brad Wells, Nat Parke, and Kerry Ryer-Parke of the music faculty. The couple lives in Montclair, N.J. Laura continues to work for the Met Opera Guild and plans to complete her MBA at Fordham University in the spring. Rolo started law school at Seton Hall.

Until recently, **Daniel Shearer** and **Jen Lazar** lived in Burlington, Vt., where they worked for a mentoring program called DREAM, pairing college students with children from Vermont's affordable housing communities. A program just opened with Bennington College, and they hope one will be at Williams soon. Last summer Jen moved to Somerville, Mass., for school, and Daniel began working at an environmental media business, Tamarack Media. Daniel is still in Vermont two weeks a month for work and two volunteer shifts at Essex Rescue along with **Ken Brown '05**.

Emily Isaacson moved from Oregon to start a doctoral program in choral conducting at the University of Illinois. She also got engaged to Matt Tzucker and looks forward to all the congratulatory beers people will be offering when they visit her and Matt. **Ally Matteodo** continues to work at the Parents Television Council in LA and recently finished writing a screenplay. She and **Justin Dittrich '03** like to hit up The Woods and the Roosevelt for martinis and mojitos.

Liz Papa married Andrew Simons in Montauk, N.Y., on Aug. 8. In attendance were best man **Rob Sica '03**, **Ali** and **Chuck Abba**, **Marly Briggs**, **Sarah Dickens**, **Sarah Wilson**, **Lindsay Holland**, **Nicole Eisenman**, **Molly Jennings**, **Dan Giardina**, **Bridget McDonough**, **Matt Goethals**, **Amy Geant '03**, **Vern Bond '03**, **Crista Petrelli '05** and **Sean Collins '02**.

Silvero De Silva also got married on Aug. 8, to Kim Kendall, his girlfriend of nine years. In attendance were **Tisha Joseph**

Holmes, Marsha Francis, Caroline Taylor, Christopher Calfee and Zophia Edwards '03. Two weeks earlier he attended Tisha's wedding in Trinidad and had a great time with Marsha, Caroline, Zophia and Melissa Brown.

After four years in DC, Rhianon DeLeeuw moved south to start an MBA program at Duke's Fuqua School of Business, where she will concentrate in social entrepreneurship. Chuck Jakobsche has completed his PhD in organic chemistry at Yale. His continuing research aims to use chemical molecules to direct the human immune system to attack and destroy cancer cells. Alaya Kuntz is in her first year of a PhD program in English with a focus on medieval literature at Arizona State University in Tempe. Jessica Au is completing her physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Janette Funk has received her PhD and started a postdoc in psychology at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

Kathleen Kiernan is looking forward to both her wedding and her graduation from medical school in May. She is excited to get her MD and her Mrs. in the same month. M.J. Prest was quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* criticizing an artist who makes housewares out of vintage clothing he bought from the LA County Museum of Art's archives. It was a major media hit for EthicalStyle.com, the fashion website she runs. This winter she will be on her honeymoon with Corey Lanum after their October wedding.

Macon Thompson, writing from his second year at UVA's Darden School of Business, updated us on a few items from Hoxsey Street. Dan Doyle, Steve Szalkowski and Jon Martin all got married recently. John O'Connor graduated from Columbia Business School in May. Joe McCurdy returned to New York last summer after spending two years in Dublin, Ireland. Romel Wallen still lives in London, and Khari Stephenson plays soccer in Norway for Aalesund FK in the Norwegian Premier League.

Steve Seigel reports from DC: "Since Adam Grogg, Elliot Morrison and Josh Earn lived in Claire Samuel's parents' house this summer, there were many BBQs replete with tons of wine and too many lawyers-to-be." Other Ephs sometimes present

included Jack Nelson '07, Thomas Zimmerman '06, Jon Lovett, Joe Buccina and Sam Gilford. Steve and Joe also play Frisbee with Mike Obieter and other Ephs. The only sad part about playing Frisbee in the nation's capital is the absence of a) nudity; and b) flagrant abuses of public drinking ordinances. Adam celebrated his last first day of law school at what might as well be called Williams Class of 2004-New Haven Campus, where he has good times with Elliot, Josh, Ali Orme, Sophie Hood, Ohm Deshpande and Jamie O'Leary. Scott Grinsell even made a cameo appearance, visiting from NYC. Over Labor Day a group of New Haven Ephs BBQ'd and swam at Jeff Nelson's grandparents' house nearby.

Davy Stevenson visited Sarah Croft from Portland. They ate lots of excellent food and visited the Art Institute of Chicago. Katharine (Haklisch) Earnhardt celebrated the one-year anniversary of her company Purple Cow Truffles this summer. She had a successful year and was featured on the ABC News Now program *Good Money*. Check out www.purplecowtruffles.com.

Ashley Carter moved back from Tahoe and was depressed by rainy New England all summer but made up for it by partying at multiple Williams weddings. She also stopped in NYC to have Thai food with Nicole Eisenman, Cortney Tunis, Fern Senior and Christina Draghi. Ashley visited Cortney in North Adams, where Cortney is the education coordinator at MASS MoCA and keeping a close eye on the progress of the new Purple Pub.

After finishing a PhD in cell and molecular biology at UPenn in October, Gregory Del Prete will be starting a postdoc at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md. Caroline Neisha Taylor won a Commonwealth Scholarship and will begin an MA in performance making at the University of London. She plans to return to Trinidad & Tobago upon completing her degree to continue working in media and performing arts.

Katharine Burgess is living in London, working at an urban design firm and taking a master's course at the London School of Economics. She often sees Williams alums passing through. Any visitors to London should feel free to get in touch.

Caitlin Canty left sustainability

consulting to pursue music and spent time in Idaho last summer hiking and writing songs. Caitlin is singing up and down the East Coast this winter and would love recommendations of venues, house concerts and schools to play. She's working on a fourth album, to be released in 2010.

Melanie Beeck is hoping to teach fifth grade in Australia after finishing her master's of teaching primary. She loves her life in Melbourne, including the Aussie rules football.

Rob Follansbee spent a weekend in August on Cape Cod reenacting reunion with Matt Rade, Kam Shahid and Charlie Davidson. Rob and Charlie dominated Rade and Kam in Beirut, upholding their title as class champs. Kam is living in Minnesota, doing a one-year research fellowship in radiology at the Mayo Clinic prior to residency.

Elaine Denny watched Obama's inauguration in Cape Town, South Africa, with Jim Levinsohn '80 and his policy students. After graduating from Michigan with an MPP in May (and saying goodbye to fantastic housemates Leon Webster and Andrew Henderson '99), Elaine traveled to China—regretfully missing reunion in exchange for intensive language study and crazy experiences traveling under martial law in Xinjiang. Soon she plans to settle a little closer to Eph friends out east.

Cyndi Wong sends a giant congratulations to Marcos Sahn for his engagement to Jenny Mashberg!

Michael Henry moved to Boulder, Colo., for a federal climate policy position at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. In Boulder, he often sees Josh Larson '05. Any '04 visiting the Denver or Boulder area should contact Mike. He'd love to go for a hike or grab a few Colorado microbrews.

After another summer working as a bike mechanic/house painter/general enthusiast Kristin Engelbrecht Bleem is back in India teaching in the Antioch Buddhist Studies Program in Bodhi Gaya.

In July, Devin Fitzgibbons and Beth Potter '05 got married at Sigrid and Gordon McWilliams' '51 home in Williamstown. Liz Hambleton '05, Ben Fleming, Chris Flynn and Zak Haviland were in the wedding party. After

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the celebrations, the couple went to Iceland in search of icebergs, lava beaches, hot springs and relaxation. They found all four. Ben worked for a media law nonprofit last summer and then transferred to NYU Law School. He now resides in an apartment above a falafel shop, fulfilling one of his life's goals.

Shamus Brady had the pleasure of hosting **Lance White** for a couple days and had him build bookshelves at the elementary school where Shamus is an assistant principal. In the fall **Mitchell Baker** spent a month in Kenya, working with an Italian coach before returning to Williams to coach track this winter and spring as he has the last two years. He has hosted many alumni guests, including Shamus, Lance, **Eric Engler** and **Matt Winkler**.

Gianna Marzilli Ericson graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in May with a degree in graphic design. She celebrated at Northeast Heritage Music, playing fiddle music and reminiscing about her love for small New England towns. **Keith Marzilli Ericson** received his master's in economics from Harvard and is now on his way to completing his PhD. Gianna is working at Continuum, a design consultancy in Newton, and was recently joined there by **Betsy Chang '07**.

Last summer **Emily (Clinch) Bryk** and her husband John left Jersey and moved to Brooklyn, where she is teaching science at an all-girls magnet school with a focus on criminal justice.

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In September 2001, we arrived in Williamstown representing 40 states and 23 countries. Aided by my dog-eared freshman-year Facebook, these notes are organized by our roots prior to setting foot on campus. Eighty four people, or 16 percent of our class, contributed this edition. Compare your home state's participation rate to this benchmark!

Washington (3/6, 50 percent): Seattle native **Noah Jaffe's** stayed

close to home. At UW, he's applied to work as a judicial clerk, and he rushed the field after the Huskies toppled mighty USC! ("You saw me on Sportscenter. ... I was the guy wearing purple.") **Kevin Kingman** spent the summer visiting wife **Abigail Wattlely** in Portland, Maine, and they attended **Jason Davis** and **Maryl Gensheimer's** wedding at Maryl's "gorgeous cottage" up in Phippsburg. **Litia Shaw**, "as you may have heard, lives in DC now." She's discovered the best coffee shop in the world (great praise from a Washington native) and went to a party with **Shomik Dutta** attended by Kal Penn. "Shomik took the party to the next level by doing flour LeBron Bombs."

Oregon (2/4, 50 percent): The Beaver State's **Beth Fischer** is at UNC starting a PhD in art history, while **Tim Crawley** "burned through the Middle East" representing the Palestinian Citizens of Israel before returning to law school at UC-Hastings. He also may have gone to a dive bar with **Wes Connors**, Jack Daniels and Jose Cuervo.

Hawaii (1/2, 50 percent): I miss hanging with **Andra Takayesu**, whose med school life is sweet in her home state; "the beach hasn't left, and neither has this grand ol' mountain that we live on." Utah (1/2, 50 percent): Beehive Stater **Zinnia Wilson** took an amazing 14-day canoe trip with **Eric Tietze '03** on the Salmon River before returning to work as a USFS trails technician. Kansas (1/2, 50 percent): **Joyia (Chadwick) Yorgey** resides in Philly and is looking forward to our fifth reunion next June. She and Brent heard Professor Burger ("best math professor ever!") give a talk to the Philadelphia alumni association. Indiana (1/2, 50 percent): Big news from **Adam Shoemaker**: he's engaged to **Elizabeth Van Heuvelen!** Adam proposed on their rooftop deck "as the sun was setting over the Washington Monument and the Capitol. It worked!"

New Hampshire (3/8, 38 percent): I hear murmurs that **Ann Woods** has committed social suicide, as she deleted her profile on Facebook. Don't worry, she has two aliases left. Ann lives with **Sarah Krygowski**, **Amy Wicker** and Amy's dog Jake in Brookline. I met up with Lebanon's **Colin Bruzewicz** in Chicago—more to come—a trip Colin rated "a 5 ... out of 4."

Hanover native **Alexa Holleran's** taking a year off from school and invites anyone to share in adventures, including building a cabin in the Thousand Islands next summer. "If freezing your a** off as you shower in the St. Lawrence river sounds up your alley, get in touch!"

Colorado (2/6, 33 percent): **Addie Robinson** "attended two beautiful weddings this summer" on the coast of Maine—that of **Jason Epstein** and Cecily Lowenthal, and then of **Katie Davisson** and Greg Dahlbeck. Perhaps most important, Addie made it to Wrigley Field (assuredly witnessing a blown save). Congrats to Colorado native **Alicia (Arévalos) McGeer**, who got married July 4 ... in Scotland! She wed Paul McGeer, whom she met junior year in New Zealand. They work in Aberdeen, where Alicia completed her master's in petroleum geology. New Mexico (1/3, 33 percent): Belated news from the Land of Enchantment's **Izzi Stone**: She and **David Seligman** have "been engaged for more than a year but have had trouble sending it into class notes."

Maryland (5/20, 25 percent): Chevy Chase's **Lauren Levien** is engaged! Fiancé Mike has absolutely no connection to Williams and "thinks we're all weird because we love Williams so much." Nice report from **Dicken Counts**: 1) **Jonathan Siff's** wedding to Jennifer Petroski was a blast; 2) Dicken met up with **Mike Graham**, **Chris Bodnar** and **Allycia Jones** at "Fenway South" (Camden Yards); and 3) Dicken was awaiting word from the Navy if he's worthy to fly for them! **Josh Larson** and his boyfriend opened a Thai restaurant that was named "the best new restaurant in Boulder." **Katie Shattuck** visited Russia last summer and took in a Killers concert with her underling at Stanford Business, **J.J. O'Brien**. **Brianna O'Brien** "spent nearly every weekend [last] summer volunteering for leadership camp. ... It's exactly as cool as it sounds."

Rhode Island (1/4, 25 percent): Barrington native **Meg Giuliano's** back at Duke but had a New England summer full of Eph gatherings. Despite loving her new kitten, she's "truly a dog person."

Pennsylvania (6/25, 24 percent): **Joanna Lloyd's** at vet school at Penn; she and her dog Carbon were preparing

to visit kids at the Ronald McDonald house to do dog therapy. Keystone Staters **Scott Pierce** and **Chris Tom** started law school at Widener and Boston University, respectively. Big ups to Williams' Swarthmore crew: **Karen Untereker**, **Charlie Giammattei** and **Lydia (Romano) Barhight** all contributed! Karen's reviving the DC alumni group and had an awesome time at **Betsy Flint's** wedding. Charlie, **Dan Berger**, **Eric Manchester**, **Colin Bruzewicz** and I packed baseball, swimming, kayaking and mini-golf into a beautiful Chicago weekend—"Obviously, the team made sure to stay hydrated throughout the trip." Lydia and **Matt Barhight** got married in Swarthmore in June! Matt's in med school at Drexel, and Lydia's at the University of Delaware for child clinical psych.

