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**John Malcolm, VP for Alumni Relations & Development, shares his thoughts about Williams here.**

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First, my apologies to **Mari Stearns**, widow of **Doug Stearns**. Last issue I mistakenly reported that Mari had died. I'm happy to report that she is alive and lives in Delaware.

Sadly, last November brought news of the death of classmate **Ted Noehren**. Ted was a native of Buffalo, N.Y., and got his MD from the University of Rochester. He became a renowned professor and practitioner of pulmonary medicine, ending up in Salt Lake City, Utah. Also we announce the deaths of two widows: **Helen Thompson**, widow of **Grant Thompson**, and **Anne Hammond**, widow of **Jack Hammond**.

## 1939

Roger Moore  
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**Button Smith** reminds us that Williams was voted No. 1 in *Forbes Magazine* list of Best Colleges of 2010. He has two great-grandchildren. **John Alstrom** reports a Christmas gathering at his and Doris' in Wilmington with several generations, including a son coming from London and his wife and children from Hong Kong. **Cynthia Wallace** is "still here" and missing Tony's laugh.

**Harry Gottlieb** does battle at the bridge table several times a week and is involved in conservation issues. He and Jean celebrated their 69th anniversary in May 2010. Alice Weil writes that Arthur moved to the Health Care Unit at Avery Heights, where they live. She visits him daily.

**Hilde Buschman** writes that she is continuing to carry on Howie's favorite work, training and training their dogs in agility. **Holly Silverthorne** has survived some recent surgery very well and is still selling her sculpture pieces.

**Gene Smith** has taken the big step of moving into a retirement community in St. Louis, where many of her friends are.

**Alex Carroll** says there is nothing new with him. He relates a favorite memory of his freshman basketball team, which was undefeated, beat the varsity, outscored the Amherst frosh 55-25 and was coached by **Bill Fowle**. He spoke with **Harry Gottlieb**, who sounded good.

**Lynn Silverman** wrote that Morton passed away Nov. 5. He was very involved in music, travel and alternative medicine. They both enjoyed reunion.

**Evelyn Beach** reports reading the *Alumni Review* and thinking she might not recognize the College these days as "everything is going modern." She still loves Williams.

**Jean Sutphin** wrote on behalf of Stuart, who passed away in 1996. She says he often spoke of his fun days at Williams. They had three children and nine grandchildren.

**Jim Burns** reports he is currently writing about the Western Enlightenment. He expresses a hope that the class can plan a remembrance of classmate and Williams College President **Jack Sawyer**.

Just before deadline I learned that **Larry Whittemore** died Jan. 30. Larry was elected president at reunion. Our class will miss him. Our condolences to **Liz** and his extended family.

Happily, I have returned home after a brief hospitalization for pneumonia and subsequent stay at a rehab facility.

## 1940

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## 1941

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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70th Reunion Update: In starting preparation for these notes, the first five classmates I've spoken to are already planning to be there for the third culminating

event in our class history since **Craig Lewis** first identified the 60th in that fashion. If you are not already on board, please think about it and come on. It promises to be a grand climax to 1941 reunions.

Another dry spell in class news. What's a secretary to do? Go make some. How about a week in Japan? Well, it just so happens our son Ian was going there in November for a one day annual meeting. A senior partner in his company had offered him his private jet for the trip. Ian generously thought of those close to him, like his wife and parents, and suddenly had three additional passengers.

It was quite an experience for those of us from another (much earlier) generation. We took off Sunday noon from Hanscom Field, near Concord, Mass., in a Bombardier Global 2000 with two pilots and the four Loring's. Refueling in Anchorage and crossing the International Dateline, we landed in Narita (for Tokyo) at 7 p.m. Monday. With only four days in Japan, we got right to work Tuesday morning with a visit to Tsukiji Market, the world's largest fish market and a tourist priority. Making the most of four days led to many features missed during 10 years in Japan in the '50s such as the controversial Yasukuni Shrine, Kyoto's beautiful Ginkakuji Temple and, of course, the Shinkansen (bullet train). Saturday we took off from Osaka International Airport at 9:30 a.m. and were home in time for a granddaughter's soccer game at 2:30 p.m., magic of the Dateline again.

If that seems like a lot of flying, it is nothing compared to Barbara and **Pete Parish's** mileage in 2010. Thanks to Pete's very generous sharing of their "Year in Review," we have to designate them "grandparents of the year." I guess when you have five children and care deeply about their children, you're going to have to do a lot of traveling to keep up with them. In 2010 the Parishes really did. Still, they managed to sandwich Florida visits to friends, including Lucy and **Jim Stanton** '40, between January and March trips to Vail. You get the idea.

Sadly, Pete's former wife Sue died in May after an extended illness. On June 19, a very special memorial service, organized by their five children, was held for her at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. It was a wonderful celebration of her life with all the extended



Parish family attending, as well as many members of the community.

Then it was on to Williamstown for the induction of President Adam Falk. After a brief side trip to see grandchildren in Torrington and New London, Conn., they returned for the 41's minireunion.

On the side, Pete is overseeing a 50,000-square-foot addition to the Air Zoo main building, which he expects to open in June. He retired from the board of W.E. Upjohn Institute after 40 years of service. The institute is committed to research of problems and solutions associated with unemployment.

Another one of our number who has not lost a step is **Charlie Ferguson**. Answering a phone call, he sounded as though he had just come in from walking his dog—which he had. Attention was focused on him via a surprisingly comprehensive one-page biography put out by Greenwich Country Day School, where Charlie graduated in 1933. It was forwarded by his old GCDS classmate **Tod Blodgett**, a much appreciated supporter of these notes. It traces Charlie's career in art from his interest in his earliest days through Williams, three years of graduate school under the G.I. bill and nearly 15 years of teaching, including 10 at Trinity College, where he earned a master's in American art studies. He moved on to become director of New Britain Museum of American Art, expanding its collection, and began the museum's outreach and education program during his 20-year tenure.

In 1984, Charlie "retired" to do what he is still doing today, painting full time, managing his Red Barn Studio in season, dividing his year between Fisher's Island and Bloomfield, Conn., with a little golf on the side. He keeps fit by accepting mainly 3-feet by 5-feet murals on commission for which he has to stay on his feet to paint. He also takes his dog out three or four times a day.

Speaking of **Tod Blodgett**, he and Margie are the unanointed king and queen of Halloween in New Hampshire, based on the unlikely possibility that some household had more than the Blodgets' 275 doorbell pushers that night. As usual, they plan to tough out the winter in Wolfeboro.

Ever cautious about planning too far ahead, **Jim Fowle** was setting his return to Siracusa for Jan. 20. He was expecting another busy winter, with many visitors coming to see his historic

and beautiful surroundings. The Williams College Art Museum has accepted a Fowle family gift of a 150-year-old Koran. It was handed down from Jim's grandfather, who lived many years in Turkey. They were awaiting further word from the museum. Jim's latest travel experience was a train trip from Washington through the New Year's blizzard, which delivered him safely home to Vermont while others slept in airports.

A pleasant phone conversation with **Ted Maltbie** brought news of his new life at Cadbury Commons, a Cambridge retirement community. After a lifetime in Hartford, he moved there three years ago at the behest of his daughter after his wife died. Although surrounded by Harvard academics, he did not sound daunted. Doubtless his cum laude degree in philosophy is serving him in good stead as well as his 30 years of law in Connecticut.

Just when it seemed we might get through this issue of *People* without the arrival of another dreaded "Important Class Update" bringing news of the death of a classmate, we got three. Although **Bob Thomas** left Williams after freshman year, the presence and joie de vivre he and Marcia brought to practically every gathering of '41 thereafter is immeasurable. It slacked off only in later years when driving distance became a problem. **Robert B. Thomas** died Oct. 1 at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass. He was predeceased by his wife Marcia. After WWII service as chief quartermaster on a Navy minelayer, Bob began a career in sales, moving from securities to paper to aluminum and finally yacht sales, where he found his niche. He joined a boyhood chum selling Grand Banks trawlers as a dealer. Not only was it rewarding, "it was fun," in Bob's words. Bob and Marcia raised four children and leave nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They had moved to Linden Ponds Retirement Community in 2002 after many years in Hingham. The class extends its sympathy to their family. **Howard F. Detmer Jr.** died Dec. 22 in Yarmouth, Maine. Educated at Loyola Academy in Chicago, he was on a path to play football at Notre Dame when derailed by an injury. Instead he brought his football skills to Williams, where they were much appreciated. Enlisting after Pearl Harbor, he served with distinction in Europe, retiring

as a major. Returning to work with his pre-war employer W.R. Grace & Co., he married Harriet Gertrude Smith. They spent four years in South America working for Pan American Grace Airways (Panagra). In 1950 they returned to Chicago, where Bud ran a family business for eight years before selling it to E.E. Taylor Shoe Co. in Freeport, Maine. Bud moved to Portland with the business and began a new life. Sadly, his wife died, leaving their children, ages 6, 8 and 10, and with Bud starting a new job with a paper distributing company. Fortunately he was surrounded in Portland by supportive Williams friends. The Robinson Paper Co. prospered, and Bud was a mainstay until retirement. He married Josephine Hildreth Mirza, a native of Falmouth Foreside, where the Detmers settled. Bud was active in many civic affairs and continued his love of sports, especially golf and fishing. The class sends deepest sympathy to his family.

Then a week before my deadline for class notes, we got news of **Mary E. Washburne**, who was preceded in death by her husband **Elihu**. She died Dec. 1, 2009, in Dallas, Texas. She is survived by six children, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The class sends its sympathy to the family.

There is, however, some good news from the honoraries. **Betty Chamberlain** sends greetings from her new address at 1101 Chester Village West, Chester, Conn. 06412—part of a small retirement community. She is somewhat hobbled by arthritis and a recent knee replacement, which is healing as prescribed, though Betty says she is not dancing yet. She gets great joy from the next generation growing up nearby but regrets they missed Val's Flag Etiquette 101 Class.

Another honorary providing good news is **Bev Eaton**. The day after a birthday party in Nantucket last July attended by 17 members of her family, Bev fell and broke a hip. After repair at Mass General, she returned to Seabury, her retirement community in Bloomfield, Conn., and has been making steady progress ever since. Prospects of getting her to the 70th are somewhat clouded by the impending marriage in Nantucket June 18 of her granddaughter **Whitney Roe '02**. Bev's Williams contacts are kept much alive by **Charlie Ferguson**, who lives around the corner from her, and **Shorty Farrell**, with whom she lunches regularly.

## 1942

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*Submitted by Fred Rudolph:*

Has the Class of 1942 had its last reunion? Should a 19th mini-reunion be planned for the fall of this year (Oct. 7-8)? What do we want to make of the 70th anniversary of our graduation? We are of an age defined by uncertainty. Plans are necessarily tentative, but there have to be decisions.

Our minireunion of Oct. 1-2 was pleasant enough for those few on hand. On Friday night **John Gibson** and I, our wives, along with **Liz Hannock** and **Leslie Beran Tower**, had dinner at the Mill on the Floss. The next night, at our house, we were joined by **Bobble Geer** and her daughter. **Gene Wolfe** had hoped to join us, but his wife Eileen was suddenly hit by a bad cold.

Whether to plan for a similar small turnout this fall is a problem. I would like to hear from anyone who would come to a weekend gathering on Oct. 7-8. (P.O. Box 515, Williamstown, Mass. 01267, 413.458.4416).

70th reunion is another matter. Of course we must plan one and see who shows up. To come to a 70th, classmates will probably want to be accompanied by family members who can chauffeur and tend to their needs. They will have to make reservations at a local inn or motel. I guess I would like to know who, all things considered, would now expect to make a 70th reunion in 2012, if they can.

While the turnout to 2010's minireunion was minute, the response from those who regretted they could not come was strong: **Marilyn Ball**, **John Tuttle**, **Lillian Shapiro**, **Ernie Selva**, **Nancy Hussey**, **Margie Tippit**, **Tom Ward**, **Bill Sammons**, **Art Richmond**, **Dante Caputo**, **Dave Peet**, **Joe Santry**, **Norb Baillon** and **Mary Timberlake**.

**Romey Everdell** and **Mary Anderson** have moved from Lewis Wharf in Boston to Mary's old house in Concord.

**Ernie** and **Tommi Selva** aren't traveling anymore, having missed recent minireunions, but nourish the hope that they'll make it to Williamstown once more.

**Sam Roof's** son and his wife, **Avery** and **Tracy Roof** of Flying Horse Farm, Southwick, Mass.,

sent holiday greetings to their adopted Class of 1942.

**Ginny Stewart** spent Christmas in California with three generations—daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Hennia Cantwell** did a Mediterranean cruise in October but returned to Denver in order to ski 30 times last winter. "I've already been a few times this season," she reported in December.

Our man from Maine, **Thurston Holt**, has uprooted himself and landed in Norman, Okla., in a retirement community near his daughter.

**Dick Whidden** has left New Hampshire for Connecticut in order to live near a daughter.

**Bob Tully's** young widow **Carol** celebrated her 80th birthday at a blast that had her feeling "like the Queen Bee."

**Bill Sammons** confirms that "age has a lousy way of creeping up" but reports that he and **Kris** have learned how to divide their time profitably between Ogdensburg and Williamsburg.

**Art Richmond** has made a contribution to the Alumni Fund in honor of **Herb Holden**, remembering the many ways **Herb** supported diminutive **Art's** football skills and ambitions.

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At the request of **Fred Nathan**, class secretary, **McGurk** has assumed the temporary role of scrivener for '43. In December **Fred** himself communicated as follows: "Having regained full sight in my left eye after delicate surgery, I am happily driving a car again and am still the lawyer to arrive first in the office (7:30 a.m.) and the first to leave (about 2:30 p.m.). For this and the next issue of *People* **McGurk** will assume my duties as secretary as I catch up on the things I have neglected. In the meantime, my book *Centurions in Public Service* has been published by the Century Association Archives Foundation. It is a small NYC club whose members are authors, artists and 'amateurs of the arts and letters.' *Centurions* (all under the 'amateurs' category) occupied the White House for 55 of the 80 years, ending in 1961. Chapter two recounts how *Centurion* statesmen, scientists, academics and publishers working

closely together were crucial to preparing for and winning WWII. *Centurions* headed the Army, Navy and Army Air Corps under the leadership of a *Centurion* president. They were largely responsible for saving Britain and turning the U.S. into the 'Arsenal of Democracy' well before the attack on Pearl Harbor."

**McGurk** has read this remarkable book and is deeply impressed by the revelations of lawyer contributions to the winning of WWII ... and by the fine research and writing of our erudite classmate. Copies have been mailed near the end of December to the classmates who have expressed interest. If others want copies, let **Fred** know.

California is a popular spot for '43ers, for we hear from **Dericksen Brinkerhoff** of Riverside. He says he loved **McGurk's** book and hopes **Fred Nathan** recovers all his vision soon. He also says: "I never made it to China; got as far as Burma. This holiday season we hosted our four, their spouses and had dinners with visiting granddaughter plus a local grandson, his wife and their baby daughter, our first great-grandchild. I enjoy *Williams Ephnotes*, whose news reminds me of what a great college it is. I suspect many in our class would not be admitted to *Williams* were we a generation younger, but I encourage all of us to give at least a dollar a year to the institution largely responsible for our success and survival."

Another class author, **McGurk MacGruer**, has mailed copies of his latest book, *Ricochet!*, to many interested classmates and received great notes, phone calls and requests for more from good friends. **Frank Smith**, our intrepid aircraft builder and pilot in Houston, asked the author if he had notified former U.S. Secretary of State **Jim Baker** of **Jim's** role in the book. No. The secretary's role, as described on the copyright page, is "fictionalized." **Baker** is a Texan friend of **Frank's**, and he and **Frank** and former President **George W. Bush** play tennis together at their club. So a properly inscribed-by-author copy of *Ricochet!* has been forwarded to **Frank** for delivery to the former secretary of state. **McGurk** is further flattered by many additional requests and by a schedule of book signings and slide-illustrated lectures. He sends thanks to the many classmates from whom he has heard, particularly **Linc Stevenson**, who wrote, "Just

finished *Keepsake Echo* (second book of the trilogy, *Ricochet!* being the third)—great book. If mental activity increases longevity, you should live to 100!”

**Tom Fowler** thanks us for info about classmates. “My own data is that despite a couple of head injuries I’m set to hit 89 next July. Lost my wife Betty 10 years ago, remarried and am a great-grandfather twice. My business activity made me a VP of W.R. Grace & Co., helped that company into bankruptcy in 2001 owing to asbestos association, but somehow we’re hanging on there. I retired in 1986 but always worked in mining activities, and some of these were included in the 2001 situation. Good to hear from my living classmates and hopefully I’ll see you someday with our good Lord.”

**Ed Reade**, from Tampa, Fla., writes: “McGurk asked for anything exciting so here goes! Angioplasty, stent, pacemaker, invasion into my bladder and a ‘roto rooter’ treatment of my prostate are the miracles of modern medicine which have kept me alive. Anyone had more? Gave up tennis last summer, but play golf weekly when not in a hospital. Still enjoy hearing about Williams. **Hank Flynt** ’44 and Mary are the only ones left in Williamstown that I know. My son **Ned Reade** ’75 was there last summer. My best to what is left of ’43.”

A newsy letter from Anne and **Nip Mears** tells us that Nip broke his femur earlier this year but that a plate and a few screws mended him physically. It’s tough to keep Nip down, for he survived becoming a platoon sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps on Guadalcanal and Guam in WWII but was saved from Iwo Jima and Japan by Harry Truman’s A-bomb decision. He and Anne have survived horse farming in Laramie, Wyo., for years and brought up four children and trained prize-winning Morgan steeds. Anne is happy to report that titles such as “Champion Hunter” and “World Champion Jumper” are among the winning ribbons on the walls of the Mears Morgan Farm. Nip, another author, has published texts on geologic history, a widely adopted textbook *The Changing Earth* as well as *Essentials of Geology* and *The Nature of Geology*. His geological travels have taken him far and wide from far south New Zealand to far north Alaska and the Gobi desert.

**Len Eaton** writes from Depoe Bay, Ore: “I gave all my grandchildren memberships in the ‘Save the Manatee Club.’ It is headquartered at Maitland, Fla. Many of my classmates live in Florida, where the manatee can be seen. I hope that friends will consider a donation to this worthy charity. I don’t know if our members are interested in manatees or not, but the cause is vital.” Eaton is also an author, as classmates may remember, having written many, many scholarly texts on architecture and a wonderful journal of a German-American family that reads like a real family diary but is in fact fiction.

A bit of Len’s writing may be called nonsense poetry, but McGurk admires it and attempts to do the same thing, having penned verses and poetic tales about friends, relatives and occasions. But none of them have achieved the notoriety to equal Len’s. His “light” verse has been published in volumes titled *Yet More Poems from the Oregon Coast*. Other cantos, ditties and poesy have been published in *The Oregonian*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Newport News Times* and so on. His subjects range from “Kamikaze Camels” to “The Vengeance of the Hippo” to “An Imprecation on the Eaters of Sharkfin Soup.”

**Ken Moore** sent a short note re: the passing of **Andy Black** to tell us that **Kay** has handled the situation with her wonderful style. Ken writes that he is ready to join his classmates in the hospital room in the sky. “Handwriting gone to hell ... may not be far behind.”

Fort Myers, Fla., is another popular ’43 home base, and another ’43 author, **Nip Wilson**, writes from there: “Hope to place your *Ricochet!* book in our library here. ... With a cavernous growth where my thyroid was I’ve seen a bunch of examining MDs. Yesterday I stood on a treadmill for a stress test. I said, ‘Listen. In four months I’ll be 90—that means you can’t use whips!’ Since I feel well except around my neck, I hope to be back at tennis soon. All the best.” Nip left his Williams Flying Club background to become a Navy fighter pilot in WWII in the Pacific theater. His Reserve squadron was called up for the Korean War and earned their pay flying from the carrier *USS Valley Forge* in bitter winter weather suffering 40 percent pilot losses but halting most all railroad shipments in North

Korea. His combat experiences in his Navy Vought Corsair (F-4U) in squadron VF-653 provide the background for his book *Hello Cherry Tree*, written under the pseudonym George Napier. In memory of friends killed in North Korea, Nip and his wife established the Napier & Ellen Wilson Scholarship Fund for young volunteers at VA hospitals. Dozens and dozens of scholarships have been awarded to students entering college. Proceeds from Nip’s book go to that cause.

Your ad hoc secretary is reminded as he writes these notes that ’43 supplied a number of Navy fighter pilots flying Corsairs: **Bruce Conklin** (Pacific theater ... recently deceased); **Bill Wilson** (Gold Wings for highest marks in the history of naval aviation ... flew from carrier *USS Intrepid* ... now an air-space museum on NYC waterfront); **Bob Blakney** (second lieutenant, USMC, flight instructor and F-4U fighter pilot in the Pacific theater); and, of course, **Nip Wilson**. Have I left anyone out?

Our honorary members, the staff side of the class, let us hear from them as well. **Ted Safford’s** wife **Dody** tells us: “With Ted gone and sadly no one from our family now at Williams since our grandson **Zach Safford** ’09 graduated. He is now studying for his master’s at Dundee University in Scotland watching young men and women from all over the globe get their degrees. Our daughter Leslie now works at MIT as an editor. In her spare time she arranges music, directs and plays trombone (taught to her by dad Ted), plays bass guitar (self-taught) in a brass band as well as does arrangements for another band and sings in a small group. Leslie knew **Warren Hunke** ’42 in NYC and hopes someday to have access to some of his arrangements. (Ed. comment: You’d never know Leslie came from a musical family!)

**Gard Soule’s** wife **Sallie** from Shell Point in Fort Myers, Fla., boasts that this year she affixed a Williams sticker to the windshield of her golf cart, and she has received lots of glowing comments. Good for you Sallie...

Rev. **Halsey deW. Howe’s** marvelous roommate **Carol** sent a great letter using her new computer, a gift of her daughters Deb and computer whiz Mary. Visits from Mary, Deb, daughter Faith, son Fire Battalion Chief Dave and his wife Barb and their kids (from Oregon!), organist Mark from

## CLASS NOTES

Burlington, Vt., kept her in loving touch with her progeny. Her descendants are being educated all over the world ... Mystic Seaport, Williams, Kenya, Cameroon, etc. And they come to see her! Carol completed her 1945 Wellesley Class Record Book in April, and it was delivered to Wellesley. (Whew! She sez!) Another class author!

Fabulous '43 may be shrinking, but our spirits are bright ... as always!

### 1944

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Called **Dave Thurston** in Tucson a day or two after the tragedy in his neighborhood involving U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords—about a mile and one half he says from where the dastardly deed took place—and we commiserated not only upon the tragedy but on the state of the world in general. He will be off to Maine this summer with his dear friend Emily Delmanaco.

**Al See** telephoned in response to my plea for news to say that Klippie is about the same, but he will provide sufficient care for her so he can make a quick trip to address a meeting of the Texas Navy at Dallas or Houston, one of those outposts of civilization in Texas—I forget which. He himself is an Admiral in that worthy organization and is honored at being called upon to address it upon the occasion of his son being inducted in an identical capacity—admiral—something which all members are. What fun!

**Bob Benson** was pleased to have me share **Dave Bradley's** poetic addition to our correspondence. LTNH (Long Time No Hear).

**Jack Rosenquest** scrawls an accolade: "To Hud Mead/ Who has met the need/ To feed Forty-fourers their news and their blues/ From his heart of hearts." I want you to know that "I'm all right Jack!" Thank you.

From WOW (Way Out West), **Shorts Talbot** writes to let us know that he is still there. From another LTNH comes a note from **Currie Brewer**, who keeps in touch with **Dr. Bob Davis**, who has acquired an aorta valve. Bob is doing well, opines Currie, but Bob has lost his wife Carol. Regrets, Bob; now "Speak for yourself" some time. Currie gets around. He says he tried to find the grave



Percy Nelson '44 and his wife Toni (center) enjoyed time with their children, from left, Edward '72, Paul '76, Betsy and Molly.

of **Carey Wells** some years ago while in Hawaii only to learn that Carey had been buried in the Philippines. According to the "bible" (**Dave Thurston's** magnificent 50-year class book), Lt. **Carey Wells** was shot down over Rabaul in 1943 in his first bombing run. Currie adds, "He did not have my luck. Bless him." Currie closed with a snide remark about my top hat pictured in a recent issue but makes up for it by characterizing my wife Mary as "that impressive blonde lady." Currie, that was no impressive blonde lady—that was my wife—she wants to meet you.

From WOE, **Percy Nelson** sends a marvelous snapshot of himself *et famille* worthy of note because of the number of Williams grads in it: **Ed '72**; **Paul '76**; **Percy '44** (MIT '47); **Toni**; **Betsy**, Wellesley '70 and MIT '72; and **Molly**, Lake Forest '74. Percy is mending from a hip replacement, as is another Psi U, **Ted Hodges**, who is recovering from a stroke. I com-mended with Ted in December as I have done for over 50 years on the anniversary of our common sharing of the news that came in on the radio that fateful Sunday afternoon in 1941.

**Gerry Oberrender** checks in from his new digs out and among them eastern fellers to say that he and Marty had a pleasant reunion with **Bobbie** and **Dave Bradley**, "who both look great; it is good to see some Williams faces." They also had a great visit last summer in Bridgehampton with **Alice Mae Orr**, **Bill's** widow—"chipper and pretty as ever."

Another one of our Massachusetts friends has left us: **Betty Hubbell**, **Roger's** widow, died June 10, according to her

daughter **Tucker**, who notes that **Roger's** sometime roommate was **Nion Tucker**, who as first lieutenant in the Marine Corps was killed at Iwo Jima. **Roger** honored **Nion** by naming his daughter **Tucker**. That is one class act, **Roger**! Sincere regrets to you, **Tucker**, and to your family.

**Otto Von Mehning** died just this month (January 2011). He was one of the few people who could make fun of geriatrics as witnessed by his great performance at our 50th reunion. Regrets to his family.

Just under the wire and by email at that—the first one I have ever received from a classmate (c'mon guys it's easy!)—is one from **Roberta Luttrell**, wife of **Bob**. She says that she has induced the good doctor to at least try semi-retirement from his psychiatric practice and do a little more reading and exercise. She has succeeded to the extent that they had just returned from the **Maja Riviera** in Mexico and are off to a play in New York—all a part of her program to cut back. **Roberta**, my wife **Mary** has undertaken the same sort of thing. At a recent funeral, she leaned over and whispered to me, "See that beautiful flower arrangement beyond the casket—that's what I want but I want them all white." I whispered back, "OK, honey, I'll see to it that that is done—incidentally, those flowers will do for me as well." **Mary**: "You're not going to get any—you keep telling me we have to cut back!"



# 1945

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Our minireunion in October was pretty mini, not surprising since it followed the very well attended 65th in June. Attending were Mary and **Stu Coan**, **Emmett Herndon**, Gay and **Fred Scarborough**, **Dave Goodheart**, and Ann and **Fred Wardwell**.

Honorary member John Chandler was also present for our meeting and dinner and shared his wisdom and knowledge of the affairs of the College. We had the usual presentations by recipients of our fellowship program, and one was left with the feeling of great satisfaction that the money has been well spent. Many faculty and undergraduates attended the presentations, indicating their interest and possibly their desire to participate in the future.

Most of us watched the football team win on Saturday afternoon, with the weather making it delightful. After the game, super hosts Gay and **Fred Scarborough** had the whole group to cocktails, and then we were off to the 1896 Pub for dinner, with Herndon's family joining making a fine addition. In the absence of **Gil Lefferts**, **Stu Coan** provided the weekend leadership and did the job well.

Naomi and **Ed Bloch** report that they are planning and hoping for a trip to China to revisit a scene of rather dramatic activity just after VJ Day. Ed was supervising the disarming of Japanese soldiers and preventing sabotage by the locals who hated Chiang Kai-shek. Ed is not pleased with that episode, and he wants to revisit a village that got destroyed but is now rebuilt.

Mary Elinor Davies (Mrs. **Don Davies**) wrote that Don's eyesight is poor and that travel is out.

**Howie Dodd** watched Williams prevail over Amherst for an undefeated season and felt it a perfect revenge for Amherst spoiling a perfect Williams season in 1942 after Williams had defeated Princeton.

**Bud Edwards** recalls about 20 of his Deerfield classmates going to Williams, including **Gil Lefferts**, **Fred Scarborough** and **Bruce McClellan**. Bud left Williams for the Naval Academy and among other assignments was a fire control officer on a light cruiser for two years.

**Dave Greenbaum** says he has almost retired from the faculty of Michigan State Medical School but still contributes by letting medical students listen to his heart murmurs. He and his wife Ruth junket to Minneapolis and Phoenix to visit their seven grandchildren.

**Fritz Henry** and Peggy temporarily abandoned their home in lovely northeast Vermont to take a clipper ship cruise to Bangkok and then later went on an extensive trip to Ireland. He thinks a T-shirt printed "What the Hell has happened!" would sell well at reunions.

**Emmett Herndon** reported that after 35 combat missions in WWII and later graduating from Williams, he was offered two jobs, one for \$75/month and one for \$250/month. He took the latter.

**Fran Lathrop** had the most wonderful news: a Jan. 15, 2011, wedding planned to a friend of over 40 years, Elizabeth Billip. To limit the crowd at the wedding in Peterborough, N.H., it was to be a family-only affair.

**Gil Lefferts** missed our mini-reunion in October because of C.C.'s second hip break, but they are otherwise in pretty good shape.

Diane and **Jack MacFadyen** were delighted with a surprise visit from Gay and **Fred Scarborough** in July and had visited Williamstown and the Clark. They still live in Stonington, Conn., but winter in St. Croix. Older but happy, they say.

**Strother Marshall** checked in to say he greatly misses **Bill Bennett** and feels Bill sort of gave up after his wife died.

**Mary Elizabeth McClellan** (Mrs. **Bruce McClellan**), after living five years in her Peterborough retirement home, to no one's surprise has been elected president of the residents council. She feels busy enough without this, talks to **Barbara Earle** (Mrs. **Henry Earle**) from time to time, and hosted a very large family reunion in October.

**Tracy McFarlan** beat **Fran Lathrop's** date but carried the same good news by marrying Sara McWhorton in November. They will live in Ashville, N.C., and would welcome visitors. (See the phone book there.)

**Art Nims** and Nancy took the ACELA (train) to Boston from Washington for Thanksgiving with daughter Nancy and assorted family and said it was all wonderful. The train was so great

he thinks the politicians should focus more on infrastructure.

**Jan Pratt** (Mrs. **Jerry Pratt**) is still living in the house she and Jerry built in 1959, has three children married, five of eight grandchildren married, and nine great-grandchildren. Beat that! She says life is still full of interests and surprises. Marion and **Walter Minton** think their 15 descendants might be a class record.

**Bill Snyder** is living in Vero Beach, Fla., lost his wife of 63 years and is dismayed by the performance in Washington. He thinks the stock market isn't half as worried as he is.

**Bill Thompson** wrote from Yarmouth, Mass., that he and Claire are in good shape, traveled to Dubois, Wyo., to visit their daughter. He greatly enjoyed Bill Bryson's book *A Short History of Nearly Everything* and *Mayflower* by Nicholas Philbrick.

**Ann Traylor** (Mrs. **Dave Traylor**) wrote of arthritis and a broken neck, but topped it off with a great trip up the Snake and Columbia rivers via American Cruise Lines. She was preparing for a large family Thanksgiving at the time of writing.

**Bob Terry's** house burned in a brush fire near San Diego a few years ago, but their new house in the same location is just fine, although too far from Williamstown.

**John Townsend** flew fighters in WWII, returned to Williams in '46, married Helyn the same year, and after living around the Boston area, retired and now lives in Plymouth, N.H.

**Tim Tyler** in Denver was sorry to miss our minireunion in October and their usual two summer weeks in Maine but still junketed to NYC for Nancy's birthday and to Connecticut for a family reunion. He reported a lot of snow in the mountains and an intention to ski.

**Bob Welch**, not heard from in quite a while, is alive and well in Chatham, Va. Poor eyesight held off the military, and he was one of the 11 in our class to stay in town through graduation.

Since our last report of class notes we have lost three more of our classmates. **Bill Bennett** called himself **Bill McCord** in 1942 and is not credited with having been a Tyng Scholar in his obituary. **Sam Hazard** also left us; both his and Bill's obits are in the back of this issue. **Ed Mooradian** also died, and his obituary will appear in the next issue of *People*.

## 1946

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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Dear survivors of the Great Class of '46: I believe this is the last issue of *Williams People* that we will receive before we all gather in Williamstown for our 65th reunion. There is a chance that some of us will not be around for our 70th, and I, for one, have my doubts about making it to 2016, let alone getting to Williamstown for that one. So, I hope June 9-11, 2011, will be a very successful affair. Please make plans to be there and make any reservations you need.

There is a lot of very good news: **Bill Shellenberger** and **Bud Morrow** have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the great event. A recent letter from our class president **Dick Debevoise** says that "they (referring to Bill and Bud) have undertaken to obtain assurance of bedrooms on the first floor, each with a private bathroom," but he doesn't say where. I assume he means the Northside Motel. While not the most elegant hostelry in the northwest corner of Massachusetts, it is about as near as one can get to the action in Williamstown, it's fairly economical and it has been our class headquarters since 1951. If you want to make your reservation by USPS or by phone, their address is Northside Motel, 45 North St. on Route 7, Williamstown, Mass. 01267. The phone number is 413.458.8107.