California (8/35, 23 percent): "Discovered by the Germans in 1904, they named it San Diego, which of course in German means a whale's..." Um, anyway, San Diegan **Jaris Cole's** still in China but moving to Jiangsu Province to begin a career as a club DJ and emcee. **Dan Krass** spent part of summer in Japan; he spent an 11-hour layover in Honolulu with **Steve Floyd '02**, an ex-colleague at the American School in Switzerland, where Dan works. **Grace Wells'** two kids are both walking—she's started an accelerated nursing program in LA. **Amy Dieckmann** met up with **Abby Wattley** and **Kevin Kingman** for the U2 concert in Boston, enduring two hours of traffic to get there. **Rosemary Kendrick's** one of six Ephs who start Harvard Business last fall. **Alana Whitman's** highlight of the summer was Maryl and Jason's wedding in Maine. She noted that **Mariah Robbins**, **Dave Roth**, **Annie Snodgrass**, **Noah Bell** and **Jen Steinberg** all attended. **Seth Zeren's** studying environmental management at Yale, focusing on urban planning and sustainability, and **Aron Chang's** teaching a graduate design studio at LSU. "Get this: The studio is studying and coming up with urban design strategies for a city called Zachary."

New Jersey (7/31, 23 percent): The Garden State's favorite daughter **Faith Lim** attended **Maggie Gilmore** and **Brian Saar's** wedding. Faith was a bridesmaid and cried at the ceremony. **Emily Bloomenthal**

went to **Karina Davis'** wedding before traveling to Vietnam and Cambodia and moving to Newark! **Hilarie Ashton's** planning her thesis and contemplating PhD programs at NYU. She visited **Noah Bell** in California, where they saw the new Green Day musical. **Karen Vanderbilt** started a master's in graphic design at RISD and saw me on NBC last spring! Tokyo's the destination for **Margit Sande-Kerback**; she's running medical education workshops and looking forward to the best sushi in the world ("If I can afford it"). **Carolyn Dekker** visited **Marcos Gouvea** in Chicago and was regaled with classical wisdom. ("I don't know how to fit all my admiration for him in a sentence!") They sought out the latest issue of *Rosebud*, inside which there's a story by Carolyn that owes its existence "to the mycological yarns of **Jonathan Landsman**." Gladstone native **Chris Eaton's** in Seattle and glad for **Robert Hahn's** return from Asia. They're brewing a black IPA. Chris is also hatching a plan to export the eggs from his new chickens to **Gavin McCormick** in eastern Washington. That is the best use of the word hatching ever.

Massachusetts (15/76, 20 percent): **Betsy Flint** married Anders Engle of Sweden in a beautiful backyard wedding. Bridesmaids included **Ellie Frazier**, **Karen Untereker** and **Barbara Chan**. **Kendra Totman** and **Sarah Meserve** both hail from Boston suburbs, but the ladies are now educators in Aspen! Kendra writes, "It has been wonderful to have a familiar face in the area and to be able to jump back into our friendship just like we were freshmen." **Kurt Brumme's** learning Portuguese and the game of soccer as he's moving to São Paulo to work for a health-care company, while **Julie O'Donnell's** exchanging Boston for Tanzania to work on HIV/AIDS research. Duxbury natives **Ben Cronin** and **Marissa Doran** are in Ann Arbor and DC, respectively. Ben rants regularly to **Phil Smith** on Biddle, Jackson, and the bank war. Marissa's working on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs after a long trip to Africa. **Robert Hahn** received his master's in atmospheric sciences and embarked on a seven-month trip to Asia. Robert "climbed a mountain near Mount Everest, crashed weddings, avoided stalkers, lived on the dirt cheap

in India and ate dog and fried spider." As for **Dan Narva?** "Same job, same apartment. I was on the same airplane as Jim Belushi. ... It wasn't a very funny flight." Springfield native **Gary Lapon** was organizing buses from Western Mass to DC for the National Equality March in October to demand full equality for LGBT people. **Chuck Soha** attended **Roger LaRocca's** wedding in Billsville and "also caught up with Professor Burger at a Gaudino lecture he gave here in DC." You could throw a large blanket over **Chelsea Pollen**, **Aaron Helfand** and **Rachel Berlin**. Chelsea's doing a master's in human development and psychology at Harvard, Aaron lives near Harvard Square and works for an architecture firm on Beacon Hill, and Rachel also lives near Harvard while working through med school apps. **Justin Brown's** making up some cool puzzles as head of the annual PGSPSSHC TG (Princeton Graduate School Puzzle Solving Scavenger Hunt called The Game).

Connecticut (4/23, 17 percent): **Marissa Black's** loving her MD/MPH program at Tulane in New Orleans. "It's not the South, nor is it anything like New England. In fact, some call it the northernmost city of the Caribbean!" My dad and I shared crazy lobster dinners with **Julia Tingley** and her dad at the alumni golf tournament—the old men entertained each other until their early bedtimes. **Hannah Stauffer's** in Baltimore teaching middle school math and coaching soccer: "It rocks." Fellow New Canaanite **Tara Boyd's** started nursing school and now wears a stethoscope at all times. As they say, "Nurses are angels in comfortable shoes."

Illinois (3/18, 17 percent): **Anna Swisher's** at 7,704 feet. Western State College, where she teaches exercise physiology and coaches throwers, is located at the highest elevation of any four-year college in the USA. **Laura Futransky** lives in NYC with **Amanda Niu**, though they escaped to Dewey Beach with **Michelle Flowers**, **Karen Vanderbilt**, **Alice Hensley**, **Sarah Johnson**, **Litia Shaw**, **Laura Kaufman**, **Elena Bonifacio** and **Alexis Chernak** for a 4th of fireworks, crabs, beers and the beach. Laura ended her submission with this: "On a totally random note, but something I am excited about: I was on

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a very turbulent flight and the woman next to me..." The sentence stopped there. Who wants to fill in the blank?! **CJ Bak's** in Africa and hung out with **Daniela Bailey**, who chaperoned a school trip to Tanzania. CJ's e-mail was tagged "Sent from my BlackBerry® smartphone from Zain Tanzania."

New York (12/110, 11 percent): **Christopher Sewell's** excited to be teaching eighth-grade literature in NYC, and **Barry Fulton's** in his third year at the Pennington School in NJ. Barry attended **Karina Davis'** wedding to Kenroy Cayetano: "It was amazing to see the beaming Karina in her beautiful dress." Also married, if you've paid attention, are **Jason Davis** and **Maryl Gensheimer**. They "danced the night away with a number of fellow Ephs ... [and] after the wedding, bounced around Australia for two weeks in search of koalas, emus and kangaroos." **Wendy Stone's** coaching trip to Prague was a success! The U.S. won the Lacrosse World Championship, beating Australia 8-7 in the finals. Guatemala welcomed **Asha Rhodes** for two weeks in the fall; she volunteered to build stoves while doing a Spanish immersion program. **Joanna Leathers** has stayed close to her Manhattan roots—she works in NYC at Citi and traveled to Ireland last summer to check out castles, pubs and golf many a timeless links. **Jonathan Landsman** was planning to play in a bocce tourney Oct. 3 in NYC! ("Team name: Deboccery.") **Phil Enoch's** "slumming it on the mean streets of Cambridge," seeking a PhD in clinical psych at Harvard, and **Lindsey Taylor's** a first year at Tuck Business—"it's like drinking from a firehose." Proud Rochesterian **Danner Hickman's** also at Tuck and notes she, Lindsey, **Annie Snodgrass** and **Jessi England '06** all play hockey there! **Noah Capurso** enjoyed **Beth Landis'** wedding in a greenhouse in Providence ("very cool"), and later in the summer Noah and **Aaron Helfand** urban splunked their way through Holy Land, an abandoned religious-themed amusement park! **Desiree Gonzalez** is off to Miami for a program in accessory design; she's "really excited to go somewhere warm as I'm from NYC." Finkle... Einhorn... Einhorn... Finkle...

International (3/30, 10 percent): **Zophia Edwards** is back at BU for her second year and was

"looking forward to rekindling Williams memories with **Fran-Fredane Fraser**, **Tameka Watler** and **Aquilah Gantt** while turning them into full Bostonians!" **Ashok Pillai**, **Brendan Dougherty '06** and **Mike Silverstein** celebrated the homecoming of **Chris Mishoe** from overseas in Old Orchard Beach, Maine—"beach bumming, Chris' new hickory smoker and pier fries filled an amazing weekend." **Vladimir Andonov** caught up with a bunch of Ephs in NYC and attended the men's semis and final of the U.S. Open. Maine (1/10, 10 percent): The Pine Tree State's **Steve Kelleher** ran smack into **Sara Jablonski '07** and **Lauren Moscoe '07** while climbing Tajumulco in Guatemala! Vermont (1/10, 10 percent): **Laura Cavin** and **Addie Robinson** drove down tunnels of corn and found a lake to go canoeing in Illinois. "Being a duck is good, but I think purple cows have a higher pecking order at the farm," Laura writes.

Virginia (1/11, 9 percent): **Gavin McCormick** misses home—he's working in a government lab in Richland, Wash. "It is a small town. Come visit. Anyone. No, really. Please." This seems to be a good spot to insert an anonymous tip (that's what she said): **Mary Baccash** spent a weekend at Quantico, slept in barracks, crawled through mud and went on long runs. Ohio (1/11, 9 percent): **Matt Resseger** drubbed **Mike Silverstein** in the first week of fantasy, "proving once and for all Eli Manning's a superior quarterback to Tom Brady." Texas (1/12, 8 percent): Congratulations to **Adrian Salinas**, engaged to Lisa Belzer, a postdoc at UT-Southwestern in Dallas. They met at a Hispanic community outreach convention and are planning a 2010 wedding!

You all so impress me with your enthusiastic responses for class notes. Have a wonderful fall and winter, and see you at our fifth reunion in June!

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Here's an "Ephcomplishment" sure to make the Class of 2006 proud: **Blake Albohm** and **Sasha Gsovski** won front-row tickets to a Bruce Springsteen concert.

Just kidding! That's not all. Their sign—"Obama Called, He Wants Rosie"—made it onstage and then backstage; **Rahm Emanuel** was in attendance and had it autographed before delivering it to the Oval Office. Oh, and Bruce played the song: "By executive order, I have to!"

That brings me to my next piece of big news: **Ryan Manalansan** just wrapped up a movie for the Syfy channel. It's called *Mongolian Death Worm*, and his character gets eaten alive. "I was Filipino trying to look Mongolian worm bait, and I'm getting depressed just thinking about it."

By the numbers, this summer was a big one for reunions. **Aaron Pinsky** organized and **Sydney Streets** hosted a Morgan East entry reunion in Brooklyn. Joining the party were **Zack Ulman** and **Galen Glaze** (who honored the crowd by sporting his "going out" slippers) and friends and lovers **Chris Thom**, **Ellie Schmidt**, **Jordan Bate** and **April Champion**. **Lindsay "Dream Theater Convert" Thomas** also made the trek, as did fourth-floor entry mystery and hoops star **Colleen Hession**. (The girls swooned listening to Chris and Colleen tell the story of his recent down-on-one-knee proposal.) The reunion wouldn't have been the same without **Erik Tomberg '04**, who left his cats and horror movies at home. **Andres Schabelman** couldn't make it, but he might as well have, given that he is the only one who remembers Tomberg's art history enemy. Then again, he was barely even in the entry. "Do you mind if I pay as I go?" "Thanks, Schabes! Don't worry. We love you. For serious."

Seth Daniels, **Karl Naden**, **Leah Weintraub**, **Lucy Cox-Chapman**, **Katie Lewkowicz**, **Lisa Lindeke**, **Tomio Ueda** and **Mary Beth Anzovino** reunited in Cleveland of all places, where they visited **Emily Bonem** at her family's home. Mary Beth is still in Madison and is now doing chemical education research at the University of Wisconsin, and Leah teaches middle school in DC. She also saw Tomio, Katie, **Elissa Klein** and **LaVonna Bowen** in Boston in June, **Robin Stewart** at the Cape in August and **Christine Hunt** and her new fiancé in Chapel Hill in September.

Drew Raab, **Todd Shayler**, **Brian Lowe**, **John Symanski**, **George Rodriguez**, **Nick Maselli**, **Jamie**

Kingsbery and **Sean Clifford** '05 arrived at Buzzard's Bay for their second annual boys' reunion. Drew is a clinical psychology grad student at the University of Hawaii; John has started rotations at the Medical College of Wisconsin; George completed a master's in athletic administration, moved to "Dirty Jersey" with his new fiancée and has begun a job as the assistant director of athletics at Drew University; and Nick is in his second year of med school at UMass.

Beth Ann Barnosky finished grad school in May and started working as a school psychologist in September. She lives in the South End with her boyfriend and was reunited with **Kate Sauerhoff**, **Meaghan Rathvon**, **Emily Vargyas** and **Phoebe Fischer-Groban** in July. (That's 5/6 of Poker E—so close!) Meaghan and **Kristin Moss** helped Beth Ann and **Erin Wagner** celebrated their birthdays on the Cape over Labor Day weekend.

Katie Krause finished her master's at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; she decided to prolong her stay and is working at Johnson & Johnson but took a quick trip home to Boston and met up with Meaghan, Kristin, Beth Ann, Erin, **Tiffany Chao** and **Sammy Sawan**.

Adam Bloch smartly pointed out that I'm not one to tell the difference between what's true and what's not, so here we go again: "I spent the summer and fall working as a journalist in a dusty town out West. One day an up-and-coming political figure whose career got started after he brought an infamous outlaw to justice many years ago arrived in town for the funeral of some old-timer. It turned out that the old-timer had actually been the one to get the outlaw, and the politico's breakthrough moment was built on a lie. I was all set to print a big story when my editor gave me some sage advice: 'When the legend becomes fact, print the legend.'"

Happy days are here to stay: **Reed Harrison** and **Annie Denison** (now Harrison) were married on Aug. 1! **Laura Kolesar** and **Alex Chan** were bridesmaids, and 15 other Williams alums joined them for the special day.

Elizabeth Adams just started law school at UCLA, and she's engaged! She met her fiancé Daniel at the SMALL math

summer research program at Williams.

Robin Stewart is bucking the trend; he isn't engaged, he wants us to know, but he did fly with his "fake fiancée," a Bowdoin alum, to Sausalito to visit **Clara Hard**, who was working on sailboat there. A fake wedding may be in the works. Meanwhile, Clara started a master's in marine affairs at the University of Washington.

Surekha Gajria followed her adviser to Berkeley to finish her PhD in chemistry. She was sad to leave beautiful Santa Barbara but is happy to do "the Northern California thing" for a while and hopes to meet up with nearby Ephs.

Kathryn Fromson interned at the California Academy of Sciences over the summer; she gave **Robin Kim** a tour and ran into **Liz Gress** on the bus. Now she's back in Seattle to finish up her master's.

Maggie Carr is in year four of her neuroscience PhD program at UCSE. She spends a lot of time in front of her computer but is also perfecting her headstand (because in Cali "it's pretty much required to get into yoga") and exploring the outdoors whenever possible. Over the summer she drank sangria with **Heather Casteel** and picnicked with **Katie Belshe**. In August co-JA **Creston Herold** and his wife Carrie visited her in Virginia (she was staying with her boyfriend's family). They spent a lovely afternoon playing croquet and catching up.

Katie returned to Israel for her second year of teaching at the American International School in Even Yehuda. She lives in Hod Hasharon, "a beautiful little city," and her Hebrew is improving—thanks, Israeli *Survivor!* While home over the summer she not only picnicked with Maggie but also met up with Heather and **James Ritterpusch** '08 for a drink or two or three.

After a whirlwind tour of Europe, **Jonathan Dowse** is in his first urban design studio (he's doing a dual master's in urban design and architecture) at WashU.

Joe Shoer spent the summer meeting his childhood heroes and working on a new lunar rover concept at NASA's Johnson Space Center. In August his Cornell research group joined him and they flew their experiments on a microgravity

aircraft—the "Vomit Comet."

"I'm typing this from the library, a place I wasn't too familiar with at Williams." That's what **Ilya Feldsherov** had to say; he just started law school at Michigan, and, "It's nice to be in a small town again." He ran into **LL Sarah Steege**. **Phoebe Fischer-Groban** is a 2L, and there are other Ephs from different years making a home in Ann Arbor, too.

Mary Catherine Blanton is at Harvard for law school after a very cool trip to Iceland. She sees **Heather Casteel** around campus and **Meredith Sanger-Katz** elsewhere in Boston. (Last I heard, former roommate **Kim Fassler** was settling into Nanjing for a year abroad.)

Emily Casden's annual birthday shindig in Central Park was rained out so she, **Jeanne Lehmann**, **Jesse Schenendorf**, **Jeremy Wertzler** and **Lauren Estevez** '08 took a trip to the Museum of Sex. Dinnertime conversation was a tad unusual—they thrilled **Jon Russell**, **Melissa Paige** and **Paul Lindemann** with interesting facts about dolphins and their blowholes.

Emily is still an art history grad student at Hunter College. Over the summer she got a small travel grant to do research for her thesis; she wound up in LA and slept on **Erin Chong's** couch. A few weeks later she was in Williamstown, where she met up with prof **Alexandra Garbarini** '94, played golf with dad **Richard** '71, had dinner at Spice Root and an ice cream cone at Lickety Split, then set out for Carlisle, Mass., for an end-of-summer BBQ at **Aaron Pinsky's** with **Ellie Schmidt**, **Justin Lawden**, **Andrea Burke**, **Gillian Sowden** and **Elizabeth Doran**.

Phil Foxworthy is at Wharton on a full ride; he's looking forward to playing rugby with the Wharthogs and has enjoyed reconnecting with Williams folks such as **Mary Baccash** '05 and **Raj Bhatia** '03 during nights out in Philadelphia.

By the way, that's where you'll find me: I left DC to help open a school in West Philly. It's a KIPP school, so my fifth-graders aren't exactly maxin' relaxin' all cool. Still, a lucky few are now Williams students—our homerooms are named for our alma maters. Occasionally I'll open my door and hear them chanting "Go Ephs!" in another teacher's

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classroom. They're awesome, and it warms my heart.

Elissa Klein has a new job, a new apartment and new roommates (they used to live with **Jen Campbell '05**). She works for Citizen Schools and every Monday night cooks with **Katie Lewkowicz**, who teaches at a no-excuses charter school in East Boston that was founded by an Amherst grad. Katie managed to infiltrate their alumni mag; a picture of her appeared alongside a recent story about the school.

At long last **Marcus Duyzend** has notified us of his whereabouts: After finishing his Herchel Smith scholarship at Cambridge last summer, he traveled to Mongolia and Korea with his brother before accepting a job at Microsoft in London last winter. He's working on popularizing Bing, Microsoft's new search engine, in Europe.

Anna Gunning finally moved from Oxford to London in August, meaning that three years of commuting to and from work are now (thankfully) over. In October she manned the Williams booth at the USA College Day fair in London and spent the day trying to figure out how to explain the difference between an A-level and an AP course to confused British high school students.

Liz Woodwick migrated west from Manhattan to Minneapolis in June and is still getting used to big shopping carts and strangers who are friendly. She spent the summer practicing for the state fair baking competition and has reacquired her Minnesota accent.

Megan O'Malley is now working at mktg, an experiential marketing agency in NYC. She relocated to the Upper West Side and celebrated her birthday at the Frying Pan with **Zach Weisser**, **Jordan Bate**, **Galen Glaze**, **Marilyn Gomez** and **Cecilia de la Campa** in August.

Alaska native **Dylan Watts** skis year round (and has put enough moose meat away to last the winter). He talks to **Elise Leduc**, who is doing a master's at Duke in environmental management, fairly regularly "thanks to recent advancements in telecommunications technology."

Speaking of which, **Rachel Winch** is pretty much out of commission. After a week on the farm helping **Michael Gallagher** catch runaway rams and drive

55 cattle through the streets of Huntington, Vt., she embarked on a Pilgrimage for Peace in the fall. She planned to walk over a thousand miles across New England. (Who knew that was possible?)

Fellow wanderers **Don Mitchell '06** and **Abby McBride '06** have returned from a five-month series of ornithology research positions in the Galapagos and continental Ecuador. Now **Don** and **Dave Senft '07**, **Auyon Mukharji '07**, **Sam Kapala '09** and **Harris Pasetliner '09** are playing in the band **Darlingside**. They spent the fall "practicing like crazy" and planned to make their big debut in December.

Vickie Fernandez and **Steve Rahl '05** won't be back for a while: They quit their jobs in June and are backpacking through Asia. At the time of this writing they were in China "trying different cuisines, hiking an unrestored section of the Great Wall and meeting interesting travelers along the way." Can't wait to hear what's next!

2007

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As you may remember, we planned a last-minute, small-scale reunion at Automatic Slims in NYC. It was a legitimate hit. Though the lights were dim, a sharp eye might have spotted **Alex Hogan**, **Alex Van Poznak**, **Alexis Knepp**, **Alison Davies**, **Brett Moody**, **Chris Ellis-Ferrera**, **Emily Gladden**, **Etze Burch**, **Helena Harnik**, **Katie Cail**, **Katie Fleming**, **Larry Dworkin**, **Laura McCarthy**, **Lexi Augustine**, **Liz Lee**, **Mike Greenberg**, **Nick Yukich**, **Sarah Jenks**, **Skip McManmon**, **Steph Wai** and **Will Curtiss** (et al., but we weren't exactly taking notes). Stayed tuned for more of those!

Over drinks and loud music, Sarah reported that "the First Forties crew gathered in DC in early September for a weekend of large traditional beverages, Saran Wrap and catching up." Sarah, a full-time nutrition consultant, drove down with **Arjun Chandar** and **Steph Wai** (in nonprofit financing at J.P. Morgan). Running through the "crew": **Noah Bonsey** is back from Syria; **Walden Maurissaint** is off to teach English in China;

Dana Leary started at American University Washington College of Law; and **Amanda Boote**, who celebrated her recent engagement in NYC, started year two at Georgetown Law. They poured one out for **Stephanie Dockery**, in Singapore writing her thesis for Sotheby's master's in art business program; **Ann Levin**, a chef in Berkeley, Calif.; and **Chris Kim**, third-year law student at Washington University. **Caitlin Hanley**, back from Cambridge, England, joins the DC crew soon to start a job in health-care consulting.

We propped up our hopes that **Dave Brown** would show with stray cocktail straws, but the straws were as slim as the odds—he was, after all, in Lesotho doing AIDS prevention work. (Read more at annaanddaveinafrica.blogspot.com.) **Baafour Otu-Boateng** finished the two-year analyst program at UBS last summer and moved home to Ghana to work for TechnoServe, a nonprofit focused on economic development. **Alex Hogan** and **Colleen Gerrity** spent their "last school-free summer living in Burlington, Vt., barbecuing, brewery-hopping and enjoying some much needed R&R" after their first years of medical school (at Mount Sinai and UVM, respectively).

Brett Marinelli's "just grinding it out in Boston," working in a lab and taking Harvard extension classes in preparation for med-school applications, though the recent unearthing of the Staffordshire Hoard has him dreaming of buried treasure. **Etze Burch**, **Jake Randall** and **Greg Schultz '08** joined him for a spell on Nantucket as "a sort of last hurrah before Etze's departure to med school at Columbia." **Abby Taylor's** in town taking pre-med classes a UMass-Boston, and **Alan Rodrigues** has begun a PhD in molecular and cell biology at Harvard, where **Katie Baldiga** has finished coursework and passed qualifying exams for her econ PhD. **Annie Smith**, with fiancé **John Selden '06**, left her one-room, one-window NYC studio and a job catering to the random whims of rich people for a 2.5-room, seven-window apartment in Cambridge and her first year at Harvard Law. There are at least four other former Combo Za members in the area (besides those two), and they have "made a pact to

scrupulously avoid each other.”

Maggie Miller is in Cambridge working on a master’s in elementary education at Lesley University and teaching fourth grade at Buckingham Browne & Nichols. **Morgan Cronin** moved to town from Madrid last summer for the Harvard Career Discovery Program in Architecture, where she was in the same 12-person architecture group as **Eric Ballon-Landa** ’08. She packed sundresses and flip flops, thinking that “summer” meant what it usually does and not what it meant this year in Boston (i.e., “not summer”). When she had a moment, she kicked back with **Karen Olson**, **Meghan O’Malley** and **Meghan Stetson**. Between the program and her return to Spain for an internship, Morgan filled the time dining with “the elusive **Magali Rowan**” in the SF Bay Area.

Helen Selonick, **Rachel Jordan** and **Liz Spragins** embarked on a culinary tour of Williamstown, including Hot Tomatoes, but—alas!—no Wild Forest Cookies. Helen is in her second year of med school.

In more sobering but relieving news, it appears that **Ben Grass** is our first classmate to both get and beat cancer. He was diagnosed in January during his first year at Dartmouth med school. “After some pretty nasty stuff, I’m doing fine,” he wrote. Now he’s back riding and racing bicycles for Dartmouth. He had to take medical leave, so in November he was to rejoin this year’s first-year class, which includes **Anna Condino**. Before **Laura Wagner** flew off to grad school in California, she and **Katie Fleming** spent a beautiful summer day hanging out with Ben in Hanover. **Katie and Will Curtiss** moved to **Elizabeth Pierce’s** slice of the Big Apple. Elizabeth received her degree in earth and environmental science from Columbia and continues on for a PhD—“So far it has been a lot of fun.”

On Labor Day, **Katie and Will** reunited with **Skip McManmon** and **Charles Howard** for a “laughter-filled brunch that stretched well into the afternoon.” After finishing his Fulbright in Italy, Charles “kissed la dolce vita goodbye, shed some salty tears over one last plate of ravioli di zucca, hopped a flight to the States,” then “moved to the Big Apple, sharpened [his] pencils and

started the PhD program in art history at NYU’s Institute of Fine Arts,” a class year behind **Katie Josephson**. **Katie** helped organize the big Georgia O’Keeffe retrospective at the Whitney and rode a travel grant to Amsterdam, Berlin and Vienna. She was unable to attend (in deference to class-work) a lakeside meeting of the minds of **Dan Wollin**, **Eugenie Du**, **David Senft**, **Whitney Hunter-Thompson**, **Andy St. Louis** ’09 and me.

At the beginning of the summer, **David** visited **Daniel Yudkin** ’08 in Paris with **Dan** and **Eugenie**, hung out with **Lindsey Wu** and **Jen Bees** ’08 in Munich and climbed Volcán Concepción in Nicaragua with me and **Jonathan Earle** ’09 before moving into a house on the Connecticut River in Hadley, Mass., with **Abby**, **Don**, **Auyon Mukharji**, **Harris Pasetliner** ’09 and **Sam Kapala** ’09. The boys in the house comprise the freshly reminted string-rock quintet Darlingside. (Sign up for their mailing list at darlingside.com.) They’re “hoping to tour locally in January, Boston/NYC in the following months, followed by stadiums and then Japan.”

Whitney took some time off to travel back to Kliptown, the township in Soweto, South Africa, where she worked last year. Since then “they gained

Nicholas Antoniou and **Sara Echenique**, each somewhere in the crowd of 110,000-plus crazy fans. That evening, **Ananda Burra** showed **Nick** and **Chris** a night out at UMich.

Before **Ananda** arrived on campus to start a PhD in history, **Ronit Bhattacharyya** and **Kashif Akhtar** welcomed him back to the States in NYC. **Ananda** and **Dan Aiello** hung out there with **Devin Schweppe**, **Jenny Chen**, **Carolyn Skudder** and **Branden Mirach** during **Dan’s** “all-too-brief summer break” from work on his master’s in public policy and management at Carnegie Mellon. **Ronit** went to a New York Philharmonic performance in Central Park with **Joe Shippee** and **Andy Goldston** ’08 and then to a **Joe Shippee** performance of Chopin and Beethoven solo piano works at the Bechstein Center, where he spotted **Jessica Chung**.

Dan Binder embarked on a roundabout road trip from Colorado through LA, San Francisco (where **Matt Kane** resettled) and Calgary en route to a summer in New England. He also visited **Matt O’Donnell** in Iwaki, Japan, where **Matt** is teaching English. Now **Dan** is “starting up work again and stressing out over law school applications.” **Mike Fairhurst** also executed a mammoth road trip from Tallahassee to Berkeley

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In September **Jennifer Sleeper** ’07 was named Donald Duck’s official portrait artist by the Walt Disney Co. in Anaheim, Calif. Her portrait of Donald now resides in the Walt Disney archives, and she received a “Duckster”—a trophy shaped like Donald—which was created by **Walt Disney** and is given to people who have contributed significantly to the character of Donald Duck. **Sleeper** is a pricing analyst at **Walt Disney**.

three new buildings, a library, a full food program and 150 more laptops from the One Laptop Per Child program. It’s amazing what some people accomplish in a year!”

Chris Furlong spent a week in Wyoming touring Yellowstone and the Tetons; conquered a 220-mile relay race with **Bill Ference**, **Colin Carroll**, **Mike Davitian**, **Grant Burgess** ’08 and **Brendan Christian** ’09; and then visited **Laura Ellison** with **Grant**, **Sean Hyland**, **Andy Stevenson** and **Katie Howard** in Ann Arbor. While in town, he went to the Michigan-Notre Dame game and somehow found both

Law School after “a recuperative summer full of cycling and cooking.”