I felt very complimented indeed that Shelly made a donation to Williams College in my honor. It also made a nice change to receive a notice in the mail from **James Trapp** '76, director of annual giving, of my having been thus honored, when all too many envelopes from College these days are notices of yet another death. The most recent concerned the passing of our dear friend **David Calhoun**. I remember well what a hit he made at our 25th reunion when he showed up with his new wife, Nancy. For more on Dave, please see the obituaries section at the very back of this issue of *Williams People*.

**Dick Debevoise** reports on our minireunion in the early days of October. Despite the promise

of a much larger turnout, 13 of us made it to Williamstown: **Norman Birnbaum** with Ms. Terry Flood, **Rita Brown**, the Debevoises, the Lessers, the Shellenbergers, the Scheffeyes and the Schnellers. "We had a very pleasant reception and dinner on Friday at the Faculty Club joined by the reuniting members of the Class of '45. At the class meeting on Saturday morning a report was given about the 50th Reunion Fund for Environmental Studies. I think it is serving well the purposes for which it was given. The meeting concluded with a fascinating report by Professor **Norman Birnbaum** (former professor at Amherst, Georgetown University, etc.) about the political state of the nation as seen from Washington, D.C. The meeting was followed by lunch at the Taconic Golf Club, the football game in sparkling sunshine for some and art museums for others, and finally a reception and excellent dinner at the Williams Inn."

Despite my impassioned plea in the previous issue for feedback from you all about great-grandkids and how to handle the preparation of these notes given my difficulty in speaking, I have so far heard from just two classmates, whom I thank most heartily.

I received a nice note from the desk of **James M. Shipton**, who wrote: "I surface in response to your request for a census of '46 great-grandchildren. My offerings are twins Naomi and Milo—one of each—the progeny of **Sarah Sheppe Okun** '00 and her husband Justin. Since the twins are welcomed by grandmother **Sally Shipton** '73 and her husband **Jim Nourse** '72 and are the great-great-grandchildren of the late George **Shipton** '13, it may be surprising they weren't born purple. As for me, I limp happily onward in the water-front boondocks of the Pacific Northwest (Hansville, Wash.)."

Shelly and Barbara favored us with a Christmas card of a great picture of the two of them with Iguzu Falls, Brazil, in the background. The card read: "We had a great tour of Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Loved Patagonia, just like Switzerland with beautiful lakes and snow-capped mountains. Santiago, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro were all beautiful and very modern in parts. Talked to Chappie. His wife is having health problems. **Stan Babson** had a recent eye operation with

some slight improvement in his seeing eye. Got down to his Harbor Island place for a week with his daughter. May get to the Philadelphia Orchestra in January with Helen and **Bob Buttel**."

One of the more rewarding aspects of being the class scribe is hearing from the likes of **Roger** (No Middle Initial) **Ernst**, who has forsaken the Great Class of '46 for the Class of '48. He favored me this year with his Christmas letter dated 12/12/10, which, if accurate, indicates a guy who hasn't slowed down one bit since the tennier of 1942. He sums up his and his wife Jeannie's activities as follows: "Learn, take classes, travel, grandkids, Nantucket, still on the tennis court regularly with Jeannie, sailing and 'spinning.'" I note that whereas he speaks of five grandchildren, he gives the ages of only four. For classmates who may want to get in touch with him, here are Roger's coordinates: 9176 Highland Ridge Way, Tampa, Fla. 33647-2277. Phone: 813.973.7353. rogermniernst@gmail.com.

**Jan Jeffcoat**, bless her heart, came through with the following via email, which requires no keyboarding and I can paste right in: "I just read your notes for the Class of '46 and thoroughly enjoyed your report. I'm sorry to hear of the ailments that some of the class members are facing ... including you. It seems like everyone is persevering in the best way possible and in good spirits. I think that is typical of your class. My son Ross is a member of the Amateur Comedy Club of New York, and so is **Larry Heely**. Nice to have that connection to the Class of '46. I wish Jeff could have seen Ross in the last play, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. (He was Einstein.) It was so enjoyable. You mentioned that you and Alberta went on a cruise last May and were in Africa. My son John and his family are moving to Cape Town, South Africa, to experience a different culture. Should be interesting and challenging for them. ... I'm sure if Jeff were still alive, he would be writing to you on his computer or by 'snail mail' but not on Twitter or YouTube."

Our **Jerv Brinton** came through with some fodder: "Toni and I have successfully maneuvered through 10 years of marriage, I am happy to report, and look forward to embarking on the next 10 or whatever. Between us we have eight children and at last count 18 grandchildren

(i.e., five and 13 by her). I retired from a banking career in 1988 and, following two years of law school, founded, with three partners, the firm of Brinton Eaton Associates in the investment and wealth management business. (In a previous issue of *Williams People* I related the fact that Jerv had expanded his business and moved to larger offices.) “Assets under management reached \$750 mil in 2008 with a staff of 17. The following year was not kind to people in our business, but we survived. I now hold the title of non-executive chairman and head to work everyday, which is a ‘god send’ to Toni (her words). Having an office has allowed me to continue to function as a trustee of four nonprofit boards, including New Jersey Public TV (NJN), vice chair of Bloomfield College, an art museum, and a continuing care retirement community known as Winchester Gardens, where Gates and Alberta are numbered among our distinguished residents. Over Memorial Day weekend I had the unique experience of crashing while jogging on the boardwalk near our beach house and now have a pacemaker to commemorate the occasion. All is well.” (Jerv makes light of his health problems, but he also had cancer of the esophagus that he says he is now rid of.)

I have something to add to Jerv’s very welcome piece. Just before Christmas Alberta and I attended an intimate jazz concert of Christmas favorites put on by The Discovery Orchestra at the Watchung, N.J., home of Toni (a board member) and Jerv. I gathered from the conversation that this was Toni’s home prior to her marriage to Jerv. Well, I mean to tell you that it would be hard to find a more spectacular, glamorous, striking, beautifully appointed home. The two-story living room looks out over New York. The dining room table is a huge piece of glass that seats about a dozen and a half people. I wonder if it is glass so as not to obscure the magnificent, huge, thick, oriental rug beneath it. During the course of the after-jazz concert, Jerv and Alberta were talking about our 65th reunion and how she dreaded the prospect of driving up to Williamstown. By golly, the very next morning we got a phone call from Jerv offering to drive us to our reunion. Alberta accepted that very kind offer on the spot.

This brings to mind a Christmas

card that we received from **Ollie Lothrop’s** widow **Bunny**, in which she writes: “Let us hope I can get to Williamstown next year and see some classmates. So far the spirit is willing.” That probably says it for a number of us, who, like Alberta, would gratefully accept an offer of a ride or other assistance in getting to college for our 65th. Think it over you guys.

I learned of the Oct. 5 death of **Dave Calhoun**, who was a broker with CHR Realty and the Dana Corporation. Our condolences to his family. You can read his obituary in the back of this issue.

Back in early October, while the Great Class of 1946 was having its minireunion, Alberta and I were embarking on a cruise up the coast of New England and the East Coast of Canada as far as the St. Lawrence River and then down to Halifax. It looked like the perfect two-week junket, with a departure from and return to NYC, to see a part of the world which would be showing off all its splendid fall foliage. We didn’t know that the *MSC Poésia* was owned by an Italian startup company in the cruise business, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The ship herself was brand new, and she was a beauty. The master, the crew and the people who planned the cruise, however, knew very little about the desires of the passengers and the capabilities of the ports of call to cater to the cruising public. The food was just adequate, not up to normal Italian standards. For example, we were offered frozen lobster once, although we were in ports where fresh lobster was available in abundance. None of the places we visited had adequate facilities to handle such a big ship, so we had to go ashore everywhere by tender, a time consuming and occasionally a dicey, iffy operation. There was one exception, and another cruise ship was there that day and got preference. The cruise planners should have known there would be two large cruising ships in one small Canadian port-town on that day. It is common for cruise companies to hire crews, waiters, cabin boys and deck hands, both men and women, from various countries around the world. They all speak English. But our cabin boy was from Madagascar, and his English was ... well we never knew until the next day if he understood what we asked him to do for us. In our several days of cruising, when there were no ports of call, there was very little

to do except play bingo. There were no lectures, no organized bridge, no movies, no tours of the ship. And the evening entertainment was so-so and had to be repeated on two occasions. For reasons that elude me, the wonderful foliage was nowhere to be seen, the only fault not to be laid at the foot of MSC. The moral of this litany is: Do Not Go Cruising with MSC.

Your devoted class secretary,  
Gates

## 1947

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Finally, a little class communication. **Norm Singer** writes that he was with our class with the V-12 but was transferred to Yale for graduation. He is asking for help contacting old classmates. Looking for **Dick Fenno, P.O. Bailey, Dave Silva, Ed McKinnon, Doc Ambrose and Bill Gorman**. Anybody with any information can contact Norm at [ack43@comcast.net](mailto:ack43@comcast.net), or drop a note to me, and I will see he gets the information. Thanks for your help and remember if there is anything in your lives that you would like to share with old classmates, please let me know.

## 1948

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First, I apologize to **Harry Dewey** for not including the following in the last class notes. His letter got buried on my desk as we packed preparatory to moving. “We have a camp on a lake 25 miles from Worcester where our three daughters often come to visit. Only two grandchildren, but very high quality!”

To date, only Rev. **George Higgins** has responded to my request for info regarding those of you still working. He is the minister at the Hawthorne Reformed Church, Hawthorne, N.Y., in Westchester County. “At least one of us from ’48 lacks the common sense to stay retired! Close by Ossining, my wife’s home, we grab all the time we can to return to Cape Cod and my home. We really have the best of both worlds: Lynn continuing to work in the Norwalk, Conn., hospital

as a maternity nurse and me with my very patient congregation.”

I spoke with our treasurer, **Don Markstein**, and Judy in December. He's recovering from a knee operation and sounded in fine spirits. Since the December issue of class notes I have—thankfully—received only one death notice: **Pat Humphreys** on Oct. 25.

**Wink Halsted's** father was Williams 1918. Wink obviously in 1948. His daughter **Elizabeth** is Class of 1980, and Wink's grandson Tatum Barnes has been admitted “early admission” to the Class of 2015: four generations of Ephs! Your secretary has three generations: he is Class of 1948, his son **Andrew** and wife **Suzanne** are Class of 1975, and their daughter **Katherine** is Class of 2008. Let's hear from other members of 1948 who have three or more generations of Ephs.

## 1949

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Sad to say, the Class of '49 is reaching that point in time where the deaths of classmates are occurring with regularity. **Buzz Neave** died in Mount Morris, Ill., Aug. 31 at age 84. Buzz earned an MBA from Harvard Business School after Williams and then became a registered professional engineer in Illinois by examination, specializing as a certified quality engineer in his long career. He served as chairman of the Rockford section of the American Society for Quality Control but also was involved in local and state politics. Buzz was a German Shorthair gun dog enthusiast, an avid outdoorsman and conservationist and an accomplished photographer.

**Dan Dickinson** was taken by a stroke on Oct. 10 in Vista, Calif. He was 87, a widower and had no children. After Williams, Dan worked as a copy boy at the *New York Journal*, leaving in the early '50s to teach at the Malcolm Gordon School in Garrison, N.Y. He then became a librarian and continued that career in Honolulu, LA and Coronado, Calif. He often appeared in Coronado parades and became known locally among friends as “Dancing Dan” for his enthusiastic participation.

We learned that **Gerald O. Herndon** passed away peacefully Nov. 15 in Corona del



Eight members of the Class of 1949 dined with their spouses at Mezze in Williamstown during a minireunion in October.

Mar, Calif., at age 87. Following graduation, he joined the *Evening Star* in DC (now the *Washington Times*) as an investigative reporter, where he was tagged “G.O.” by co-workers. He was on the copy desk when cub reporter Carl Bernstein (later famous with Bob Woodward for their Watergate reporting) came on as a copy boy. Bernstein said that G.O. was one of the biggest influences on his decision to become an investigative reporter. G.O. joined Bobby Kennedy's presidential campaign in 1968 as public relations director, but decided to enjoy life at its fullest in 1973 and retired to Laguna Beach, Calif.

Our most recent loss was **Fred Logan**, who died peacefully at home in Sarasota, Fla., on Nov. 28, at age 85 after being discharged from the hospital Thanksgiving Day. Fred left Williams with a geology degree and became a pioneer of underwater photography, owning the first scuba shop on Florida's west coast, Sarasota Aquasports. He directed underwater footage for the CBS television program *Odyssey*, and led explorations for the Smithsonian Institution's excavation of Port Royale, Jamaica, and other archaeological dives throughout Caribbean waters. Fred was known for his wide-ranging knowledge and love of the wilderness, history, classical and boogie-woogie music, astronomy, philosophy, physical fitness and had a true passion for fly fishing and backpacking. Family and friends remember him as a “renaissance man.”

Even though it's been six months since the Oct. 15th

weekend, '49's minireunion still deserves a mention. This story missed December's issue of *Williams People* because of a September deadline. But Sam and **Oren Pollock** took names and summarized the weekend nicely for us all, herewith:

Nero reported that “the Berkshire Hills Motel was the choice of many for three days and included **Wally Barnes**, Donna and **Herb Cole**, Sheila and **Joe Dorsey**, Emily and **Charlie Jarrett**, **Dick Warner** and Jane Sturges, as well as **Harriet Heineman**.” Nero added, “We all sorely miss Bill, but it was nice to see and be with Harriet.” Lisa and **Ed Maynard** also were on hand but stayed elsewhere, as did Tay and **John Thoman**, who visited with their son **Jay '82**, a chemistry professor at Williams, and Ann and **Dick Wells**, “who summer and golf in Williamstown ... and winter and golf in Cocoa Beach, Fla.,” according to Nero. He continued: “We did Friday dinner at the 1896 with several other classes. The trip back to the Berkshire Hills was uneventful, being but a few hundred yards away.”

On Saturday, the Pollocks encountered Mary Lee and **Alex Robertson '52**, who enjoyed a Venice-to-Istanbul Williams cruise with them in 1999. Sam and Nero enjoyed an interesting lecture Saturday morning on the American political scene by a new faculty member, **Justin Crowe '03**. Nero opined that “getting serious about the politics of today may well be a fatal sport.”

“The sons of Williams happily continued their winning ways with a 41 to 17 romp over Middlebury. Saturday evening we



dined at Mezze just a few doors north of the 1896, formerly Le Jardin, if I do not misremember. Sunday we said the usual goodbyes; hopefully same time next year. In all, a weekend of fun and nostalgia.” Now there’s a recommendation for next fall’s minireunion weekend!

Now that we’re up to date, here is a bit more current ’49 news.

**Al Kernan:** “Turned 87 last year and after 86 years of good health, I have been struggling with one medical problem after another. Beware of the 87th year. We still live in the old house in Princeton with my older son. It takes me less time to read the newspaper every day because the things in the paper that once seemed vital don’t seem to matter much anymore. Best to all of Williams ’49.”

**Charlie White’s** wife Phyllis reported that Charlie unfortunately had a stroke in early October last year. “Physically he is doing well,” she said “but is having problems with his speech and associated communications (reading, writing, math). We are working hard to overcome these problem areas and have a professional speech therapist several days a week to help him and then pass on methods for me to use. He still has a ready smile and a hearty laugh. We have high hopes.” We’re sure all of Charlie’s ’49 friends join in sending best wishes for his successful recovery.

**Wally Barnes** said, “Barbara Franklin and I are well—even though a little worn down by the holidays. Big family gathering here in Connecticut. Much to be thankful for—e.g., all six grandchildren are gainfully employed and all seven great-grandchildren still believe in Santa Claus.”

**Ed Maynard:** “Life with Maynards goes well on all fronts. Our most recent Williams contact was a delightful Christmas visit with son **Dan** ’83 in London. He’s been there 20-plus years and has several purple pals in that great city. Recent blizzard in Boston has me back on cross-country skis, as I’ve given up downhill. Sad to hear that **Andy Goodrich** had died. We were close friends in college, and he was an usher in our wedding.”

**Giles Kelly** is also going strong: “I am on the home stretch of reaching 90. That will happen in July if I live so long. However, I am feeling pretty fit right now. Last summer, Ann and I spent a week in Budapest with a Hungarian lady friend. Then we attended an annual music

and arts festival in Italy where we painted daily for a couple of weeks on and around the beautiful Amalfi coast. We enjoyed a concert most evenings. Back home in Washington, D.C., when weather permits, I still keep busy sailing, gardening and playing tennis.”

About mid-January, **Ron Chute** wrote: “Winter hit Connecticut a week ago with one foot of snow. Nancy shoveled the front and I did the back. Wives are good for many things. We spent Christmas in Vermont at our younger son’s ski house, an old Greek Revival in Chester, with five grandchildren including our older son’s daughter. Might move there when we sell our pre-Revolutionary house here in Washington, now on the market. We’re both in good shape. I play tennis with a much younger group a couple of times a week, and Nancy is a gardening phenomenon—but we’re not counting on taking care of a big house much longer. Have taken up oil painting and am making some progress. There is an art community of people and a fine teaching facility here. I had a Christmas phone call from **Ben Taylor** ’50. He has fourth-stage kidney degeneration and is in a unit in Florida. He sounds good, though, and seems in fine spirits.”

## 1950

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The end of a year is a good time to take note of milestones. **John Hitchcock**, who resides in Williamstown, is retiring from the *Berkshire Eagle* after 30 productive years. In that span, John also has been turning out a column for *The Advocate* and been an active skier as well as a ski instructor at Jiminy Peak. Happy retirement, John!

Another milestone is coming up this year: The last cruise of the WRJB. In more than 40 years of our class reunions and the parties associated with them, there has been one constant: outstanding Dixieland jazz provided by the Williams Reunion Jazz Band. They have also played on countless campuses and myriad river cruises, including the Mississippi.

This September the band, consisting of mostly Eph alumni and a few reps from other colleges, will make their final cruise, consisting of one week on a cruise

liner from Boston up the Atlantic coast to Nova Scotia before returning to Boston. Dixieland aficionados Pat and **Sid Moody** will be aboard for the final voyage as well as my wife Joan and this scribe.

A report from **Irv Burrows** in St. Louis says that he and Jerrie have a spot reserved in a new retirement center under construction, and they may opt for it if they can sell their house. Irv is in good health, plays a lot of golf in season and can equal or better his age several times a year. Otherwise Irv says, “We hibernate in winter” and “live a rather boring (but satisfying) life.”

Jane and **Dave Barker** are still “water rats” and continue to sail their little Morris 28 sloop, although their cruising is limited to ports closer to their Marion, Mass., home than in the past. Dave is a Tabor graduate, has been active as past chairman of the board and is now interim president emeritus.

Gail and **Charlie Schaaf** brought in the 2011 New Year with Katie and **Norm Olson** in the Olson’s Winnetka home. The Schaafs’ move to the Seattle area was still planned for April. Their new address: 45 Pine St., #203, Edmonds, Wash. 98020.

**Richard Cattell** wrote, “Judy and I will be moving from our home of 53 years in the foothills west of Denver to Meadowlark Hills, a full-service retirement community in Manhattan, Kan., two miles away from our son Eric. ... We hope to take our boat with us.” The Cattells will be at 615 Chickadee Road, Golden, Colo. 80401 until June. Their new address will be: 2140 Meadowlark Road, Manhattan, Kan. 66502.

We regret to report that we have an unusually large number of deaths in our class to report in this issue of the notes. We hope and think this is an aberration and look forward to more upbeat news in the future.

Belatedly, we have learned of the death of **Tom Mitchell** of Buffalo and Ontario, Canada, on April 9. His obituary is on p. 132 of the December issue of *People*. Tom spent most of his career on Wall Street as a stockbroker and bond specialist. He left Williams to serve in the U.S. Army (1945-47). Upon returning to college, Tom was a member of the ice hockey and lacrosse teams. As an alumnus he was active in Baltimore community affairs, including the

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board of the Baltimore Boys Latin School, receiving the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award (2004).

Among his survivors are his wife **Patricia** and three daughters.

On July 7 **Ford Wright Jr.** of McLean Va., died. Ford graduated from Choate and went on from Williams to earn an MBA from Harvard Business School. In the Korean War that followed, he became a Navy pilot in the Pacific, flying off of carriers with the 7th Fleet. He then spent a number of years on Wall Street. He co-founded Wright, McCarter, D'Arcy & Chew, investment advisors. After business projects in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Ford returned to New York and became co-founder of World Resorts Ltd. with Allen & Co. and Boston Capital Corp. Ford is survived by his wife **Kristina**, two married daughters in Virginia and Vermont, a son in Montana and another son in Virginia.

In early November, **Norden Van Horne** forwarded me an email from **Marilyn Quintana**, wife of **Gilbert "Jay" Quintana**, reporting that Jay, of West End, N.C., had died on May 6, 2008. His wife said, "Jay always talked about the great time he had playing on the basketball team and running track at Williams."

On Oct. 27 **Edward A. "Ted" Armstrong** of Richmond, Va., died at his home, surrounded by family. Ted is survived by his wife of 55 years **Betty Lee Harrington**, children Peter, Edward Jr., Sarah and Brandon, as well as his grandchild, Edward III. Ted served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and the Korean War. He began his career in commercial banking with CT Bank & Trust, followed by positions with banks in Virginia, New York and Maryland. Prior to his retirement, he was a sales representative with National Utility Service.

**Sherwood "Woody" Dickerman**, who was born in Williamstown while his father was a professor at the college, died on Nov. 1 in Key West, where he had lived for many years. He had a summer retreat in Maine. Woody was an intrepid journalist who was a correspondent in Vietnam for Long Island's *Newsday* for several years. He was also a classmate of mine at Columbia Journalism School, Class of 1952.

We lost another stellar classmate on Nov. 8 with the death of **J. Kimball Whitney** of Wayzata, Minn. Kim is survived by his

wife of 56 years **Helen**, their children David Whitney, Lucy Standish and Kimmy Whitney, and six grandchildren. Kim was a graduate of Andover and served in the Army during the Korean War. He was an avid golfer from the age of 10 and never lost his passion for the sport. He was on the golf team at Williams as well as the U.S. Army golf team during his service in Korea. He served on the board of the U.S. Golf Association and on its Executive Committee. From 1967-71, Kim served as commissioner of economic development under Gov. Harold LeVander. He also was an Eagle Scout and was honored in 1973 by the Boy Scouts of America with its highest honor, the Silver Buffalo. Kim was a fellow Deke, and it is easy to recall his broad smile followed by a raucous laugh that stayed with you. He was a true raconteur who told endless stories while puffing on a large cigar.

Our grief continued, as **Alexander "Pete" Peabody** of Fairfield, Conn., and Hillsdale, N.Y., died on Dec. 13. Pete was a graduate of Millbrook School, where he was captain of the football team, and he served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. He had a career in advertising that spanned many years. He worked for Young & Rubicam in New York, Frankfurt, Germany, and Asia before retiring as creative director. In 1967, he became general manager of the Frankfurt office as commercial TV was first allowed in Germany and under his aegis put Y&R Frankfurt on the map. Later he was regional director of Y&R's offices in Asia. After his retirement, he established and ran his own advertising company, Peabody Corners, in Hillsdale, NY. In recent years Pete served as an alumni head fundraiser and class agent for the class of 1950 at Williams. He was an avid baseball fan and amateur cartoonist. Pete is survived by his wife **Patricia**, daughter Melinda Peabody of Raleigh, N.C., daughter-in-law Lee Peabody of Hayward, Calif., three stepchildren and seven grandchildren.

Finally, on Dec. 17, another star in our class firmament, **Tom Leous**, died in Buffalo of complications from a fall. Tom attended Lafayette High School, where he lettered in four sports and captained the football team (he was inducted in the school's "Wall of Fame" in 2009). After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy for two years, playing for

the Atlantic Theatre football team coached by Jim Crowley, one of the legendary "Four Horsemen of Notre Dame." At Williams, Tom played four years of varsity football and was a member of DKE. Returning to Buffalo, he ran Leous Furriers for 18 years and held positions in lending and underwriting with a number of banks (M&T, Key Bank and Munstat), before retiring in 1994. Tom was active in a host of local charities and organizations, while he urged many talented Buffalo-area athletes to enroll in Williams. For those efforts, at our 55th reunion in 2005, Tom was honored with the prized Copeland Award, thrilling both family and classmates.

In my memory as a brother Deke, Tom had few equals in lighting up a room with laughter and conversation. He was a people person to the nth degree. He is survived by his wife of 58 years **Bea**, sons Tom III and **Stephen** '80, daughters Elizabeth Bressette, Carolyn Singh, **Suzanne** '79 and Marcia; sister Nancy Daly, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. After reading the moving eulogies given by some of his children at his funeral service, I wished I had been there to hear some of the life lessons they learned from their father. Suffice to say, Tom would have been very proud.

Late word from Williamstown brings news of two additional losses to the class. **Don Rogers** of Freeland, Wash., died peacefully at home on Dec. 2. Don's wife of 49 years, Frances, preceded him in death in 2001. Don is survived by three children: Jonathan Rogers and wife Polly of Harrisonburg, Va.; Betty Rogers of Coupeville, Va.; and Caroline Adler and husband Andy of Virginia Beach, Va. He also is survived by 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Don was born in Orange, N.J., and attended Exeter Academy before entering Williams. In WWII he served in the U.S. Navy as a radio technician. Postwar, he designed TV and radar components before going to work for Johns Hopkins University on missile tracking and guidance systems at their applied physics lab in Silver Spring, Md. In 1959 Don joined NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center, eventually becoming a program director.

**Norman Kennedy** of Kennett Square, Pa., died Jan. 8. He is survived by his wife **Julia**, their three children Peter, Matthew and



Last spring, Don Gregg '51 received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Colorado College, to which he has a strong family connection, including a scholarship fund named for his parents.

Sarah, step-children Erick and Lise and seven grandchildren. As of press time, no further information on Norman's death was available.

Yes, it has been a hard winter for our class. We mourn for all of our fallen classmates. It would be nice to declare a moratorium, or, at the very least, a pause. 214 of us continue to carry on. May 2011 be a happy and productive year for us all.

## 1951

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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Our class minireunion was held in conjunction with the Class of '52. The dinner on Friday, Oct. 15 was held at the Williams Inn, and the luncheon on Saturday was held at the Log prior to the football game with Middlebury. **Linda Conway** graciously hosted a cocktail party at her lovely new home prior to Saturday's dinner, which was arranged by **Gordon McWilliams**. A highlight of the weekend was a lecture Saturday morning on constitutional matters given by **Justin Crowe** '03, professor of political science. In addition to Ellen and myself, others in attendance were Becky and **Tim Blodgett**, **Linda Conway**, Carolyn and **Pete deLisser**, **Barbara Fargo**, Ina and **David Fischer**, Meg and **Don Gregg**, Carol and **Peter Kent**, Ann and **Tom Kent**, Jackie and **Alfred Schlosser**, Kitty and

**Bill Sperry**, Siggie and **Gordon McWilliams**, and Eliza and **Dean Webster**. Although **Bill Everett** was unable to attend, it was good to see Gintare at Linda's house.

**Pat Graham** reports, "My bypasses are flowing, and my prostate is growing, everything else is OK." Unfortunately his handicap is rising. (Better it should be something else!) Pat says he may be able to make the 60th. **Don Gregory** still actively practices medicine with his OB-GYN group. Don visits with his brother **Gil** '50, who also continues his practice of medicine, in California. Don also sees **Dan Roach** '50, has visited with **Bill Angevine** and has lunched with **Bob Hunt**. Don expects to see everyone in June.

**Bob Geniesse** writes, "Just before writing this long-overdue note, I happened upon an old '51 'frat' picture and was saddened to be reminded of all the close friends we have lost—but then gladdened to realize how many of our classmates are still with us. Jane and I are well: hiking less but still biking and swimming a fair amount. I am less active in the museum world than I used to be but still getting up to the Clark once or twice a year. My tenure at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota was up last year, but I am still on the board of a historic library in Boca Grande (where we reside most of the year) and remain quite active as an officer of the World Monuments Fund based in New York. Jane and I have done a lot of travel in the Middle East and Southeast Asia—partly to visit sites being restored by the World Monuments Fund

and partly for sheer pleasure. Speaking of which, we both look forward to seeing old friends at our 60th, and to meeting our new Williams president (who it seems may be a tad younger than our son **Tom** '86 and daughter **Julia** '84."

A short note from "**Bargo**" **Fargo**, who says, "I've got my purple magnet all mounted and look forward to seeing all you '51ers at the 60th."

**Peter Kent** sent photos of his grandson Jamal, a chef, and ballerina granddaughter, Lina Kent. Peter and Carol are proud Jamal won the Bocuse d'Or International Culinary Competition and cooked for Michelle Obama and her children, using veggies from the White House garden. Lina has her own dance troupe.

The Nov. 14 edition of the *Boston Sunday Globe* featured an article on **Fred Wiseman** and his career as a filmmaker. His most recent film, *Boxing Gym*, had just opened to rave reviews. The *Globe* described Fred as follows: "**Fred Wiseman** looks rather like Yoda. He is a small man whose ears stick out and whose face narrows as it descends from a vast forehead. His skin is wrinkled and his eyes, like Yoda's, have seen it all. His dwindling hair can flare, in the tradition of Einstein and David Ben-Gurion. His clothes are an afterthought—a red shirt under a blue sweater, rumpled gray khakis and comfortable slip-ons." Nonetheless, Fred "is widely considered the greatest documentarian of his time."

**Joe McElroy** published a volume of short fiction, *Night Soul and Other Stories*. Joe is the author of nine novels, a novella and a volume of essays. He has received an award in literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and fellowships from the Guggenheim, Rockefeller and Ingram Merrill Foundations, the New York State Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Brad Pusey** sends all of us his best wishes for good health and happiness in 2011. He still enjoys the best of sailing and the "locked in" life in Maine. His hospice work increasingly calls for more time but "is a great opportunity to be of help to others." He is grateful that "so far, no need for reciprocal care for our blessed lives—yet."

Teena and **Paul Shorb** still live in DC and are well. Paul is retired from active surgery at George

Washington University, where he is emeritus professor and gets lifetime free parking and a \$15 lunch once a month. The Shorbs visited Little Cayman Island, where Paul logged his 700th scuba dive, monitored and assisted by daughter **Elizabeth** '80, her husband **Steve St. Clair** '80 and a host of other family members, including Leah, one of 12 grandchildren, the daughter of son **Paul** '78. The Shorbs look forward to our big reunion.

**Dick Weiland** sent a staggering list of activities he has been involved in. A few of his board affiliations are vice chair, board of overseers, Hebrew Union College and chair of its Holocaust Committee; advisory committee, Cincinnati Arts Consortium; executive committee, American Jewish Committee; Inter-Ethnic Advisory Board; Council on Child Abuse; and Children's Defense Fund. Dick has been the recipient of more than 50 awards for his work, including those from Hamilton County Mental Health, International Association of Re-Entry, National Conference for Community and Justice, and Urban League. In addition, numerous facilities have been named in his honor, including the Jerusalem City Gate—Weiland Gate-Mount Scopus; Talbert House-Dick Weiland Board Room; and Halom House—Weiland Zeff House.

Some medical advice from **Walt Morse**: "Take the flu shot! I didn't and am just recovering after four days in the hospital and 10 days resting." Walt reports, "In August I moved to a continuing care retirement community—Dunwoody Village in Newtown Square, Pa., with my special friend, Kit Staley, with whom I've been traveling the past 11 years since Sally died. We'll see you at the reunion—60th—wow!"

Nancy and **Tad Jeffrey** will be enjoying two 60th celebrations this year—their 60th wedding anniversary and our class reunion. They spent Christmas in Philadelphia with their daughter **Betsy Balderston** '79 and her husband **Tom** '78, who was appointed to the Williams Board of Trustees. Their grandson, **Caleb Balderston** '10 is in the Teach for America program, teaching high school math to inner city children in Chicago. While in Philadelphia, the Jeffreys were looking forward to having dinner with Judy and **Tom Costikyan** and their daughter **Leigh Wood** '79. Nancy and Tad plan to be at the 60th.

In October, Ann and **Tom Kent**, together with Meg and **Don Gregg**, traveled to Turkey. They visited Istanbul, Cappadocia, Ephesus and other sites and spent four days cruising the Mediterranean and Aegean in a wooden gulet. All of the walking and climbing, plus the long flight home, apparently caught up with Tom, and he ended up in the hospital with circulatory issues. As a result, Tom has joined the ranks of coumadin takers but is doing well, and, to Tom's great relief, he can resume drinking scotch and playing tennis. Don reported, "We were able to swim in the Aegean Sea at the end of October. Ephesus was fabulous. The best foreign trip I have ever had." **Alec Robertson** '52 sent me a copy of an article written by Don that was published in the Dec. 26 *Korea Times*. Don wrote, "Timing is everything in politics, war and peace. President Barack Obama and the world were extremely lucky to have had Gov. Bill Richardson in Pyongyang just when he was. His visit coincided with what I consider to have been the most dangerous moment in relations between North and South Korea since 1994, the 'sea of fire' crisis. ... I would hope that Gov. Richardson would be invited to the White House and listened to carefully. His visit has brought strong evidence of the value of direct talks with North Korea, the key to long term stability on the Korean Peninsula. They clearly need to be continued."

Jeanne and **Chuck Halleck** have been spending longer vacations on the west shore of Lake Tahoe and thus far have avoided the bears. In October they spent two weeks touring Japan, including the fall colors in the Japanese Alps, a night in Ryokan, gardens in Kanazawa and museums in Kyoto. They plan to be at the 60th and will combine it with attendance at granddaughter Katie's graduation from Union College that Sunday.

**Carl Austrian** is ailing with fibromyalgia, which, in his words, "keeps me out of shape." His wife Jane, however, remains quite active, continuing her ballet classes twice a week. Carl had his first session of pilates (a form of exercise) and was able to do "some gentle movements, but at this time it can be a chore to press a pencil."