After two years “surviving in the epicenter of the financial meltdown,” **Daumantas Mockus** took some time off to go for a bike ride, cruising “along the West Coast, then around the Great Lakes and south along the East Coast”—3,785 miles in total. He and a friend slept in tents, cooked their own food and carried all their belongings. They checked in with **Upton Au** and **Olivia He** on their way through Boston and added **Mike Gillmor** to the petit peloton for the ride to DC. **Daumantas** writes, “The

trip helped me remember that people are generally good and generous—a fact of life I was beginning to forget.”

Since moving back to the States from Spain, **Juliet Markis** has been a substance abuse treatment/prevention case manager for at-risk youth. She’s “had quite a few ’07 visitors—notably **Jennie Levitt**, **Jennyfer Machuca** and **Katy Wilks**.” Jennie has begun reinventing the Aspen culinary scene, having started **CHOWbella**, a catering business specializing in Italian cuisine (with a focus on artisanal flat-bread pizzas) and the first stage of a planned empire (“bootleg burritos” are next). **Krystle Barhaghi** and **Trish O’Reilly** were able to stop by and inspect the new operation.

Whilst backpacking in the Rockies with **Mate Klein** ’06 and **Kashif Akhtar** ’06, **Jonathan Horn** made great discoveries: When you “put food stock in a Bear Stearns bag, not even the bears will touch it,” and, “When attempting to purify water with an iPhone ... there is not in fact an app for that.” Jonathan started work on a PhD in clinical psychology at Adelphi University.

Now spending “more time than ever poking at monkey brains,” **Elizabeth Atkinson** has begun year two of a PhD in evolutionary biology in St. Louis. She met up with **Julia Ramsey**, **Anna Edmonds**, et al., in Bogotá for two weeks of South American shenanigans. “Highlights: paragliding, mud volcanoes, beaches, caipirinhas, not getting kidnapped. Downside: giardia”—“you can’t win ’em all I suppose.”

After finishing two years at Morgan Stanley, **Lindsay Ting** spent a few weeks in the Greek Islands with **Megan Bruck** and then moved back to Boston to take a job with a Back Bay private equity firm. After Greece, Megan flew to Peru, where **Natalia Rey De Castro** ’09 gave her a personal tour of Lima. Megan started a PhD in planetary geoscience at Brown. She’s spotted **Diana Davis** running around campus, figuratively and literally—Diana is the new president of the Brown Running Club and plans “to instigate a vibrant running community.” She started by running a 100-mile relay race. Megan and Diana both report spotting **Allison Smith** on campus, but rumors of **Joanna Korman** and **Emily Button** remain unsubstantiated.

Jen Menzies helped **Angela Doyle** paint a wall orange in her new apartment in Baltimore after she moved there from Mississippi to teach math at the Park School. **Laura Lee** stopped by to evaluate their work on a tour around the mid-Atlantic states.

“After a year and a half of fighting illegal yurts and backyard chickens” in Vermont, **Justin Bates** spent a month tearing down fences in Chilean Patagonia with **Mack Brickley** ’08 and **Jon Stone** ’08, part of the effort to convert a old sheep ranch into a national park—“hard work ... absolutely gorgeous scenery.” Get this: the trip from Santiago to the site takes a 12-hour bus ride, a one-hour flight, a 7.5-hour bus ride, then an additional hour in a jeep. Subsequently, he and **Noah Smith-Drelich** spent three weeks in Tanzania enjoying the Swahili fluency and “impeccable wit” of **Matt Summers** (Peace Corps). Ever heard of Zanzibar? These guys went there—on a tiny plane “straight out of Indiana Jones.” Justin returned for an AmeriCorps position in Portland, Ore., an “incredible” city (“like Vermont, only with younger hippies and bigger mountains”), but lacking in Ephs. “See what you can do about that, all right?”

The closest clan to Portland I’m aware of is the Satori Group (**Alex Matthews**, **Spike Friedman**, **Andrew Lazarow**, **Caitlin Sullivan**, **Greta Wilson**, et al.) in Seattle. “Owning a theater company hasn’t been easy, but we’re actually doing it! And we’re somewhat successful,” writes Alex. They recently won the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs smART Ventures Award, and the *Seattle Times* wrote of their debut production: “If this is what they’re capable of, they’re very welcome to hang around.” Alex gives a “big shout out to Williams College. We could not have done this professionally were it not for the brand-new theater building they built for us.” **Julian Mesri** ’09 and **Quinn Franzen** ’09 join them for the new season. (Check satori-group.com for more info.)

“Hopefully I don’t get deported!” cries **Dominique Mack** from Rio de Janeiro, where she’s not supposed to be teaching English to Brazilian businesspeople. She had until **Alyssa Mack** visited for Thanksgiving to figure out how to make cranberry sauce with açai berries. Out

in western Guatemala, **Lauren Moscoe** and **Sara Jablonski** were climbing Volcán Tajumulco, the highest peak in Central America, when they walked by **Steve Kelleher** ’05. Lauren and Sara finished their Peace Corps service in November. **Daniel McKenna-Foster** went to Mongolia in search of “the real tomb of Ephraim Williams,” but no luck yet. Onward to Russia, “where the juicy stories will be.”

If anyone wants to visit Oslo (“one of the most expensive cities in the world”), **Jack Nelson** “will gladly greet them with open arms, [his] student discount card and an air mattress on the floor of [his] tiny, one-room apartment.” He subsists on a “diet of bread and brown goat cheese” in order to study environmental ethics and politics in the welfare state. Jack is at the University of Oslo on a Fulbright.

Jess (Phillips) Silverstein just started her “first real job, teaching ninth-grade English and theater at a small high school in Queens.” One of her students from student teaching, **Diana Rolden** ’13, is newly arrived on campus and is “loving it” (much to Jess’ relief “after telling her constantly how awesome Williams is”). **Liz Spragins** continues in her second graduate year at UPenn and is teaching elementary Spanish to “bright-eyed and bushy-tailed young freshmen.”

People who have contributed significantly to the character of Donald Duck are given the Duckster, a Donald-shaped trophy designed by Walt Disney himself. **Jan Sleeper**, as Donald’s new official portrait artist, is now the proud recipient of one. She won a nationwide competition for the accolade and received the prize wearing Williams flip-flops.

Taya Latham got engaged in June and is planning a wedding in Ireland, because she and fiancé John “love Guinness” and “have been desperately wanting to go there for years.” Sláinte agus táinte!

2008

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By the time you read this it will be December, but I hope these summer stories from your fellow classmates will warm you

up and give you a brief reprieve from the winter weather.

It was a bit of an adventure-some summer of Eph-hopping for **Jesse Levitt**. Confounded by the question of what teachers should do during the summer, he did his best to fill these months. He flew to Germany to visit **Dae Selcer '10** and become learned in the language of Deutsch. While there, he stopped by England to meet up with **Sarah Fink** and experienced a country tea time outside of Cambridge, which was "quite civil." Back in the States he spent his final month of summer touring the Northeast, driving through every state between Maine and Virginia and stopping along the way to attend a wedding with **Annie Ferguson**.

Back in the Berkshires, **Alex Brooks, Erin Brown, Emily Siegel, Ana Beatriz Sani, Charlotte Van Wagenen, Jessie Freeman, Sarah Needham, Katherine Krieg, Sarah Wendall, Kim Shampain and Liz Pierce** made a trip to Ye Olde Forge for Emily's birthday in July, and they all celebrated their liberty from their beer cards by ordering the beers they actually wanted to drink rather than the ones they hadn't yet tried. **Sunmi Yang** attended a birthday dinner in the spring at the Pour House with **Becca Gifford, Charlotte White, David Rogawski** (visiting from New Zealand), **Anna Weber, Zach Thomas, Adam Banasiak, Bevin Blaber, Mac Walton, Becca Gifford, Haydee Lindo and Sebastian Shterental**. She and Anna continue to host many guests at their lovely Brighton apartment, including **Erika Williams** (visiting from Costa Rica) and **Karen Markman**, making them feel almost as though they never left Williams at all. Sometimes Sunmi treks up to Stoneham to visit **Jodi Gajadar** and enjoy their customary movie-and-Chinese-takeout nights. In August, I got to spend a fun and relaxing weekend on the Vineyard with **Eve Woodin, Taryn Pritchard, Corey Beverly, Liz Hirschhorn, Jen Bees, Matt Allen, Marina Harnik and Aaron Mieszcanski**. Highlights of the weekend include wine on the beach at sunset, Taryn and Jen dominating in our three-legged races, intense games of Scattergories and Boggle, morning swims in the lake and plenty of good food and good company.

Rose Thaisrivongs spent her summer taking a break from work and had a really amazing

time hiking, white-water rafting and mountain biking at and around the Grand Canyon. She started her first year at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. **Katherine Huang** traveled to Stavanger, Norway, last summer for a beautiful Norwegian-Indian wedding and has spent the past year at J.P. Morgan in New York, where they are working on an effort to bring more Ephs to wealth management, along with **Mike Biblowit, Adam Kollender '05** and several other loyal alums. She also planned to take a trip to Taipei and Hong Kong in December and hoped to see some Ephs in East Asia!

In June, after finishing teaching at the American School in London, **Alessandra LaFiandra** and **Jen Bees** met up with **Dave Senft '07** in Munich, Germany, where they got a taste of the local scene with a fine lederhosen-clad Münchner. In August, Alessandra enjoyed reconnecting with **Allison Seyferth** and **Caroline Goodbody** over a lobster dinner on Cape Cod, where they also spent a beautiful day with **Rachel Allen** on her sailboat in Woods Hole. Allison recently joined the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee's Democratic staff, where she is managing the front office.

At the end of the summer, **Edmund Rucci** went to Amsterdam, Barcelona and London with friends from work, including **Dixon Hargrove**. In London they played in the Bain World Cup, where the Boston team, including Edmund, Dixon and **Katherine Krieg**, lost in the semis to Madrid, while the West Coast team, including **Phil Carter**, lost in the finals to Madrid. Sounds like Madrid has a pretty solid team.

Matthew Simonson spent the summer working as a counselor at Seeds of Peace International Camp in Maine, where he taught baseball and lived in a bunk with teenagers from conflict regions including Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. In the fall he moved back to his hometown of DC, where he is teaching math to students with dyslexia and other learning difficulties at the Siena School in Silver Spring, Md. **Erin Brown** moved to DC to take a position in the development department of Pact Inc., an international nonprofit. She may be traveling to Africa or Asia to work on various proposals.

In DC, Erin sees **Remington Shepard, Rob Streicker '07, Sayd Randle** (who was back from Cambridge for the summer) and **Hillary Batchelder**, and she looks forward to spending more time with the newly revitalized Williams Young Alumni Association, which has been jump started by **Drew Newman '04**. Erin has also been spending time in Chicago visiting **Constantine Mavroudis**, who is in his second year of medical school at Loyola University. While in Chicago, she loves seeing **Katie Quinn**.

After working for a year in Governor Schwarzenegger's office at the California State Capitol in Sacramento, **Trevor Newman** has moved on to his first year at Pepperdine Law School in Malibu, Calif. This past summer, **Chris Shalvoy** worked for the Hon. Robert E. Littlefield, chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Albany, N.Y. He is now in his second year at Northwestern University School of Law.

In August, **Michael Reynolds** spent a week in the San Francisco Bay Area with **Lily Li**, including a trip up to the wine country of Napa and Sonoma valleys. While in San Francisco, they met up with **Jenny Ying**, who in her second year in Stanford's economics graduate program, and **Gabriel Salinas**, who is working at Yahoo in global sales.

Whitney Livermore and **Eric Ballon-Landa** moved into an apartment together in San Francisco and were enjoying a Labor Day weekend picnic with **Matt Gustafson** and **Morgan Cronin '07** in Alamo Square when **Elizabeth Kohout** walked by! And **Ted Wiles** joined **Nick Greer** (and three of Nick's high school friends) in their San Francisco apartment. Ted worked at the Federal Reserve in Philadelphia but is now starting a hedge fund called L4 Capital and has already secured money from a few angel investors. Nick is working at an online ad-serving technology company called Adify.

After living in Beijing and Hong Kong, **Scot Beattie** and **Susan Foster** moved to NYC. They're finding it difficult to eat pizza with chopsticks but enjoy exploring the city with **Ryan Karolak, Tom Sargeantson, John Snipes, Tara Vohra** and **Eric Zaccarelli**. And after spending a year of doing temp work,

playing in bands, sleeping on couches and avoiding real life in general, **Thomas Miller** decided to get out of the DC area and move to the Big Apple. He's sharing an apartment with **Bill Bensen** in Brooklyn.

Kim Dacres moved from the Bronx to Harlem and has started her second year of teaching in the Bronx. The highlight of her summer was visiting **Elisa Sequiera** and **Fatima Sammy** in Boston for an alcohol connoisseur tasting. Kim is in the city with **Taryn Goodman** and **Jess Beck** with the NYC Village Lions. She says she's "missing Williamstown simplicity and college life prices."

Timothy Geoffrion is at J.P. Morgan in leveraged finance. He is on the same floor as many other Ephs, including **Christine Marshall**, **Bucky Marshall '09**, **Steve Lunau '07** and **Kevin Child '05**. **Halley Smith** entered her second year of post-baccalaureate at Columbia University and her second year of employment as the Ludwig Research Fellow for the Women's Sports Medicine Center at the Hospital for Special Surgery, where the doctors treat the Knicks and the Liberty, among others, so she sees them fairly frequently. The highlight of her summer was welcoming a new nephew into the world on Aug. 25. And she assures us that they already have him dutifully wearing lots of gold and purple.

Eugene Korsunskiy is living in Chapel Hill with **Kate Nolfi**, who's getting her PhD in philosophy at UNC, and **Laura Walls**, who's at UNC's School of Public Health for nutrition. Eugene is coaching the YMCA swim team while applying to grad programs in industrial design for next fall. He has also been getting into triathlons and managed to do four over the summer, crossing the finish line in one piece each time. Additionally, he is spending some time making little drawings and has a couple of local coffee shop exhibitions lined up. He sold two pieces already!

After a great year in DC, **Whitney Leonard** took time off to relax and travel, including an incredible trip to visit **Kendell Newman** in Morocco. She and **Kim Taylor** moved to Bozeman, Mont., and they are loving it. Whitney's spending the fall and winter doing wildlife advocacy work for the Natural Resources Defense Council, while hopefully spending as much time as

possible in the mountains.

In North Adams, **Sean Hayes** recently launched 8-bitadventures.com, a site for his web comics 8-bit and 8-bit Williams. And moving back to the Purple Valley, **Dan Greenberg** has taken the position of head coach of the Williams tennis team.

Charles Christianson is ski racing this year after suffering a knee injury that cut last season short. His goal is to place high enough in the national circuit this season to earn a spot on the World Cup the following year. My goal for this season is to make it down a blue square without falling—sounds like we're pretty much on the same level.

After arriving back in the U.S. from an extended trip abroad studying Chinese, **Andrew Wang** spent about half a year working as a freelance LSAT tutor. He moved to Cambridge, Mass., at the end of August and began first year of law school at Harvard. **Gordon Crabtree** is working at the Joslin Diabetes Center, where he is now the study coordinator for the kidney study, and he's living with **Charlie Upton** and **Ben Echols '07**. **Greg Schultz** moved to Boston's North End to live with **David Eisen** '07 and **Jake Randall '07** where ceramic cows and alumni beer glasses are a-plenty. He is hoping that **Jeff Lyon**, his former roommate who recently moved to Allston, will return his football.

Laura Specker is an East West Center fellow at University of Hawaii-Manoa, getting her master's in comparative philosophy. She'll probably be there for the next two years, and she's already met a couple of older Williams alums who are living in Honolulu. **Daniel Yudkin** is back in Paris and met up with **Darcy Montevaldo** and **Jae Boggess** for drinks. He is working on getting together a piano jazz trio to perform at restaurants and bars in the city. **Xiang He** is busy exploring Salamanca, Spain, while **Sean McKenzie** continues to do his part to help keep his beloved city of Eugene, Ore., weird.

Jarrad Wood spent most of the summer training the new group of education Peace Corps volunteers in Guinea. He also met up with **Sesh Sundararaman** in The Gambia for a week. He had a great summer and is looking forward to his next/last year teaching chemistry there. **Chris Beeler** is still in Peace Corps

Ecuador. Right now he's doing a lot of teaching in the schools and shooting his host brother with a toy rocket he got him for his birthday.

Alex Wentworth-Ping is living in the middle of nowhere with barely any electricity, limited running water and Internet once every few weeks. Peace Corps has placed him in a wonderful though humble town called Bigote (meaning mustache) in Piura, one of the northernmost provinces of Peru. Despite the incredible heat and lack of amenities, he has adapted well to his life as a youth development volunteer. He works with kids on a daily basis teaching sex education, HIV/AIDS awareness, nutrition, English, computers and even environmental awareness. Perhaps his most successful project has been developing a trash collection recycling program as a small-business development and income generator, allowing the people in Bigote, for the first time, to be able to recycle and gain a profit as a result of doing so. Similarly, 13 singing kids running alongside a wheelbarrow and trying to fill it with litter as fast as they can is an image **Jared Oubre** tried to relive every day this past summer in the Dominican Republic. He has discovered that Peace Corps is what you want it to be, and as a volunteer he gets to enjoy being his own boss. **Jared** and **Dan Golub**, who is also in the Dominican Republic, have found that kids are the best and most fun part of development work. **Jared** states that if he's "going to teach anybody about trash management it's going to be the kids on the street."

This past August, **Alec Schumacker** went up to Tanglewood to hear **Tom Anderson '06** and **Matt Allen** sing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and then spent the next couple of days helping **Matt** and **John Chatlos '07** move into their new apartment in Cambridge. However, the biggest news **Alec** has to share is that he and **Jane Kelley** recently got engaged! Their wedding is planned for next summer on Oahu.

Continuing with news of MLEs (major life events, that is), **Elizabeth Gray** got married over the summer in Detroit, Mich., to her good friend of seven years, **Marcus Mitchell**. **Lashonda Williams** and **Bernita Washington** flew out to be a part

of the wedding and to have a minireunion. Elizabeth plans on staying in Detroit, where she grew up, and is currently a high school math teacher at Westside Christian Academy, a small K-12 private school in Detroit. **Kimberly Davis** and **Mike Montalbano '06** had their first child on June 14, named John Francis (nickname Jack). In July, with the help of **Dan Burns '06**, they moved into a new apartment.

And I'll end with highlights of **David Rogawski's** winter (he's Down Under), which include hiking the Great Ocean Walk in Victoria, Australia, building a house for a Maori family of 12 with Habitat for Humanity and spending a few days with **Mack Brickley** and **Jon Stone**, who passed through Dunedin, New Zealand, during their post-graduation travels.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to hearing from you again soon!

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Class notes can't pretend to be epic. But they can be read for that touch inspiration (or jealousy) that will motivate you to get off the couch keep your hopes and dreams alive. OK?

To start, praises go out to those trailblazers of our class who diligently decorate ticket stubs with purple and gold. On the European front, **Aaron Schwartz** and **Brooks Udelsman** backpacked through Spain, Italy and Greece before Mr. Schwartz traveled solo through Prague, Budapest and Berlin. Unfortunately, the trip did not include Scandinavia, where they might have overlapped **Frecka Brasz's** trip to Sweden. Now sipping tea in London, **Claire Rindlaub** traded her Vermont summer with **Andy St. Louis** and **Katy Kirkpatrick** for walks to Notting Hill with **Kate Ireland** and **Patricia Ludwig** and an internship at the American School of London.

Onward to Asia, **George Miller** missed his chance to hike Machu Picchu in Peru with **Natalia Rey de Castro** but still managed to tango through an Argentine summer before heading to China for a consulting internship.

When in Beijing, he just might run into Chinese scholar **Wendy Li**. When vacationing he can visit Japan and grab sushi with English teacher **Scott Tamura**, grab some beef in South Korea with English teacher **Emily Fowler-Cornfeld** or, in the style of **Jon Dahlberg**, meet **Zach Safford** for Pho in Saigon, Vietnam. If not, he could always track down **Teddy Kernan**, who e-mailed me from Papua New Guinea (PNG) to let Ephs know PNG is not as dangerous as Australians claim. Sadly, no matter he does, Mr. Miller was too late to overlap with **Kari Lyden-Fortier** and **Robin Allemand's** '10 culinary excursion in China this past summer.

In the Middle East, **Molly Hunter**, **Riki McDermott**, **Nanny Gephart**, **Anouk Dey** and **Arianna Kourides** ran summer sports camps for Iraqi refugee girls before Ms. Hunter began her journalism fellowship in Israel.

In the Americas, through Overland, **Matt Felsler** led a trip to Costa Rica, **Liz Kantack** and **Helen Hatch** led trips in Colorado, and **Elissa Brown** and **Harris Pasetliner** biked across the country. **Mack Chaffee** placed sixth in a qualifying heat at the USA Track & Field Championships! Phew!

Back in the working world, '09s have flocked to major U.S. cities to begin their careers.

In Billsville, Ms. Kantack is now full time at Overland and will be near assistant Williams softball coach **Joey Lye**. A car ride away, in Northampton and Hadley, Mass., **Sam Kapala**, **Harris Pasetliner**, **Auyon Mukhardji '07**, **Dave Semft '07** and **Don Mitchell '06** are rocking in the key of Darlingside, while **Sam Tarnasky** and **Rachel Asher** have started coaching at the Millbrook school in New York.

In Boston, **Kevin Connolly**, **Emma Benet**, **Abi Weiss '08**, **Stew Gilson '08** and yours truly are battling to improve public education at the Match Charter Middle School. Medically minded, **Quinn Sievers**, **Brenna Baccaro** and **Caroline Kan** are rooming together in Cambridge while working at labs. Neighbors include consultant **Angelo Terra**, consultants and Back Bay roomies **Jake Gorelov** and **Alex Zackheim**, Back Bay roomies **Rachel Levy** and **Rich McDowell**, Beacon Hill roomies **Emily Flynn** and **RJ Jacoby**, roomies **Adrianna San Roman** and **Clare Malone**, and **Toni Kraeva**, **Jared Lunkenheimer**,

Melissa Barton, **Hanna Ratcliffe** and **Stefan Erlington**.

In NYC, newfound Brooklynite **Hanna Miller** spent a summer working at a museum while still finding time to work on her first film. Commuting to Connecticut, New York resident **Cam Henry** still finds time to hang out with **Chris St. Cyr**, **Sue Fu**, **Sam Empson**, **Andrew Miao**, **Bucky Marshall** and **Ryan Olavarria**, who launched a line of accessories, RSO Williams. Also, **Naya Martin** reported having a minireunion with **Barrett Allison**, **Bryant Lewis**, **Alicia Santiago**, **Kelly Smith** and **Amanda Santiago '08**. Finally, **Antonia Clark** has started a hilarious blog about her life in NY.

In DC, **Brian Prest** is working on the Hill and focusing on grad school plans as well as climate change and energy policy. Hopefully, he will brunch at Bus Boys and Poets with roomies **Sarah Moore** and **Becky Staiger** as well as the relocated **Aroop Mukharji** or shop at Eastern Market with roomies **Ruth Arnoff**, **Matt Lincoln**, and **Bonnie O'Keefe**. Nearby in Maryland, **Lindsay Millert** is working for Under Armour and plans to catch an Orioles game with **Ethan Cohen**.

Out in Cali, **Emily Olsen** is TA-ing for an environmental science class in Grass Valley, while **Ale Jochum** is developing an online social platform for change makers in San Francisco.

Down south, **Katie Jordan** is working with the mentally disabled in Greensboro, Ala., while **Becky Sansone** is working for a forward-thinking book selling company in Atlanta.

Grad school shout-outs to **Brian Kim**, **Elise Fozza**, **Catalin Iordan**, **Shyla Foser**, **Frecka Brasz** and **Lauren Phillbrook** as well as **Cary Choy**, who recently decided to start to pursue a PhD. You have what it takes to make it!

Your class secretary, Mijon.

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01 Davidson '03 • Tadenev '03:

July 18, Williamstown, Mass.

Michael Tadenev '03, Abigail Davidson '03



01

02 Ahn • Harmon '04:

May 23, Rivervale, N.J.

All '04 unless noted, left to right: Adam Blankenheimer, Craig Iturbe, Julian Lazalde, Faith Lim '05, Mike Dougherty '04, Zach McArthur '05, Ned Wydysh, Matthew Slovitt '06, Soojin Ahn (bride), Bryan Harmon, Jonathan Russell '06, Melissa Paige '06, Mary Flynn, Reka Daroczi (partially obscured)



02

03 Gortz '03 • Palomino:

July 25, Wilton, Conn.

Left to right: Albert Gortz '67, Evelyn Mahony '03, Joyce Noonan Andersen '88, Rubén Muñoz Palomino, Katie Gortz '03, Laurel Bifano '02, Weezie Tomm '02



03

04 Thompson '01 • Knight:

May 23, West Hartford, Conn.

All '01 unless noted, left to right: (front) Anne (Lanford) Penrosa, Lock Reynolds, Ben Cooper; (back) Amy (Balas) O'Connor, Sara (Grote) Custer, MacKenzie (Hawkey) Cooper, Samuel Knight (groom), Liana Thompson, Polly (Benes) Reynolds, Nancy Samuelson (wife of Carl Samuelson), Carl Samuelson (former Williams swim coach)



04

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05

05 Teissedre '03 • Patterson:

Aug. 23, Spring Lake, N.J.

All '03 unless noted, left to right: (front) Lucien Patterson (groom), Brigitte Teissedre; (back) Kevin Hsueh, Caroline Fan, Andy Golden, Linda Lau, Erica Dwyer, Janet Ho, Darlene Forde, Monty Silva, Jiyong Kim, Lisa Marco, Christina Adams, Binney McCague, Kuda Mutyambizi, Joo-Hee Suh



06

06 Rozell • Murray '98:

June 13, Juneau, Alaska

All '98 unless noted: Mike Ryan, Tim Murray '84, Katie (Hansen) Harman '00, Alex Harman, Dave Napier, Adena Herskovitz, Graham McPhail, Becca Rozell (bride), Brady Murray, Steve O'Grady '97, Lauren Gaul, Greg Classen, Alana (Teutonico) Brock, Pete Supino



07

07 Papa '04 • Simons:

Aug. 8, Montauk, N.Y.

All '04 unless noted, left to right: (front) Amy Geant '03, Marly Briggs, Ali Abba, Matt Goethals, Liz Papa, Andrew Simons (groom), Lindsay Holland, Sarah Wilson, Nicole Eisenman, Bridget McDonough, Vern Bond '03; (back) Sean Collins '02, Crista Petrelli '05, Sarah Dickens, Chuck Abba, Molly Jennings, Rob Sica '03, Dan Giardina



08

08 Joseph '04 • Holmes:

July 25, St. Joseph, Trinidad

All '04 unless noted, left to right: Melissa Brown, Caroline Taylor, Silvero De Silva, Tisha Joseph, Maurice Holmes (groom), Marsha Francis, Zophia Edwards '05

09 Carter '01 • Kennedy-Bowdoin:

June 14, San Francisco, Calif.

All '01 unless noted, left to right: Beth Cadogan, Carolyn Ryan, Moira Shanahan, Ty Kennedy-Bowdoin (groom), Carissa Carter, Charis Anderson, Amy Warren, Lloyd Nimetz, Alison Hess



10 Denison '06 • Harrison '06:

Aug. 1, Portland, Ore.

All '06 unless noted, left to right: Jessie Kerr, Emily Russell-Roy, Elana Boehm, Allison Farley, Maryanna McConnell, Erin Chong, Aaron Bloom, Elizabeth Adams, Daniel Walton (non-alumnus), Analia Sorribas, Laura Kolesar, Arathi Rao, Reed Harrison, Annie Denison, Daniel Gura, Alexandra Chan, Carolyn Skudder '07, Andrew Pocius, Kate Sauerhoff, Fran Vandermeer (retired Williams volleyball coach), Stephanie Vano



11 Autran '02 • Sarkis '01:

Feb. 14, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Left to right: Franklin Mathieu '02, Matthew Shafeek '01, Andre McKenzie '01, Kenneth Benton '01, Marlene Bonasera '02, Stephanie Autran '02, Richard Sarkis '01, Osterman Perez '01, Jennifer Cahill '02, Ricardo Tapia Jr. '01, Mark Neff '01



12 Kendall • De Silva '04:

Aug. 8, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

All '04 unless noted, left to right: Marsha Francis, Caroline Taylor, Silvero De Silva, Kim Kendall (bride), Tisha Joseph, Christopher Calfee, Zophia Edwards '05



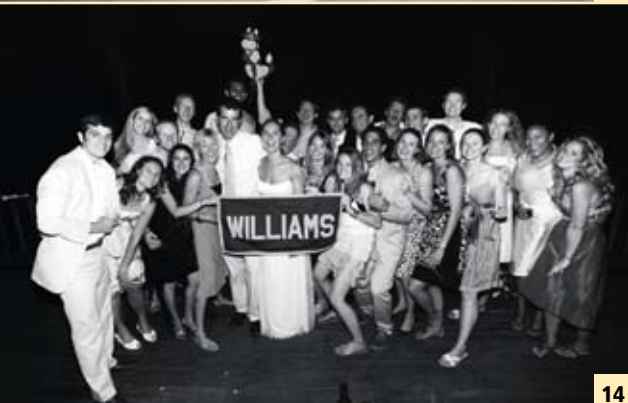


13

13 Baker • Sanderson '03:

March 28, Southampton, Bermuda

All '03 unless noted, left to right: Andrew Layng, Michael Buscher, David Mihm, Matthew Grunwald, Chris Hayes, Graeme Sanderson, Beth Baker (bride), Peter Thomson, Andrew Vinick '04, Phil Dimon



14

14 Leonard '03 • Hood '02:

Aug. 15, Jackson, N.H.