**Shay Lynch** continues to play summer sports in Little Compton and enjoys teaching and coaching at Brown—phys ed, squash and

tennis—and auditing undergraduate courses. His youngest son, Jim, and Jim's Irish-born wife Louise not only provide him with a base in NYC but, even better, have provided him with an infant granddaughter, Niamh. Shay offers this plug to all New Yorkers and New Englanders: "My friend Nancy and I just spent one night and three meals at the new Ocean House in Watch Hill, R.I. Google it—and do it." Shay looks forward to seeing everyone in June.

**Jan Fiske** still lives in Florida, although her children want her to move north. Understandably, 2010 was not a good year. She managed to see all the children over Christmas. A fifth grandson was born, and more grandchildren are expected this spring. Jan is glad to hear from **Pete deLisser** on a regular basis, as well as from **Stu Duffield**.

**Frank Reiche** reports three recent events for the Reiche clan. First, the wedding of their grandson **Alec Schumacker** '08 to **Jane Kelley** '08. Frank says, "They met during the first week at Williams when freshmen adjourn from the campus for a few days. I am told that the purpose of such an arrangement is to ensure that the new freshmen bond with their fellow freshman. Boy—did they bond?" Alec and Jane were married in Honolulu, with more than 30 Ephmen and women in attendance. Second event: Jay-Dee's and Frank's participation in the Williams shipboard tour along the West Coast of Norway, and third, their other grandson's search for a liberal arts college that will satisfy his interest in architecture. Jay-Dee has completed her two-year term as president of the Present Day Club in Princeton, while Frank continues the active practice of law.

**Gus Clarey** reports that he will be on a 30-day tour of Australia and New Zealand and looks forward to being at the 60th. **Howie Smith**, in a brief note, comments upon the passing of **Everett Smith**. "Ev was a wonderful person, a respected classmate and an excellent accountant. When I was pastor of the Congregational/Baptist Church in Saxtons River, Vt., in the late '50s and early '60s, his firm audited our books annually."

**Pete deLisser** shares a few remembrances about the late **George Steinbrenner** '52. Pete was at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 20 when a monument in George's honor was dedicated. Also with





In December, Bob Kimberly '52 (left) visited his brother Bill '55 in Washington, D.C., where Bill's daughter Essicka '89 was also visiting.

Pete was **Stu Duffield '50**, who along with Pete had been George's guest at every opening day, playoff and World Series game at the stadium. Pete states that many of George's charitable deeds have never been publicized, such as his financing for years the Silver Shield, a NYC organization providing scholarships for children of law enforcement parents killed in the line of duty, and his support of **Len Watters** when Len was dying in Florida. Pete says that he used to kid George about the time Pete and other Ephs were invited to George's 50th birthday party in Florida, and the invitation included directions for landing their private jet. Pete regularly speaks with **Gordon Clarke**, **Bill Sperry**, **Bill Rodie**, **Wally Bortz**, **Pete Fisher** and **Stu Duffield** and particularly misses **Whit Fiske** and **Bill Anderson**. Pete "looks forward to enjoying our hard-to-believe 60th reunion."

**Stan Hazen** has been a licensed "ham" since 1949, and in 2002 he became a member of The Quarter Century Wireless Association, an independent organization of "hams" who have been licensed for at least 25 years. In 2010 Stan became its president. In late December Stan underwent a balloon procedure to relieve his intense sinus discomfort. Stan reports, "We took no major trips this year, and we may not again. Both a very unpleasant encounter in June with a TSA agent at Bradley Airport and the increasingly invasive personal screening procedures that people must endure in order to board an airplane take an undesirable and completely avoidable toll on one's physical and mental health."

**Dave Muhlenberg** reports that in contrast to 2009, 2010 was marked by a 36-inch blizzard in February which knocked out power for two-and-a-half days. Fortunately they were able to use a small emergency generator, which kept the well pump running and the furnace going on and off. The rest of the year was taken up with personal, family and business matters. The Muhlenbergs' three sons all live in the immediate area in Northern Virginia. Their oldest grandson is a college sophomore, and their youngest grandchild is 5. Dave expresses his greetings to all classmates and is thinking about attending the 60th.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of **Bill Windle**, who died on Jan. 3. We all have such pleasant memories of Bill riding his high-wheel bicycle in our reunion parades. Bill is survived by his daughters Hope H. Windle, Penny Windle Kline and Lily F.D. Windle. We also are saddened by the death of **Bob Bergen**, who died on Jan. 11 and is survived by his wife **Betsy** and four children, and by the death of **Hugh Traphagen**, who died in Nyack, N.Y., on Dec. 22. Remember the 60th reunion June 9-12. If you have not yet done so, make arrangements immediately.

## 1952

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Dear classmates, many thanks to so many of you who sent kind thoughts and prayers about Mary

Lee. She is soldiering on and still has great spirit. We are very pleased to hear from so many of you, and hoping for the best.

**Tom Evans** announced that as of Jan. 3, 2011, he became "of counsel" in the Washington office of Fulbright & Jaworski. He certainly is not slowing down. Lois is in good form as well.

Susan and **Jim Henry** were in the middle of Middle Eastern history on a Smith College tour to Egypt. "After a day at the Pyramids we returned to our Cairo hotel just off Tyhrir Square to find it boarded up, the lights turned out and a communications blackout. The demonstration had started! The Army quarantined us for three days. (Mubarak certainly didn't want a covey of Smithies messing in his community affairs.) The good news was that our 15th floor terrace over Tyhrir Square afforded us an exciting panoramic view of history in the making. The day from Hell was negotiating the trip to and out of the airport to board an Air Egypt flight arranged by the tour."

**Pete Gurney** has a new play in rehearsal at the moment, and Molly and he are looking forward to a trip to Morocco in the spring.

President **Fred Goldstein** reported he did not have much news to report. This has to be a famous first! "Nicky and **Paige L'Hommedieu** were off on a cruise for 10 days, so they missed being with us for our first Lyrics & Lyricists series in New York. Expect to see them for Roundabout Theatre series. Talked to **Emily Kraft** and she will be in Tampa this winter. Heard from Katy that **George McAleenan** is now in rehab and coming along with his convalescence. They have had a very rough time and appreciate everyone's thoughts and interest."

Mary Rose and **Dick Duffield** sent the following concerning the Tucson tragedy: "Gabby Giffords left University Medical Center this morning en route to rehab in Houston. So ends the first chapter at least of the horrific events of Jan. 8 here in Tucson. You probably know as much about the event and its aftermath as we do since the national coverage has been amazingly complete. About all I can add concerns the response of the community to the event. It has been unbelievable. The awful events of that day touched a chord in the hearts of so many that it is hard to describe. Even I walked in a so-called Peace March with

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hundreds of others. Mary Rose and I twice visited at night the memorial for Gabby on the lawn of UMC; it was so moving. The theme at all the shrines, and there are four (UMC, Gifford HQ, Christina's school and Safeway) is love and concern, even some expressions of love and forgiveness for the assailant, and stuffed animals, particularly teddy bears. One of the local TV stations reported this morning that they have already collected over 600 stuffed animals and given them to sick and needy children. Based on what I saw at UMC last night, there will be hundreds more for the kids."

"Last fall, I was lecturer on a Williams alumni trip to the Canadian Rockies, which turned out to be a spectacular success, with perfect weather and good company for the eight-day trip," reported **John Hyde**.

"Indeed, I am glad to be back with you guys," replied **Elliott Bates**. "Great fun at the minireunion and looking forward to next year. I'm learning to have a new life without Marilyn. Continue to enjoy living here in Heritage Village, Southbury, Conn. Had multiple trips last summer to visit friends in California, Florida, Rhode Island and also in Calgary with Marilyn's brother and his family. The Canadian Rockies are spectacular plus! We were also at their summer cottage at Lake Windemere, BC, for a few days—beyond beautiful! The people I met were so warm and friendly, and some even remembered Marilyn in grade school."

**Henry Catto** chimed in as follows: "I spent the holidays at our place near Aspen, with family in near full attendance, but with skiing a thing of the past (I decided I would rather walk than ski, and as it seems a choice would soon be inevitable). Little travel this year, save for a cruise in the Galapagos, which was terrific. My politics is/are a mess. A Republican of many years and many governmental challenges, I nonetheless voted for Obama when the senator named La Sarah as his VP choice. But on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I suffer Buyers Remorse. Oi."

World Class Golfer **Arthur Levitt** offered the following: "Our son and his four children joined my East Coast daughter and her progeny in Cabo San Lucas to celebrate my 80th. This was a perfect spot for a family reunion. We are spending the winter in Florida



Members of the Class of 1952 (from left) Jim Manning, John Hyde and Doug Foster met up during an eight-day Williams alumni trip to the Canadian Rockies, for which Hyde served as lecturer.

in Stuart, with weekly trips to NYC, where I work with Carlyle and Goldman Sachs. My golf has not improved from the time I first took it up at the Taconic." (Join the group, Art).

Jane and I had a ball at the Mini, replied **Bill Missimer**. "There's still some spunk in us '52s, by golly. We wish to thank you, Fred, Doug, John and all who do the dog work to put on these get-togethers. Jane says we should have one a month. Easy for her to say, right? Am making a transition from big-time college sports, i.e., Florida Gators, to the Little Three and loving it. What a jewel Williams' new football coach is! Going undefeated in year one is super, but it's more than that. This guy has his priorities straight. By the way, Jane and I would love to help out with future reunion planning and activities. The Farm is only an hour and a half away from Billville."

**Bill Hatch** said: "Not much to report from here. We are back in sunny Florida after 12 days in Cleveland for the Christmas holidays with all of our children and grandchildren. We had a fun time but are happy to be warm again."

"Best wishes for the New Year," replied **Bob Kimberley**. "2010 was a quiet year for us. Nancy had her fourth joint replacement (left hip) in May, which kept us close to home for the first half. In September we finally (after living here 40 years) took a cruise to Alaska. Then in November we went to Ann Arbor to visit Nancy's cousin and his family, which was a pleasant reunion. In December I went east, stopping

in Wisconsin to see the Packers play. From there I went on to DC to say goodbye to my brother **Bill Kimberley** '55, and his wife, who are moving to London to be closer to their daughters. Their oldest daughter, **Essicka Kimberley** '89, was there to help them move. Currently we are winding down a rather calm holiday season and looking forward to 2011. Our plans are to continue our writing, painting, jazz piano and bridge endeavors and quite possibly go down to Scottsdale for a couple of weeks."

**Dick Somerby** chimed in from Florida: "Wintering" in Naples again until May. (Have you noticed that New Yorkers use 'winter' or 'summer' as verbs? I guess it's Hampton chic.) A bit cooler lately, but way better than the northern alternative. If anyone comes this way, call me: 239.592.1194."

"Thought of you (Alec) on July 24 when we both turned 80," remembered **Doug Bourgoyne**. "Where do the years go? No special news. Just enjoying our large extended family—22 of us in all—including six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Still think of you both and of our mutual Sagaponack/Bridgehampton friends, and good times as youngsters."

I asked **Bob Huddleston** if his wife Vicki would be available to speak at our local group, the Southeastern Connecticut Committee on Foreign Relations, sometime soon. Bob replied as follows: "Vicki is so busy at the Pentagon and with her demanding travel schedule—on average, two trips overseas a month—that

she's not speaking in public forums anymore. She talks about retiring in July, but I'm not holding my breath." (I asked Bob to put us on the list for this fall.)

(As a matter of interest, **Don Gregg** '51 was scheduled to speak before our group in March about developments in Korea, with Kim Jong Eun taking over the reins.)

**Jim North** continues delving into all sorts of musical esoterica. He created a comprehensive discography of the Russian/American conductor and radio personality **Andre Kostelanetz** called *Andre Kostelanetz on Records and On the Air*. Jim provides the complete details of each recording: composer, song title, timing, date and site of each recording session. Jim has also created authorized discographies of The Boston Symphony and The New York Philharmonic. What a lot of research went into those compilations! They are available from Scarecrow Press on the Web.

**Sam Humes** announced: "Greetings from Billville. I see **John Hyde** regularly and **Doug Foster** a little less often. John is a great raconteur of Williams and Williamstown. I suggest him as a speaker at our next reunion.

**Dick Walters** reported: "Ship and I were in Portland, Ore., for the Thanksgiving weekend and went with our daughter and her family to the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony Friday evening in Pioneer Square. We were in the midst of a huge crowd of people at 5:42 p.m. when a terrorist bomb DIDN'T go off there, thanks to the efforts of the F.B.I. and local law enforcement personnel. We spent a happy hour in the square, singing and smiling with the mellow people there and didn't find out about the foiled attempt until the next morning. Since then we have been counting our many blessings: among them a loving family, good health, caring friends, beautiful music and the opportunity to attend a large public event in safety. There are many serious problems in our nation and the world at this time, but we continue to have faith in the loving God and in people of good will. We wish you and yours a brighter New Year." Dick was diagnosed with systemic rheumatoid arthritis last June and with treatment has been regaining his health ever since. His 80th birthday was cause for a grand celebration. Dick still goes to campus (by bike) when his health allows and enjoys serving as

membership chair of the Emeriti Association. The health problems are working their way out of his system, and he expects to be back to normal by 2011. Ship is winding up a career of writing local histories and family oral histories.

**John Freese** is enjoying retirement, although Jane told me that he is almost as busy doing eleemosynary work and serving on boards.

I spoke to **Joe Bumsted**, who is enjoying retirement and some golf in the summer in Lancaster, Pa., with his wife Becky, who is still deeply involved with the local hospital.

**Squintus Drennan** chimed in, stating that not much of import is going on in St. Louis, but he does plan a few trips this spring. We hope he will come east for the minireunion on Oct. 22.

Betsy and **Ted Taylor** are to move into a life-care community called "The Village" in State College, Pa., home of Penn State University. Their youngest daughter and her husband are both on the Penn State faculty. They are thrilled to have all the benefits of college life, including "life-long learning" classes, football tickets, etc. They have already made reservations at the Williams Inn for the minireunion.

I am indeed sorry to report the death of **Elmer T. "Ted" Mitchell** on Dec. 27 in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Ted went on to Yale Medical School, graduating with MD and MRS degrees. He did his internship and residency at Strong Memorial in Rochester, was a captain in the Army Medical Corps and ward officer with the burn unit of the surgical research unit at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and completed a fine medical career in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Salem Hospital in Salem, Mass. Ted is survived by his loving wife of 55 years **Evelyn**, three children and four grandchildren.

I hope you will all sign up for the minireunion, now scheduled for Oct. 22, 2011. Until then, stay well!

## 1953

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An annual event for **John Allan** and **Bob Howard** is the Scottish Rite service at a New Haven church. John in full Scots regalia and Bob in mufti. A typically Scottish lunch followed at

Colluccis—John having ravioli and Bob spaghetti and sausage.

**Bob French** has retired as a commissioner of Summit County, Colo., after serving six years. After Williams, the Navy and then Harvard Law, Bob was in private practice in Washington, D.C., until responding to a call from former roommate **Pete Cosgriff** to join his practice in Breckenridge, where Bob has been since. **Pete Sterling's** grandson, Ben Bratt, was a hoped for fourth generation at Williams, but Ben, an outstanding soccer player among other accomplishments, apparently has succumbed to recruitment by Wesleyan (possibly starting a new Little 3 heritage). Classmates in Vero Beach and vicinity were scheduled for Jan. 16 preprandials at Inge and **Gordon Cannings'**, to be followed by dinner at the local club. On hand were to be **Dudley Baker**, Marianne and **George Hartnett**, Daphne and **Tiger McGill**, **Jim Truettner** and his bride (and longtime family friend) Karen West, and **Barbara Weedon**.

Among this winter's travelers the Hartnetts and McDermotts were off to Cambodia and Vietnam. **Tony Butterfield** has been officially restored to the Class of 1953. While part of Tony's fame involves certain social activities, when hearing of Tony's return **Bob Howard's** first thought was of Tony coming to a class in Griffin Hall accompanied by a campus or perhaps even Deke dog, said dog entertaining itself during class by licking chewing gum off the bottom of chairs and desks.

## 1954

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October's minireunion drew 31 of us to Williamstown for a weekend that included dinners at the Six House Pub and the Taconic Golf Club, a faculty lecture on current American politics by a 2003 graduate and a football blowout over Middlebury. Those in attendance were Molly and **John Beard**, Dianne and **Jack Brennan**, Shirley and **Jim Carpenter**, Mary Jo and **Russ Carpenter**, Annaick and **Buzz Eichel**, **Wendell Elmendorf**, Lois and **Reed Foster**, Nancy and **Hugh Germanetti**, **Al Horne**, Carol and **John Johnston**, **Pokie Kalker**, Emily and **John Miller**, **Harry Montgomery** and Audrey

Clarkson, Sonnie and **Bob Murdock**, **Bill Stott** and Julie Mestre, **Dan Tritter** and Jacqueline Laroche, and Devi and **Sandy Wolfson**.

The October mini was also the occasion for a talk by **Dan Tritter** at the Williams Jewish Center, in which he described the social evolution of the campus from the preppy 1950s to the diversity of the present. At my request, he provided a reconstruction of his remarks. Here are some excerpts:

“The Class of 1954 set a Williams record, admitting 44 percent of its number as public school graduates, the remainder coming from such private bastions as Deerfield, Andover, Choate and others of the usual prep school suspects. Leading the ranks of public school freshmen were New Trier and my Newton High School, five each. Williams had no firm quota system on Jews, but somehow the entering classes, miraculously and consistently, were between 8 percent and 9 percent Jewish. ... I note that only about 25 percent of the Jews in my class received bids from fraternities (though that number grew somewhat in another round of bids in November).”

Dan also noted that “Frank Oakley, Williams first Catholic president, was a progenitor and early contributor” to the building of the Jewish Center, which opened in 1991. “Another of my classmates, not Jewish, gave a significant gift. I decided to take an informal and by no means official census of members of my class I thought to be Jewish and ask for \$100 each to purchase and dedicate prayer books. I gathered about \$1,800 and sent it in our class’s name.”

**Dave Moore** reports that he and Dinny have moved their northern home (for six months a year) to Newport, R.I., “to be closer to our grandchildren. It will be fun to watch them learn how to sail and swim. I have always had a strong connection to Newport, as it is where my ancestors first settled. I was also stationed there in the Navy after Williams. In my business career the contracts I received from the Newport War College and the Naval Base helped pay for our sons’ education.

“Our youngest son, Rod, who finished his tour as ambassador to Montenegro, is now the principal deputy high representative in charge of maintaining the peace in Bosnia. He recently resolved

the last divisive problems remaining in the remote northern area of Brcko. Although Sarajevo is considered among the 10 best cities in the world to visit, I think Dinny and I will pass on going there—still too many land mines in the countryside.”

“Counting to 10” was the headline on the *Los Angeles Daily Journal’s* profile of Judge **Charles Sheldon**, which appeared in the legal newspaper in November and was forwarded by **Bob Murdock**. The headline refers to the way Charlie handles his “occasional” frustrations on the bench in Long Beach. “When he feels his blood boiling,” wrote *Journal* reporter Pat Alston, he “usually calls for a short recess, counts to 10 and takes a few deep breaths.”

According to the article, “Attorneys who appear before the old-school judge with the gentlemanly manner say they appreciate his no-nonsense, straightforward approach, even if he does tend to jump in with a question or two of his own during testimony.” Charlie majored in psychology at Williams, the article says, “because he thought it would be easy. It wasn’t. ‘It was a tough college,’ he said, ‘but I made it through.’”

**Rob Brandegee** says that in addition to designing and selling contemporary furniture, he has taken on writing chores for an old friend who is working on “a fuel cell system that runs on damn near anything, including weeds and animal waste for a biodigester, to generate 1 kilowatt of electricity for billions of people mired in poverty around the world.” Rob also says that he and Ada were visited last year by “our rarely seen Canadian bro **Jeff Miller**,” who is “currently adapting his widely respected ‘Look, See, Paint’ program, originally conceived to inspire environmental engagement,” to a new goal: “enhancing brain functions among the aging.” Rob says he’s “eager to see it; I need all the help I can get.”

Molly and **John Beard**, on a visit to Bermuda, went to the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club in Hamilton to watch the 2010 Gold Cup yacht race but were challenged to show a membership card. Just as they were about to be evicted, they were spotted from across the room by **Jane Briggs**, who invited them to lunch, and they watched the yacht race as Jane’s guests.

**Joe Albertson** reports that when he went to Clinton, N.Y., at the end of October to watch

his grandson play football for Hamilton against Williams, he headed for the visiting fans’ purple tent and asked the oldest-looking person in sight whether any 1954 alums were present. “Nah,” the ‘57 grad replied, “they’re all dead.”

In fact, some of us are getting better. A rotator cuff injury took **Wendell Elmendorf** off the tennis courts last year but after treatment, he reported, “My doctor said I’d be as good as Nadal. But,” Wendell added, “he didn’t say in tennis.”

Another medical note comes from **Dave Griswold**, who has had cataracts removed from both eyes and now has 20-20 vision without the astigmatism he had coped with from early childhood. He credits the “new toric lens implant that has been perfected over the past few years. Both cataract removal and lens implant took about 15 to 20 minutes. No pain whatsoever.”

In January, we lost another classmate, Dr. **Richard Bryce Whitehead**, who had practiced neurology in southern California for more than 40 years, most recently on the staff of Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, after his MD at Johns Hopkins. His obituary in the *Tribune* of San Luis Obispo noted that he had been a bachelor until the age of 56. He leaves his wife **Barbara** and three stepchildren.

Belatedly, we learned of another loss to the class. **Monroe Hawkins** died in March 2010. When last heard from, he had been living in Bronxville, N.Y., after a career with Manufacturers Hanover Trust that included two years as the bank’s representative in Beirut and the title of assistant VP.

## 1955

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My dramatic pleas for news were answered—my notes run-neth over! For those who don’t have email or are not members of the Great Class of 1955, my pleas included a subtle reference to The Beatles’ song “Will you still love me when I’m 64,” and a sly reference to my birthday in January. With that clue, read on:

**Ned Reeves** wrote: “Ann and I are now living in our new house in Topsham, Maine (20 Kent Circle, 04086) and are most happy with our move from South



Carolina. We are both happily retired and live in The Highlands, a community of elderly folk in the retirement mode.” Ned and Ann were planning a cruise on the *Regent Navigator*, Jan. 23 to Feb. 3. He concluded, “Retirement is a pleasure at this point and we look forward to the reunion this summer.”

**George Rounds** said: “What a dramatic appeal! And hope-fully, the responses will not be as dramatic, as we all probably have enough drama in our lives as it is. ... I achieve another candle on my birthday cake this month and have yet to decide if I care to admit my age (since my hair color has not changed since college thanks to my mother’s DNA!) and only my slightly gray mustachio gives me away—well OK, the lines and the frantic search for the car keys ... is familiar in our household. I remain committed to the belief that Growing Old is truly an oxymoron. Think about it! With grandchild Number 10 on the calendar for early April, another graduating high school in June, and my two sons already grandfathers in their own right, life is full of joy and jelly-beans. On the more reality side, I have been blessed with general good health. ... 11 years ago I was diagnosed with early stages of age-related macular degeneration and my eye doc invited me into an ophthalmology research project which put me into truly high-level eye care for the past decade and, I believe, has stalled the progress of the disease for now. Add to that the early detection of my prostate cancer and the clean removal of that pesky organ, and I wake up amazed at my good fortune! To the point where I will likely run the Des Plains River Canoe Marathon yet again with my son and whomever else jumps into the canoe this year.”

George continues, “Speaking of canoe adventures, I did connect with **Tom Hammond** ... and learned that while his health is good, he is no longer doing his six-week canoe adventure above the Arctic Circle—that he had done for over 10 years and makes him a true witness to global warming. ... I continue my life and leadership coaching practice, working on getting established as a voice actor for films and other media, still leading men’s empowerment weekends and workshops and working on becoming a crash-free RC airplane ‘pilot.’”

**Jack Pratt** wrote that he “was elected chairman of the

Cheshire County (N.H.) Board of Commissioners at its organizational meeting. He “continues to teach courses in constitutional law and U.S. politics at Keene State College.”

**Whitey Perrott** sent “a brief update from Vero Beach, Fla., where it is a very cold (for us!) 50 degrees. ... Every week I see **Don Everett, Paul Quinn** and **Bill Regan** playing in a local duplicate bridge game. ... Betsy and I are in good health.” Whitey was anticipating his Alumni Fund calls.

Maria and **Dick Hale** are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Christina** ’01 to Jonathan Mohraz, who met as students at the Tuck School of Business and live and work in Manhattan.

**Tom White** reported that he was “currently recovering from a five-inch snowfall, which paralyzes our fair city. Haven’t been out in two days. Am undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. Had brachytherapy ... and start external irradiation. I feel great and continue to be active in tennis and golf, plus attend all my grandchildren’s sporting events. Will attend a reception for our new president ... and look forward to meeting. One of my grandsons will be considering Williams next year. He is a junior at Charlotte Latin and is at the top of his class. His brother won the Williams book award but ended up at Carolina as a Morehead Scholar. He looked at Williams, but it was snowing in April on his visit and that discouraged him.”

Audrey and **George Hagerman** were enjoying a week on “the slopes of beautiful Zermatt, Switzerland. ... For our class skiing enthusiasts I highly recommend Zermatt. This is our first visit here (we’ve been skiing in Lech, Austria, for 10 years). We loved the laid back atmosphere of Lech, but the variety of pistes, lifts and spectacular scenery here is impressive. From the top of Gonergrat, accessible by cog railway, one can see 29 peaks, including the mighty Matterhorn.”

**Steve Gordon** reported on a Feb. 5 gathering he and Dorie hosted in their Westchester home. He also reported, “Dorie and I went this past summer to Stockholm to dance at a hotel there that has three venues in the same building. It is our hobby that we have been doing now for 51 years. ... I expect to have another show of my drawings this next spring.”

**Mel Bearn**s wrote: “Deere and I spent Christmas in Mexico with

Deere’s daughter Mineko, her husband Rafael and her daughter Sophia. They, along with Rafael’s parents and a delightful couple who are close friends of theirs and ours, drove out from Mexico City to meet us in Queretaro, just about the geographic center of Mexico and a lovely old and very historic city. We all stayed in lovely B&B/art gallery in a building dating back to the 18th century, right in the middle of the Centro Historico of Queretaro. ... The ex-governor of the state of Queretaro, Enrique Burgos, is a close friend of Rafael and Mineko. He’d heard Deere and I were coming down and invited us all to dinner. ... We had a memorable time with him and his lovely wife Yolanda and became fast friends, parting with mutual invitations for us to come visit them at their finca and them to come see us in VA. Christmas celebration was in full cry, and the streets were full of parades and celebrations. On Christmas Eve ... there was a parade to rival Macy’s of floats depicting biblical scenes that must have been over a mile long, with torches, marching musicians and an unending panoply of sights. We all watched on a street corner until we started to freeze (Queretaro’s about 6,000 feet up) and then went inside our chosen restaurant for the ceremonial Christmas Eve dinner, where we had a perfect view through large windows of the ongoing parade. A memorable evening that went on until after midnight.”

Mel continues, “We went over to San Miguel de Allende ... an old and extremely picturesque town also steeped in history and had a fine time wandering around seeing the sights and downing an occasional tequila in a sidewalk cafe. All in all we were in Queretaro for five days, and given the amount of non-stop eating, drinking and general carousing until the wee hours it was probably a good thing that our stay wasn’t longer.”

**Gene Latham** says: “I wrote an investment newsletter for years and know the feeling of the blank page. Gloria and I spent Christmas in Denver with daughter Jess and her two girls. Then on to Miami for New Year’s with son Ted and his three children. On Jan. 3 we met up with son Jeff at his house in Key West for some flats fishing and shmoozing on Duval Street. We got lucky with the weather and were glad to get back to Mexico on the 9th

of January, where we'll continue our efforts to pave the way for a permanent return to the U.S."

**Mac Nelson** sympathized: "My God, Charley, how sad that you have to beg. Maybe everybody but you and me is dead? I'll add this to my previous little bit. The joy of retirement is particularly clear to me in January: My lady Joyce and I are in the Keys (Key Colony Beach, Fla., to be precise) in a condo on the ocean. Back home (western NY) it snows every day; not a lot, but just enough to be gloomy and cold. It doesn't often snow here (joke) and I run two miles, read for hours and swim every day. Hope life is as good for you who read this."

**Phil Smith** wrote: "One of my grandsons will be entering Williams in September. He is a diver like his older sister, who as a senior won the high dive competition against Amherst [this winter]. I also understand that **Al Reed** has a grandchild who was admitted early decision as well."

**Ted Oviatt** wrote: "I am continuing my very busy school life in Subic Bay (all the while a single father again with wife Marilyn six hours away in Baguio—one-and-a-half years to go on law school). Angel, our 12-year-old, is helping out by not missing mother too much and being a good student. I got really sick with an un-named jungle fever and pneumonia about Oct. 1. Eight days in hospital, then pretty slow coming back. ... Trying to convince myself to quit complaining and be grateful I can run—who cares how fast? Son Pete is out of high school coaching, where he had been very successful in Connecticut and Washington—coaching online and starting a running club, which just brought back some All-Americans from Nationals in cross-country. He himself ran a 2:40 marathon not too long ago. Son Ted still dishing out Starbucks in Westlake, Calif., avoiding full-time and managerial work as he might miss a Cowboy game. Daughter Wendy is 'retiring' from her elected post as Democratic town registrar in Waterford, Conn., to concentrate on being a soccer/basketball/tennis mom for the two still home. Her older boy Kyle (turned down at Williams but graduated with honors from Trinity) is getting a master's at U of Florida. Younger daughter Jill is communications director for a health research firm in Seattle. Husband Martin does visa and embassy work with the

Canadian government (visiting them got me to Manila nine years ago). He will retire in a few years, so they bought a condo in Palm Desert, Calif., where he will golf and she will hopefully teach journalism/communications at a junior college. My illness in October scared the school (me too, actually), so retirement will come a year early (still keeping an apartment and separate budget in Baguio for Marilyn till she finishes law school at St. Louis U). Angel and I will stay here, where my plan is to write, sub, tutor and run myself back into shape so I can do the steeple when I enter the 80-year-old age group three years from now! Sorry to have missed all you guys at the reunion. I always remember our Williams days fondly."

**Al Reed** reports, "Louise and I are delighted to report that our oldest granddaughter, Kelsey Leonard, has just been accepted to Williams. She lives in Santa Fe and is the daughter of our daughter **Story** '84 and **Jim Leonard** '82. Jim is the head of Santa Fe Prep. Since my father was Class of 1916, Kelsey will be a fourth generation ... [at] Williams. It will give us a compelling reason to visit Williams much more frequently. On Christmas Day we flew to our home at Loblolly in Hobe Sound, Fla., where we expect to spend most of our time until late April. ... I am still very much involved with the Philadelphia Orchestra and National Constitution Center (a must visit if in Philadelphia) and Louise with the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts and Pennsylvania Ballet."

**Richard Maidman** wrote, "Daughter Dagny Maidman and Molly Wood delivered my third grandson and sixth direct grandchild, Ezra Wood Maidman, on Feb. 5, 2010, and Evan and Regina Haymes provided Gail's second grandchild and first grandson, Theodore Mason Lowe Haymes, on Dec. 14, giving Gail and me the blessing of eight grandchildren. Dagny amplified her TV career with a second appearance on CNBC's *Strategy Session*."

**Morty Cohen** reported: "Debbie and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this summer with a trip to Spain, Italy, Croatia and Greece. We returned with over 2,000 photographs, which I am still editing."

**Don Everett** wrote: "On Nov. 12, **Whitey Perrott**, **Bob Wilkes** and I hosted a visiting **Bob Nash**

to a round of golf at the Hawk's Nest Golf Club. We wanted him to have a taste of our fine golf course and warm weather before he returned to cold and snowy Minnesota for the winter! There was great camaraderie for two sets of former Williams roommates, and no one remembers the golf scores."

**Ted Bowers**: "Happy Birthday. I just turned 59 on Sunday. Treat to be young bucks, isn't it? Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2011!" (Ted must be our youngest classmate.)

**Peter Cook**, with whom I went to grade school in Corning, N.Y., wrote: "Congratulations on the 13th anniversary of your 64th birthday. (When we went into Miss Sill's kindergarten you were 4 and I was 5—so I have a pretty good point of reference :-)) Susan and I just returned from a 27-day cruise from Athens to Fort Lauderdale. It was a great time. Every time I go into the former Roman Empire I am amazed at how sophisticated their architecture and building skills were. At the large Roman city of Ephesus there is a statue with the earth depicted as a sphere."

**Bob Little** wrote: "Alice and I had the opportunity to sponge off of Col. **William Fall** and his wife Lou. It was much fun great to get together and tell lies about high school, Williams and our children. We have 12 grandchildren, but of course Bill and Lou claim to many more! This is a hard guy to one-up. As a frustrated historian, Bill is leading tours of DC. We joined a tour, which was very good and FREE. Maybe it's not so hard to one-up this guy."

**George Olmsted**: "Looking forward, I wish you a Happy Birthday! ... Looking backward, if you took any math courses, you flunked! (Proof of theorem = we were classmates, and I am 77.) Still, I hope you enjoy your 64th b'day. Advice: Stop counting, keep celebrating."

**Don Tufts**: "You wrote (1) 'I'll be 64.' and (2) 'Hope you all still love me enough to feed me some news.' In response: Fifty-six years ago I noticed that you were precocious. But I did not know how precocious. Of course I love you! I am a local politician just like you (school committee member, then chair, town councilman, fire district moderator), and my home town, which I left for Hotchkiss in 1947, is Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. I hope that you do not support more tax cuts for the very rich. If

you do, it becomes much harder to love you. [Sect'y response: I do not support tax cuts for the rich.]