Left to right: (front) Jason Epstein '05, Cecily Lowenthal '06, Ashlee Martinez '06, Ashley Carter '04, Alex Hood '02, Kate Leonard '03, Meredith Olson '04, Belle Stone '06, Mark Foster '06, Kendra Totman '05, Sarah Torkelson '04, Molly Stone '03, Jessica Katz '03, Abi Jackson '03, Erin Sheils '03; (back) Brooke Kaltsas '04, Ethan Dahlberg '06, Zach Lamb '02, Sumant Bhat '03, Ethan Rutherford '02, Mark Heinrich-Wallace '04, Dave Roberts '02, Ian Lockhart '02, Chris Frank '05, Peter Endres '04, Tim Stickney '04



15

15 Bruce • Partington '50:

May 2, Orlando, Fla.

Bill Partington '50, Eloise Bruce



16

16 McCann '06 • Hsieh '06:

Aug. 8, Creedmoor, N.C.

All '06 unless noted, left to right: Matthew Teschke, Aaron Reibel-Alban, Elissa Rehm, Steve Acton, Chris Geissler, Gillian Weeks, Nikhar Gaikwad, Anne Louise Ennis, Nick Perry '04, Tseli Mohammed, Tricia Chambers, Matthew Hsieh, Meg McCann, Kelsey Jones '08, Ben Springwater '08, Geri Ottaviano, Paul Reynolds '08, Ainsley O'Connell, Sarah Louise Smith, Suranjit Tilakawardane '07, Bryan Dragon, John Bennett, Joel Bradley

17 Daftary • Steel '94:

May 31, Floral Park, N.Y.

All '94 unless noted, left to right: Chris Tan, Leslie Gray, Josh Solomon '97, Tina Mahajan, Juliet Hooker, Lizette Colon, Alex Wong, William W. Steel '37, Anim Steel, Sarita Daftary (bride), William F. Steel '64, Josh Parrillo, Asha Awad '00, Melissa Steel King '95, Ammu Ramakrishnan Kirtane '95



17

18 Rowley • Blaikie '99:

June 27, Tofino, British Columbia

Clockwise from top center: Stephen Bennett '99, Antony Blaikie '99, Teresa Rowley, Sylvia (Englund) Michel '99, Zachary Grossman '99, Andrea Blaikie '96, Rachel Allyn '96



18

19 Eby • Davidson '02:

April 18, Hobe Sound, Fla.

All '02 unless noted, left to right: (front) Sam Wilson, Patrick McCurdy, William Davidson, Blaire Eby (bride), Ellie Beasley '03, Maxwell Davidson III '61, Charlie Davidson '04, Billy Marino; (back) Maximilian Niederste-Ostholt, Chris Hall, Aaron Debevoise, Scott Goldberg, Phil Bartow, JJ Hanley, Andrew Beasley, Al Schiavetti '61, Chris Bruno, Mark Scialabba, Derrick Estes, Tory Patterson



19

20 Gillmar '00 • Stoddard '99:

May 30, Honolulu, Hawaii

All '00 unless noted, left to right: Chris Richards, Cathy Williams, David Walfish, Emily Gillmar, Tim Stoddard '99, Sarah White, Cara Yoder Matzen '99, Sarah Cohen



20



21

21 Melcher '88 • Martin:

Jan. 17, Rhinelander, Wis.

Left to right: (front) Susan Becker '89, Lisa Mandl '88, Nicole Melcher '88, John Martin, Kate (Macko) Dengel '88; (back) Steve Melcher '65, Carter Zinn '88, F.R. Dengel '87



22

22 Phillips '07 • Silverstein '05:

May 30, Williamstown, Mass.

Left to right: (front) Jessica Phillips '07, Michael Silverstein '05; (middle) Vittoria Pagliardini, Julia Cordray '09, Mary Etta Burt '06, Beth Fischer '05, Cat Sharp '05, Amanda Niu '05, Christine Hunt '06, Becky Phillips '06; (back) Alyssa Howard '07, Bevin Blaber '08, Mac Walton '08, Annie Smith '07, John Selden '06, Eric Phillips '09, Miles Klee '07, Katie Ort '08, Greta Wilson '07, Matt Resseger '05, Anne Louise Ennis '06, Ashok Pillai '05, Spike Friedman '07, Brendan Dougherty '06, Michael Ebell '03, Alyssa Fluty '05



23

23 Rougas '83 • James:

June 6, Providence, R.I.

All '83 unless noted, left to right: Cathlene Banker, Daniel Bona, Richard Mass, Una (O'Malley) Petrino, Amy Withington, Jeanne Rougas, Scott James (groom), Drew Helene, Jenny Weeks, Jamie Crist, Ted Withington '52



24

24 Vassos-Moffett • Asarch '00:

May 24, Sante Fe, N.M.

All '00 unless noted, left to right: Mark Conrad, Chad Asarch '91, Sarah Marks, Ben Finholt, Brynn Vassos-Moffett (bride), Campbell Miller, JJ Asarch, Nick Barker, Michael Barkin, Joe Rogers, Kelly (Grant) Rogers

25 Yoshizawa '03 • Saucedo '03:

June 7, Makena, Hawaii

Anthony Saucedo '03, Jill Yoshizawa '03



25

26 Barone '03 • Jakulin:

July 19, New Paltz, N.Y.

All '03 unless noted, left to right: (seated) Jen Barone, Aleks Jakulin (groom); (standing) Jon Chow, Pippa Charters, Joe Gallagher, Emmy Valet, Brian Katz, Caty Sumner, Dan DeMoss, Sarah Nichols, Chris Holmes, Alix Davis, Jason Leith, Mike Pinkel



26

27 Ackerman '08 • Padilla '03:

Aug. 22, Williamstown, Mass.

Left to right: (front) Joseph McDonough '06, Joseph Shippee '07, Christopher Vaughan '04, Andrew Ferrer '03, Aatif Abbas '08, Peter Tierney '10; (back) Darel Paul (Williams political science professor), Peter Feudo (former Williams Catholic chaplain), Courtney Atkinson '10, Elizabeth Upton '08, Madelyn Labella '09, Jeffrey Padilla '03, Katherine Ackerman '08, Elizabeth Ellis '06, Megan Brankley '08, Surekha Gajria '06



27

28 Moure • Dower '61:

June 20, Paris, France

Marie-Claude Moure, Barrett Dower '61



28

1953

John Beard Jr. & Sandra Clark
Beard, May 24

1965

Edward E. Chase & Marsha
McNulty, June 21

1974

Charles R. Zellerbach &
Patricia Thomas, June 16

1975

Amy Stone & Gregory Snider,
July 25

1977

Warren W. Pierce II & Lourdes
Pierce, Jan. 31

1978

Anne Youngling & Renee
Seufert, Feb. 14

1985

Stephanie Creth &
Christopher Small, Aug. 8

1987

Haley Clifford & James
Adams, May 9

1988

Nicole Melcher & John
Martin, Jan. 17
Nancy Truettner & Patrick
Dignan, May 23

1989

John L. Nicholson & Estelle
Regine Soule, Sept. 6, 2008

1993

Amyla Strode & Catalin
Dumitru Lavric, Feb. 23

1994

Yi-Shiau Leu & Hugh Vu,
Sept. 14, 2008

Julie Burnham & Andrew
Porter, Aug. 22

1995

David A. Lee & Angela Tirion,
Sept. 28, 2008
Kathleen Sullivan & Michael
Lynch, Nov. 22, 2008
Helen E. Spande & Simone
Amidei, April 18

1996

Kyle B. Nagle & Ann
Grodnik, Feb. 15
Lauren A. Burwell & David
Lee, March 21

1998

Laura Davis & H. James Stahl,
July 25
Andrea Burns & Justin
Michels, Aug. 2

1999

Heather C. Kovich & Andrew
J. Weber, Sept. 6, 2008

2000

Ben S. Finholt & Caroline
Bruce, Sept. 6, 2008
Anna J. Frantz & Matthew L.
Levy, Oct. 4, 2008
Saminaz Zaman & Amanat
Yousaf, May 24

2001

Ed Rossier & Anne Jump,
Oct. 12, 2008
Brian Strickler & Abigail
Watson, May 9
Carissa Lark Carter & Ty
Kennedy-Bowdoin, June 14

2002

Robert McGehee & Annette
Mary Polington, Sept. 27, 2008
Brian J. Foley & Jessica L.
Poch, Oct. 11, 2008
Zach Blume & Elizabeth
Young, Oct. 18, 2008
Stephanie A. Pirishis & Joris
Wijpkema, April 24
Mark W. Robertson & Anna
P. Bennett, July 18

Alexander N. Hood & Kate
Leonard '03, Aug. 15

2003

William A. Karczewski &
Christine Sforzo, April 24
Krishna James Kannan &
Rana Suh '04, April 25
Chris Durlacher & Nora
Elton, May 30
Jill Yoshizawa & Anthony
Saucedo, June 7
Andrew Rich McKinstry &
Sarah Elizabeth Wu, June 13
Claire Magat & Joshua E.
Raffaelli, June 28

2004

Bruce Ou & Wendy Ou,
Aug. 8, 2008
Abby Kelton & Samir
Indravadan Thaker, May 30
Laura Elizabeth Day &
Andrew P. Giarolo, Aug. 1

2005

Kristine Elizabeth Osterman &
Oren M. Cass, April 26
Alicia L. Arevalos & Paul
McGeer, July 4

2006

Ben Locke & Jaye Gregory,
June 13
Ann Denison & Reed Martin
Harrison, Aug. 1

2007

Theodore A. Wells &
Katharine Gillespie, June 13

2008

Elizabeth Gray & Marcus
Daniel Mitchell, July 11

1978

Max Gustav Seufert-Youngling to **Anne Youngling**, June 3
Henry Oscar Flemming to **Gregory J. Flemming**, June 9

1982

Lucas Jeffrey Morrison to **Jeffrey H. Morrison**, June 21

1984

Ella Catherine Pizzuto to **Thomas J. Pizzuto**, Dec. 3, 2008
Charlotte Michaela Perryman to **Diane Edwards Perryman**, Jan. 13
Maeva Elizabeth O'Brien-Olwell to **John F. O'Brien**, May 7

1985

Leif LaMothe Gee to **Kimerer L. LaMothe**, June 14

1987

Grace Hampton Sullivan to **Jordan Hampton**, Sept. 9

1988

Thomas David Kahdeman to **Margaret Thomas Kahdeman**, May 13

1989

Brody Willey to **David & Kira (Shields) Willey** '91, Jan. 16

1990

Sarah Cate Kaplinsky to **Andrew & Alison (Henrion) Kaplinsky** '92, March 30

1991

Elio Nataniel Baskir Freedman to **John A. Freedman**, Feb. 24
Caroline Elizabeth Barbato to **Sara (Gagnon) Barbato**, April 16
Lauren Hayes Sebesta to **Erik W. Sebesta**, May 8

1992

Peter William Balik Philpott to **Bill Philpott**, May 19, 2008
Alexandra Gedid Kaye to **Eric Holmes Kaye**, May 31

1993

Dashiell Augusten Finer-Regn to **Yvonne Regn**, Jan. 24
Luke Charles McLaren to **William M. McLaren Jr.**, March 20
John Nicholas Whitaker to **John J. Whitaker**, July 25

1994

Guston Reed Weber to **Kara (Berklich) Weber**, June 14, 2008
Lois Heesuh Kimm to **Dae-Son Yoo**, March 2
Christian Heath Burke to **Kevin M. Burke**, March 5
Wilson Edward Walker to **Agatha Donovan Walker**, March 16
Luciano Bevilacqua to **Raffaele Bevilacqua & Amy K. Zindell** '95, April 3
Katerina Zapf to **Andreas Zapf**, May 6
Ridley Ackerman Phillips to **Nicholas A. Phillips II**, Nov. 19

1995

Anna Sophia Freeman to **Matthew M. Freeman**, April 10, 2008
Samuel Millen Johnson to **Marc E. Johnson & Sarah R. Knight**, Sept. 27, 2008
Blaise Sebastian Rooney to **Brian J. Rooney**, Feb. 6
Andrew Bowen Svrluga to **Bradley Crowell Svrluga**, June 25

1996

Elizabeth Marie Coyle to **Karen (Robinson) Coyle**, Nov. 3, 2008
Maria Annette Marek to **Tracy (Weir) Marek**, Jan. 18
Caroline Maeva Waugh-Stewart to **Elizabeth (Grew)**

Waugh-Stewart, Jan. 24
Nathaniel Hufnagel to **Steven B. Hufnagel**, Feb. 12
Katherine Bennett Diemer to **Gretchen (Von Oesen) & Andrew Keith Diemer** '97, March 9
Fiona Wynn Long to **David W. Long**, March 13
Ian Gleason Gonzalez to **Michele (Gleason) Gonzalez**, March 18
Oliver Heyes to **James E. Heyes**, March 18
Evelyn Claire Lorentz to **Jason Robert & Dayna Kaufman Lorentz** '99, April 5
Tobias Engel to **Sarah Greenberger**, April 19
Dereck Sau-Chung Poon to **Shing Chi Poon**, April 27
Virginia Gildea Ryan Graham to **Ian Campbell Graham**, May 5

1997

Ryan Saylor Piatkowski to **Adam B. & Tracy (Saylor) Piatkowski** '99, Dec. 14, 2008
Claire Meredith Kelly to **Eric Paul & Leigh Van Dyken Kelly**, June 10
Zachary Nicholas O'Donnell to **Nicholas M. O'Donnell**, June 22