**Dave Lindsay** wrote: "64. Don't you wish! That means that you graduated from Williams when you were 8 years old. A child prodigy and big for your age. I knew that majoring in math at Williams would come in handy someday! Our sixth great-grandchild arrived on Sept. 22 ... the fifth child of our granddaughter, Tara. The baby's name is Nicolina (she will probably be called Nicki). The names of Tara's three boys start with the letter "D" and the two girls with the letter "N." They are Dennis, Dylan, Devin, Natalie and Nicolina. I am having trouble keeping the names of the two younger boys straight, particularly since they look so much alike. I don't envy Tara having to take care of five small children, ages 8½, 5, 3, 2, newborn."

The highlight of the fall minireunion for **Merce Blanchard** was receiving "Peter's Coat" for his "dedicated service to the Class of 1955 in the spirit of Peter D. Pelham." Merce said he was honored to have his name added to the list of previous recipients. ML and Merce enjoyed a visit with Barbara and **Dick Beatty** at their apartment in DC. "Dick is a fourth-generation Washingtonian," said Merce. "We couldn't have had a more knowledgeable or hospitable tour guide."

Your secretary has received sad late word from the Alumni Office of the death of **Tom Stark**. Last March, Tom emailed me saying that recent tests had detected no active cancers, and he was hoping to see us at reunion. His obituary appears in the back of this issue.

**Dave Murphy** sent this correction: **Marvin Hoffman's** obituary in the last issue states that he "spent two years at Williams" when, in fact, it was 3½ years. His photo and undergraduate activities were included in the 1955 *Gul*.

## 1956

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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I must again start an article with news about losses suffered by the class since the last article. **Dick Hughes** passed away on Sept. 20 in Southport, N.C.

**Mike Doctoroff** died in early December. Mike was the founder and chairman of Trainers Warehouse, a firm dedicated to creating and distributing innovative and playful tools to enliven learners. Over the years Mike invented dozens of products that help trainers have more fun and communicate more effectively.

Finally, sympathy goes out to **Jeff Smythe**, whose wife Becky died after a courageous battle with medical afflictions.

**John Reeves**, whose annual Christmas letter I always looked forward to, originated from Bar Harbor, Maine, and was always entitled the "Voice of Atlantic Avenue." Alas, it did not arrive this year, but not to worry; John reported that there was just too much going on around Christmas. January was to see the Reeves family off to St. Croix, where the weather (unlike Maine) is always good. John has a camp on a small pond in northern Maine, which they visit often during the summer. The children and grandchildren, and now one great-grandchild, all love it.

**Scott Wood** wrote to advise that he and Barbara are looking forward to the 55th reunion in June. "I can't believe it," said Scott, which is a sentiment no doubt shared by many in the class. Let Scott's note be a reminder that the reunion, under the expert supervision of Kay and **Wayne Reneissen**, will be a special event that hopefully will pull many classmates to Williamstown.

**Bill Quillen** provided a wonderful letter that covered everything from Delaware politics to his and Marcia's visit to Williamstown last July. Their son-in-law John Carney Jr. won a landslide victory in his run for Congress and now represents Delaware's sole congressional district. Mike Castle, who defeated Bill in the 1984 gubernatorial race in Delaware and then was defeated in the 2010 Republican Senatorial primary, was very helpful to John during the transition period. The Williamstown visit was designed to show the campus to Bill and Marcia's granddaughter. While enjoying the patio at the Williams Inn, they overheard some political talk at a nearby table. The conversationalists turned out to be **James McGregor Burns** '39 and Professor Susan Dunn, currently teaching history at Williams, the author of the recently published *Roosevelt's Purge: How FDR Fought to Change the Democratic Party* and a frequent collaborator

with Professor Burns on various projects. Many of us, like Bill, can remember pouring over "Burns & Peltason," the fundamental textbook for poli sci courses at Williams and probably elsewhere in the 1950s. Bill's letter ended with this nice reflection: "At the conclusion of our discussion, which had included dinner, Professor Burns pronounced that we had just experienced what Burns likes to call 'a Williams moment.' It sure was for me; 55 years gone in a flash; I was a late teenager again. Professor Burns looked very well!"

I had another of my always enjoyable conversations with **Hugh Dean**. He has been involved for more than 25 years in medical device companies and is not stopping yet. He is currently developing financing for two firms, one creating a diagnostic kit for cervical cancer and another developing a cardiac vascular treatment device. Hugh's enthusiasm for this work is a joy to behold. If his efforts succeed in enabling companies to either get purchased or go public, the joy multiplies.

**John Barton** and Merry split their time between two pretty nice places: San Rafael, Calif., north of the Golden Gate Bridge, and Waimea on the Big Island of Hawaii. At the latter location, they have a small B&B, which is occupied off and on by friends and visitors. John has been retired from the institutional bond business since 2001 and notes that while it was fun, "I'm very glad I don't have to get up at 3:15 a.m. anymore." John and Merry have five children and nine grandchildren spread from San Francisco to Hong Kong.

I am grateful to **Bruce Dayton** for providing me with a copy of the celebration at Skidmore College last Oct. 16 that honored persons who have been exceptionally generous in their support of the college. Among this year's honorees was Beverly Grossman, now married more than 50 years to our class president, **Buster Grossman**. Buster, as many of you know, has had more than his fair share of medical issues, but he is determined to be back in Williamstown in June together with Bev.

**Bruce Russett** writes that he is still teaching and writing, but the formal teaching part will end next June when he retires from Yale. That will be 50 years after he started. Bruce says: "It's a great profession—lots of freedom to pursue one's real intellectual

interests with smart people. But 50 is enough.” However, another 50th was very special: his and Cynthia’s 50th wedding anniversary. They, four children, four children-in-law and three grandchildren celebrated in Turkey, where they had been 10 years earlier to celebrate their 40th. From that trip came a passionate interest in Turkey by their older daughter, who eventually came to marry a Turkish sculptor, leading Bruce to note in his letter that this is “a great example of life’s unexpected turns—and in this case a delightful turn.”

**Jerry Davis** remains extraordinarily active in the world of economic thought and philosophy. He was sponsoring his sixth or seventh “Mises Circle Houston” event in January, named for Ludwig von Mises, the renowned Austrian economist, historian, philosopher and author. Jerry also sponsored a high school economics seminar in January. Much of Jerry’s thinking about economics comes from the Ludwig von Mises Institute, found at [www.mises.org](http://www.mises.org). Although a resident of Houston, Jerry spends several weeks in the spring and fall in Vancouver, Canada.

I was pleased to receive a phone call from Caracas, Venezuela, where **Toby Bottome** (my Williams roommate for our last two years) brought me up to date. As he put it: “It’s been another terrible year for Venezuela, but a wonderful year for the Bottomes.” Toby continues to publish *VenEconomia*, the leading publisher of studies and analyses of national events as affecting business in Venezuela. It is not easy, though, to publish information of interest to investors when most investors no longer want to come to your country. Meanwhile, wife Ruth continues to provide meals and support for some dozen political prisoners being held at the Ramo Verde military prison. Turning to a quite different aspect of their lives, Toby and Ruth participated in the “Road to Santiago,” a two-week, 200-mile walk across northern Spain. The walk commemorates the Christian pilgrimage during the Middle Ages. Today it is one of the most popular long-distance trails in Europe, winding from the heights of the Pyrenees to the gently rolling fields and woods of Galicia. When I blinked at the thought of a 200-mile trek, Toby said it really wasn’t that bad—only 20 miles day. I remember wincing at 20-mile hikes in the Army, but then again, that was a

much different environment. After completing the walk, Toby and Ruth relaxed for two weeks in the Pyrenees. He assured me that he and Ruth will be at the 55th.

Speaking of Internet links, try [wrestlinghalloffame.org](http://wrestlinghalloffame.org). Once there you can find listed **Bob Koster**. Then, with a little searching, you can get to this piece of history: “In 1957, **Bob Koster** drove to the University of Pittsburgh without a coach and entered the NCAA Championships (all divisions) as an unseeded entrant. Koster came home with fourth-place finish at 157 pounds and as an All-American.” Bob asked that I tell his Williams friends that he is alive and practicing internal medicine in Dallas.

A nice long letter came in from **Ed McCarthy**. He and Betty are traveling to Johannesburg and on to Maputo for two weeks on the *Corinthian II* up the coast of Mozambique and then circumnavigate Madagascar. They will visit the school where Betty taught in the 1960s in Uganda. Hoping to avoid the pirates off Pemba, they will head for the Ngorogoro Crater for a few animal views. Ed is mostly retired but still spends about eight weeks a year counseling banks, where he consults on the development of what the Feds now call enterprise risk management. He plays “geezee golf” with his attorney son and fishes mostly from Key West and loves to snorkel (but no more diving after triple bypass a few years ago).

**Bob Fordyce** has taken his 17th and 18th Williams alumni trips, one to Scotland, and the other to Italy. His retirement from Eastman Kodak is now more than 20 years ago (which obviously has opened up some time for those alumni excursions). Bob still likes to show the ’56 Packard but no longer enters this prize in competitions, having won the big ones. Bob splits time in Rochester, N.Y., Maine and in the Finger Lakes area.

This gentle reminder in closing: Plan to visit Williamstown in June for our 55th.

## 1957

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Wish you were here last Jan. 17, although some of you would despair as we were “enjoying” 22

inches of the white stuff; white and beautiful but cold with temps between 25 and zero!

Hope you checked your email for January issue of *EphNotes*, which always includes status of new faculty appointments, faculty tenure, fellowships, sports and financial status. Williams has benefitted from last year’s stock market with improved endowment figures, budgets and plans to begin construction of the new library in the spring. President Falk has initiated important new administrative appointments from faculty ranks, and the campus continues to look beautiful, with many students away during Winter Study.

Several members of ’57 attended “A Celebration of the Life” of **Allen Mottur** last Jan. 15 at his church in Chatham, Mass. Allen died suddenly Jan. 8 and, right until the end, he continued his teaching responsibilities at Boston U, apart from community projects. Quite a man, and his three children, four grandchildren and wife **Libby** organized a terrific service with a packed congregation of his many family and friends attending. The Fearons, Floods, Berrys, Driesens, **Jim Patterson**, **Dave Hilliard**, **Joe Perrott**, **Don LeSieur** and yours truly were present and grateful for the experience.

We lost **Don Morrison** Oct. 22 from injuries suffered from a motor scooter accident on Oct. 20 in South Denver. He is survived by his wife **Jean** of Greenwood Village, one daughter, two sons and six grandchildren. Don was a successful residential and commercial real estate developer and community leader. “He was always going somewhere, doing something and always saw a project through to completion,” said his daughter Jean Anne Hosker of Bethesda, Md. “He loved life. He loved God. He loved his family. And he loved people.”

Always special to hear from **Stuart Young**, who writes, “Last December, Toni and I were in Israel on a mission with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. We visited Jordan and visited and met with Prime Minister Samir Rafir and his deputy. Also we saw U.S. Ambassador Robert Beecraft at the U.S. embassy. Another day we went to Ramallah to confer with the prime minister of the Palestinian Authority, Salem Fayyad. It was a fascinating trip meeting many interesting officials, including many from Israel. While there are many road blocks



ahead, I was encouraged that there is the possibility of peace in the Middle East. During our stay in Israel, we had a small family gathering. We saw Ann, who is living in Jerusalem teaching English as a second language, not an easy job. **Mitchell '94** flew in for a few days from Prague, where he is a PhD at the Charles University, I believe the oldest university in Europe. It was wonderful being together. Just a side note—the food in Israel has become very good and in fact sometimes truly gourmet.

“After retiring from the Delaware College of Art and Design (DCAD) after 11 years, DCAD named me distinguished chairman emeritus. It’s great to be relieved of all responsibility and still be very much involved in this exciting and viable young college. At my retirement reception, I was overwhelmed when I was presented with a handsome proclamation in calligraphy establishing a student scholarship in my name. I am hoping this scholarship will grow and bring more excellent students to DCAD.

“Just before we left for Israel, the Wilmington Renaissance, a business organization involved in the redevelopment of downtown Wilmington, presented me with CityLife Award for Wilmingtonian of the year 2010. I was completely surprised and flattered. Knowing that there are so many who have done so much for the city, I was very much humbled by this unexpected recognition.” Many thanks, Stuart, and congratulations.

**Eric Dahlberg** enjoyed a fine year in 2010 and taught petroleum/geology courses in Ecuador and Saudi Arabia. “Wife Janice and I did a 10-day rock and mineral collecting tour of the southern U.K. last May, visiting mines, quarries, museums and cultural sites (even spent a day at Wimbledon), hung out with our kids and theirs in July at a Sandpoint, Idaho, lake, our R&R place with wonderful swimming, tennis, etc. Played singles (0-2) and doubles (2-2) in the Huntsman World Senior Games in unusually rainy Saint George, Utah, in October. I was pleased because winning in that crowd is mighty tough for me, being an enthusiastic but not a star performer! In between, I taught oil industry courses locally and skied in our proximal Canadian Rockies, most weeks with my gang. Janice keeps a full schedule of piano teaching and sings with

the Calgary Philharmonic Chorus. Son **Eric '85** runs his wine-stabilizing company, Wine Secrets, in Napa, Calif., and Penticton, B.C., and travels a lot. My boutique oil company is Saskatchewan Petroleum Ventures in partnership with **Matthew Duford '72**, and it pipelines down to the U.S.” Whew! Our Canadian kid sure stays busy!

Suzanne and **Hugh Clark** check in with their energetic report and “relish current good health and have taken advantage of it, as who knows what is next. Fly fishing and skiing in British Columbia, Montana, Idaho and Oregon! Eldest granddaughter now finishes at the top of her age group as a ski racer! We took two 10-year-old grandsons on an outdoor Elderhostel to Vancouver Island, where we all kayaked, canoed, rock climbed and rappelled, zip lined and practiced map reading. A 3,000-mile trip with our fifth wheel trailer to Nebraska and back included 100 miles of biking, much on the Cowboy Trail. We met roommate **Jim Hecker**, retired pediatrician, and his wife Carol in Cheyenne. Jim played a major role in organizing pediatrics in Wyoming and opened the first neonatal care unit in the state! Still slim as a rail and active. Jim and Carol do lots of hiking and church-related activities. Mary and **Tony Smith** are regular visitors to Seattle, where his son **Joshua '91** does artificial intelligence and robotics.” Thanks Hugh.

Received an interesting update from **Len Kirschner**, who journeyed to Jerusalem for his 75th birthday, a gift from his wife Peggy. As a member of Jewish War Veterans, Len came across a JWV ad outlining a trip of a lifetime—“Leadership Mission”—to Israel last October, which was irresistible to a retired Air Force colonel with 22 years of active duty. “Everywhere we went, there was military activity, current and ancient, that included a visit to the Horns of Hattin, where Muslim armies under Saladin defeated Crusaders in a bloody battle on July 4, 1187.” The JWV mission was timed to bring American Jewish veterans to Israel for the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Israel Defense Forces Career Army Veterans. The dinner celebration in Tel Aviv, attended by President Shimon Perez and Defense Minister Barak was the high point for Len as his tour group was asked to stand and be

recognized as “brothers in arms.” Len has taken five trips to Israel and is impressed by many positive changes compared to what he witnessed in the 1960s.

“Hauoli Makahiki Hou! Of course you know who’s reporting from that salutation.” **Duane Yee**, to be sure. “The season’s killing my knees from all the running around, but other than that, I’m looking forward to my daughter’s wedding in February, when we’ll get to see Naomi and **Howie Gardner** and two of their daughters. Naomi will pour Howie onto a plane for Hawaii for their very first visit. Kathy and **Hideyo Minagi** will precede by a few days with the Kirschners arriving about the same time for a round of golf, visit to Maui and scoot back to Phoenix. I’m still trying to do what I can with my little school for kids with different developmental disorders—autism, attention deficit, et. al—even trying to expand to a high school unit and a pre-school program. It’ll take lots of fundraising scrambling, but at least we have been given a facility right on our property. Needs renovation, but we don’t have to build from scratch. Honestly, I chuckle when I send my modest contribution to dear old Williams when I need every penny here! Tell Driesen I’m still waiting for his solution to fundraising! Aloha.”

Delighted to hear from my old roommate **Phil Fradkin**, who I also knew in Montclair, N.J., growing up. Phil taught a Winter Study course at Williams too many years ago on the Colorado River, its resources and importance to the Western U.S. He writes, “My news consists mainly of the decision to stop playing around with the written word, which I have dealt with on a professional basis for the last 50 years, and go on to something new and more challenging. It has to do with making images with a camera, which I have done for newspapers, magazines and books. I want to go beyond simple illustrations. My 12th and 13th books will be published to sell in 2011 ... *Left Coast: California on the Edge* with my 50,000 words and my son Alex’s stunning photographs. I tried to warn him away from the uncertain life of a freelancer, but he didn’t listen to me and has turned into an excellent fine arts photographer. My second book is a biography of Everett Ruess, a troubled boy-man and talented artist who wanders through the Southwest with two

burros for five years and then disappears at the age of 20 in the Canyonlands of southern Utah. As my last book, Ruess appeals to me on many levels, one being those years of turmoil we went through during high school and college. His experiences were far more extreme, however. Both books will be published by the University of California Press, which has most of my titles in print." Thanks, Phil, and look forward to your latest publications, that trip East and another lesson in the game you and Dave made famous in Williams Hall, over 50 years ago.

The McKees moved to Littleton, Colo. (near Denver) on Jan. 15 after living in Sedona, Ariz., for nearly 30 years. They are excited to be closer to their daughter Betsy and son Philip, who have been in the Denver area for some time.

Many of you have followed the reunion saga of Messrs. Richardson, Lazier and Palmer over the years as reported in our '57 notes. Well, you will be pleased to learn that last November, **Joe Richardson** wrote me to advise the trio finally all met for the first time since graduation to enjoy the ambiance of Lake Tahoe with several days of hiking together. Congratulations to all three of those former roommates and frat brothers from Delta Phi!

Already looking forward to seeing more of you this fall when we celebrate our '57 Scholars Reunion Weekend. With every good wish to you and your families, and I wish you enough. —Your Class Secretary

## 1958

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**David Kane** and Siegrun were in Paris last fall when there was a serious, major-headline terrorist threat. They sought the counsel of **Bernard Lanvin** over tea and tarte tatin at La Carrette at Place Trocadero across from the Eiffel Tower. "Bernard was a steady influence regarding the future of Mother Earth. And he shared very fresh memories of our undergraduate years, notably **Fred Copeland's** '35 abiding interest in and support of foreign students and Professor Jack Savacool's enlisting him in the French play and then taking the show on the

road to Skidmore and Amherst, etc."

David says Bernie looks great and feels fine and enjoys family life with Maryll, two sons and five grandsons. His two sons are in the worldwide family business, which I recently read is undergoing a new phase of expansion. Not many '58ers have dropped by recently, no doubt in part a function of currency exchange. It's great to know we have some of the luminosity in the City of Light.

Back home in Indiana, **Pete Carney** writes that it's "been an interesting year for Gloria and me. In April, I gave a paper at the Garaventa Center of the University of Portland on how conflicts from the past teach lessons for the present. In September I gave a paper to the American Academy of Pain Management on using A-delta sensory nerve conduction tests to help people with spinal pain. A week ago [this in November] I had my right hip replaced, and three days ago I gave a small paper at Notre Dame's Fall Ethics and Culture Conference on how Bob The Egg Man teaches the values of humility, wonder and joy. Of course the energy for all these endeavors comes from the fact that Williams beat Amherst!"

Speaking of which, our Treasurer **David** ("Williams '58, Amherst nothing") **Grossman** missed **Fred Clifford** at the game and gave him a call. Freddy was lounging in Islamorada, if you can imagine that, and David kept him updated through that stirring win.

Fred reports that the Williams

the fine arts in summing up for his juries.

Bob says he's playing a lot of golf with, among others, **Chet Lasell**, **John Hutchins**, **Ed Hughes** and **Simbo**, aka **Dave Sims**.

David and Jennifer had Christmas with Kate and Chet in Vero. They continue to live in Lakeville in the summer. They went on a "great" Williams trip through the Canadian Rockies last summer.

Our class gatherings last fall were flat-out wonderful. There was a record crowd in Williamstown in October for the minireunion, organized by Chet and **Rick Driscoll**. In attendance were **Ron Anderson** and **Barbie**, **Fred Clifford** and **Barbara**, **Don Conklin** and **Elizabeth Heckman**, **Tom Connolly** and **Ann**, **Dave Cook** and **Loy**, **Stuart Crampton** and **Suzy**, **Hank Dimlich** and **Kathy**, **Matt Donner** and **Judy**, **Rick Driscoll** and **Jeanne**, **Joel Greeley** and **Louise**, **David Grossman** and **Jill**, **Bob Guyett** and **Sue**, **Sam Jones** and **Becky**, **David Kane** and **Siegrun**, **Whitey Kaufmann** and **Karen**, **Tom Kellogg** and **Mercy Ramsey**, **Chet Lasell** and **Kate**, **Skip Martin** and **Nancy**, **Bruce Maxwell**, **Jim Murphy** and **Connie**, **Jock Purcell** and **Nancy**, **Bruno Quinson** and **Minkie**, **Dick Siegel** and **Pam**, **David Sims**, **Brad Thayer** and **Bee**, and **Terry Vermilyea**. There was a full weekend of festivities. I'd go on but it would run me out of space and besides, *res ipsa loquitur*.

In December we held our first holiday season gathering at the Princeton Club. I got real strong reviews on this from **Jim Conlan**

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Carl W. Vogt '58 received the Donald D. Engen Aero Club Trophy for Aviation Excellence from the Aero Club of Washington in November. Vogt, a pilot and lawyer, has served as chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board and a member of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security and has been director of several other aviation associations and foundations.

Reunion Jazz Band planned to be in Vero Beach March 18-22. The Band is out with a new CD, entitled *No, No Don't Go*. **Tom Hayne** '57 has plenty of copies and sent me one. His email address is Mrtomtom59@aol.com.

**Bob Kingsbury** says **Lou Lustenberger** designed the cover for the CD, exercising a skill he's had since Scarsdale High School days. I wonder if Lou resorted to

and **Lin Patterson**. Jim said it wasn't just a step up, "it was a whole flight of stairs." Lin came all the way up from Florida. **Matt Donner** and **Joe Young** hosted, and other attendees were **Tom Connolly**, **Bob Guyett**, **Bill Harter**, **David Kane**, **Lou Lustenberger**, **Bruno Quinson**, **Arnie Sher** and **Tom Synott**.

**Jim Hutchison** and **Kay** were frustrated for the second year in a row in their quest to get to

Antarctica. Damaged ships in both cases. This time they were all the way down in Ushaia, at the bottom of South America. Jim asks, “Is someone sending us a message?” Maybe a condo/time-share seller in Ushaia.

A little later but not much farther north, **George Vare** and Elsa celebrated George’s birthday during their Patagonian hiking tour at Torres del Paine, one of Chile’s great national parks.

Keeping up with George is one thing; keeping up with the media talking about George is another. Reading my Saturday *Wall Street Journal* on Nov. 6, here comes George at me from the middle of page D11. He was centering a group of five Napa vintners. **Jay McInerney** ’76 in the column “On Wine,” refers to the group as the “Retro Dudes of Napa.” He variously calls George “headmaster” of the group, “a genial patriarch” and the “unofficial ambassador for the wines of Friuli, especially Ribolla Gialla.” It’s quite a story.

**Lin Patterson** and Gail took a cruise to Venice, the Greek Isles and Istanbul last spring. Gail is still with the Huntington Private Bank. **Russ Pope** visited Barcelona this fall and enjoyed a two-week return cruise with Texas neighbors. **Rad Byerly** and Carol spent Christmas with **Jim Hutchison** and Kay in Oregon; Rad was looking forward to a good ski season in Colorado.

**Phil Wilcox** is “trying hard not to join the ranks of the ‘declinists,’ but things are not looking great for our grandchildren, if we can’t stop our addictions to war, borrowing ourselves into bankruptcy and corrupting our politics with big bucks. Otherwise, life for us is good.”

I’ve passed on the strong consensus view that Phil and **Tom Connolly** have done a great job in our fundraising activity but haven’t mentioned the hard-working and effective deputies, subjects of the same strong view. Bravo, ole and magnifico.

**Jack Kent** is a potter as well as a lawyer and sent me a coffee cup to prove it. What else would you expect from Seattle’s finest? Jack spends good parts of May and October in Williamstown with his daughter **Katie** ’88, the professor.

**Rob Hall** writes that he, Karen and English setter Lilly are off to Boca Grande for February and March. “Lots of golf, fishing and destruction of brain cells—but fun, and beats shoveling the white stuff.”

**Peter Bertine’s** daughter

Kathryn was married to George Varhola Jr. on Nov. 7 in the Rincon Mountain foothills east of Tucson. Their marriage was the subject of a feature article in the Weddings section of *The New York Times* on Sunday, Nov. 21. Both Kathryn and her husband are Olympic-grade bicyclists. They got to know each other while bicycling up the Mount Lemmon Highway, which rises from about 3,000 to about 9,000 feet. Even driving a car up that road is exhausting!

I read the very good article the day it was published and perhaps thinking of the lords around the pear tree, leapt to the conclusion that Peter was in the picture behind the bride and groom. It wasn’t Peter, but **Dave Cook** came to my rescue noting that he was in a picture published with the article in the *Times* electronic edition.

Peter observed that it’s nice when you can bask in the achievements of your children.

**Ed Hughes** writes about Peter: “He told me the groom is ex-Navy, which pleases Peter since both he and his father served in the Navy. You might not know that we were each other’s best man, and when my parents died I lived with his family for several years. Good people.” I didn’t know it, and I’m real glad to know it now. Class facts, class acts. A lot of present and potential legal talent in that household.

**Denny Doucette** is bursting with pride with respect to his daughter Rebecca. She finished at the highest level of a military training program for learning the Arabic language, earning special commendation. She will now put her skills to highest use in military and diplomatic endeavors in Afghanistan.

**Stan Lawder** sent a blockbuster from Denver. I’ll relate some and save more. The Denver Darkroom is doing A-OK, the leading photography school in the Rockies. Stan is also well known as an experimental filmmaker. He was featured in the Denver magazine 5280, edited by Amanda Faison, granddaughter of Prof. **Lane Faison** ’29! I didn’t realize Stan is the son of a Williams grad, **Douglas** ’28.

I see in a Terry Teachout column in the Jan. 28 *Wall Street Journal* that Minkie Quinson’s Barrington Stage Co. premiered, on the regional theater circuit, Mark St. Germain’s two-man play *Freud’s Last Session*, the imagined debate on faith between

Sigmund and C.S. Lewis taking place in 1939. The play is now being presented everywhere. How do we best say avant-garde in English, Bruno?

**Jim Conlan** was going into his New York sports club branch when a bunch of **Whitey Kaufmann’s** spinning charges were leaving. Jim said they all looked robust, hale and hearty. Whitey and Karen took in the Stewart/Colbert “Rally to Restore Sanity” on the eve of Election Day. **Ed Hughes** followed up his month in Italy with a three-week visit to Turkey, a fascinating culture and one for us to stay closely in touch with, says Ed.

The **Bill Dudleys** had a great year and are firmly ensconced in their new home in Easton. “We love the house and area near the Miles River and St. Michaels.” Bill’s book was launched during a Maritime Heritage Conference in Baltimore.

**Ed Snyder’s** son Zack, the director, has two new movies out or coming out. They are *The Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga’Hoole and Sucker Punch*.

Last issue I wondered if anyone traveled a shorter distance between homes than **David Phillips** and Lore. Now I’m wondering if anyone travels a longer distance than **John Buckner** and Lorraine. It’s about 3,000 miles from the Bay to Miami, but then it’s a whale of a distance on the British Virgin Islands. I bet they win.

Winter checked in early here this year, and some of our sensitive flora went the way of **Dave Plater’s** last year. It must have been a lot the same in Florida. For a while I thought they’d be shipping arks to So Cal and Nevada.

I’m indebted to **Joe Young** for a heads-up to a review of her new book, *Being Polite to Hitler*, by Robb Forman Dew, Professor **Charley Dew’s** wife. The review by novelist Meg Wolitzer is in the Jan. 16, 2011, *New York Times Book Review* at page 7. It is the third in a trilogy—I hope I don’t misuse the term—of novels about a character of our generation. The reviewer concludes that the work “is a deeply knowing novel—progressive, certainly, and at times quietly, thrillingly strange.” It’s published by Little Brown.

As I wind this up in January it’s been a tough week here in Arizona. The good news is that a strong congresswoman will likely, I believe and hope, get back to her seat. Our fellow alumnus of many years ago, President Garfield,

would have served out his full term today.

I am sorry to report that **Steve Fudell** passed away Nov. 1. Steve was a retired diagnostic radiologist. He is survived by his wife **Rosalind**, three daughters, two step-sons and five grandchildren. Rosalind's address is 2 Bridle Lane, Blue Bell, PA 19422-2454.

## 1959

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*Submitted by Dan Rankin:* We'll start up in New England with our good friend and conscientious class secretary, **Norm Walker**, who reported to us two years ago that he had a glitch in his left brain, a glioblastoma, which was robbing him of intelligent access to language. He continues to be upbeat and has a first-class team of doctors overseeing his progress at Tufts Medical Center. **Bob Hatcher** published a nice piece about Norm in his local paper, the *Clayton Tribune* (Georgia), praising his good spirit and steadfast effort to get out and walk a mile or two a day. Norm doesn't get out every day, but he does walk most days and, as Bob says, "Today's the day—it's the only day for each of us." And each of us must make the effort to do our walking and complete our projects—just as Norm does. This is good advice from Dr. Hatcher, who underwent open-heart surgery two years ago. **Sam Parkhill**, a resident of Freeport, Maine, is 65 miles up the road from Norm and continues checking to make sure Norm behaves himself and is following doctors' orders.

The fall beauty of New England and the Williams campus in particular, brought together an enthusiastic group of '59ers in October for a minireunion and a chance to see the undefeated Eph football team beat Middlebury. **Tom Albertson** and Kitty, **George Dangerfield** and Margaret, **Tom Davidson**, **Jack Dietze**, **Chuck Dunkell** and Suzanne Cassell, **Tim Enos** and Sheila, **Bob Gould** and Sheila, **Hanse Halligan**, **Barry Mayer**, **Bill Moomaw** and Margot, **Bill Norris**, **Jim Richardson** and Barbara, **Bart Robinson** and Ingela, **Dave Taylor**, and **Dan Rankin** and Susan shared good stories, thoughts and beliefs with one another—Friday night at the "6" House with the Class of '58

and Saturday night at Hobson's Choice. We were honored to have former president John Chandler join us at the 1896 House. Three weeks later the college campus of the Military Academy at West Point was a weekend gathering place for classmates to join **Tom Davidson** for an extensive tour. **Kirk Emmert** and Elizabeth, **Tim Enos** and Sheila, **Dan Fanning** and **Chip Ide** took advantage of Tom's hospitality and toured the campus, viewed the cadets drilling and the parachute team performing, and watched the football team beat Virginia Military Institute. Stay tuned; Tom hopes to arrange more of these weekends in the future.

Staying with the college scene, but this time Kent State, we find **Mack Hassler**, the quintessential faculty guru—professor of English, undergraduate coordinator, graduate coordinator, acting dean of the honors program and author—reporting that he's "having a ball now with campus politics just prior to retiring. I was elected chair of Kent State's Faculty Senate last spring—a real challenge in tough times." He does a lot of work with a Graduate Dean, **John Stalvey '77**. Mack's brutally honest in admitting he's in total denial about the aging process. Way to go! **Stu Wallace** continues on the college campus by teaching in the continuing ed program at North Carolina State and being a close observer of local and national politics. **Bill Moomaw** is still working full time at Tufts University Fletcher School as director of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy. He teaches and sponsors graduate students working on issues from fisheries and forests to water resources, energy and climate change. His work has taken him to Mexico and multiple European cities this past year. Still active on the Virginia Tech grounds, **Tony Distler** writes, "As usual, I forgot what retirement is supposed to be all about. In addition to ongoing consultations and voiceovers/on-camera work for commercials, I've taken to chairing the Blacksburg Partnership Collaborative for the Arts and chairing a capital campaign to raise funds for a new building at a local retirement community." While **Jim Pickering** has left his many administrative duties behind at the University of Houston, he does continue to teach and write. He's co-written several books about Estes Park,

Colo., and he's putting the finishing touches on an edition of his "Fiction 100" books. On the primary and secondary education level, **Bob McAlaine** reports that he's now chairman of an \$8 million scholarship campaign for an inner-city pre K- to 8th-grade school in a poverty stricken area of Philadelphia. This is an independent school with a reputation for innovation and success that serves 460 students. I think we all knew that Mac was a thoughtful, generous and giving individual even back in the '50s. Thank goodness some things never change. If any of you suffer from the nostalgia of paying tuition bills, Mac would be happy to chat with you.