1998

Kian Omid Jenks to **Robert Jenks**, Nov. 18, 2008
Finbar Peter Ryan to **Michael J. & Meg (Ting) Ryan** '00, Jan. 13
Perla Mia Diaz to **J. Sebastian Diaz**, Feb. 6
Connor Lee Kely to **Matthew Dunavin Kely**, April 13
George Connor Kilavos to **Mary (Frekko) Kilavos**, May 29
Emilia Pearl Robinson to **Peter Danforth Robinson**, May 30
Matthew Ethan Kohl to **Andrew Philip Kohl**, June 23

1999

Siobhan Orange O'Keefe Leahy to **Christine E. Leahy**, Oct. 19, 2008

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

All dates 2009 unless noted

Hannah Irene Ilgen to **Jonathan S. Ilgen**, Jan. 22
 Manuel Antonio Hodgman to **David P. Hodgman**, Feb. 18
 Maya Elsie Brimfield to **Monisha Agrawal Brimfield**, Feb. 27
 Meiris Hyland & Maeve Campbell Logue-Conroy to **Rebecca Logue-Conroy**, May 31
 Addison Lee Fitch & Olivia Grace Patton Eakin to **Emily Eakin**, June 17
 Anna Marie Linck to **Brett Linck**, July 1
 Miriam Eleanor Cutler to **Alyssa Leigh Arnold**, July 17
 Jasper Brownell White to **Julie M. Rusczek & Nat White**, Sept. 7

2000

Cole Abbott Bartlett to **Elizabeth Hoyt & Blair A. Bartlett '02**, Aug. 30, 2008

Amelia Mehana Hacker to **Michael William & Susannah (Fyrberg) Hacker**, Jan. 31
 Theodore Putnam Nelson to **Brendan Nelson & Eleanor Putnam-Farr**, March 17
 Charles Michael Parsons to **Ronald Parsons**, March 20
 Khara Alexandria Brown to **Michael D. Brown**, April 9
 Eleanor Dillon Raveis to **Megan (Cavanaugh) & Ryan Raveis**, April 22
 Katherine Jane Weiss to **Jocelyn (Riedl) & Nicholas Ian Weiss**, April 27

2001

Joseph Robert MacDougall to **Robert MacDougall**, Oct. 14, 2008
 Lucy McGregor Nimtz to **Sierra Smith Nimtz**, Feb. 23
 Noah Jack Levy to **Zafi Levy**, Sept. 9

2002

Ethan James Olson-Getty to **Eric Olson-Getty**, Aug. 31; deceased Aug. 31

2003

Charles Gardiner Layng to **Andrew Gardiner Layng**, July 28

2005

Addison Weeks Cart to **Ashley (Ulmer) & James W. Cart**, May 18

2008

Renee Alanis Nicole Groomes to **Raemond A. Parrott**, Dec. 24, 2008

OBITUARIES

All dates 2009 unless noted

1929

THURSTON GREENE of Millbrook, N.Y., July 31. Greene was an attorney and one of N.Y.S. Gov. Thomas Dewey's special prosecutors fighting mafia and political corruption. At Williams he belonged to the cross-country and track teams, debate team and Delta Kappa Epsilon. He received a law degree from Harvard (1932). He was a U.S. Army Air Force major (WWII). He wrote *The Language of the Constitution* (1991). He was chairman of the Southern New York Advisory Committee of the Episcopal Church Foundation and member of the board of Federal Union Inc. He belonged to the Williams Club. He was Williams' oldest alumnus at the time

of his death. Among his survivors are two daughters, three grandchildren, including **Jennifer Rork '95**, two great-grandchildren and nephew **Peter Thun '59**.



GREENE

1936

FRED STOCKING of Williamstown, Mass., July

21. An obituary for Stocking appeared in the September 2009 *Alumni Review*.

STANLEY R. STRAUSS of Bethesda, Md., Aug. 20. Strauss was chief counsel to the National Labor Relations Board and then a managing partner with Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz. He later was of counsel to Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, Stewart. At Williams he belonged to the baseball and basketball teams. He received a law degree from Columbia (1940). He served in the U.S. Army (WWII), receiving the Bronze Star Medal. He was co-author of *Practice and Procedure Before the National Labor Relations Board*. As a Williams alumnus he was a member of his class's 50th reunion committee, gift

planning advisory committee and the DC regional special gifts committee, gift planning chair and class agent, and he belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society. He had no immediate survivors.

1938

BERNARD J. KEMPER of Naples, Fla., May 27. Kemper was president of the Minnesota Private College Fund. At Williams he was a junior advisor, business manager of *Purple Cow* and belonged to Delta Upsilon. He was a U.S. Navy lieutenant (WWII). He received an honorary degree from College of Saint Thomas (1966). As a Williams alumnus he was book awards coordinator and president of the Naples regional association. Among his survivors are his wife Elizabeth, two children and four grandchildren.

1939

BERNHARD M. AUER of Greenwich, Conn., July 25. Auer was circulation director, VP and publisher of *Time* and later executive VP of publications and assistant to the chairman of the board of Time Inc. At Williams he was a junior advisor and belonged to the *Record*, football team, Gargoyle Society, Thompson Concert Committee, Undergraduate Council and Zeta Psi. He served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps (1943-45), receiving a Bronze Star Medal. He received an honorary degree from St. Michael's College (1966). Among his numerous professional and civic activities, he was VP of the National Institute of Social Sciences, trustee of the Committee for Economic Development, director of the Advertising Council and

a member of the selection committee for Marshall Scholarships. As a Williams alumnus he was regional secretary and treasurer, a member of his class's 50th reunion committee and 50th reunion fund chairman, class agent, gift planning chair and president, a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Alumni and a trustee. He received the Rogerson Cup (1989) and Joseph's Coat (2004). He belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society and was governor and VP of the Williams Club board. Among his survivors are his wife Carol, three children, seven grandchildren, including **Damian D. Zunino '00**, **Bowen E. Zunino '04** and **Tyler P. Auer '07**, and two great-grandchildren.



AUER

1941

JOHN H. CLARK III of Louisville, Ky., Jan. 7. Clark was president, chairman and CEO of Hazelet & Erdal Inc. He attended Williams for one year and was manager of the football team and belonged to the baseball team and Delta Kappa Epsilon. He graduated from University of Kentucky (1948). He was a U.S. Army lieutenant (1943-46). Among his survivors are three children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

ROBERT K. KELLER of Easton, Md., May 26. Keller was VP of marketing at Keuffel & Esser Co. He later worked in development and alumni affairs and was a lacrosse coach at Pingry School in Elizabeth, N.J. He was owner and president of Bolton Farm Landscape Nursery. At Williams he belonged to the crew, ice hockey and lacrosse teams. He was commissioned to serve at Wright Field (1942) and served in the U.S. Navy (1943-46). Among his professional activities he was president and director of the National Association of Blueprint and Diazotype Coaters and director of Memorial Hospital. He was a trustee of Country School and Academy of the Arts. As a Williams alumnus he belonged to his class's 50th reunion fund committee and the Ephraim Williams Society. Among his survivors are his wife Peggy, three children, one grandson, three stepchildren and three step-grandchildren.

THOMAS W. MURPHY JR. of Franklin Lakes, N.J., July 2. Murphy worked in merchandising at Lord & Taylor before starting T.W. Murphy Imports. He owned harness horses, including world champion Laverne Hanover. At Williams he belonged to glee club, Cap & Bells and Delta Phi. He was a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander (WWII). He volunteered with Recording for the Blind. As a Williams alumnus he belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society and Williams Club. Among his survivors is his brother **Oliver A. Murphy '50**.

GEORGE M. PRINCE of Weston, Mass., June 9. Prince was internationally recognized in the field of innovative management

technique and a partner with Mind-Free Group Inc. Previously he was founder and chairman of Synectics Inc. creative consulting firm. At Williams he belonged to the football and track teams and Phi Delta Theta. He was a U.S. Navy ensign (1942-46). He wrote *The Practice of Creativity* (1970). Among his survivors are his wife Kathleen, three children, two stepchildren, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1942

HENRY C. ELY of Palo Alto, Calif., March 27. Ely worked in the Department of Special Collections at Stanford University Library. At Williams he belonged to Delta Phi. He was a U.S. Air Force corporal (1942-46). He received a master's of arts and a master's in library science from University of California-Berkeley. Among his survivors are his wife LaVonne and two daughters.

ROBERT TULLY of Eastsound, Wash., June 23. Tully was a management consultant with McKinsey & Co. and the L.A. Federal Credit Union. He later was an accountant. At Williams he belonged to the band, College Council, WCFM, the *Record*, *Gul* and Delta Psi. He was a U.S. Army captain (1942-46). He received an MBA from Harvard (1947). As a Williams alumnus he was a member of his class's 50th reunion fund committee. Among his survivors are his wife Carol, four children and five grandchildren.

1943

EDWARD S. BAKER JR. of Bluefield, W.Va., Aug. 4. Baker spent 26 years in the U.S. Marine Corps,

serving in WWII, Korea and the Vietnam War, retiring as lieutenant colonel and receiving the Silver Star. He later worked with the Bank of Virginia. He spent three years at Williams and belonged to the tennis, basketball and softball teams and Phi Gamma Delta. Among his survivors are three children and eight grandchildren.

1944

RICHARD C. ACKER of New Canaan, Conn., July 24. Acker was chief geologist and senior associate of Harza Engineering Co. Previously he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers. At Williams he belonged to glee club, WCFM, the track team and Theta Delta Chi. He served in the U.S. Army (WWII). He received a master's in geology from Brown (1950). He belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society. Among his survivors are three children, including **Mark C. Acker '84** and **Alison Acker Gruseke '82**, five grandchildren, brother **Christopher B. Acker '50**, nephew **Christopher Brewster Acker Jr. '85**, nieces **Amanda Acker Rice '81** and **Britta S. Bjornlund '88**, and cousins **Eric Bjornlund '50**, **Eric Chapman Bjornlund '80** and **Lydia D. Bjornlund '83**.

ROBERT J. LYLE of Naples, Fla., April 30. Lyle was executive director of the James H. Cummings Foundation in Buffalo. Previously he was a trust officer with Marine Midland Bank and worked in sales with HewittRobins. He spent a year at Williams and belonged to the soccer and lacrosse teams and Phi Gamma Delta. He was a U.S. Army second lieutenant (1943-46). Among his professional and civic

activities he was director of the Women's & Children's Foundation of the Buffalo Children's Hospital, the Millard Fillmore Hospital and the United Way and was president of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Erie County. Among his survivors are his wife Thelma, three children, six stepchildren, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

THEODORE G. METZGER

of Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 4. Metzger was an attorney with and chairman of the board of Allied Chemical and Aspen Industries Inc. in New York. He later was a consultant in international business relations and a professor of international business and law at Palm Beach Atlantic College, where he received the distinguished professor award (2002). At Williams he belonged to WCFM, the *Record* and Delta Phi. He received a law degree from Harvard (1949). He was a U.S. Army staff sergeant (1945-46) and lieutenant (1950-52). He was president of Rotary International of Palm Beach and received Rotary Club's Exemplary Service Award (1996-97). As a Williams alumnus he was Palm Beach regional secretary and president and a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Alumni and of his class's 50th reunion fund committee. Among his survivors are cousin **A. Richard Metzger Jr. '71**.

JOHN A. WENSTRAND of Birmingham, Mich., May 23. Wenstrand was a sales executive and account manager at Ford Motor Co. At Williams he belonged to Cap & Bells, *Gul*, the football team and Beta Theta Pi. He was a U.S. Navy officer (1943-46) and later taught navigation to

Reserve Officers' Training Corps students at Iowa State University. He was treasurer of the Friends of Baldwin Public Library. Among his survivors are his wife Patricia, two children and five grandchildren.

1945

PHILO C. WILSON of Orleans, Mass., April 28. Wilson was professor and department chair of earth sciences at SUNY Oneonta. Previously he was a geologist in the oil industry. At Williams he belonged to *Gul*, the track team and Phi Gamma Delta. He was a U.S. Army Air Force sergeant (1943-45). He received a master's in structural geology from Cornell (1950) and a PhD in stratigraphy from Washington State University (1954). He received the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence (1977) and the Distinguished Teaching Professorship (1978) from SUNY Oneonta and was awarded five National Science Foundation grants. In Orleans he taught with the College of Lifelong Learning and worked with the parks and recreation department. Among his survivors are three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1947

DONALD R. BERMAN of Chelmsford, Mass., June 26. Berman was a pediatrician in private practice for 50 years. He established and was chief of the pediatric department of St. Joseph's Hospital in Lowell and was chief of pediatrics at Lowell General Hospital. He also was a senior instructor at Boston Floating Hospital and a clinical instructor at Tufts Medical School. At Williams he belonged to

the track and squash teams and was *Record* editor. He was a U.S. Navy Reserve lieutenant (1943-45, 1950-52). He received a medical degree from Tufts University (1949). He was president of Boston Floating Hospital's alumni association and of the Merrimack Valley March of Dimes and a District 1 representative of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Pediatric Society. He received a Certificate of Merit from Boston Children's Hospital (1990s). Among his survivors are his wife Dorette, four children and seven grandchildren.

GEORGE R.C. STUART of Abingdon, Va., Aug. 23, 2008. Stuart was an attorney with Burns & Lively before joining Penn, Stuart, Eskridge & Jones, where he rose to partner. At Williams he belonged to WCFM and Alpha Delta Phi. He served in the U.S. Army (1943-46). He received a law degree from University of Virginia (1951) and a master's in law from Oxford (1953). He was president of the Virginia Bar Association and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. Among his civic activities he was a director of the Barter Foundation, Washington County National Bank and Johnston Memorial Hospital. As a Williams alumnus he was a Tyng Bequest administrator. Among his survivors are his wife Mary, two daughters, two stepchildren, two grandchildren and cousin **Bodley Stites** '53.

1948

GUY CHAPMAN of Asheville, N.C., July 27. Chapman was chairman of the math department of the American International School of The Hague and an artist, working primarily in

watercolors, drawings and paintings of Swiss landscapes. At Williams he was a junior advisor and belonged to news bureau and Beta Theta Pi. He served in the U.S. Navy (1943-45) and Army (1945-46). He received an advanced degree in math from Brown (1961). He studied art at Skowhegan, Brooklyn Art Museum Art School, Pratt Institute and Hans Hoffman Art School. He was a member of the Asheville Gallery of Art. Among his survivors are his wife Anita and a brother.