We have many classmates on the go—traveling within the States and abroad. **Tony Volpe** and Amy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary by visiting Seoul, South Korea, and Phuket, Thailand. They were impressed by the modern features of Seoul and its cultural and religious sites. In Phuket, a large island west of the main part of Thailand, they toured many smaller islands and rode an elephant. I'd like to see a picture of that to prove Tony's being straight with '59ers. Living in the in the Chicago area, Tony often sees **Pete Willmott** and **David Earle** at Williams gatherings or Bears games. Tony reports that **Ted Oppenheimer's** family foundation has been extremely generous in providing sizeable grants to many public school teachers. Ted and his family have been doing this for 30 years. Keep it up, Ted. **Bob Gould**, our valedictorian, who resides in Scotland, and Sheila come to the colonies to visit children, stay in the family cottage in Canada and attend our fall minireunion in Williamstown. Bob stays active in the church as an interim rector and even plays a grumpy old innkeeper in the Christmas Eve pageant. **Pim Goodbody** and Pandi, who seem to be constantly traveling the East Coast by land or water, stopped in to see **David Thun** and Barbara in Reading, Pa. Pim claims that David is building a helicopter in his garage. I know David is a versatile guy, but come on, is this true or has Pim been spending time in lala land? Stay tuned, the truth should out soon. **Ernie Imhoff** and Hilda spend time on the road from Baltimore visiting their oldest child in Maine. Ernie continues to deliver Meals on Wheels in downtown Baltimore, write sea stories, work with the





From left, Tom Christopher '59, Matthew McQueen '89 and John Bessone '78 enjoyed a Williams-Amherst telecast in Santa Fe last fall.

crew of the liberty ship *John Brown*, and stay in close touch with his hometown friends in Williamstown. **Scott Lowry** seems to be in on the annual shuttle between a summer home in Wisconsin and a winter retreat in Port Charlotte, Fla. He's not the only one—**Dave Taylor** and **Scotty** split the year between Mundelein, Ill., and Vero Beach. His community spirit has led him to take on the job of president of his condo association. And while **Hanse Halligan** makes Manchester, Vt., his year-round, he does journey down to Vero Beach several times a year. Even Williams Reunion Jazz Band drummer **Tom Hayne** spends a couple of months here in Vero Beach. **Harry Gratwick**, who lives in Philadelphia in the winter and Maine in the summer, visits Vero to stay with his brother Joel and do some sailing. Harry has just published another book about Maine titled *Mainers in the Civil War*. **Grey McGown** continues to cruise Interstate 30 in Texas to see Williams friends and attend the Wms-Amherst game at Dave and Busters—a single bar the size of an evacuated bomber plant. **Pete Fessenden** wrote to comment on his wonderful visit with **Andy Packard** in Maine and says he continues to be impressed by the fine theater Andy and Pat own and run in Bar Mills, Maine. **Geoff Morton** splits his time between Cleveland, where he does the college counseling for two private schools, and Tucson, Ariz. He joined other bionic classmates when he had his hip replaced shortly before Christmas. Clearly the Cleveland boys like to duck out of town when winter winds begin to blow, because **Henry Foltz**

skedaddles to the Sunshine State in Delray. The grapevine reports that **Nick Frost**, **Pit Johnson**, **John Mangel**, **Jerry Tipper**, **Fred Webster** and others, enjoy the healthful benefits of Florida's west coast for all, or parts, of the winter.

California gang is not sitting on their hands either. While **Richard Crews** continues to serve on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury and rake in a \$20-a-day check, he's also tutoring high school dropouts who want to return to the educational system. Class secretary emeritus **Bo Kirschen** writes from Santa Rosa that he, **Norm Cram** and **Chuck Dunkel** meet on an irregular basis for lunch, football games and "moderate imbibing." Apparently the imbibing swirls around **Norm Cram's** part ownership in the Lagunitas India Pale Ale Brewery. Not being a total egalitarian, Norm uses his position to go to the head of the line and get their drinks at a reduced rate. Hmm, and to think Norm was a clergyman in his former life. Down in La Jolla, **Cliff Colwell** reports he still does laboratory work on stem-cell research, sees his grandchildren and tries to maintain his Bill Tilden tennis game. Up the road in Palo Alto, Cliff's Cranbrook School classmate **Joe Prendergast** continues to serve his patients as a prominent endocrinologist who sings the praises of Vitamin D. He and Marlene enjoy the San Francisco Ballet, Symphony and Opera.

My earlier mention of John Chandler leads me off the beaten path for a moment to relate a little info about this fascinating man. Some of you may know this tale. When John came to

Vero Beach last spring to speak to the Williams alumni association he stayed with us, and during those few days as we discussed our backgrounds, I was amazed to learn he had grown up in an orphanage. What? That's right—at age 7, while living in Holland Creek, N.C., about 25 miles north of Ashville, John's father, a struggling tobacco farmer, died of pneumonia at 52. John's mother, who had just given birth to their fourth child, was left in desperate straits. It was now 1931 and the Great Depression was tightening its grip on the whole country. The family tried to survive by moving in with relatives in the Ashville area, but life was hard. It became clear over the next three years that the Chandler children were a problem—a financial problem, not a behavioral problem. By 1933 there was talk of putting the three oldest boys (John, 9, Cal, 7, and Ted, 5) up for adoption. All going to different families. A neighbor, so horrified at that option, sought to have the three boys admitted to a Baptist orphanage in Thomasville, N.C. So, in January of 1934, John, Cal and Ted entered the Mills Home. John has the highest praise for this institution—a 100-acre residential campus with 400 acres for the farm, 550 children housed in 17 cottages, a school, a library, a church, a gym, an infirmary and athletic fields. The staff and faculty were caring, compassionate and academically oriented. He excelled in the school and was respected for his good treatment of other people. With the home's help and his own endeavor John was admitted to Wake Forest, then Duke, and eventually he came to Williams with us in 1955. Before long he became chairman of the religion department, dean of the faculty, president of Hamilton College and then president of Williams from 1973 to 1985. In describing his Mills Home experience to **Jack Sawyer** '39, Jack responded, saying, "It sounds like Deerfield." And in many ways it was.

From the nostalgia corner, or tales of yesteryear, I have recently learned that the sophomore raid on the poor new freshmen in the fall of 1955 was precipitated by members of our class. Really? It hardly seems possible but **Geoff Morton**, class historian, casually related to me how miscreants from our number, knowing that all the members of the Class of '58 were eating dinner at their fraternity houses, left Baxter

Hall, went over to the sophomore quad after dinner, and proceeded to “trash” their buildings. They didn’t “break” anything, according to Geoff, who was a “reluctant follower,” but they did grease door handles and toilet seats and dumped out waste baskets, etc.—the scoundrels made a general mess of the four buildings. The result, of course, was the en masse invasion of Sage and Williams Halls by ’58ers. Lo, these many years, I’ve assumed we were innocent lambs who were attacked by Neanderthals who had lived too long in the remote hills of Williamstown and didn’t understand how civilized folks behaved. I’d be interested to hear how other classmates remember this incursion into our territory by sophomores. Please send me your take on this event! Perhaps I was just a good boy (right!) doing my assignments when the angry mob appeared in the quad ready to do battle and I understood nothing. How naïve could I be? When I press Brother Morton about others who partook in this “trashing” incident, he’s still reluctant after 56 years to finger any other ’59ers. Will anyone else step forward?

In early January, our classmate from Fairbanks, Alaska, **Henry Cole**, sent me the sad news that **Vic Van Valin** had died Jan. 2 of complications from surgery and the onset of Valley Fever. Vic may have been the first person to attend Williams from Snohomish, Wash., and he indicated it was the infectious enthusiasm of **Fred Copeland** ’35 when he toured Washington State that brought him to Williamstown. He attended Harvard Grad School and earned a law degree from the University of Washington in 1963. After two years in the Air Force he practiced law in Seattle, where he met and married his wife Liz. At the 50th reunion I was impressed by his sensitivity, thoughtfulness and empathy, as well as his spirit on “Purple Night” when he walked away with first place in the “Most Williams” category. In 2008 he completed his book *Casting Out Fear*, which had its roots in a paper he’d written for Luther Mansfield while he was a student. At the time of his death he and Liz were living in Cave Creek, Ariz. He will be missed.

Lastly, I’d like to thank **Hanse Halligan**, **Geoff Morton**, **Marc Newberg**, **Jim Richardson**, **Pete Willmott**, **Chet Lasell** ’58 and especially **Fay Vincent** ’60, who

helped me weather open-heart surgery to replace my aortic valve in December. Marc Newberg, ever the watchful cardiologist, explained that all the cow valves used to replace human valves are registered, and he’d taken the liberty to check the history on my new valve, and, yes indeed, it did come from a purple cow. What could be better than a cardiologist with a sense of humor? He even suggested that the theme of this column should be cruelty to animals—like using purple cow valves in people who are almost human. Is he a friend or what?

That’s the view from hear.

## 1960

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**Jim Pilgrim** reports that with a push from his daughter Linda, he is now on the Internet. Jim and Thelma had wonderful time at the 50th reunion with highlights being the party hosted by Penny and **Foster Devereux**, the lectures and the Sunday memorial service. Jim is keeping active with Linda’s border collie who loves to run on his 100 acres of fields and woods in Cummington, Mass. Class President **Buck Frederickson** represented our class at the Pass-the-Baton festivities with the Class of 1961. Activities included a lovely evening with President Adam and Karen Falk, a football win against Middlebury and terrific faculty seminars. In **Tom Dodds’** Christmas letter he reports that he has retired from his ophthalmology practice after 39 years. To celebrate his retirement, Tom’s medical colleagues and associates hosted a wonderful party. Tom and Sheila continue to be active in church and music activities. Sheila’s 50th reunion from Swarthmore will be in June with Sheila as chairperson.

**Dr. H. Allen Spencer** ’61 died Oct. 8 after a long battle with cancer. Al is technically a 1961 graduate, but many regarded him as 1960 because he started with our class. He received his PhD at the University of Rochester and made Rochester his home with **Suzanne**. Al worked for Kodak for 18 years as a marketing and communications executive. His true vocation was his work with nonprofit organizations in Rochester, a city he came to love. Al served as president of the Rochester Historical Society,

president of the board of the Friends of the University of Rochester Libraries, president of the board of the Harley School and an active board member of the Crestwood Children’s Center. **Tom Tierney** died Nov. 2 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Tom received his MAT degree from Wesleyan University and spent much of his life teaching. For the last 15 years Tom worked as a scoring director for Data Recognition Corp. Tom was a lifelong baseball fan who coached and umpired after his playing days at Williams. The Alumni Office has reported that **Tim Colburn** died Sept. 4. **Ward Highstone** retired this year as a senior investment officer with J.P. Morgan in Chicago. He started as an intern with First National Bank of Chicago in 1960, so by my calculations that is 50 years working for the same company. I wonder if anyone else in our class has worked for the same company for 50 years? Ward and Ginny live in Glen Ellyn, where they are busy with grandchildren, charity work and the arts (Chicago Symphony, Joffrey Ballet and Chicago Shakespeare). I implore members of the class to send news of you, families and classmates, so future class notes feature more living than deceased classmates. Thanks for your help.

## 1961

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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There was no flood of responses to my “last call for notes prior to reunion,” but, then, I didn’t expect one. **Tim Weinland** managed an amazing 78 percent response to his pleas for class book profiles from each of you, so most of you have weighed in, and the buzz about reunion has been encouraging. May the Berkshire sun shine on our time together in June.

In his class book bio, **John Castleman** recalls “a September day 54 years ago on the steps of Williams F, where he was gathered with Goose, Guzzetti, Whitney, Weiss, Howie, Buck, Denne, Farrell, Deegs, Worker, Huffman, **Hank Richmond**, Penny, Low, Mayer, great men all.” This is what it’s all about, guys, such memories.

One memory that came back to me this go round was the depth of the bonding that went on between us freshman year. Some of the rooming combinations that **Fred Copeland '35** and company put together yielded lifelong friendships. **Kevin Morrissey** reminded me of his interesting combo: he was paired with **Noyes Rogers** and **Mike Small**. Noyes was a kid from Nebraska who became a successful attorney and who, as noted in this space last time, has made the appreciation of opera, the symphony and architecture his lifelong passion. **Mike Small**, our musical genius, who passed away far too soon in 2003, was a high school kid from New Jersey who went on to compose music and/or lyrics for nearly 50 films, among other achievements, including some you might recognize like *Klute* (1971), *The Parallax View* (1974), *Night Moves* (1975), *Marathon Man* (1976), *Going in Style* (1979), *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (1986), *Black Widow* (1987) and *Mountains of the Moon* (1996). *Film Score Magazine* hailed him as “The Poet of Paranoia” for his ability to enhance darker style films. You may remember him at the piano, sometimes with **Skip Chase**, another sad loss to us. And I can picture him on the grand at our 25th at Mount Hope Farm. Mike’s widow **Lynn** spent this Christmas Day with the Morrisseys in NYC, and Kevin and Noyes will be rooming together at our 50th for old times’ sake. I would bet they all talked and played some music back in ’57. **Mike Small** will be with them in spirit come June.

Kevin has just stepped down as medical director of an ambulatory surgical center and remains connected with Weill Cornell/ New York Presbyterian Hospital. He and wife Hattice continue to love Manhattan, where their family is close by and life is abundant. They try to visit her family in Turkey twice a year and have spent time in Russia and the Baltic and Danube countries on cruises. But having discovered “autumn month-abroad in foreign cities” advantages with Rome covered and Paris on tap, they have their eyes on Barcelona, Dublin and Buenos Aires. Kevin also enjoys photography and threatens to have some samples exhibited at our reunion.

Others who stepped up for the last call on messages to classmates through these alumni notes were **Henry Stabenau**, **Marty Linsky**,

**Walt Nord**, **Dick Beckler** and **Brian O’Leary**. (I might remind you, however, that we have a Class of ’61 website monitored by **Paul Boire**, whose email is [boire@rcn.com](mailto:boire@rcn.com), and further notes and photos can be posted there through May.)

Henry notes that he’s “still working and about to complete 30 years in the IT department at Morgan Stanley. My older son went to Williams ’02 and got a fine education.” He’s also still in touch with **Eric Davis**. Marty checked in from his dream retreat home in Italy, where he spent New Year’s Day reflecting on life at 70, Williamstown in June and the immortal words of Mose Allison singing “Just a middle class white boy trying to have some fun.”

**Walt Nord** alerted us to the March 8 publication of his book, co-authored with his wife and colleague Ann Connell, entitled *Controversy in Organizational Studies: A Generative Uncertainty Approach*. OK, it’s not **Chuck Webb’s** *The Graduate*, but we will have it on display in June, and maybe Walt will agree to sign copies. Beckler wrote that two of his six beloved daughters are still in college (Trinity’s gain, Williams’ loss) and one in private school, so he’s still grinding it out in his DC law practice. He’s also a cancer survivor (bouts with prostate and lung), but health is holding and he’ll see us in June.

**Brian O’Leary**, in addition to establishing his ecological/spiritual retreat center in Ecuador, has had an amazing ride in his career. He viewed his years at Williams to be between Sputnik (Oct. 4, 1957) and JFK’s dramatic lunar landing speech (May 25, 1961). At the outset he was filing into Physics 1a and by May ’61 facing his agonizing physics comprehensive exams. Since childhood he had always wanted to explore the moon and planets and, after completing a Berkeley PhD in astronomy, was selected by NASA in 1967 to be the first astronaut to go to Mars. Until, in 1968, the Mars project was scrapped in favor of the Vietnam War. He then accepted an invitation to join Carl Sagan on the Cornell faculty and spent the next few years in research on the robotic exploration of the planets. He also became a war protester! From the ’60s into the ’80s he held a series of academic posts in California, Hampshire College and Princeton in astronomy, planetary science, technology assessment and energy

science and policy. Still not having found his niche, he wandered thereafter “into the new sciences of consciousness and the paranormal.” And he developed a strong interest in environmental studies and music. He became “a practical but unaffiliated visionary and activist”, writing or editing 10 books and a number of papers, speaking widely and traveling to meet with “unorthodox researchers” of new energy techniques. Finally he settled into Montesuenos (Mountain Dreams), his environmental center in Ecuador with his artist wife Meredith Miller. We are all welcome.

A few more interesting ’61 characters you may run into at reunion. One is **Art Moss**, another Hawaiian who taught and administered at Punahou School for 35 years. President Obama graduated from Punahou in ’79, so Art might have a story or two to tell. Beyond bragging about his grandchildren as we all do, he’s been training cats at the Hawaiian Humane Society along with a couple of his own. Somehow I always trust a man who loves cats! He’s been married 49 years to a sometime playwright, plays some tennis, retired in ’98 to fully enjoy Hawaii and likes listening to Joe Cocker’s *You are So Beautiful*, Leonard Cohen’s *Closing Time*, anything by Pavarotti and seeing la Bohème whenever possible.

**Gardner Brown**, like several others in the class, went off to Africa (Sierra Leone) after graduation with Crossroads Africa, a precursor to the Peace Corps. He then took a degree in African-Middle Eastern studies, taught briefly at Oberlin, helped prepare other Africa-bound students for Peace Corps and did community work in Cleveland. He did six months in the Army, joined the Foreign Service, was then posted in Cairo (Nasser’s Egypt) and on to Vietnam and a military/civilian advisory team under the legendary John Paul Vann. It’s his belief that “after the two Tet Offensives, the possibility of America doing anything constructive in Vietnam, was finished since the Vietnamese government and military were too corrupt and dysfunctional,” though it was almost another seven years before we left. There’s a guy to talk to about that era. And maybe also to **Kent Paxton**, who flew helicopter missions over Nam, was severely wounded but returned with the Foreign Service as well. Later Gardy was

posted to London, where he met his wife, then back to DC as Egyptian Desk Officer while Sadat and Kissinger were trying to hammer out a peace agreement with Israel after the 1967 war. Finally back to London, where his boys were born and, tragically, his wife succumbed to cancer. Then single parenthood, and after 2000 he returned with the boys to Cambridge, Mass., to educate them here.

Maybe that's enough until June. I had revealing class book bios from **Dave Tenney**, **Ben Field**, **Al Lapey**, **Dave Gregg**, **Dave Farrell**, **Kent Paxton**, **Ned Houst** and others in hand to draw from, but you'll have to go to our class book for those. I should leave some space for **Bill Ryan '62** who's been criss-crossing the country for years trying to interview everyone in that great class and has miles to go before he sleeps. So here's to Buddha Ryan, his all-inclusive grand scheme and many years as a model class secretary. Come October 2011 we'll pass him the 50th baton we now have the honor of holding, and he can finally stop crowding the '61 space! Cheers all. See you in Williamstown.

## 1962

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Twenty-four classmates and partners attended our mini in October. We were pleased to enjoy the company of non-aging President John Chandler and wife Joyce Lazarus at our Saturday night dinner. John has assented to write his recollections of our years at Williams for our 50th reunion book. The weekend was filled with meetings (and fun, of course). A new committee, the Wise Women of Williams, co-chaired by Judy Grinnell, Carol Paul and Ellen Payzant, met for the first time. This the first women's committee to be part of planning a reunion, and they will offer fresh ideas for our 50th. I enjoyed seeing **Ash Crosby** and his new moustache, which he was growing for his upcoming role as Mark Twain. He intends to keep it for the many "dirty old man" parts he is offered. Inspired by seeing Ash, **Ed (Rufus) Jarman** is attempting to set up a reunion of the Purple Herd singing group of which both Ed and Ash were members. **Charlie Merrill** has

signed up to join them, and they are hoping to add **Kit Jones**, **Tovi Kratovil** and **Pete Hayes**. Will they sing at our 50th? President **Spike Kellogg** missed the reunion because of his required attendance at a meeting of the National Biathlon Committee, of which he is president. At that meeting, he was inducted into the Biathlon Hall of Fame. Where is it, you ask? No one knows.

**Mike Yessick** and **Stew Davis** reunited at Mike's home in California. They had not seen each other since Williams. Mike reported that Stew was a partner for many years in a Rochester law firm and has retired.

Friends and family of **Jef Corson** threw him a surprise 70th birthday party in August at which, in lieu of gifts, they collected thousands of dollars for a foundation established by Jef's sister. Karen and **Charlie Dickson** and **Butch Andersen '61** attended. Jef is in the final months of his interim presidency at Ursinus University. The president of Butler University will take his place in June. "Not soon enough," said Jef, who, in a call to me, demonstrated most thoroughly that he doesn't know how to use their telephone system. Jef and Carol are signed up for our Oxford week.

Missy and **Banger Lang**, **Charlie Wales**, Bonnie and I attended the September wedding of Ellen and **Roger Wales'** daughter Kendra in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Lovely day, wedding and reception at an old estate overlooking the Hudson.

On a sadder note, our class has lost one of its luminaries, **Glen Thurow**. Glen died in October due to a recurrence of multiple myeloma. I had interviewed Glen four years ago, a few days before he was to enter the hospital for a bone marrow transplant. Despite his condition, he and his family were optimistic and upbeat. Sarah and Glen had moved to coastal Oregon in retirement. He had a remarkable academic career and served for many years as the provost at the U. of Dallas. Condolences to his wife **Sarah** and their three children. We miss him, too.

Another remarkable career is that of **Toby Cosgrove**, whom I visited two years ago. As most of you know, Toby is the CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, the largest hospital in the world. During my visit, Toby toured me around their new 2 million sq. ft. *addition*. He gave me one of his white robes with "Dr. Cosgrove" sewn prominently on the lapel. "Now,

you keep your damn mouth shut!" he insisted. The remarkable part is due to the fact that Toby discovered, at age 33, that he was dyslexic. That fact opened up his eyes to his struggles with academic work at Williams and afterward and to his skill as a cardiac surgeon. "I had to learn to envision things differently, more spatially," he explained, "and I think that is at least partially responsible for my career." And what a career! He began at the Cleveland Clinic in 1975, performed over 22,000 open-heart surgeries and holds 33 medical patents. Celebrities and statesmen from around the world would seek out the Cleveland Clinic and Toby for surgery. Many classmates also have benefited from his expertise. Toby now runs an organization of 37,000 employees located all over the world and has become a leading spokesperson in the clamorous health care debate. The Cleveland Clinic is a pioneer in paying their doctors (all are on salaries) and the use of electronic medical records. Somehow Toby found the time to serve as a Williams trustee, teach a Winter Study class on leadership and is a recipient of a Bicentennial Medal. He and Anita met when she was an appendectomy patient at Mass General and Toby was an intern. On his rounds, Toby burst into her room. "It was the wrong room, but things turned out pretty well," Toby said. They have two daughters, one of whom, **Nicole**, is Class of '02 at Williams. Asked about Williams, Toby replied: "Best bunch of people I have been associated with during my entire lifetime."

Southward for visits with **Jim Evans** in Louisiana and **Leon Lane** in Atlanta. Jim and Shannon live in Franklin on the Bayou Teche, about 60 miles west of New Orleans. ("We call it the Teche Mahal.") They also maintain a residence in N.O. They have two children and four grandchildren and love to sail on Lake Pontchartrain ... when they are not working, that is. And they both are working in their oil exploration company of which they are the only employees. They seek and buy exploration rights for oil and minerals. Jim said: "One out of seven tracts produce, one out of 12 pay for themselves, one out of 20 pay for the other dry holes." Jim has been in this business since obtaining his MA in geology from the University of Texas in '65. His father and grandfather both were in the



business. “Everyone I knew in Jackson, Miss., where I grew up, was in some venture related to oil or sugar cane.” They continue in the sugar cane business as well and currently manage some 8,000 acres. Why did Jim go to Williams? “Sheer, blind, dumb, good luck,” he answered. “I chose it over Stanford and MIT, and I couldn’t be happier that I did. I’d really like to see **Skip Little** again. He was my sophomore roommate, and I loved to watch him roll his own cigarettes.”

Leon’s father went blind when Leon was 13 years old, and at that point he decided he wanted to be an ophthalmologist. And he did, beginning in 1974 when he opened his own practice in Fort Lauderdale. He was educated at Tufts Med School, Case Western Reserve’s school of ophthalmology, interned in Philadelphia and served for two years in the Army medical corps in Texas and Savannah. “When we moved to Savannah we had almost nothing, and I took a loan from a bank to open my practice and build a house. It was the most money the bank had ever loaned to an individual.” Wife Sharon headed up his office and handled all the administrative details. They built a very successful practice but became increasingly indignant at the operation and practices of HMOs. “I couldn’t even tell patients about possible procedures that might be useful because the HMO wouldn’t approve them.” In 1991, he sold off his practice and became a cornea fellow at the U. of Louisville. Following that research experience, Leon became a Harvard Fellow in ocular immunology, immune diseases that affect the eye, one of only 200 such researchers on that topic in the world. “I worked my tail off and enjoyed it immensely.” They moved to Atlanta to be near their daughter’s family (three kids) where Leon hoped to secure grant money from N.I.H. to continue his research. (They also have a son who is married with two children.) Quite by accident, he instead became involved in marketing with a company called Seagull Software. “A totally different career, and I think my Williams education enabled me to move into something so different. Thank God for liberal arts schools.”

Bonnie and I embarked on the longest foray in our “trip of a lifetime” in June of ’09 to visit six classmates in the Pacific Northwest. First stop

was Whidbey Island, north of Seattle, at the home of Sharon and **Larry Daloz**. They have lived there since 1997, when they (and others) co-founded the Whidbey Institute. This organization acts as a catalyst and instruction center for people who wish to do good deeds with primary emphasis on the environment. Larry has served as its director and associate director. Wife Sharon and Larry currently are senior fellows of the Institute. Sharon is Larry’s second wife, whom he met at the Harvard Divinity School. He has two children and two grandchildren from a previous marriage. Prior to founding the institute, Larry obtained his MAT from Harvard, served in the Peace Corps in Nepal, taught in Hawaii, obtained his PhD from Harvard in educational planning, worked for two years in New Guinea as part of his doctorate, served as academic dean of the community college system of Vermont, became a full professor at Lesley College and taught at Columbia’s School of Education. Whew! He also found time to write a book, *Mentor*, which won two national awards. “**Fred Rudolph** ’42 helped me in the writing,” Larry told me. In addition, he bought 500 acres in the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont and built a geodesic dome home there which they continue to maintain and visit. Larry’s advice to a Williams graduate: “Check in with yourself every few years. Are you really doing what you want to do?” Clearly, he followed that advice, and impressively so.

Next stop, home of Kristine and **Peter McLean** in Lakewood, Wash. After dropping out of the U. of Michigan PhD program in chemistry in ’66, Peter followed a tortuous path to his present location and occupation. He broke his back skydiving in ’68 and started working as a garage mechanic. He got his pilot’s license and eventually flew for United Airlines. Then he became, in his words, “a true child of the times, a hippie,” and he alternated between Taos, N.M., where he opened an automobile garage, and San Francisco, where he met Kristine. For the next 12 years he was plant manager for a small chemical company in Tacoma and, when that plant had to close for environmental reasons, he jumped to the other team and went into chemical waste management, supervising Super Fund cleanups. After a five-year stint with Primerica

Financial Services, he returned to recycling hazardous chemical waste as an officer in a company named Emerald Services. “I wasted 15 years, at least, before I found my role,” says Pete, “but I have found it now with lots of help from Kristine, and I enjoy what I do. I’ll keep at it for a while longer.” Pete had one child with his first wife, and he and Kristine have a daughter who works for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington. On his list of classmates he’d like to see again: **Fred Wentz**, **Ted Smith** and **Chris Sargent**.

Have you ever driven across Oregon? My advice: Take a plane! We made that trek to visit Ann and **Paul Hill** at their summer home in Stanley, Idaho, and it was worth the effort. They spend about half the year at this stunning home with breathtaking views, and they winter in Ashland, Ore. (longtime home of **Pete Cotton**, whom they run into there). Ann (college roommate of Dinny, **Barney Shaw’s** wife) and Paul were married in ’64. They moved to the West Coast in 2001 to be nearer to their two children (and four grandchildren), but one of their sons has since moved to London. After Williams, Paul spent a year with Time-Life and served six months active duty at Fort Dix. Paul enrolled at Columbia Law School and, after receiving his degree, joined a law firm in Atlanta. He and Ann began their lifelong interest in the outdoors. “We went on river raft trips so the senior partner couldn’t reach me.” He then began a banking career with First National Bank of Atlanta where he started their law department and became general counsel. After 10 years, he was asked to be the CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, an organization that sells bonds to the public and lends the proceeds to mortgage lenders. (Note: Paul never used the word “derivatives” in our conversation and, anyway, he was long gone from the business when the financial crisis erupted.) He retired in 2001, sold their vacation place at Hilton Head and headed west. Paul now chairs the Sawtooth Society, an organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the environment of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Memories of Williams: “I’d walk up Sheep Hill in the afternoon of a beautiful fall day and play my bongo drums and enjoy total peace.” (I wonder if others with the same idea but without

bongo drums had the same peaceful experience.)

Paul and Ann (and Bonnie and I) are among 27 couples who have signed up for the June, 2011, Oxford trip. Bonnie and I enjoyed this trip in 1992, and I urge you to consider joining us. As with everything else, Williams does a first-class job!

Please mark your calendars: Pass-the-Baton Weekend with the Class of '61 will be Oct. 21-23. Hope to see you in Williamstown!

## 1963

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As astounding as it may seem to many of us, our 50th reunion from Williams is inexorably moving closer to reality. As the momentum builds over the next 2-and-a-half years may I remind all of you that the BIG event will be orchestrated by none other than our own impresario, **Bill Burnett**. **Lenny Bernheimer** is charged with raising the money that we will donate to the College to commemorate the achievement. As you may remember, Lenny was also the chair for our highly successful 25th reunion gift to the College. To raise the money, he has assembled a stellar group of classmates to assist him in his outreach.

Determining the specific purpose(s) of the gift that we will contribute to the College has been entrusted to a committee consisting of **Garrett Kirk**, **Stu Jones**, **David Jeffrey**, **Jimmy Sykes** and **Jim Blume**. I am chairing the group. To date, we have had several meetings seriously weighing a number of exciting gift options. Currently scholarships, new technologies and sustainability are high on our list.

On Oct. 15 a group of classmates converged on Williamstown to celebrate a minireunion in order to begin developing momentum for our impending big reunion. This group—my sources say—consisted of the following individuals and spouses: **John Bell**, **Rick Berry**, **Bill Boyd**, **Bill Burnett**, **Robbin** and **John Churchill**, **Bob Critchell**, **Jan** and **Clay Davenport**, **Geoff Howard**, **Kimberly** and **Stu Jones**, **Jill** and **Gordy Prichett**, **Anne** and **Fop Santo Domingo**, **Jimmy Sykes**, **Ingrid** and **Steve Thomas** and **Jill** and **Bernie Wruble**, in addition to our President **Bill McDaniels** and

his wife **Kathe** and the aforementioned reunion Chair **Lenny B.** and his wife **Lyn**.

While I didn't attend the reunion, I was ably represented by the newly appointed associate class secretary, **John S. Bell**, who wrote an extensive and eyewitness account of the weekend, which I will attempt to summarize.

On Friday night, the assembled saw three short videos with members of the Class of 1961 giving testimony about the significance to them of their impending 50th reunion in June as well as their pride in having attended Williams. Saturday morning **Lenny** and **Stu Jones** led a compelling discussion of the transitional events leading up to our 50th reunion. Bellboy stated, "The Williams staff are super and gave useful insights about the fundraising process, options for our 50th project funding, including what the committee has concluded to date, the Oxford trip, what we might include that weekend, and, generally, we all came away feeling very good about where we were in the continuum, although the 1961 class gift of about \$42 million blew us away."

After the morning meeting, there was a fascinating lecture by a political science professor, followed by the football game. At dinner at The Orchards on Saturday night, our class was joined by the Class of 1964. "After dinner **Bill Boyd** started out by telling a story about his Williams experience and others followed, which was very uplifting, particularly Lenny telling about the influence of Clarence Chaffee on him."

Bellboy concluded, "In summary, it was a great weekend, filled with plenty of options, while not being overly pressed." He added that while it was good to have some time with current students, he "really wanted to spend his time with classmates."

For those of us who missed the minireunion, there is an opportunity for redemption. Save the date—Oct. 21-23—for our next minireunion, which will be held in conjunction with the classes of 1961 and 1962.

**Fop Santo Domingo**, who attended the minireunion, wrote that he and Anne, who is a virtual classmate, went with **Cecil Baker** and his wife **Fairley** on a Williams-sponsored trip last fall to the Canadian Rockies. Former history professor **John Hyde '52** provided insight into Canadian history. Cecil, according to Fop,

"is still going strong as a brilliant award-winning architect." Fop remains involved in the aluminum industry in Colombia. He and Ann celebrated the arrival of twin grandchildren in August.

Also on the trip was **Boots Deichman**, who despite myriad pleas for information for the notes remained largely elusive except for a few cryptic haikus. Thankfully, Fop filled me in. Boots is a retired (Boots did say that he hadn't retired, but merely graduated) ophthalmologist who, with his wife **Lynn**, raises alpacas in upstate New York; in addition, they grow Blue Mountain coffee in Jamaica.

Boots, when pushed, finally revealed the following: "Me, just a country mouse. Stayin' below the radar. Lots of kids, lots of alpacas, lots of wood, lot to take care of. Lots of coffee to grow and process in Jamaica. Keeping the chainsaw and tractors working."

The next section is a tale of two Gordons—Davis and Prichett. In September, **Gordon Davis** was appointed along with three other prominent citizens as a general trustee of The Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. At the time of the appointment, President Obama remarked, "These impressive men and women will bring a wealth of experience to their new roles. I am confident they will serve the American people well, and I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

I will excerpt from Gordon's biography, which was cited by Obama upon his appointment: "Mr. Davis has worked in or with state and city government and in private law practice for almost four decades. ... Among many honors he is a recipient of the Medal of the City of New York for Exceptional Service."

Gordon's accomplishments may, indeed, be dwarfed by the recent honor received by his wife **Peggy Cooper Davis**. Peggy, who is the John R. Shad Professor of Lawyering and Ethics and the director for the Lawyering Program at NYU School of Law, was commended along with two other law professors by *The National Jurist* as the most influential people in legal education. In the article, Peggy states that "legal education needs to spend more time developing the many skills and intelligence for necessary practice." She added, "I'm of the belief that professional education has to become multi-disciplinary

and multi-faceted to keep up.”

The other Gordy of the Pritchett variety wrote that two of his sons, not one as I had incorrectly mentioned in a previous column, had graduated from Williams. He also noted that his daughter-in-law **Erin** is a 2002 graduate of our alma mater. Gordy concluded his brief email by stating that he “has made the big decision to call this my last year at Babson—too much pressure from **Dave Lougee** to play, which I never could resist. I do not have plans after Babson, but idleness will not be among my sins.” Did anyone have doubts?

**Bill Boyd**, another minireunion attendee, wrote that he and Deborah are traveling in the opposite direction from most of our classmates. They moved from Florida to Massachusetts and are now contemplating a move even farther north to Vermont. The lovely Deborah, whom **David Jeffrey** and I met on a Williams trip to India (her father is an alum), met the ebullient Boyd on another Williams trip to Cuba. She now works as the number-two person at a large restaurant in the Boston area.

Boyd’s kids—both of whom attended Williams—are thriving. **Billy** ’88, who just turned 44, continues to work as VP for legal affairs for a \$20 billion wholesale grocery chain located in Keene, N.H. **Danielle** ’91 is assistant head of Nashoba-Brooks School in Concord, Mass.

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Gordon Davis ’63 was appointed by President Obama to a six-year term on the board of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in September. Davis is an attorney who served as NYC Mayor John V. Lindsay’s commissioner of planning and as Mayor Edward I. Koch’s commissioner of parks and recreation. He is co-founder of the Central Park Conservancy, founding chairman of Jazz at Lincoln Center and past president of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Bill has been pondering the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Peace Corps service was a seminal activity for many classmates. I put Bill in touch with **Allen Mondell**, another Peace Corpsman, who has been considering producing a documentary on the Peace Corps experience.

And speaking of Mondell, he is working on a couple of other documentaries—one about the positive and negative aspects of gentrification of the neighborhood where he and Cynthia have worked for 37 years; the other, named *Sole Sister*, about women’s

relationships to their shoes.

Cynthia and Allen were profiled in *DMagazine* (Dallas) where the interviewer queried them about what it’s “like to live and work all day—almost every day—with the same person. How do they maintain cordial relationships, moving from house to office and back?” Cynthia replied, “It’s work,” with a knowing smile. So, as the interviewer remarked, one of them is working on soles (shoes) and other is working on souls (the Peace Corps), but according to Cynthia they may not be that far apart.

I heard from **Jay Rohrlrich**, who wrote that he’s not retired, but his wife thinks that he’s got it pretty easy. Jay practices psychiatry four days/week in NYC—on half of one of those days he supervises residents, attends lectures and dines with colleagues. Thursday to Monday afternoon, he and Patti go to their weekend retreat in Hillsdale, N.Y., where Jay indulges in his main avocation of woodworking.

Jay concluded his email by emphatically stating that “the loveliest thing in my life now is three grandchildren, and the nice feeling that almost 50 years have passed since our graduation and I’ve never been happier and more content. That’s saying a lot for a nutty psychiatrist!” I’ll say, and it’s so delightful to hear.

After much prodding, the very private **Richard Berger** wrote

eloquently and revealingly about his life at Williams and subsequently. For Richard, “Williams was a demanding experience and, for this city boy, a wonderful and often lonely, rural isolation. ... That geography was extraordinary, but as a student, education was a desultory experience. I survived, but I was too young; I didn’t connect with teachers and classmates. I didn’t know how.”

Richard noted that he has a “keen ear and native fluency in Spanish. I have a different personality when I speak Spanish; another in Portuguese. ... Spanish

was my way to a PhD from the Fletcher School.” He then taught Spanish for more than 30 years at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School in Sudbury, Mass. He retired four years ago, and he feels that the quality of his life has improved; he is always busy. He enjoyed his teaching career as he considered it an experience to teach as well as to learn from his students. Richard has raised two kids with his “wonderful wife” Ellen. They were about to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. He survived prostate cancer, tries to write poetry, supports theater, dance and music, works in his tiny garden, reads two newspapers/day and vows to exercise more. He diligently reads the obituary section and “waits for some piano to fall on him from some fourth-story window as he passes.”

I regret to inform the class of yet another classmate’s death. **Stanley Hutter** wrote to say that **Jack Bomer**, who was originally in the Class of 1962, had died. Jack lived in Vienna with his wife **Hilde Stalzer**. He and Hilde have three daughters.

Stanley and Jack both hailed from Memphis and maintained a friendship over the years despite their physical distance. Stanley, who lives in the Bay Area, did not know the cause of Jack’s death but expressed surprise at how Jack had aged when they reunited in Paris two years ago. According to Stanley, Jack was a music arranger and a composer, who majored in French at Williams. On behalf of our class, I send sincere condolences to Hilde and their three daughters.

Judy and **Mark Smith** and Kathryn and I fortuitously had a rendezvous in Paris for dinner in October. Kathryn and I had been in Sicily, while Mark and Judy were returning from a barge trip in northern France.

Despite being retired, Mark and Judy are unusually active in Woolwich, Maine. On a voluntary basis, Mark is serving as chief financial officer of the Unitarian Universalist Association of America, which he claims—though I seriously doubt—is a step up from his position as treasurer of KA. Part of his job is to oversee the district’s two investment funds. He also chairs the board of Midcoast Senior College, which, in the fall semester, had an enrollment of 318 students in 18 courses, all of which are taught by retired and voluntary professors.

In the meantime, Judy, another

almost member of our class, does literacy work with first- and second-grade students at the local elementary school. In addition, she works in palliative care for the local hospital.

My old (rather, former) roommate **Bernie Wruble** sent holiday greetings that heralded the feats of all of his children. His fourth daughter, **Mattia '14**, just entered Williams. So, three of his four children have attended our alma mater, while his last child, Austin, a high school sophomore, waits in the wings. Except for one, and possibly two, heretics the family obviously bleeds Purple.

Bernie has three grandchildren, all of whom live near Dartmouth. Bernie and **Jill '83** reside in West Hartford, Conn., where he practices law and she practices medicine.

And finally, our very own **Lenny Bernheimer** continued his winning squash ways by triumphing with his partner over the number-one seeded team to win the Canadian Nationals in November.

Guys, I need more news and views from classmates. Please help by sending any and all info to me.

## 1964

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Classmates, it has been a privilege to serve as your secretary for the past seven years. You have provided me an insight into your lives, which I have tried to share. We have helped **Tom Stites** win the Game Changer award; observed births, weddings and graduations; traded stories on “’64 turning 64” in 2006; and shared life’s changes and challenges following our 50th high/prep school reunions this summer. I have read two books by **Terry Finn** and shared travel adventures and new career approaches by many of you as together we enter our golden years. But nothing has rivaled the excitement, energy and wholeness of what has been developing during the past few months.

Several members from the Class of 1964 are planning to honor our own **Mike Reily**, an outstanding citizen and athlete whose life was shortened by a tragic illness that felled him shortly after graduation during the summer of 1964. **Ben Wagner** has been awesome in his dedication to create and implement a special

weekend to honor Mike this fall and has worked with classmates, alumni and the leadership of the College to make this happen. Ben writes: “Last year at our 45th reunion, our Class President **Jay Freedman** challenged us to remember **Mike Reily** in a suitable way. Jay, **Joel Reingold**, **Steve Birrell**, **Gay Mayer** and I have joined together in an effort on Mike’s behalf. The response from everyone—teammates, classmates and friends from various ends of the campus—has been extraordinary. Head football coach Aaron Kelton, acting athletic director Lisa Melendy and President Adam Falk have enthusiastically supported our proposals. Our efforts will culminate in the **Mike Reily** Recognition Weekend that will be held on Homecoming Weekend, Nov. 11-13, which will coincide with the ’64 annual fall mini-reunion. All of the members of the Class of 1964 as well as members from adjoining classes are welcome. More information will be forthcoming between now and November, but please try to Save the date for what will be a wonderful and memorable occasion for those on the Williams campus between 1960 and 1964.”

The dates are on my calendar, and I hope that as many of you as possible will join us in Williamstown for the Amherst game and homecoming to honor Mike. It will be a thrilling and heartwarming event. **Gay Mayer** has already booked a block of rooms at the Williams Inn—under Class of ’64—to accommodate those of us who will participate in the activities to celebrate Mike’s life and contributions at Williams.

**Victor Koshkin-Youritzin** was chosen this past fall to inaugurate and provide the first three lectures of the Heritage Hall’s “Distinguished Speaker Series.” His lectures discussed 19th-century French painting. Heritage Hall is one of the finest private schools in Oklahoma and the region. Interestingly, its headmaster is an Amherst graduate, and his assistant head is a Williams alumnus, **Nicholas W. Carter '80**, who teaches English and served to introduce Vic with consummate grace, style and erudition. Vic continues to teach art history full time at the University of Oklahoma, and as VP of the Koussevitzky Recordings Society he published an online article on Serge Koussevitzky’s Paris concerts just prior to his becoming conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1924.

Vic’s article reproduces many of Koussevitzky’s concert programs. Read it here: <http://bit.ly/eWdufl>.

This issue also allows us to get caught up with **Bob Diforio**, who provided a cute video (found at <http://bit.ly/fAp6gC>), which discusses his impressive list of clients for whom he serves as publications agent. Bob, during a 20-year run at the New American Library, has been the VP of sales, president and publisher, chairman and CEO. There he published Erica Jong, Stephen King, Ken Follett, Robin Cook and “a slew of others.” Bob became the king of acquisition and mergers within publishing by purchasing the company from Times Mirror, buying E.P. Dutton, selling to Pearson PLC and merging with their American companies Viking/Penguin. In 1990 he became an agent full time and has represented hundreds of authors in the last two decades. “The books in the video are books I sold on their authors’ behalf in 2010.” Although graduating from Williams, he has sold a lot of Complete Idiot’s Guides and some Dummies books as well. He also has done some impressive work in the medical field as well. Pretty diversified, Bob. Yours has been (and continues to be) a great career.

How many of us would give our eye teeth to be in *The New York Times*? But even better, to be listed in the Sunday Crossword Puzzle (Jan. 13, 2011). That’s exactly what happened to **Rob Engle**, the college’s only Nobel Laureate. **Peter Dodge**, Rob’s freshman roommate, **Walt Nicholson**, professor of economics at Amherst, who has seen Rob on Fox Business channel, and comments that “he looked a lot spiffier than he did as a freshman, I recall” and **Jamie Neidlinger** all noted that he was the answer to question #128 across: 2003 Economics Nobel Robert. Jamie also noted that his wife’s junior-year roommate’s brother was #43 across: NPR host Conan and others (Neal). Does the NYT actually get delivered to Sioux Falls, S.D.? (Only kidding!)

**Curt Green** writes that he attended his 50th high school reunion this past summer and found that “many of my classmates had aged somewhat.” Curt always had a keen insight! Last fall, he and Paula spent three weeks in India and Nepal with a group of friends from Seattle and will be off to his winter home in Hawaii before returning to Seattle



to spoil his grandkids Molly, 6, and Brady, 3, children of daughter **Jessica** '99. **John Jobeless** journeyed back to New Jersey for his 50th high school reunion in the fall of 2009. While it was a small gathering, some 40 classmates (of the 370 graduates and 300 survivors) attended. "It was wonderful renewing acquaintances with so many people I've known as far back as age 3. Oddly, I found many of the deepest connections with people I've known since kindergarten or before, though it was also great seeing some very close friends from junior high and high school. I've remained in touch with several people I saw at the reunion." For a variety of reasons John has had to move this year but remains in the redwood groves of northern California. He comments about the burden of "unearthing, sorting through and weeding out 30 years accumulation" from his old house. He derived "months of pleasurable recollections of happy times in Williamstown; pictures and mementos from cross-country and European trips; correspondence with friends in the Peace Corps; decades worth of symphony, ballet, theater and opera programs; and a touching and almost overwhelming volume of letters and cards from so many people who have been involved in my life."

A similar experience is anticipated by **Jack McWhorter**, who retired after 35 years in private solo practice of rheumatology. He is already "more relaxed and looking forward to doing some of the things I never had the time and energy for when I was working full time." He and Karen plan to leave New Jersey but will probably settle in the Northeast to be closer to their children and grandchild. New Hampshire is a possibility at present. Jack has gotten back to wood carving and plans to perform some local volunteer activities as well as continue teaching second-year medical students physical diagnosis. Like John, he has accumulated much "stuff" during 35 years that "all needs to be gone through, and I suspect we will need a dumpster." He spent most of the year getting his practice in order and patients cared for but did have time for a week in Nicaragua over Thanksgiving. "The good news is that I am done and can now move on. Any suggestions?"

**Dick Scott** is semi-retired, has limited his surgery to knee replacements and now has four-day weekends. He wonders

why it takes five months to get on his calendar under this new arrangement. Luckily, most of these procedures are elective and are not emergencies, although once the decision is made most patients want to get the procedures performed as soon as possible. Dick planned to participate in the fourth annual Operation Walk in Boston and in March will join **Tom Thornhill** '66 in the Dominican Republic on an all-volunteer charity mission (50 persons all together), where they will perform 60 hip and knee replacements on severely crippled indigent people there. He looked forward to this extraordinary endeavor, anticipating his exhilaration and exhaustion in the spring. He writes that Mary has retired from her pediatric practice, and they look forward to their 48th wedding anniversary in April. They keep two of their granddaughters for an overnight every Saturday and then have the parents come over around 10 a.m. on Sunday for omelets. Dick remarks that he is becoming quite an accomplished short-order cook!

**Tim Tuttle** spent the holidays at Big Sky, Mont., with his family, including his two oldest daughters and their families. It was 20 below zero with a couple of feet of new snow, which he found to be a real challenge. Tim notes that his family began supporting an Asian student at the Center for Development Economics last year and will continue to do so each year in the future. "This remarkable facility at Williams is a great way to support the College for those classmates that want to remain loyal to the College but express it in an alternate way."

An update from **Dick Tucker** finds him and Rae settled in Doha, Qatar, where he has been interim dean of Carnegie Mellon's undergraduate campus. There is a sprawling campus called Education City shared with five other American institutions—Georgetown, Northwestern, Texas A&M, Virginia Commonwealth and Weill-Cornell. He describes Qatar as a "small, but dynamic country with abundant natural resources (oil and liquefied natural gas) and a vision that education can be a powerful, transformative tool. Our students are inquisitive, industrious and committed to making a difference."

There is "both good and bad news" from **Chuck Wright**. He and Toni returned to Baja California

Sur for the 60th anniversary of a private fishing club they had belonged to for some 30 years, meeting with a large number of old friends. "The fiestas were great, but the fishing was horrible," because the weather was not hot enough. In late August Chuck went fishing on Bristol Bay at Mission Lodge with a group of friends from the old national Ducks Unlimited days. This time the fishing "was excellent with many silver salmon and some really good rainbow catches." But after returning, Toni, a cancer survivor, began having severe kidney and liver problems. Chuck sadly writes that she passed away in her sleep on Oct. 1. The family gathered on the Friday after Thanksgiving at their ranch to scatter her ashes at a beautiful spot she had picked out and where her mother is also resting. "The day was absolutely clear and beautiful with a view of the Sierra Buttes through the Yuba Gap, extending south to Donner Summit and then to the barely visible top of Yosemite, all snow covered." While he is doing OK, Chuck remains "a bit lonely after 43 years." Our condolences go out to you and hope this year will continue the healing process. Distractions of hunting and fishing with friends should help in 2011, and we look forward to seeing you at the 50th.

I received a great note from **Tom Stites** as a holiday greeting which included a number of inspiring quotes from poets and writers including Tom Stoppard, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Muir and Henry David Thoreau. Each quote was followed by reflections from Tom on this past year and a relevant photo. I will highlight several of them to share with you:

The Stites family went snowshoeing at Newburyport, Mass., Maudsley State Park, walked Ogunquit's Marginal Way along Maine's breathtaking rocky coast, enjoyed participating in the church choir and initiated instrumental lessons (Sandy on the violin and Tom on the guitar).

Tom remains busy with the Banyan Project and began his fellowship at the Berkman Center for the Internet and Society at Harvard, where he remains active, excited and very busy. He concludes with words of gratitude for good health, good fortune and good friends and family.

Earlier I mentioned **Terry Finn**, whose most recent book is *When Europe Went Mad*, a brief history of WWI, which I thoroughly

enjoyed. He is developing a tome on all of the wars fought by the U.S., and this is the sixth chapter. Terry is certainly a keen student of history! He writes that he represented Williams at the inaugural ceremonies for **Mitchell Reiss '79**, who became president of Washington College in Chestertown, Md. Terry "dressed as a medieval scholar" and enjoyed participating in all of the official ceremonies. He also has spent time with **Craig Schelter** ("continuing to consult on future plans for Philadelphia") and **Bill Frado** ("providing much needed advice to the hospital in North Adams").

**Paul Kritzer** writes that during the summer his eldest daughter, Caroline, was married to Dan Hara in Oak Park, Ill., the day preceding his and Fran's 40th anniversary. Two weeks earlier Paul attended his 50th high school reunion. He noted that June was both joyous and tumultuous.

As we look toward those who are celebrating the longest marriages in our class, **Bob Furey** mentions that he and Janet will celebrate their 46th anniversary this coming June and reminded me that Barbara and I were unable to attend the wedding. I wrote back that medical school was challenging.

Pam and **Bill Riley** note the arrival of their fifth grandchild, Clare, who will be a year old by the time of publication. When not indulging their grandchildren, Bill continues to improve his golf game and shot his fifth hole in one! While I don't play golf, I wonder for you golfers how this compares to getting into *The New York Times*!

For that answer, I refer to **Ted Ebberts**, who writes, "All's well in Florida," where he and Mary spend the winters. They enjoy summers in Oneonta, N.Y., where their daughter Wende is in banking. Son Teddy is in TV communications with Ascent Media in Conn. He and Mary play a lot of golf with friends and live a fairly stress-free lifestyle. "All is good."

I will conclude that Barbara

and I spent a wonderful evening at the home of Suzanne and **Skip Gwiazda** along with Jean and **Gary Ratner** and Anne and **Jim Murphy**. Skip joined his wife in the preparation of an extremely tasty stew, and the wine and conversation flowed effortlessly although not all of us were on the same side of each of the political issues discussed at the dinner table. Nevertheless it is always a joy to be with classmates who have been friends for more than 50 years!

And of course no issue would be complete without a GPS location of **Leo Murray**, who writes from the airport that it is a lot warmer in Rangoon, his next destination, than Hong Kong, where he has lived since graduation.

Let me remind you all once again of our upcoming Mike Reily Recognition Weekend to be held on Homecoming Weekend, Nov. 11-13, 2011. See you there!

## 1965

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Secretary Burnett reports: While it may seem a long way off, our 50th reunion is four years away, and planning efforts are well under way. Class President **Dusty Griffin** has begun to draw his team together, and we all owe him a show of appreciation for the energy he has already applied to the task ahead. As a reminder, **Jim Worrall** remains our tireless class agent with primary responsibility for the annual giving process. **Dave Coolidge** is the 50th alumni fund chairman, ably assisted by **Phil McKnight**, the planned giving chair, and **Mike Brewer**, the 50th reunion gift purposes chair. **Tim Reichert** is the chairman of the 50th Reunion Weekend. Finally, Dusty and Dave have organized a 50th Reunion Gift Committee whose members will meet periodically and communicate over time as the event approaches. Dusty has planned a series of minireunions in Williamstown and other venues over the next four years leading up to our big weekend.

The first of these leading events was the Wesleyan Homecoming weekend in Williamstown last Nov. 5-6. We held our first meeting of the Reunion Fund Committee chaired by Dave and Dusty. President Adam Falk attended the meeting and provided an update on the primary needs of the College that

our class gift could hopefully address. The meeting generated several thoughtful approaches to the fundraising efforts, which Dave summarized in a follow-up letter. The meeting broke up in time for tailgating prior to an easy win over Wesleyan. That evening Gale and **Dusty Griffin** hosted the class to a wonderful dinner at their home in Williamstown. Some 22 classmates attended, including California residents **Bob Oehler** and Carol and **Bill Ouchi**. Classmates benefited from the superb selection of wines that Bill had flown in from California for the evening. **Tim Reichert**, **Jack Foley**, **Ron Kidd** and I again camped out in Dorm Worrall, where innkeepers Jim and Priscilla graciously made us feel welcome as they always do. Over time, classmates will be invited to attend a series of events leading up to the 50th weekend. Our next one will be in New York for members of the Reunion Gift Committee and the Gift Purpose Committee in April.

I especially enjoyed catching up with Abbey and **Dick Aborn** at the party at the Griffin home Saturday night. Dick is senior counsel at his firm of 30 years, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, where he works on contracts for commercial aircraft financing. Abbey is a licensed therapist, specializing in marital counseling, and is one of the few Gottman Institute-trained marital therapists on the East Coast. Their son **Jon '94** moved his family (wife Kara and sons Theo and Ollie) from San Francisco to Brooklyn Heights to take a new position as co-director of research at the hedge fund Omega Advisors. Daughter **Lyn '96** and her husband Scott are the proud parents of an 8-month-old girl, Sabrina. Lyn and her husband live in Redwood City, outside San Francisco, where Lyn is an emergency doctor at the local Kaiser hospital.

**Larry Alexander** is a law professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. He published his book and his 200th article. His wife Elaine is CEO of Appellate Defenders Inc., which handles all felony appeals in a region of California that covers a population of more than 10 million. She has received many awards for her work and was honored last year by the American Association of Appellate Lawyers. They are justly proud of their three children, **Jenny '93**, **David '95** and **Jon '02**, who are a lawyer, a doctor and a neuroscientist, respectively.

## SEND NEWS!

Your class secretary is waiting to hear from you! Send news to your secretary at the address at the top of your class notes column.

# 1966

REUNION JUNE 9-12

Larry and Elaine are also blessed with four grandchildren.

**Jerry Bond** kindly responded to my email pleas for news from Rochester, N.Y. He is an independent urban forestry consultant, and his office is part of a house that he and Martha built on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake. Martha is the director of grants at Hobart/William Smith College, a job she greatly enjoys. Their son **Ben Bond-Lamberty '92** and his wife **Monica '92** live in Silver Spring, Md., where he is a research scientist with the Joint Global Change Research Institute working on climate change issues. Monica teaches AP world history at Northwood High School. They have a 7-year-old daughter named Maria. Jerry and Martha's daughter Rachel lives in Minneapolis, where she is an attorney with the Minnesota Public Defenders Appellate Division. Her husband Steve is a professor of geography at the University of Minnesota. They have a 2-year-old son Alex and a 4-year-old daughter Anna.

I enjoyed my annual Christmas card from Tina and **Fred Ohly** this year since it included a family photo taken in Vermont on the day of their son John's wedding to his bride Kiley. The family photo includes Fred and Tina's daughter **Jessica '02** and Fred's daughter **Christina '90**, as well as Fred's two grandchildren Will and Kate.

**Ted Preston** has moved to Oriental on the rural eastern shore of N.C. His four children are doing well. His youngest son is in the military and is to be deployed to Afghanistan in the near future.

The exciting news in the **Art Wheelock** family is that his daughter Laura has given birth to a little boy, Nikko. Laura and Markus live outside Seattle, and Art and Perry hoped to visit the family in March. Art was pleased to learn that the *Wall Street Journal* identified his Hendrick Avercamp exhibition at the National Gallery as one of the best art shows of the year. It was not a large show, and it did not generate an unusual amount of publicity, so it pleased Arthur greatly to have it so highly praised.

It was good to hear from **Bill Bennett** after a long absence. He is hosting a daily radio show, *Morning In America*, which airs on some 200 stations around the country. He is actively writing and often appears on CNN as a political expert. His three-volume history of the U.S. is used in many public high schools, and

he is currently the Washington Fellow at the Claremont Institute. He is married to Elayne Glover Bennett (for 30 years now). She is the founder and president of the Best Friends program, a youth development program in 26 inner cities. They have two sons, John and Joe, both Princeton. John was an All-American lacrosse player at Princeton, and Joe played football there. He is to graduate this year and plans to accept a commission as a second lieutenant in the USMC. John lives in NYC and works on acquiring new educational and technology companies. Bill is counting on attending the 50th reunion, and I certainly look forward to seeing him there.

Joanne and **Dan Aloisi** are preparing to enjoy retirement. He will leave soon, and Joanne retired last June after 30 years of teaching third grade in Harrison, N.Y. They plan to sell their home in Westchester and split time between Cape Cod and Bonita Springs, Fla. Their kids are doing well: Jackie teaches AP biology in Pennsylvania and has two daughters. Daughter Jennifer is a special education teacher in Stamford, Conn. She has one son, Danny, who was married last October. Dan says he will definitely attend the Amherst weekend this fall to celebrate **Mike Reily's '64** inclusion in the "Eph's Legends" recognition. Dan was very close to Mike, and he looks forward to joining the celebration.

After so many years, it was good to hear from **Bill Baker** in California. Bill and his wife Annie Gould live near Fort Bragg. Bill is a retired teacher, while Annie works as a systems programmer for Savings Bank of Mendocino. Son Andrew is a graduate student in physics at UC Santa Cruz. Younger son Peter is working his way up the career ladder with a restaurant specializing in Japanese cuisine. Bill is busy restoring a 110-year-old bungalow in Fort Bragg and remains active in his local Methodist church and the Sierra Club. He is an avid participant in ocean-related activities such as snorkeling, fishing, and kayak and marine advocacy. He has many fond memories of our Sage Hall escapades (as do I), and he plans to join his classmates at the 50th reunion.

In line with our discussions of minireunion events before the big weekend, please keep in mind the next Homecoming/Amherst weekend on Nov. 11-13, which we fully expect to be well attended.

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In the last notes, we reported the death of **Terry Irwin** in Australia. **Jody Dobson, Jim Harrison** and **Coleman Bird** attended a memorial service in Chadds Ford, Pa., organized by Terry's family. Jody wrote, "It was a warm, funny and celebratory gathering—movingly emceed by Terry's daughter Kath. Many childhood and school friends from Tower Hill and Lawrenceville told stories. We realized that our Williams memories of Terry—our own Lord of Misrule and court jester—were more than matched by some pretty outrageous episodes before he joined us. Terry's obituary outlines a life of unusual interests and accomplishments in his adopted country. Classical music, sustainable agriculture and conservation, scholarships for rural kids—these were but a few. Impressive, but no surprise to those who knew that underneath his Falstaffian exterior was a deeply curious mind, a great heart and an eagerness to push the limits of the expected. For me Terry was larger than life. **Lois** sent a note quoting Terry in his last days: 'Wail, cry, mourn, and beat your breast—but not for me. I've had a most fortunate life.'"

We also learned of the death of **Chuck DeBevoise** in October from a rare neurologic disease. **Wink Willett** reported that Chuck was not in pain but was confined to a wheelchair. Chuck kept his sense of humor and his spirits high and continued to go to work every day. He is survived by his wife **Barbara** and their two sons.

**Peter Richardson** reported, "The **Jeff O. Jones** Fellowship in Journalism will make a third annual award of \$10,000 to a graduating senior. To date, more than 50 classmates and other alumni joined Jeff's friends and family to establish the endowment. The initial organizing group of **Steve Atlas, Peter Koenig, Bob Krefling, David Tobis, Jonathan Vipond '67** and me has grown to include **Shayla Harris '97** and

## CLASS NOTES

**David Shipley '85.** **Bethany McLean '92** is involved in planning for a possible Winter Study in 2012 for aspiring journalists."

**Michael Katz** retired from Middlebury, ending 38 years as professor of Russian (Williams to Texas to Middlebury). He plans a trip to Egypt and Jordan, then acting class for adults, yoga and bread baking. He continues to read at the local Head Start program.

**Doug Olcott** had his second knee-replacement at the end of December, coming in second to his wife, who had three orthopedic surgeries in 2010. They are looking forward to soon enjoying retirement relatively pain free.

**Con O'Leary** (emeritus) continues to see **Ed Groszewski** (during his annual pilgrimage to Connecticut to research genealogy) and **Jeff Jones** and **Dick Debow**. Con travels during the winter and keeps in touch with **Tom Gunn** as he moves his great recreational vehicle between New Hampshire and Florida.

**Dan Cohn-Sherbok** is now professor emeritus of Judaism at the University of Wales and has published his 85th (no typo) book: *Judaism Today* (Continuum, 2010). His wife Lavinia has published a comic university novel: *The Campus Trilogy* (Impress Books, 2010). They continue to live with their two cats in a flat in London in the winter and spring and in an old coach house in Wales in the summer. He thinks that with five more years of intensive therapy, he might be able to face the 50th reunion. Let's hold him to it.

**Jay Goldsmith** broke a long silence and wrote from post-Katrina New Orleans. He was there for the storm and says, "It was not pretty but very inspiring. Now life is good again, and even the Saints impress. The city has come back, a different city, but one with great spirit and pride. It has been wonderful to be a part of the rebuilding." He still works as a neonatologist in Lafayette and teaches at Tulane. He published the fifth edition of his textbook *Assisted Ventilation of the Newborn* (Elsevier 2011) and is active with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He also helps out at his wife's antique store Maison de Provence (maisondeprovence.com).

Also not retiring is **Jim Meier**, whom you recall swam 11.5 hours against the currents trying



In January, Paul Streicker '67 (center) and children Eve '09 (left) and Rob '07 hiked the Inca Trail overlooking Machu Picchu.

to cross the English Channel last September. He completed the two-day, 100-mile Canadian Ski Marathon in February in Western Quebec. A touch of frostbite, but still able to ski a few weeks later.

Co-secretary **John Gould** traveled to Costa Rica to let the dust settle after the death of his mother. He is looking forward to his son Sam's graduation from Stanford in June, even though that will conflict with our 45th.

**Roger Kubarych** wrote from Langley, "An eventful year down here: biggest snowfall in history shut down most of the government. ... And hottest summer. As for the international arena, the headlines said it all—maybe not all, but more than anybody could have anticipated."

In the midst of the snowfalls in the Northeast this year, 20 worthies of the class gathered at the University Club for the 16th Annual Class of 1966 Dinner with No Special Agenda, hosted by **Lance Knox**. This was a new venue after the demise of the Williams Club. **Bill Bowden** explained that even though the College still owns the building, the operation of the club had become a financial burden and was not serving its intended purpose fully. The club as an organization has now relocated and operates out of the Princeton Club.

Included in the gathering was **John Carney** from Cleveland, which he says is another remade city. **Tom Gallagher** was a first-time attendee, traveling from Charlottesville, where he is the Jesse W. Beams Professor of Physics at the University of Virginia and studies the

perturbations in highly excited—or Rydberg—atoms caused by microwaves. This allows him and his associates "to quantitatively explore otherwise inaccessible phenomena." **Charley Randolph** traveled from South Carolina, and he and Bill reported on reunion plans. **Art Perry** and **Bill Adams** came down from Boston and **Bob Rubin** from Washington. They joined the New York crowd, which included **Karl Garlid**, **Ned Davis**, **Rusty Haldeman**, **Bob Krefting**, **Sandy Morehouse**, **Jon Linen**, **David Corwin**, **Jim Meier**, **Dave Kollender** and **Joe Bessey**.

June 9-12 and our 45th reunion are just around the corner. **John Schelling** and **Jack Vroom** as well as **Wink Willett**, **Bill Bowden**, **Dave Tunick** and others, including Chris Robare and the Alumni Office, have put together an excellent and varied program. We hope to see you there.

## 1967

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Welcome to this early spring edition. Unfortunately leading this issue is the very sad report of Dr. **Bob Ingalls'** death last Nov. 12. He had suffered from multiple myeloma. Bob lived with his wife **Naomi** in Troy, N.Y., where he was the executive officer of the RPI computer science department. Following Williams, he received his PhD in psychology from the University of Connecticut. While pursuing that career Bob wrote the book *Mental Retardation: The Changing Outlook*. It was



translated into several languages. Bob taught psych at California State University at Chico and at Russell Sage before joining the NYS Council on Children & Families. Around that time his interests turned to computer science. He earned an MS in computer science from RPI and remained at that institution for the remainder of his career. Bob had a lifetime interest in natural history and was an accomplished field botanist. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

As more signs of the times, namely turning 65 years old, this issue also includes a number of retirements.

Not content with once, **Doug Mills** retired for the second time last December. For the past 10 years he had been serving as a director/investor in several private companies. His wife Ginny is afraid this time his retirement may be permanent. They split their time between summer in Wisconsin and Florida in winter. Their primary enjoyment is watching their grandchildren grow up. Doug's top goal in 2011 is making his golf game less of a source of merriment for **Bill Biersach** and others. He views that as a stretch assignment.

**Roger Walke** retired last October from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) in the Library of Congress. He spent 26 years with the organization. The last 22 years he was the CRS analyst in American Indian policy. He can be found in Wikileaks. He says it was a great job and one that he was lucky to have. His wife is still fully employed, and they have no plans to move, yet. He'd love to see or hear from classmates.

**Mark Piechota** plans to retire in July as head of The Crefeld School. He says it has been a wonderful six years. A major regret is leaving a strong board, "made stronger by the presence of **Craig Currie**." He is a little worried about transitioning from the past 60 years, when September always meant back to school—from kindergarten through college, graduate school, public school teaching and administration, and now private school. So to escape the September trauma, Mark and his wife have planned a trip to Tuscany to revel in all things Italian for four weeks. In retirement, he plans to delve into artistic endeavors, yoga and meditation as well as to devote more time to his Unitarian church.