RICHARD H. JANSON of Vergennes, Vt., July 5. Janson was an art history professor and department chair and director of the Fleming Museum at University of Vermont. At Williams he belonged to Delta Phi. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve (1944-47). He received a master's (1952) and PhD (1958) in art history, both from Yale. He was a member of the Vermont Council of the Arts. Among his survivors are his wife Marilyn, four children, including **Charles E. Janson** '77, **George B. Janson** '80 and **Jean Fulkerson** '88, a stepson and 10 grandchildren.

1949

DOMINICK DUNNE of New York, N.Y., Aug. 26. Dunne was a reporter and columnist for *Vanity Fair* magazine for more than 25 years. He also hosted the true-crime TV series *Dominick Dunne's Power, Privilege and Justice*. Earlier in his career he worked in TV and film production. At Williams he belonged to Cap & Bells and Zeta Psi. He served in the U.S. Army (WWII), receiving a Bronze Star Medal. He was director of the National Victims Center. Among his many books are *The Two*

Mrs. Grenvilles (1985), *An Inconvenient Woman* (1990), *Another City, Not My Own* (1998) and the forthcoming *Too Much Money*. He was a member of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences. As a Williams alumnus he belonged to his class's 50th reunion fund committee and received a Bicentennial Medal (1999). Among his survivors are two sons and a granddaughter.



DUNNE

JOHN HADLEY of Santa Cruz, Calif., May 6. Hadley was VP and treasurer of Palomar Mortgage Co. At Williams he belonged to the soccer team and Phi Gamma Delta. He served in the U.S. Air Force (WWII). He was a director of the Santa Cruz County Symphony. Among his survivors are his wife Jan, three children, two stepchildren, a granddaughter, five step-grandchildren and nephew **Charles C. Hadley** '71.

ANTHONY F. MESULIS of Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 27. Mesulis was a chemistry teacher at Wethersfield High School and later a chemist at Parker X-Ray Solution Service. He spent three years at Williams. He was a U.S. Navy aviation machinist (1943-46). He received a bachelor's degree (1953), a master's in microbiology (1956) and a certificate of

advanced study in education (1963), all from University of Connecticut. Among his survivors is his wife Kay.

CHARLES J. THOMAS of Bustins Island, Maine, Aug. 17. Thomas was owner and president of Cooley's Inc., specializing in china and crystal dinnerware. Later he was a buyer for Shreve, Crump & Low. At Williams he belonged to Zeta Psi. He served in the U.S. Navy (1943-45, 1952-54) and in the Navy Reserve, retiring as commander in 1984. He was a director of Quimper Faighceries Inc. and the Back Bay Association and was assistant chairman of the Hingham Bicentennial Commission. Among his survivors are three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1950

FREDERICK P. GOODRICH JR. of Mystic, Conn., June 11. Goodrich worked for the CIA for more than 20 years. At Williams he belonged to Delta Upsilon. He served in the U.S. Army (WWII). Among his survivors are his wife Shirley, five children, including **Frederick P. Goodrich III** '73, six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

WILLIAM D. O'NEILL of Bingham Farms, Mich., Aug. 21. O'Neill spent his career with Certain-Teed Products Corp., rising to VP. At Williams he belonged to the track team and was treasurer of Chi Psi. He was a U.S. Army sergeant (1944-46). He was chairman of the American volunteers for cardiac services at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Among his survivors are his wife Mary Ann, three children and four granddaughters.

1951

HARRY SHEEHY JR. of Williamstown, Mass., July 2. Sheehy taught English, Latin and geology and coached basketball for one year at Berkshire School before beginning a career with the American Stock Exchange. He was a partner with R.S. Dixon, Powell & Kistler in NYC. He later owned Discoveries, a record store in Williamstown, among other small businesses. He was head of security at Simons Rock Early College for three years and later a self-employed insurance appraiser. At Williams he belonged to Purple Key and Phi Sigma Kappa and was captain of the baseball and basketball teams. As a Williams alumnus he belonged to the Williams Club. Among his survivors are his wife Florence, three children, including **Harry C. Sheehy III** '75, and two grandsons.

G. FREDERICK ZELLER JR. of Weston, Vt., May 16. Zeller was assistant headmaster, director of admission and college guidance, and soccer coach at Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y. He later was director of college placement at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., and then a college counselor at Burr & Burton Seminary in Manchester, Vt. He spent two-and-a-half years at Williams and was captain of the baseball team and belonged to the soccer and football teams, Purple Key, Outing Club and Kappa Alpha. He was a petty officer third class in the U.S. Navy (1951-54). He was a member of the Nichols School Alumni Board of Managers and board chairman of the Mount Laurel Foundation. Among

his survivors are his wife Suz, four children, including **G. Frederick Zeller III** '77, 10 grandchildren and cousin **Fred W. Whaley** '52.

1952

STEPHEN G. GRIBI of Rapid City, S.D., June 6. Gribi was regional manager and VP of Wells Fargo for 30 years. At Williams he belonged to Undergraduate Council and was president of Psi Upsilon. He was a U.S. Navy Reserve lieutenant (1952-56). Among his survivors are his wife Eve, four sons and five grandchildren.

1954

RICHARD N. MILES of Fernandina Beach, Fla., June 19. Miles was a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch & Co., serving as director of the law and compliance division and in the office of international legal affairs, among other posts. At Williams he belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He received a law degree from Yale (1957). Among his survivors are his wife Nancy and two children.

1956

RUSSELL O. SALMON of Bloomington, Ind., May 28. Salmon was a professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Indiana University, where he also was director of overseas study programs and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and led the individualized major program. At Williams he belonged to the lacrosse and football teams, choir, glee club and Delta Kappa Epsilon. He received a master's in Spanish from Middlebury (1962) and a PhD in Spanish from Columbia (1969). He was cofounder and director of

Bloomington Sister Cities International. He edited and wrote the introduction to *Golden UFOs: The Indian Poems*, a collection of works by Ernesto Cardenal (1992). He received a Teaching Excellence Recognition award (1999) and Outstanding Service Award (1987) from Indiana University and a Postsecondary Level Teacher of the Year Award (1995) from the Indiana chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Among his survivors are his wife Kate, three children, including **Scott D. Salmon** '82, nephew **John A. Mathieson** '71 and several grandchildren.

STOAKLEY W. SWANSON of Sacramento, Calif., May 9. Swanson was a professor emeritus of marketing in the business school at Sacramento State University. Previously he worked for the Ford Motor Co. He was a U.S. Army Air Force intelligence officer (1956-59). At Williams he belonged to the *Record*, Cap & Bells and Phi Beta Kappa. He received an MBA (1962) and PhD in business (1973), both from Michigan State University. He was a member of the California Faculty Association, negotiating the union's first system-wide contract. Among his survivors is a sister.

1957

DAVID K. ANDERSON of Williamsville, N.Y., Aug. 15. Anderson was president and owner of Anderson Art. Previously he was president and owner of the David Anderson Gallery in Buffalo. He spent one year at Williams and belonged to the sailing club. He received an honorary degree from University of Buffalo. As a Williams alumnus he was

a member of the WCMA Visiting Committee and the Williams Club. Among his survivors are two sons and two grandchildren.

RUPERT BIDWELL LOWE JR. of Englewood, Fla., April 21. Lowe left Williams to serve as a U.S. Navy special weapons delivery pilot (1956-59). When he returned he belonged to the football team and Phi Gamma Delta, graduating in 1963. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve until 1966. He was a captain for U.S. Air Inc. He received a master's in educational administration from Syracuse University (1970). He was a volunteer instructor with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron. Among his survivors are his wife MaryJane and four children.

1958

KARL B. SCHOELLER of Greenwich, Conn., April 28. Schoeller was VP of Credit Suisse First Boston, executive VP at Trevor Stewart Burton & Jacobsen Inc. and later a realtor at Prudential Connecticut Realty. At Williams he was a junior advisor, captain of the football team and belonged to the track team and Alpha Delta Phi. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard. He volunteered at Greenwich Hospital. Among his survivors are his wife Marcia, two children, two stepchildren and two grandchildren.

1959

THOMAS N. LONGSTRETH of Media, Pa., May 21. Longstreth was an English teacher, dean and coach at St. Paul's School. At Williams he belonged to the basketball team and Delta Upsilon. He served

in the U.S. Army National Guard. He received a master's in American studies from University of Pennsylvania (1961). Among his survivors are his wife Louise, two children, four grandchildren and cousins **Malcolm Coates '48** and **Emlen L. Cresson '42**.

RICHARD B. MARTHINS of Berlin, Conn., May 29. Marthins was a self-employed insurance agent. Previously he was a history instructor at St. Louis Country Day School in Missouri. At Williams he belonged to the golf and soccer teams, Outing Club and Psi Upsilon. Among his survivors are four sons and 11 grandchildren.

1962

LINDA (FREEMAN) ARMOUR of Lake Forest, Ill., May 11. Armour was a writer. She was president of Lake Forest Garden Club, commissioner of Lake Forest Historic Preservation, director of Lake Forest Hospital and member of the women's board of Children's Memorial Hospital. She completed the requirements for a Williams degree in 1962 and received a diploma in 1975, the first year the College awarded degrees to women. Among her survivors are her husband Vernon, two sons, seven stepchildren, two grandchildren and former husband **Richard P. Strubel '62**.

PETER V. QUAINANCE of Sarasota, Fla., May 12. Quainance was an architectural designer and engineer, specializing in sound reflectors for live music performances. At Williams he participated in theater productions and belonged to the soccer and track teams and Psi Upsilon. He received a degree from

the Pratt Institute. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Among his survivors are a daughter, a brother, two grandsons and cousin **Linsley V. Dodge Jr. '48**.

JOHN ROE III of Sunfish Lake, Minn., and Ovando, Mont., July 13. Roe spent his career with Bemis Co. Inc., rising to president, CEO and chairman. At Williams he was a junior advisor, co-captain of the ice hockey team and belonged to Kappa Alpha. He received an MBA from Harvard (1964). Among his professional activities he was a board member of Anderson Windows Inc. and First Trustee Co. His civic posts included chair of the board of the Science Museum of Minnesota and vice chair of the Montana chapter of the Nature Conservancy. As a Williams alumnus he was Minneapolis/St. Paul regional special gifts chairman, a member of his class's 25th and 50th reunion fund committees and 50th reunion fund vice chairman, and he belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society. Among his survivors are his wife Sandra, three children, including **Susan E. Roe '90**, five grandchildren, brothers **Thomas A. Roe '63** and **William H. Roe '66** and nephew **Gates B. Roe '96**.



ROE

1968

JAMES V. WALSH of Williamstown, Mass., June 29. Walsh was a senior writer for *Time*. Previously, he was an editor for *Asiaweek* and a reporter with the *North Adams Transcript*. He won a Master Reporter Award for Newspapers in New England (1977). Among his survivors are a brother and sister.

1969

TWAIN WOODRUFF of Eveleth, Minn., June 26. Woodruff was a writer, poet and handyman. He spent a year at Williams and belonged to the cross-country, ice hockey, lacrosse and rugby teams. He received a bachelor's in political science (1972) and a bachelor's in English literature (1984), both from University of Minnesota. He was a volunteer with the Red Cross. Among his survivors are his mother and cousin **Whitney Woodruff Moody '81**.

1970

DANIEL B. FROST of Morro Bay, Calif., July 20. Frost was a surgical oncologist and chief resident of radiation oncology at Kaiser Permanente. At Williams he belonged to the cross-country and ice hockey teams. He received a medical degree from UCLA (1974). He served in the U.S. military with two years of public service, first on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico and then at the Navy station in San Pedro, Calif. He published many articles in medical journals. He belonged to numerous professional organizations, including the American College of Surgeons, the L.A. Surgical Society and the Society of Surgical Oncology. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. Among his

survivors are his wife Karin, a daughter and a stepdaughter.

1972

DOUGLAS W. PAYNE of Bloomingdale, N.Y., July 29. Payne was a freelance writer, writing books and a sports column for *Interview* magazine. He later became an expert on Latin America and the Caribbean, and in 1987 he was sent by N.Y.C. Mayor Ed Koch as a delegate to Nicaragua. He consulted to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as an asylum officer. He also was a writer and consultant for the Socialist International Party. At Williams he belonged to the basketball team. Among his survivors is his wife Nancy.

1974

CRAIG W. VIRDEN of South Orange, N.J., May 6. Virden had a career in publishing, most recently as president and publisher of Random House Children's Books. At Williams he belonged to the choir and Phi Beta Kappa. He was a director of the Children's Book Council. As a Williams alumnus he was chair and content editor of his 25th reunion class book, associate class agent and a member of the Williams Club board of governors. Among his survivors are his wife **Nancy Galt '75** and two children.

1975

JOHN A. RYAN of Putney, Vt., July 24. Ryan was a furniture conservator. Previously he was an associate at Kirby Studios and museum furniture conservator with Techné Design. He received a bachelor's from Johnson State College (1990) and studied furniture conservation at

the Smithsonian's Museum Conservation Institute. Among his survivors are his wife Ellen and a daughter.



RYAN

1979

DAVID CLEMENT of Parker, Colo., June 12. Clement was an insurance agent with Country Companies Insurance Group. Previously he was general manager of Pinery Country Club and Plaza Club of Colorado Springs and assistant manager at Glenmoor Country Club. He spent three years at Williams. Among his survivors are his wife Gina and three children.



CLEMENT

1995

DAREN J. BISHOP of San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 15. Bishop was a marketing analyst with Wells Fargo. Previously he was a business

analyst at Abilizer Solutions and a project manager at Boston-based Health Central and Medical Scientists Inc. At Williams he belonged to the football and wrestling teams. Among his survivors are his parents and two brothers.

1996

JOHN M. EDWARDS III of Prague, Czech Republic., Feb. 6. Edwards taught English as a second language and business training. At Williams he belonged to the rugby team. Among his survivors are his wife Stepanka, a daughter and his parents.

Other Deaths

RONALD W. KASPER '34 of Schenectady, N.Y., March 11, 2008

JOHN FAIRFIELD '44 of Oakland, Calif., July 15, 2008

WILLIAM J. WALKER III '46 of Santa Ana, Calif., June 24, 2004

JOHN L. DEWEY '47 of Omaha, Neb., June 15, 2007

WILLIAM A. DOHERTY '52 of Beverly Hills, Fla., April 6

WORTHINGTON C. FLOWERS '54 of Curdsville, Va., April 10

PETER K. CHELIMSKY '61 of Sarasota, Fla., April, 19, 2008

Of Note

Charles Symington, who passed away March 4, was Class of 1953 not 1954. His obituary appeared in the August 2009 issue.

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