**Tom Ewing** also announced his retirement after 30 years with

Kaiser, Oakland, as a gynecological oncologist. He is looking forward to more time with his family, cycling, tennis and travel. He says he loves the Bay Area.

Congratulations to all new retirees.

Meanwhile **Hank Grass** stresses that he remains fully engaged in his psychiatric practice and teaching at the medical school. He enjoyed Christmas skiing with his children and grandchildren in central Oregon. He will be presenting a paper on his work this spring in New York at their national meeting.

Another non-retiree but quasi—on the shelf anyway—is **Mal Getz**. He was hit by a car just before Christmas while walking to lunch near Vanderbilt. He absorbed the full impact, rolled up on the hood, denting it and cracking the windshield. He says he got a big shiner. His red cap stuck on the roof. The car carried him about 45 feet through the intersection. He suffered a single fracture to his left fibula, but no other serious injuries, so far. The driver was a student, but not in any of his classes. (Too bad!) Mal said this is the second time he has put a dent in a windshield. He says, "Alfred Sloan was a car magnet; I seem to be a car magnet." Mal is a Vanderbilt faculty member.

**Bob Conway** is another busy guy. He helped launch an exhibition in Vienna last fall that was a big success (*Bruce Comer: the 70s*). He is now working on an essay for a 2012 National Gallery retrospective on George Bellows. It will travel from there to the Met and then to the Royal Academy, London. He says he is feeling deadline pressure plus stage fright about working for such high-level institutions.

**Rich Bernstein** has been ranked nationally in the 1,500-meter freestyle for the second year in a row.

**Ted McPherson's** daughter **Beth '96** is to be married to Josh Gaffga in June in Dallas. Both are teachers in Denver. Ted and Sally were able to visit their son **Edward '99** and his wife Heather in Minneapolis to see their first grandchild, Penny Rose, born just before Christmas. Sally continues her work with the Gettysburg Foundation, and Ted is serving clients through his company Intersolve. Last fall they hosted an admissions event in their home in Dallas for students interested in Williams. In early January Aaron Kelton, the new Williams football

coach, was at their home for a North Texas alumni event.

On a walk with his golden retriever, **Larry Ricketts'** thoughts turned to **Bob Ingalls** and **John Gladney** and then to departed dear friends of the past **Bob Hodridge** and **Dick Mosher**. Memories turned as well to classmates that he saw the last year: **Marty Samuels**, **Carroll Perry**, **Joe Meyer**, **Allan Stern** and **Ted McPherson**. The year before last: **Steve Watson**. Communications with **Andy Cadot**, **Ron Bodinson** and **Turner Smith**. Common threads brought a smile, even a laugh. He writes, "Each person remembered and forgotten in the Williams Class of 1967 had a smile and a sense of humor that brings delight to my life. James Thurber captured it, 'Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility.' Thank goodness for golden retrievers and the Class of '67."

**Bill McClung** is still on sabbatical in Ludwigsburg, Germany, for the academic year 2010-11. For Christmas they flew in their Macalaster son Charles. They also invited three Carleton grads, all with Fulbrights in Europe this year: son Andrew in Innsbruck, his girlfriend in Vienna, and their mutual friend at Lake Constance.

Last fall **Bill Clendaniel** and Ron had a fun visit with Lindsey and **Andy Cadot** at their new home in Roque Bluffs, Maine. He says it's a great location on an evergreen point with crashing surf just below the house.

**John McCarthy**, checking in from Geneva, reports that the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) has appointed him a World Cancer Declaration Goodwill Ambassador. UICC is the world's leading cancer control NGO, and its 400 members include the American Cancer Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation. He urges classmates to look up [www.uicc.org](http://www.uicc.org) and sign the World Cancer Declaration.

**Paul Streicker** added to the members of our class who have visited Machu Picchu in recent years. He was there last year with **Rob Streicker '07** and **Eve Streicker '09**.

That's all the news that's fit to print. Thanks for all the input. Have a great summer, and I'll see you in the fall.

Correction: In the last issue your secretary misidentified a report from **Harry Schooley** as coming from **Harry Tether**. My apologies. Below is the correct report:

**Harry Schooley** says he was most

gratified that **Chris White** and his wife Judy attended his Buffalo Seminary retirement ceremony. Harry had taught high school history for 43 years. He hadn't seen Chris for several decades. As a gift, Chris gave Harry a nicely wrapped box that contained a pants hanger with Harry's Magic-Marked name still showing on it. Chris had borrowed it when they were roommates in Morgan Hall in 1966. Later in the summer Harry and Lon met **Mark Piechota** and his wife Pat Evans for lunch in Philadelphia. The immediate retirement future for Harry includes a new house and some modest travel.

## 1968

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Lots of changes in life going on. **Lloyd Thomas** writes, "After 40 years as a classroom English teacher—I guess I should say English professor at West Los Angeles College—I retired, determined to enjoy what must be one of the last few defined benefit retirement pensions left in the U.S. I must say I'm enjoying retirement. As I longtime LA resident, I ride my road bike from my home near Culver City, six miles down the La Ballona bike trail and then turn south and travel six more miles down on the beach bike trail, past occasional volleyball games, skateboarders, lonely surfers and roller-blade addicts, to the Manhattan Beach Pier. Then I turn around and do the whole thing in reverse. I do that six times a week. As those of you know if you live by the sea, the ocean is never the same, and contrary to popular rumors, the weather in LA is quite varied—some days the sky is bright blue and other days more azure, some days we even have a few clouds. I've actually had to cancel a few rides due to rain. But when it's clear, just when I hit the beach at Playa Del Rey, I can turn around and see the whole panorama of the LA basin, from the condos in Santa Monica, the high rises in Century City, the Hugh Hefner-funded Hollywood sign in the foothills above Sunset Boulevard, and farther off to the east, the snow-covered San Gabriel mountains. It's quite a view."

On the other end of the pension spectrum, **Ned Williams** says, "While many of my classmates

are retiring, I'll probably be working in the pet care business for another 10 years (if my wife has anything to say about it), making up time for some fun but unproductive early years. We now have two doggie daycare centers handling 50 dogs a day, and we're way overbooked. We also have two pet boutiques that are going gangbusters. To the surprise of many (actually, everyone) I have published a book—*Fixing Everything: Government Spending, Taxes, Entitlements, Healthcare, Pensions, Immigration, Tort Reform, Crime*. If any of you read it, intending to get a good laugh, let me know what you think.

"I was totally blindsided at a surprise 65th birthday, not because of the party, but by the fact that I was 65. Adding tremendously to the festivities were **Denny Kelly**, **Geoff Wickwire** '69, and **John Halbrooks** '69 (not bad

puppies, brothers Hughie and Bobcat. They go to boot camp for training this spring and they in turn will be rejuvenating us while upland bird hunting and steelhead fishing in the fall."

Working in a related field, **Bob Bendick** reports that "more than two years ago I took the position of director of government relations for The Nature Conservancy at our headquarters in Arlington, Va. It looked then like a time of great opportunity for environmental change in the U.S. The politics have now become more challenging, but I remain hopeful that the Conservancy and our extensive field organization can still play an important role in sustaining this country's long bi-partisan conservation tradition. I live mostly in an apartment in Arlington, walk to work and take the Metro elsewhere. My wife Jill still lives in our home in Winter Park, Fla. We travel back and

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

The work of landscape designer Robert Gillmore '68 has been chosen by the Garden Conservancy, a national institution to save and preserve America's exceptional gardens for the education and enjoyment of the public. Gillmore's one-acre woodland garden in Goffstown, N.H., and a two-acre garden on a pond in Bedford, N.H., will be open to the public July 9 and 10. For more information visit [gardenconservancy.org](http://gardenconservancy.org).

protection at a wild party: two linebackers, one a lawyer, and a doctor; and of course Medicare, if things really got out of hand)."

**Tad Piper** reports, "Cindy and I have sold our big house in Minnesota and are in the process of building a new one, not as downsized as we had hoped, about half a mile away from our current location. Both of us continue to be very involved in community activities and are really enjoying it. I am serving as the chair of the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College and am energized by spending time with the terrific young people who attend this outstanding college. We have time to do fun stuff too, including riding (for Cindy), hiking, skiing and golf (for Tad)."

**Spencer Beebe** simplifies his professional news by reference to this website: [www.ecotrust.org/cache](http://www.ecotrust.org/cache). It includes a description of Ecotrust's work toward "Reliable Prosperity," balancing equity, ecology and economy. But he can't help adding the more personal news that "old duffers **Ted Ragsdale** and I now have next generation golden retriever

forth. Two of our children and their families live in Montana; one is in Rhode Island; we spend time visiting in these very nice places. We were in Montana for Christmas. The highlight of our trip was cross country skiing (with granddaughters in tow) in Yellowstone among the bison and elk."

"Small town (formerly Fast)" **Eddie Weeks** explains the new name: "After 35 years in Salt Lake City doing shoulder surgery, I have moved to Moab in southeastern Utah. I will practice general orthopedics and get to live full-time with my wife of six years, Kimberly Schappert, who raises money for non-motorized trails and bridges (one over the Colorado River). There are wonderful national parks and incredible lands. In the winter there is great skiing in the nearby LaSal Mountains. Come visit!"

Also on the move is **Kevin Daugherty**: "After almost 30 years of slogging through the ups and downs of early-stage-technology venture capital investing, I'm now well into the wind-down process to the point where Moira and I

will be moving to Williamstown as our permanent residence. I will still have some board seats and consulting engagements, so I'm not totally retired, but I encourage anyone passing through Williamstown and looking for a golf game to give me a call—I'll make the time. **Mike Herlihy** has already booked seven visits for next season!"

Finally, **Ted McMahon** reports simply that "I have taken up drumming; blues, vintage rock, and swing. Have attached a couple samples, but they may not go through." They didn't, but it sounds like we have the start of a band for the 45th Reunion Weekend.

## 1969

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I begin this edition of notes with news from the Judge. **Tom Sipkins** says, "2010 was a great year for me with two exceptions. After I had a great minireunion with **Frank Louis** in Pittsfield, **Dick Peinert** and I did not win our flight in the alumni golf tournament this year. Next summer Peinert and I plan on cheating more on the Taconic. And Minnesota sports teams, except the Twins, have been horrible at the college and pro levels. On the plus side, I am now a grandpa for the first time. Reese Gabriel Koranda was born a month early; but she's going on eight months now, and is really so much fun."

Tom's run as a judge in Minneapolis and the suburbs is now just short of two years, and he says it's been a blessing. "Not many folks can still say that they love their job and look forward to it every single day. And after 36 years as a trial lawyer, I count myself as being very lucky. I'm now doing a three-year stint on the family court bench, which, although it may sound awful, is actually pretty rewarding because I can help people solve problems and especially take care of children caught in the middle."

Also grandparents for the first time are Mary Beth and **Sal Mollica**. "It surely feels like a milestone in our lives, and we are enjoying the little red-haired guy immensely. We both remain quite active in volunteer activities and still enjoy our summers in New Hampshire. Luckily our property was spared by a destructive

micro-burst very close to us. We will now spend years watching nature repair itself from the loss of many trees."

**Tom Goodbody** reports his Williams family is doing well. "Son **Nick** '03 received his PhD in Spanish literature from Yale last June and is a visiting professor at Williams this year. Daughter **Caroline** '08 works for U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Maryland) and was just promoted to some hard-to-describe communications job as the senator heads into the 2012 campaign. I am still at Freddie Mac (as senior director of economic and policy), working on the structure of the future U.S. housing finance system. I have not finished yet."

Reverend **Johan Hinderlie** and spouse Sonja are "beginning our 27th year at Mount Carmel, helping families and adults experience renewal in their life of faith in Christ during their summer vacation at our lakeside ministry site in Minnesota. This fall we begin a campus ministry community with 12 college students on the site (with the new local community college) and are discovering the power in the *Big Book of AA* through annual weekends here. Stop by to visit, to fish, to snowmobile, to sit or to volunteer whenever any of you are able."

**Bob Kandel** has moved back to Manhattan's Upper West Side, having sold his home in Westchester. "I won't lie; the change after 18 years is huge but doable with the support and encouragement of Abby and our kids." Bob welcomes all classmates to call if you plan to be in the city.

**Wes Howard** reports he and **Julius Rosenwald** last fall had a "long bicycle ride in the Colorado mountains and a ton of laughs. He is absolutely hilarious and kept me in stitches. I'm still practicing commercial litigation, putting the kids through college, skiing and playing soccer as weather permits. Patti and I are planning a trip to Scotland this summer to the place of her mother's birth. If any classmates have any special advice from trips to Scotland, I'd appreciate hearing from them."

**Rick Whitten-Stovall** and spouse Bonna are now "landed immigrants in Canada, applying for permanent resident status. I practice psychiatry in a downtown clinic and am enjoying a wide variety of patients. We love the cultural life, opera, ethnic restaurants and theater. I also

enjoy learning to manoeuvre with Canadian spelling. I can still vote in Massachusetts, too, and did so in November."

**Art Lande** and wife Aubrey late last year took an adventurous trip to Brazil, where he says the waterfalls at Iguacu were spectacular. Art's music life "continues to be fulfilling, including playing concerts with both my kids and my wife, teaching the jazz program at Colorado University in Boulder and traveling to play and teach in Europe and even at Williams. I'm also refereeing three basketball games a week in the competitive city league and loving baseball as always. Life is a good thing!"

The Gaslight Baker Theater in Lockhart, Texas, in October was privileged to be the scene of An Evening of Song with **Fletcher Clark**, billed as "an evocative songwriter and engaging performer, joined by superb musicians—there'll be sweet sound in the old house tonight." Fletch described this as "my first shot at producing music in this revived lovely old movie theater, with special attention to the quality of the sound and the music. It is my hope that this performance can be the first in a series of presentations by quality singer/songwriters."

In December, I had the good fortune to lunch with **Bob Whitton**, when, as Bob eloquently said, we "had a chance to catch up and understand where the ravages of time and the economy have sent us: battered but unbowed and all-in-all very blessed." Bob is still operating his Arellton Group in Ridgefield, Conn., consulting in media, communications and publishing. He and spouse Andrea are traveling, volunteering time at their church and enjoying "our all-season visits with grandchildren."

In my work with the medical society, I've also had the good fortune to cross paths and trade some stories with **Jay Broadhurst** '74, a family physician and active member of the state and district (Worcester) societies. The good doctor, who comes from a long line of Williams people, is practicing with the University of Massachusetts medical system and is the younger brother of our very own **Chip Broadhurst**.

Catching up after a long absence from these pages is **Bruce Crane**, who's been living in Park City, Utah, for some 30 years, except for five years when he worked at the U.S. Olympic Training Center campus in

Colorado Springs. “After essentially messing about for a decade, which included three years of teaching at a New England prep school, I worked for 16 years for what is now U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA), the national governing body for ski and snowboard. I have been licensed as an international alpine ski racing official for 34 years and as a course inspector for a dozen (both volunteer tasks) and have remained a key volunteer in USSA. I have been involved with three Winter Olympic Games in different capacities: international official in 1988, professional sport staff in 2002 and course inspector 2010.

“For the last several years, I have worked for a destination management company and meeting planner and currently for the nonprofit Mountaintails Community Housing Association, whose mission is to address problems of housing availability and affordability in the Summit and Wasatch County, Utah, areas. Responsibilities are generally bean-counting, compliance reporting and similar tasks, and business functions support of the ED.”

Bruce is approaching his 30th wedding anniversary with spouse Anita, who, Bruce says, “has designed, created and sold wedding dresses and other custom lace garments, photographed and written crafts books and children’s books, done some interior design and most recently has taught herself to play guitar, even writing and performing a couple of songs. Somewhere in her past she also worked in the California governor’s office under Ronald Reagan and as a medical records technician.”

Bruce’s son Jeremy is a Bates, Tuck and Michigan B-school graduate, and with wife Leslie has two young girls, lives about five blocks from Bunker Hill monument in Charlestown, Mass., and now works in Internet market development.

**Jim Barns** is enjoying retirement in Charlottesville, Va., and reported in December that he befriended a young family who are refugees from Bhutan who are “wonderful people after all they have gone through.” Jim notes that his daughter is “thriving at Ohio Wesleyan. A much better fit than Williams would have been. I must say that OWU 2010 is way beyond Williams in the fall of 1964.”

**Rob MacDougall** and spouse

Melinda had an adventurous 2010, according to their annual letter, traveling throughout the western U.S. visiting family and friends. Rob’s work at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is going well, and Melinda is working at Holy Cross Hospital in D.C., drafting contracts and advising on regulatory issues. Daughter Caitlin graduated magna cum laude from Beloit, Lindsay is in acupuncture school, and Ian is a junior at Barrie, a private school in Maryland. Besides his day job, Rob “is currently reaping the bitter fruits of his automotive sowings, undertaking vast projects with half-vast judgment.” With six vehicles in the MacDougall motor pool, he’s taken to replacing exhaust systems, head gaskets and struts, having vowed not to buy any cars until tuition bills are paid.

An update from **Marty Lafferty** from Kent Island, Md.: He is now the administrative officer of District 5 of the U.S. Power Squadrons (USPS, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making boating safer by teaching seamanship and navigation) after enjoying his year as commander of the local Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron. Marty repeated his invitation to fellow Ephs to call or visit when in the area.

I look forward to getting more news and notes from all classmates and especially want to hear from those who haven’t been heard from in some time. I leave you with this thought: June 2011 marks 42 years from our graduation. Stay well and in touch.

## 1970

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Apparently following the lead of our French brethren, more and more of our classmates are doing their part to make way in the work force for the presently unemployed younger generation (i.e., our children) by retiring early. This is occurring even without street demonstrations (like the ones we saw in Paris last year) urging the government to lower the social security/Medicare benefits eligibility ages. (As you’ll see below, I need to include this kind of “filler” material because so few of you replied to my email request for information this time.)

My freshman-year roommate **Bill Wadt** wrote to say that on

Dec. 22 he retired after 34-plus years’ work at Los Alamos National Laboratory but has plenty of plans for retirement, not the least of which will be to spend more time with his wife Ann. He’ll also be working on educational and economic development initiatives. He is back on the board of Quality New Mexico and chairing its 2011 Learning Summit in April. Bill is also the treasurer for both the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation and the Los Alamos Commerce & Development Corp. **Bill** says that the Foundation has some great initiatives including the First Born home visitation program, which is being evaluated by the Rand Corporation and may have national impact, and an Inquiry Based Science Education Consortium, which started last summer and is already off to a great start. **Jim Cantlon** was sorry to miss last June’s reunion but thinks he might make it for the 50th. He too has retired as of Dec. 13. He and his partner Bill sold their business in Franconia, N.H. Jim says that after 21 years in Franconia and 32 total in the hotel business, it is hard to guess what the next step will be, but he asked me to pass on these messages: “Sammons you better get back!” and “Ware (both) and Navins, maybe we can meet in Amherst again.”

Now news from those still working or at least who appear to be working. **Sluggo Stearns** writes, “Janelle and I are fine and well in our little corner of ‘The Land of Smiles.’ We’ve endured a five-day Formula three motorcar race (unbearable noise from morning till night—since we live inside the track); enjoyed the Thai festival ‘Loi Krathong’ when people make banana leaf, hand-woven miniature boats and very cleverly constructed small balloons with flowers and incense and a candle and launch them into the gulf or up in the air. They symbolize sending all negativity and bad vibes of the previous year away. Quite beautiful at night. Then we had motorbike weekend—thankfully no race, just a lot of posturing and a parade of some 10,000 motorbikes, from chopped Harleys to antique Vespas. Fun to watch. Finally a long weekend for the king’s birthday, during which Thai tourists invade our little beach town and eat, drink and set off firecrackers for three days—not too bad. We’re finally back to peaceful (even sleepy, during the week)





Last winter, while sailing his refurbished boat down the Intercoastal Waterway, former Williams rowing coach John Peinert '70 (left) stopped in St. Augustine, Fla., for a meal with Tom Rizzo '81.

small beach town mode: lovely! We will be in Bloomington, Ind., from March 10 till May 19, and all are welcome in Hoosierland ... also in Thailand."

**Fred Eames** writes that life is good in Delmar, N.Y., and that he and his family have suffered no major new upheavals in their lives, i.e., he has the same job, same wife, same home and same first-model 4GB iPhone. His youngest child, Kevin, is to marry in July. Kevin is enrolled at the Albany College of Pharmacy, and his fiancée is a school librarian in Vermont. They moved into a house in North Bennington. Fred sent along a photo showing the EamesTeam extended family after their 5K Turkey Trot last Thanksgiving showing, in addition to Fred, his two Williams alumnae daughters Jenn '01 and Deborah '04.

Some of you may be on **Jennifer Wolcott's** email list and have seen the pictures she has sent of her travels in what we all used to know as "Eastern Europe." She also forwarded a pretty amazing YouTube video of flooding in the Panama Canal from last year's heavy rains there. You can access the video she sent by Googling "Gamboua Destruction." The YouTube video will be the first or second option that comes up. I forwarded to you all an invitation to an event in London being hosted by Rich Wendorf. I hope that some of you were able to make it. In his reply to my message, **Paul Miller** asked me to pass on that some of the members of the Class of '70 who work in DC actually managed to coordinate schedules and have lunch together

in late October, thanks to **Gerry Stoltz's** initiative. Among those present: Gerry, **Pat Bassett**, **Rob Hershey**, **Jim Deutsch**, **Ray Kimball**, **Paul Miller**, **Charlie Ebinger** and **Harvey Levin**. They are hoping to make this a more regular event, with a golf outing lurking sometime next spring (i.e., about the time these class notes come out).

By far the shortest, and most cryptic response I received to my blast email request for information was from **Jeff Geller**, who said the following on Dec. 20: "It's cool but clear here in Islamabad, Pakistan, where I am sharing a hotel with the Premier of China." **Jeff Krull** wrote to say that he and Alice "had a really nice visit from Q and **Kim Montgomery** this fall. Kim had driven out to Saskatchewan to do some bird hunting, and then Q had flown out there to drive home with him and the three dogs. They stopped and spent the night at our house on their way back to Vermont. We had a fantastic time reliving the good old days. Kim sold his dental practice and is obviously thriving in retirement mode. We used to visit the Montgomerys up in Middlebury quite often in years gone by, especially when our daughter **Marla** '95 was at Williams. We vowed to return to our old ways and do a better job of getting together in the future. Alice and I tried to link up with **Jennie** and **Lee Owen** and **Shirley** and **Jack Maitland** when we were in Florida in November, but we couldn't make it happen. We'll have other opportunities in the future, since Lee now has a home in Jupiter, Jack lives in Pompano Beach, and our son, his

wife and [their] daughter are in Palm Springs."

Some of you may already have read **Kim Montgomery's** account of that same visit with Jeff. Kim reports that they were able to communicate with Lee via a late-night phone call, which Lee accepted under deep REM sleep conditions. Kim also offered a much deserved recognition of **Jeff Krull** as follows: "Many of you may have heard in the past about Jeff's tremendous contribution to the Fort Wayne community in reinvigorating the entire library system in that city. Jeff took us on a tour of the entire project, and I wanted to relay to all our classmates what an amazing job Jeff has done. Through a large fundraising effort, Jeff got the entire Fort Wayne community behind him in creating a library of the future. Not only did he oversee the formation of the greatest genealogy collection in the country but also helped create a technological update of the modern library. Q and I were amazed not only at the traffic that passed through the complex but also all the outreach work to make all aspects readily accessible to all, from children's reading and writing groups to community access to local TV programs and announcements and even to theater and art classes. However, what impressed us most was the community response: Younger families are moving back into the downtown area and restoring the old brick buildings; the revitalization effort is gaining steam with outdoor concerts as well as a strong emphasis on the arts; you can actually feel the energy mounting! Jeff was recognized for his efforts by the naming of the new library art gallery after him. All in all our Bucket Member has done very well!"

And finally, I end with the following from **Kevin Austin**: "A long weekend in August found four 'old roommates' and their companion-spouses gathering for their own 40th minireunion. Marcy and I joined **Colt** and **Peter Navins**, Jamie and **Bruce Chase**, Jamie's brother, the inimitable **Bill Sammons** and Jennifer for a fantastic weekend of festive food, libations and friendship. Colt and Peter hosted the old roommate crew in a lovely farmhouse in Vermont in the middle of winter ski country amidst summer sun and wildflowers. Even after 40 years, the conversations seemed to begin where they had left off, and the closeness of enduring

friendship drew us all even closer together than in 1970. The reunion reconnected the Chases and Austins after a 40-year pause. The connection is sustained through email as we continue to catch up on 40 years of weddings, births, children, grandchildren and shared memories of the days in the Purple Valley that originally brought us together. Absolutely the best weekend in recent memory!”

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## REUNION JUNE 9-12

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Apparently we’ve entered the orthopedic years. **Dan Hunt** says he just had a knee replaced, but the new one should be functioning well by reunion time. **George Ebright** had his knee done last June and has family news: “2010 was an excellent year for the Ebright family. Our son Geordie was accepted at his first choice for college, Western Michigan University. He is interested in engineering, and Western Michigan has an excellent program. It helps that the campus is only 45 minutes from our cottage in Covert, Mich. He also received an academic scholarship that impressed his parents. My wife Patti continues to work hard designing kitchens at Sears’ The Great Indoors store. We were very happy when she secured the job last June. I continue to teach high school English.”

**Steve Lawson** has finally recovered from overseeing the Williamstown Film Festival’s 12th season. “It was our most diverse yet,” reports Steve. “What excited me most was not just that attendance jumped 20 percent, but that audiences at the ‘difficult’ or darker films were as strong as at the lighter titles.” Among the three dozen artists in residence: Alec Baldwin, Robert Osborne, Marge Champion and Brian Dennehy. A healthy spectrum of ’71 was on hand for screenings and events at Images Cinema, MASS MoCA and the Clark Art Institute, and Adam and Karen Falk hosted a Sunday brunch for the filmmakers. Mark your calendars: WFF’s “Lucky 13th” season will take place Oct. 21-30.

Last October the *Pulse* magazine from Beth Israel Deaconess

Hospital-Needham had a nice article featuring **Bob Eyre’s** urology practice as an example of a health system bringing the high quality care of a Boston teaching hospital to the community hospital setting. A patient profiled in the article described Dr. Eyre as “fantastic, with an awesome bedside manner.” Among other things, Bob is considered an expert in the “nerve-sparing” radical prostatectomy, a technique which may come in handy in preserving some natural functions that you will probably want preserved.

**David Sobel** says: “I’ve got my seventh book coming out in April, published by Sierra Club Books, called *Wild Play: Parenting Adventures in the Great Outdoors* (description at [www.counterpointpress.com](http://www.counterpointpress.com)). My daughter is working as a restaurant manager in Santiago, Chile, and trying to break into the theater and TV scene there. She graduated from Bennington in 2009 and then spent a year as the drama teacher in the offshore community of Vinalhaven, Maine. And my son is a senior in the Rubenstein School of Natural Resources at UVM, specializing in environmental education, religion and wilderness leadership.”

**Susan Sokalner Dickstein** has a vacation recommendation with a Williams connection: “While vacationing in Kennebunkport, Maine, in August, I stayed at the Captain Fairfield Inn, where I met the innkeeper, **Loryn Kipp** ’99. Her father had also graduated in the mid-60’s. We had fun talking about Williams, even though our time there was over 25 years apart. I highly recommend to all Williams alums to stay at this place—Loryn is a wonderful cook and hostess, and the breakfasts there are spectacular!”

From **Wally Schlech** in late December: “Just back from a Little Rock Christmas with three grands (including 6-month-old twin grandsons!), all five kids and assorted fiancées and boyfriends. Lots of fun and duck hunting in the early morning most days. Hope to make reunion although bumping up against another African sojourn and a wedding in Dublin!” Wally’s previous trip to Kampala in December included teaching at a new medical school in Gulu, but he also managed to get some time in at the Uganda Golf Club.

In addition to teaching math at Rocky Hill School in Rhode Island, **Terry Coes** is proprietor

of Coes Photography. He does weddings, parties, and portraits, and several albums of his work can be viewed on Facebook or at [coesphoto.iff3.com](http://coesphoto.iff3.com).

**Hugh Hawkins** reports that his daughter Emily had Hugh and Poppy’s fourth grandchild, Teagan Hughes Stahl, in September.

Long-time councilman **Valle Schloesser** ran in the Republican primary for mayor of Chester Borough, N.J., last June and lost by a mere 12 votes.

**Kent Rude** ran into **Gene Bauer** and **Doug Pickard** in December at the Williams men’s basketball game at Salem State, as a tune-up for our annual Celtics game in January. Pickard was a no-show for the Celtics this year and was replaced in the lineup by **Bob Cleary**. Bob drew a low number on the infamous draft lottery night in 1969 and left Williams for the Coast Guard, where he served for six years, mostly out of NYC and New London. He finished a degree in biology at UMASS Amherst and now lives in Harvard, Mass., and is busy raising two sons, one in college and the other in sixth grade. Bob joined me, Kent, Gene and **Roger Widmer** for an enjoyable dinner and Celtics blowout against Toronto.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming reunion June 9-12. Agard House will once again be our class HQ. A lot of energy has gone into planning, beginning last May and continuing with a meeting/conference call in October. Participants included **Steve Latham, Steve Brown, Nick Tortorello, John Ackroff, Sey Zimmerman, Doug Pickard, Jim Tam, George Reigeluth, George Ebright, Paul Lieberman, Jack Sands, Hugh Hawkins, John Chambers** and probably several others I didn’t mention. We expect a strong turnout and hope you can make it to Williamstown, enjoy the festivities, and get re-acquainted.

Finally, we were informed of the death in April 2009 of **Peter Garske**. Peter was a graduate of University of Minnesota Medical School and practiced family medicine at Park Nicollet for over 25 years. Peter leaves his wife of 31 years, **Diane**, as well as three children.

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As regular readers of these notes know, your long-suffering class co-secretaries spend much of their free time begging for news, any news. So you can imagine how thrilled we were when a handful of submissions arrived out of the blue. Many thanks!

**Parker Croft** wrote from Hawaii with a brief update: “Michelle and I share a primitively elegant life growing tea in a remote area of Kaua’i. The youngest of our four children will complete high school this year. The physical demands of farming, our tropical climate and family life have promoted good health and a good attitude. I feel fortunate. Stop by for a cup of tea.”

**Melissa Clark** got in touch by email. “I’m still practicing landscape design in the DC area, but I’m trying to spend more time developing my photography skills. Would that I could retire! I took a John Shaw photography workshop in San Miguel de Allende and Guanajuato, Mexico, where both the vivid colors and the people were amazing. I continue to photograph gardens—I did some work for the Garden Conservancy’s Open Days tours in DC last year. I also started a blog called Garden Shoots, where I write about design and photography, posting photos along the way.

“My sons remain the highlight of my life. Alex graduated from Yale in 2008 and worked for the Obama campaign. He’s now working at the Small Business Administration in Washington. Next year, however, he’ll be in law school. Adam’s a junior at Stanford. He spent last fall in Madrid improving his Spanish and watching the Cardinal football team from afar. I’ve actually been active in the local Stanford alumni group, starting a parents’ initiative for East Coast parents like me whose sons and daughters are far away at a school we didn’t attend. It’s been great, although I still wish one of my sons had decided to go to Williams!

“Not much else to report. I’m in touch with **Brad Paul**

occasionally through the wonders of Facebook. He’s a consultant in the Bay Area and sounds happy and busy. He and his family have moved to Marin County, although he still commutes into his office in SF most days. I had dinner with **Jean Ferguson Carr** when her church choir came from Pittsburgh to sing at the National Cathedral last summer.”

Susan and **Paul Grossberg**, accompanied by Susan and **Ned Palmer** ’71, traveled to Kenya and Tanzania last August. Their primary focus was to visit **Teresia** and **Charlie Waigi** at their home in Limuru, a town about 30 kilometers north of Nairobi. Paul writes: “Charlie and Teresia have been building a school on their property to serve the educational needs of local children, a project that a number of our classmates have supported with generous gifts. Jeremy Academy started in 1998 with one child and has grown to 467 students in preschool through the 8th grade, including some 20 disabled students who otherwise would have nowhere else to go for school. Teresia handles the administrative duties, while Charlie oversees construction and development. The students are excelling academically, and Charlie has proved to be a master at building efficiently and economically. He’s incorporated a bio-fuel processing system to provide gas for the school’s kitchen (using cow dung as the fuel source, in true Williams tradition!); erected a cistern system to tie into the students’ bathrooms; and hired metal fabricators and masons to build desks, windows, and bricks on site. Not only does this keep costs down but it allows him to monitor quality control closely. Charlie is most appreciative of the support from classmates who have contributed to the school’s building programs. After our visit, we enjoyed safaris in the Maasai Mara game preserve in Kenya and the Serengeti in Tanzania. All in all, a truly memorable trip.”

Once again, the class received heartfelt thank-you letters from students who benefited from our 25th reunion gift, which continues to help pay for summer internships. Last summer we assisted students both at home and abroad. Here are some excerpts:

“Your kindness gave me a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help train seeing-eye dogs for the blind. ... As an intern at the Guide Dog Association in Forfar, U.K., I had

the pleasure of strolling through the Scottish countryside every day after work back to a warm house with shortbread in the oven. Most days I came through the door soaking wet and decorated with almost every color and texture of dog hair, and with a new bump or bruise to talk about. Although this sounds rather bleak, I could not have been happier. I worked tirelessly with trainers who teach the dogs almost everything they will need to know as working guide dogs. ... I thank you not only on my behalf but also on behalf of the visually impaired Scottish men and women I was able to help because of your gift.”

“This summer I had the privilege of biking every morning along the Minneapolis Greenway on my way to work at the Children’s Hospital Oncology & Hematology Clinic. I helped with Camp Courage (a cancer camp for patients and their siblings), completed CITI training for conducting research studies and did research on how complementary and alternative medicines (CAM) might be used in pediatric oncology. ... Toward the end of my internship and after many conversations with oncologists, neurologists, psychologists, neuropsychologists and psychiatrists, I decided to go to medical school after graduation and eventually become a neurologist. Thank you for your support. I appreciate your generosity.”

“For June and July I was immersed in both Costa Rican culture and medical culture through my involvement with the International Health Central American Institute Foundation, based in San Jose, Costa Rica. The internship allowed me to gain a more complete understanding of the health problems that challenge poor countries as well as the importance of public health research. ... I know my work with IHCAI in both a research- and clinic-based capacity will continue to serve as motivation throughout my upcoming years of study. As a pre-med student, I am anxious to join the medical community, and I am excited about the future prospects of public health. Thank you for your support.”

It’s our unenviable duty once more to report the sad and sobering news that we have lost two of our classmates. **Phil Sullivan** died just before the end of the year “following a valiant battle with brain cancer, which he faced with courage, dignity

and strength,” in the words of his obituary. He lived most of his life in Andover, Mass. A lawyer by trade, Phil made his mark helping his community in myriad ways. He was a principal organizer for the American Cancer Society’s fundraising golf tournament in Lawrence, and he served as a trustee of a local fund that assisted unemployed, disabled and elderly residents. His credo was as admirable as it was simple: “Help the people.”

**Jeff Harris** died last September of a heart attack. Jeff spent just one semester with the class, in the spring of 1969; he was in the same high school class in Winnetka, Ill., as **Doug Stiles**, **John Anderson** and **David Webster**, who remembers Jeff’s intelligence, athletic prowess and sense of humor. After Williams Jeff spent most of the remainder of his life in California. According to **Arek Fressadi (Eric Freed)**, who was at one time Jeff’s brother-in-law, Jeff returned to school, obtaining his degree in English at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif. “He was working on his master’s and becoming an adjunct professor at Cal Poly when he suffered his fatal heart attack. He had written a book called *Intercuts*, about his life from West Point to Pelican Bay, which apparently was about to be published. It was good, damn good. I would not suggest to anyone to follow Jeff’s path in the yellow wood. It made the difference, no doubt, but it was difficult and therein was the wisdom and the enlightenment. To experience adversity, even of your own doing, and to remain humorous exposes an enlightenment envied by many, found by few.”

**Harry Kangis** wrote to say that he and Julia enjoyed watching **Adam Lefevre** as Karl Rove in *Fair Game*. Harry also had a nice conversation with **John Malcolm**, “who was indeed re-elected to the Vermont legislature last fall.” At the time of the call, John was traveling in Florida, continuing his quest to experience many of the great train routes of North America.

**David Farren** reports that **Jim Cornell**, who sustained very serious injuries in a biking accident last year, showed up to help out with the Phillips Exeter phonathon and stayed over for the night. “He looks terrific.” David attended the Amherst-Williams football game—at Amherst—with **Michael Prigoff** ’73 and his girlfriend. “It was a glorious afternoon despite the dismal

traffic. I said hello to **Lewis Steele**, Jane and **Tom George** and their daughter, and **Doug Herr**’s wife Bonnie and youngest son (Doug was on call back home). I spotted **Chip** and **Michele Chandler** and **Paul Grogan** and his wife in the crowd.”

**Paul Isaac** called our attention to a conversation between filmmaker Ken Burns and **Jerry Carlson** about *Treme*, a dramatic series on HBO about post-Katrina New Orleans. Their discussion took place last December and was sponsored by the CUNY Graduate Center. Paul says that Jerry was also “the intellectual tour guide” for *Uncle Boonmee*, a Palme d’Or-winning Thai film, which was shown as part of an international film series at the Emelin Theater in Mamaroneck. “He did an excellent job with a challenging film that was inaccessible to a lot of the audience.”

**Skip Vigorita** sent the following update: “I have hit 60 but, having started marriage late in life, I am still enjoying the pleasures of parenting. Vinny, 18, and Tommy, 15, are sheer joys. Yikes, the college search has begun! Couldn’t convince my son to take a year off and surf around the world—his real passion. I am still practicing orthopedic pathology and live in East Hampton with my wife and soulmate Patty. Plenty of room for overnight traveling classmates who need a bed.”

**Sam Moss** is stepping down from the impact investment firm he has been with for the past six years, “fortunate to have had a front-row seat to see the evolution of microfinance and the development of impact investing. I have several speaking engagements and projects over the coming weeks, but I look forward to stepping back a bit, taking a breath and exhaling. Some interesting opportunities have already begun to percolate, but I am most interested in taking some time off, traveling a bit (Isabelle and I just got back from two-plus weeks with Paul and **Peggy Courtright** in India), and reflecting on next steps.”

Word has come from **Jim Kolesar** that with the opening of the new Purple Pub, Jerry Maloney’s daughter has launched a Web site with photos from back in the 1970s. Some amusing, sub-incriminating photos can be found at [www.ThePurplePub.net](http://www.ThePurplePub.net).

In his spare time **Steve Kirkland** fixes up rental real estate, which last autumn entailed figuring out how to move 1,000 cobblestones

obtained at an estate sale on a cash-and-carry basis. Dori, his wife, said it was quite simple for a Williams geology major: “cobblestones=rocks=geology.” Once more, lessons from Clark Hall prove timeless.

A number of us have received communications from **Ashley Cart** ’05, the assistant director of alumni relations and director of classes and reunions for the Society of Alumni. Ashley’s dad is our own **Kevin Ulmer** (who entered with the Class of ’73 but graduated with us). If Kevin has warned Ashley about us, our next reunion headquarters may very well be located in—or even beyond—Pownal, Vt. Keep in mind that our 40th is fast approaching. Kevin, your discretion will be gratefully appreciated.

Many of our classmates have been involved in nonprofit organizations. A story in the *Boston Globe* last autumn described an innovative program to help finance nonprofits by forming partnerships, combining certain activities and even merging. “‘What we’re looking to do is preserve or expand the impact these organizations have in their communities,’ said **William Pinakiewicz**, New England director for the Nonprofit Finance Fund, which consults to charities and is managing the new program.” The Boston Foundation, New England’s largest public philanthropy, is one of the four institutions financing the new program; its president is **Paul Grogan**. The article quoted Paul urging nonprofits to encourage greater collaboration. “There’s no question that a lot of mature organizations have overlapping missions,” he told the *Globe*.

**Barnaby Feder** writes: “I’m in the last semester of divinity school and getting exposed to the full range of ministerial activities through my half-time internship at the Morristown, N.J., Unitarian Fellowship. The final hurdle before I can look for a Unitarian Universalist congregation to call me as minister will be a two-hour preaching/oral exam session in Boston at the end of September. I’d love to hear from classmates of any religious stripe who are or have been clergy members about their experiences.

“None of this would have been possible without my loving if sometimes mystified wife, Michele, whose Jewish identity is strong but decidedly secular. She remains devoted to teaching fifth graders here in Montclair





In December, Bill Simon '73 (left) and Fred Simmons '77 successfully completed the climb to the 22,800-foot summit of Mount Aconcagua in South America.

despite the ever-gloomier financial and political climate for public education. It helps that our three children are thriving. Linus, a junior at St. John's College in Annapolis, loves the Great Books curriculum and is a member of the nationally ranked croquet team (the only thing stranger than learning it's an intercollegiate sport was learning that the Naval Academy is a rival powerhouse). He also works two jobs to cover his room and board. **Mattie '13**, joined the band to play kazoo and serve as public address announcer during their routines but was drafted into playing bass drum for the Amherst game when the regular failed to make the trip—tough work for someone her size. Williams, just as one would hope, has her constantly reconsidering her academic focus. Her current fascination is how we form and perceive identity. Alfie, a high school junior whose big extracurricular love is fencing, has just started the college search.”

And in the new-career department, **Julie Rose** is developing and marketing a savory cooking sauce called “Lazer Sauce,” which, as they say, should soon be available at a store near you. “More later,” says Julie.

Thanks go to **Gregg Peterson** as he wraps up three years of diligent and effective service on the board of the Society of Alumni. Over the years numerous classmates have served on that body, including **Steve Barger**, **John Enteman**, **Ann Freeman Fisher**, **Paul Grogan**, **Paul Grossberg**, **Wendy Hopkins**, **Harry Kangis**, **Sharon Mosse Miller** and **Michael O'Rourke**. **Vern Manley** is currently a member of the board.

## 1973

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Relief. Just when I was beginning to despair that there must be only about two or three dozen members of the Class of 1973 who are still able to read and (more importantly) write, the end-of-2010 email brought in a wealth of fresh news from some previously silent classmates.

**John Waterman** leads the pack of re-emerging '73ers with a great story of an accelerated re-training, the adoption of a tough new language and the start of an encore career in public service. John took time from a very hectic holiday and relocation season to share some news for the first time since our graduation year. In 2008, John retired from a career in finance (Rittenhouse Asset Management) and jumped right into a second career at the State Department. “At 59 years old, just squeaking in under the 59-year-old maximum age limit, I joined the Foreign Service.”

John had previous academic training in foreign policy (Tufts/Fletcher immediately following Williams), but the career-switch path to State sounds daunting, especially for those of us who have not experienced the student side of academia for three or four decades. “Mallory and I moved to DC in early January 2010 for my initial training at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) in Arlington, Va.,” John writes. “In late February, I was assigned

to a position as a political officer at the U.S. embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and started to learn Arabic two days later. After 10 months of intensive Arabic immersion (eight hours a day with only one other classmate), I was exhausted but passed my final Arabic exam in late November.”

John's wife took a crash course in Arabic as well and “has her fingers crossed” for a position at the Riyadh embassy. State sounds highly efficient from John's experience: he finished his training on Dec. 17, the movers arrived on Dec. 20 and John and Mallory departed on “a new adventure” on Dec. 28. John invites other Ephs to contact him at watermanjp@gmail.com and “would be happy to hear from anyone visiting Riyadh.”

**David Hill** reports that he and his wife have lived in the “UK for nearly eight years” where he directs “travel medicine services” for “the more than 60 million Brits who travel overseas each year.” That's a fascinating figure, because a quick check shows there are about 62 million in the UK, total: that means the equivalent of the whole population leaves the island every year.

David lives in the medieval cathedral city of St. Albans, where his eldest daughter, Emily, was married in the summer of 2010. “Our other two children, Ian and Sarah '09, are in Austin in graduate school.” As part of the traveling Brits, David has been leaving St. Albans each winter to renew his experience of the Purple Valley and the grey hues of mid-winter. He has been teaching a Winter Study course on global health in Williamstown. In courses the past two years, David says he finds “current Williams students to be enthusiastic, engaged, insightful and passionate about trying to make a difference.” Is that a subtle dig at the worthies of our generation? Or just praise for the constant quality of Ephdom?

David's work on global health also brings him in contact with an active Eph from '75: “In my capacity as a councillor for the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, I had the pleasure of working with another Eph council member, **Frank Richards '75**. Frank (‘Rick’) directs several Africa and Latin American tropical disease control programs for The Carter Center, based out of Atlanta.”

**Ellen Schnepel**, who says she has not appeared in the notes

previously, sends a sweet story of another second career move: anthropologist to chocolatier. “Ever since winning the chocolate Easter bunny raffle in 2000 at Aldo’s Biscotteria in Greenport, Long Island, I’ve become intrigued with the origin, production and processing of cacao into chocolate,” Ellen explains. Her taste for the new specialty began “as just an avocation” but is “now a professional pursuit.”

Chocolate has taken Ellen to exotic spots from Bahia in Brazil to Pays Basque in France and led her to learn a new language (Portuguese) “to visit cacao estates” in Brazil. Ellen was awarded the Julia Child Fund Scholarship for food research in 2009 to study chocolate in France. She says “every trip now has something to do with following the cacao trail.” Ellen is spending “winter/spring 2011 in London writing on this fascinating comestible.” Ever the anthropologist, she is soliciting information on chocolate from fellow Ephs. “If you have memories of chocolate or delicious chocolate recipes,” Ellen requests, “please send them my way: eschnelpel@verizon.net.”

The next news of a lost classmate comes from **Field Horne**, an indefatigable Eph hunter. While attending a history conference in the Adirondacks about a year ago, Field tracked down **Geoff Yokum**, who “was with us for three semesters” at Williams. Field reports that Geoff “went home and graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh, later studying electrical engineering at SUNY Farmingdale. He has been an auto mechanic, a builder and an electrician and now is interested in building sustainable houses in the North Country, where he lives in the foothills west of Plattsburgh.” Field also sent me a copy of *Saratoga Living*, the magazine that he purchased with a group of Saratoga writers. Field is editor of the magazine.

**Di Hole Strickler** reports gratefully giving up an encore career, golf manager to her son Will, who qualified for the pro tour in November after playing a full schedule on the Canadian Tour. “I am happy to report that I’ve been fired,” Di says. “Will has hired a sports agent to replace me.”

My request for more mountain-eering stories to match the rash of Kilimanjaro climbings elicited some entertaining responses.

**Chris Pitt** reports a number of astounding feats in the mountains

of New Hampshire—“in fact, more than 192,000 astounding feet. “Not Kilimanjaro, but I did finish climbing the 48 New Hampshire 4,000-footers this past September.” With all that aerobic training, Chris is staying in peak shape and is “still playing Ultimate [Frisbee] once a week.”

**Emlen Drayton** was already in the clouds without having physically to climb tens of thousands of feet. “I had a dream about climbing Mount Everest. Does that count?” Emlen then explains a source of his euphoria. “I guess I am just living vicariously through my kids at the moment. Most notably, my daughter Maggie is in her second year of grad school at University of Miami in film production.” The entertaining gene seems strong in the Drayton family. Emlen reports that his daughter has “just completed a very successful stint as program director of the Miami Short Film Festival.” She also was chosen to represent UofM at this winter’s Sundance Film Festival. Wistfully, Emlen adds: “Oh, to be young again!” Now, that’s an even loftier dream.

The instigator of this mountaineering theme, **Bill Simon**, is keeping up his faithful correspondence and his high treks. This time, Bill climbed “a peak in Argentina, Mount Aconcagua” in December. Bill has to search out younger Ephs to keep up with him. This time his climbing companion was **Fred Simmons** ’77, “a young Williams alum.”

Like Emlen, Bill is also sky-high with pride for a daughter headed toward the film business. “Suzanne is doing a bang up-job for Mayor Bloomberg in New York as a speech writer,” Bill says. “Her ultimate dream is to be a screenwriter—fellow entertainment-oriented classmates please take note.”

Back on lower terrain, Bill also has kept up with classmates: **Spike Booth** (“looking very distinguished and saying life is good with his brood”) and **Bill Foote** (“preparing to step down from his highly successful 15-year run as CEO of USG and will continue as chairman of the Chicago Fed, a very interesting post during these challenging economic times”).

Indomitable correspondent **James Fraser Darling** says that his climbing was aimed at “putting up Christmas decorations at my parish church, All Saints, Notting Hill.” James said he was looking forward to a mid-January reception for The American Museum

in Britain run by **Rick Wendorf** ’70.

**Janet Brown** reports on an ascent to her mother’s attic on a murine hunt. “Does it count to climb attic stairs as advance for mouse exterminator who has become new best friend?” Janet asks, commenting it is “difficult to understand how anyone has time to climb Kilimanjaro or anything else for that matter.”

Eph-hunting also counts. Janet reports on a mischief of Ephs. “On non-mouse front, Katie and **Bob Eyre** ’71 have welcomed grandchild number two, Colin Zachary Eyre, son of **Peter** ’00 and **Becca** ’00. Katie and Bob are also about to depart for the Galapagos, but the two events are reportedly unrelated.” With the younger Eyres in the DC area, Janet anticipates “regular reunions for Katie, **Ellen Gill Miller** and me, which are noisy and very therapeutic.” Janet says she and **John Knapp** collaborated with **Duke Bascom**’s wife Julie on a 60th celebration for Duke through a “group-artwork-birthday-gift.”

Janet has also found a clever way to count the passage of time and make 2011 a softer landing for some of the Class of 1973. “Finally, for those fixated on facing the Large Birthday that Duke recently experienced, a reminder that 1971 was the year that most of the staff side of the class landed in Williamstown. Using 1971 as the landmark year instead of 1951 makes 2011 “the Big 40, a much smaller, gentler number than 60.”

## 1974

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Our Pulitzer Prize-winner **Ed Larson** has written a new book, *An Empire of Ice*. According to advance material from the Yale University Press, “*An Empire of Ice* offers a new perspective on the Antarctic expeditions of the early 20th century by looking at the British efforts for what they actually were: massive scientific enterprises in which reaching the South Pole was but a spectacular sideshow. By focusing on the larger purpose, **Edward Larson** deepens our appreciation of the explorers’ achievements, shares little-known stories and shows what the Heroic Age of Antarctic discovery was really about.”

Ed is the University Professor of History and holds the Hugh & Hazel Darling Chair in Law at Pepperdine University. He has written brilliantly about the presidential election of 1880, the history of the constitutional convention, the creation-evolution debate and the history of science and religion, among many other topics. His books include *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*, for which he received the Pulitzer Prize in history. Judging from the advance reviews, *An Empire of Ice* is likely to be another winner for Ed. For instance, Peter Harrison, a professor of science and religion at Univ. of Oxford, says, "Larson's beautifully written narrative takes in the triumph and tragedy of the polar expeditions, and sheds new light on the scientific culture of the age. Entertaining, informative and based on impeccable research, this book is a wonderful achievement." Ed carries an impressive classroom load: His email mentioned that he will be teaching at Stanford next year. What will he teach (there do seem to be a staggering range of possibilities)? He says, "They have not told me yet for sure: two of the following three: Property law, health care organization and financing or American legal history—those are my bread-and-butter courses in law school. I typically split my teaching load (such as it is) between law and teaching history to undergrads." Congratulations and good luck to Ed on the publication of his book and his appointment at Stanford.

**Randall Perkins** has sold her fine arts book-publishing company and turned her considerable talents to nonprofit organizations. Responding to a note I sent, Randall writes, "You caught me on the eve of departing for Kenya, where I'm doing some work for the Sabre Foundation"—an international textbook donation program for universities and libraries in countries recovering from war—"then to Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro. Seemed like a good idea back in September. Sold publishing company and now focus solely on designing books. Divide my time between Vermont and Boston. Strongest board commitment is to Planned Parenthood of Northern NE. These days it looks like a lot of Congresspersons need to figure out it takes two to become pregnant."

Good to hear from **Jim Richter**

and **David McCormick**, both of whom have had "lost list" status. Dave writes that he'll be busy this year with two weddings approaching. He says, "My son John David will marry on June 4, and my daughter Caitlin will tie the knot on Oct. 22. I guess the next step will be grandchildren, and I can barely bring myself to even write those words." Jim has been practicing law at a small firm, doing mostly insurance defense work, but he has his eyes on retirement. He and his wife Melinda sold their house in Atlanta and now live on a mountain near Cherry Log, Ga. He says, "See if you can find that major metropolis on a map! I am telecommuting much of the time, but I go to Atlanta at least a couple of days every week. I'm going to practice law for a few more years." Jim writes that Melinda is a very serious organic gardener: "Last year, we were able to grow all the vegetables we needed. We have planted apple trees, grape vines, blueberry bushes, a fig tree and a quince tree. We get a lot of rain here, and the climate is about 10 degrees cooler than down in Atlanta. It is very good apple country. The topography here reminds me of the Berkshires. Perhaps that's one of the reasons why I like it here so much!" Finally, Jim writes that he has a small reunion planned at Cherry Log in April. He says that **Dusty Nix**, **Bob Kendall**, **Arnie Perlstein** and **Chris Curtis** '73 (the drummer from Jim's old Williams band, Cradle) have all committed to a weekend of hanging out in the mountains. Now that does sound like a good time...

**Bob Stern** writes that he and Joanie are still thriving in Pittsburgh. Bob practices medicine happily, but he has also opened Cornerstone Restaurant (cornerstonepgh.com) with his daughter Erin. And his other children are doing well: Lindsay works at a marketing firm in DC while getting her MA at Georgetown in corporate communications and public relations, and Michael (Swarthmore '10) works as a financial analyst for Impala Asset Management in New Canaan. Bob says, "I still stay in touch with **Billy Suda**, and we remain very close with **Nancy Gaalt** '75. All of us are still missing **Craig Virden** terribly." Indeed, we are.

**Bob Patterson** reports a great a long weekend of skiing at Vail in January with **Fran Doran** and **Rick Vancisin**. He says, "The

snow was fabulous, as was our skiing ... which means we had no injuries to report ... other than the Patriots getting beat that weekend." On other fronts, Bob writes, "After a long silent period, I did catch up on the phone with **John Dryer**. John has a daughter at Williams (she loves it) and another daughter that is in the throes of her college selection decision. John and Ann are doing well and starting to brace themselves for empty nesterdom. I am happily busy with my financial advisory practice and paying college tuitions (Greg at Georgetown and Charlie at Lewis & Clark) ... luckily Tricia graduated from NYU last year and has a job, so she is off the payroll!"

**Erik Thorp's** note reports that he was a victim of the economy and lost a job he'd held for 13 years in parking design. The good news: After five months, he was able to find a new position that he likes very much in the same industry. Erik also writes that his wife **Carmany Heilman** '76 is continuing teaching but hopes to wind that down in the next couple of years. Their son **Galen** '04 is a naval aviator flying F-18 Hornets. Erik says, "We missed the last reunion because it was scheduled at the same time we had an opportunity to spend six days on the aircraft carrier *John C. Stennis* with **Galen**. It was a terrific experience, particularly when we were able to spend time on the flight deck only 40 feet away watching the F-18s land. Galen is about to be deployed and will be spending two months of the deployment flying into Afghanistan." Galen surely deserves our gratitude and good wishes for a successful mission.

**Jeff Thaler** sponsored another Winter Study program this year, based upon the model of Williams At Home, in Portland, Maine. He assays, "My group this year is quite interesting—it has two foreign-born students who immigrated, themselves, as children (ages 2 and 7). ... Jenny is from China, came here at age 2, and is living with a Burundian family (new this year) and working at Portland High School; Anh is from Vietnam, came here at age 7, is living with a Congolese family who hosted last year, and she is working at the new City Health clinic, which is different from past years of my program. So both of them are people who had to learn English just like the people they are living and working with. ... The other three students are

black, which is a first in my four years of programs as well—that is having all my students being of color (the sixth student who was to do the program dropped out in mid-December—she was white). Jonayah, from Brooklyn, is living with an Ethiopian family (first year) and working at Portland Adult Ed with **Rob Wood** '74. Laura, from a small town in western New York State, was adopted by a white family and is one of the few minorities in her hometown; she is living with a Sudanese family (first year hosting) that just bought their first home, and is working at Lyman Moore Middle School; and Ginette, from California, is living with a Somali family who has hosted twice before and is working at King Middle School. So I am pretty excited about having students this time who have grown up dealing with some of the issues (race, language, ethnicity) that they are encountering in the program as well and would have a lot in common with their students in Portland.”

Finally, a nice time was had by all at the Class of 1974 holiday luncheon in NYC at the, er, Princeton Club, which is the new home of the Williams Club. We thank **Jeff Elliott** for his good cheer and for putting this event together every year—it has become a solid and great tradition. Jeff's report: “We had record-setting attendance—31 attendees! The final guest list included: **Bruce Beehler**, **Mary Lou Boutwell**, **Lusyd Doolittle**, **Christina** and **Fran Doran**, **Tom Douglas**, **Pat** and **Ron Eastman**, **Audrey** and **Jeff Elliott**, **Bill Finn**, **JoAnne Ginsberg**, **Jerry Kapp**, **Bob Kaus**, **Matty Levine** and **Sara Pasternak**, **Rich Levy** and **Carol Miller**, **Chuck Mitchell**, **Bob Rothman**, **Bruce Sheehan**, **Tom Slattery**, **McKelden Smith**, **Anne** and **Bill Suda**, **Rick Unger**, **David** and **Iris Wolinsky**, and **Betsy Howard** from Williams.” My wife Deb and I were also there. At the luncheon, I learned that Ron is doing triathlons (recently one in Miami) and that he and Pat have a new house in Northern California run entirely on geothermal energy. I also had the chance to talk with Chuck, our most outstanding class agent, on the challenges of running small law firms in big cities. And, lastly, I had a very interesting chat with McKelden, who is president of the New York Genealogical Society, and (I was charmed to learn) my cousin. In

a follow-up Cousin McKelden writes, for these notes, “**Jonathan Fitch** and I have determined we share descent from the Rev. James Fitch (1622-1702) and so we are cousins of Ebenezer Fitch, the first president of Williams College.” That's good, I say, but McKelden notes that we also share descent from the Reverend's son, Major James Fitch (1649-1727), a/k/a “Black James,” who according to contemporary quotations was the author of “open and scandalous villainies” and a “great land pirate.” As McKelden says, and I agree, “These things become interesting as I approach my seventh decade.”

## 1975

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In August, **Kathy Bogan** moved to Kenya and joined the newsroom at Nation Media as group design editor. Newspapers are thriving in Nairobi, where “hawkers tout at least four dailies between the lines of stopped traffic in jams and on every street corner.” You really should take a look at Kathy's blog (ajournalistinnairobi.wordpress.com) for the lowdown on living in Kenya.

Lots of classmates, it seems, are making changes. Three years ago Ellen and **Scott Lutrey** left their Maryland home and relocated to North Yorkshire, England, where they accepted positions with the Department of Defense. Scott is weighing the possibility of retirement, a “win-win scenario.” After four years in NYC, **Hope Coolidge** and **Mark Brown** '74 are back in Sherborn, Mass., where Hope is the director of finance at the Central Square Theater in Cambridge. She and Mark traveled to Turkey in January for daughter Emily's wedding. Newly retired **Ellen Davis** and her husband have moved from Connecticut to Sheldon, S.C., where they are enjoying numerous outdoor activities. They plan to return this summer to Manchester, Vt., with their two mini black poodles to discover the joys of extended time in New England. Thanks to her daughter and son-in-law, Ellen is a first-time grandparent as of December, and her son **Christopher DeNicola** '05 is engaged. Another newly retired classmate (is there a theme here?), **Steve Stephanian**, has left after 32 years at the Hartford

to give himself the time to stay ahead of leaf raking and gutter cleaning. Yoga and piano playing may fill some of his discretionary time, and Steve and Peggy hope to pay a visit to **Mike Hensley** in the West Virginia alps. After 35 years of not responding to requests for news, **Bob Reder** saw fit to report that after 32 years at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, he was to retire in March. When told he was too young to retire, Bob responded, “I'm too young NOT to retire.” He plans to play a lot of golf, author corporate development memos for Milbank clients and conduct continuing legal education for associates of the firm. Bob is interested in any good ideas of public company corporate boards or charitable enterprises. In his second year of retirement, **Chuck Chokel** summed up the requirements for a good day: “A nearby fitness facility, a delivered *Wall Street Journal*, a DVR TV recorder, a working Internet connection and no travel.”

Not all classmates' changes have resulted in retirement. In June, **Renee Meyer** founded Ballet Mobile Inc., the bookmobile of dance, bringing ballet to those who might otherwise not have the chance to experience it and sharing “magnificent music, visualization ‘journeys’ and beautiful ballet.” According to Renee, they “make house calls, not curtain calls.” You can check out her work at [www.balletmobile.org](http://www.balletmobile.org). After 10 years in Maine as headmaster of North Yarmouth Academy, **Peter Mertz** hopes “to thaw out” in Virginia as headmaster of Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News. **Margo Webber Steinberg** is packing up and moving from Newton to Marion, Mass., where she and husband Barry have kept their sailboat for many years. Barry took a job in Portsmouth, R.I., so she welcomes the legitimate excuse to live on the shore. Margo has a new position as a social worker with the VNA hospice in Fall River.

The Arkansas Department of Career Education's loss is the Rhode Island Department of Education's gain; **Phil Less** has become the new R.I. state director of adult basic education and GED programs. The move brings Phil back to his New England roots after being away from the area since 1975.

We have no shortage of classmates in the field of education, and no one is tackling





From left, Dave Butts '73, Lucy Beck '75 and Bob Beck '75 met up last fall for a hiking excursion in Blue Ridge, Va.

the problem of finding/creating good teachers with more energy than **Bart Nourse**. His Moving2Mastery (M2M) aims to create "an online video platform where thousands of young teachers, coast to coast and at no cost, will be able to observe and to interact with hundreds of America's greatest teachers." Right now M2M is "fully engaged in raising \$8 million" to make this most worthwhile goal a reality. One who has been in the teaching trenches for 35 years, **Ned Reade**, reports that he "survived the fall term adequately" at Trinity Pawling. Ned's wife Maria spent a five-month sabbatical living and volunteering in Vermont, asking the question "Why are Vermonters in the forefront of new ideas in sustainable farming?" Ned spent the summer in Vermont being dropped off at the side of the road with his paints, waiting to be picked up for lunch. **K.K. DuVivier** is now a full professor at the University of Denver Sturm College, where she teaches energy law and mining law. She is writing what she thinks "will be the first renewable energy law textbook," due out in late 2011. As a double major in English and geology at Williams (any others in our class with that combination?), K.K. says the textbook writing is a nice blending of her interests. The University of Vermont has honored **Mark Bouton** by naming him the first Robert B. Lawson Green & Gold Professor of Psychology. According to the press release, "In addition to his responsibilities as full professor, Bouton serves as director of the General/Experimental Graduate Program and assistant director

of the Neuroscience Graduate Program in the Department of Psychology. His research centers on basic behavioral processes in learning, memory and emotion and how time and context influence them."

**Steve Albelda** and **Suzanne Fluhr** reported on "a visit from the most reported on non-contributor to the alumni news, **Kirk Victor**." Kirk, a die-hard San Francisco Giants fan, traveled to Philadelphia and braved a Phillies/Giants pennant race game attired "in full Giants regalia." Despite the Giants' loss and a near attack by a drunk Phillies fan, Kirk had a great autumn: "A Giants victory in the World Series followed by a trip to Paris with wife Linda." **Peter Yogman's** son is a freshman at Seattle University, intending to major in computer science. His daughter lives in Shanghai and "is a marketing manager for the largest Internet wine purveyor in China, responsible for the entire expat market, which numbers close to 1 million." Peter hopes she can have an impact on the trade imbalance. **Jackie (Strachan) Meadows** sent an exuberant message that began "I HAVE AMAZING NEWS!" She went on to write, "Since I started out as Williams' first mom, it's not surprising I had my third grandchild born late Thanksgiving night just after we ate way too much turkey." Her daughter gave birth to Phenyx Tristan Meadows, who Jackie says is, without a doubt, Class of 2033. Her email concluded with, "There is something wonderful about delivering your own grandchild." That may be a first for our class as well! **Sally Richardson** checked in from

Tampa; her daughter Rebecca is attending Wellesley and loving the college and location, as is Sally, who likes the excuse to visit New England. Younger daughter Catharine is a sophomore, which means Sally gets to experience the college process again very soon. Still practicing law with Pinellas County, Sally is plotting how to retire early "without actually winning the Powerball." Unable to attend the 35th reunion, she hopes to make the 40th, since she will be an empty-nester by then. Another Floridian, **Jon Appelbaum**, reconnected with **Chris Mavroides '76**, former Spencer House denizen, who has been an internist in Okeechobee for about 20 years and is working on his doctorate in psychology.

The Northern Virginia Williams-Amherst student brought together **Anton Bestebreurtje**, **Lucy** and **Bob Beck**, **Bob "Milt" Morin**, **Larry Patent '74** and **Dave Butts '73**, whose wife, according to Anton, exhibited a high tolerance for Ephs. On the subject of saintly spouses, once again, I am compelled to extol the patience of **Bob Kittredge's** wife; his response to my news request reads: "Oh my God I've changed religion again; pray for my wife. Still in France, but October 2011 is the latest." Nobody had to ask, but I've been praying for **Ellin Goetz '76**, wife of the original "drunk dialer" **Mike Watkins**, for decades. Mike is still in regular contact with his notorious posse of **Peter Keller**, **Jim Rooney '73**, **Bruce Humphrey** and **Scott Farquhar**. Mike's children Glenn and **Rhys '13** are at Hamilton and Williams, respectively; daughter Oona is still at home. Any and all Williams grads are encouraged to visit Naples. Keeping Mike company in Vermont during the summers is **Tony Kroker**, who, thanks to **Virginia Drewry's** reporting, is in the news. In November Tony was inducted into the Auburn (New York) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The headline "Kroker had a 'perfect' senior year" refers to Tony's participation on two championship teams, football and baseball, during his senior year. The article also notes that at Williams, Tony "led the football team in receiving in 1974." Had I known earlier about the induction, I definitely would have made the 40-minute trip to Auburn to congratulate Tony personally.

A Christmas card from **Tim Howson** clearly indicates a decline in his observational powers. He writes that for 28 years he has

frequented a deli near his workplace and “just noticed that it is at the corner of ... Williams Street and Amherst Street.” He thinks it might mean something, so I will happily accept explanations to satisfy his better-late-than-never curiosity. **Connie Sheehy** reports that **Harry** is “energized and excited at his new Dartmouth post;” she is in Williamstown enjoying her 25th year in college admissions and “holding down the fort with Harry’s mom and her dad at Sweet Brook Nursing Home.” “Cat couture” is the newest creative endeavor of **Akua Lezli Hope**, who sent a photo of a cat wearing a Santa hat. Lezli was also thrilled to report that one of her poems was selected for “100 Best African American Poems with CD” collected by Nikki Giovanni. Her third piece of joyful news is that her niece, **Kesi Augustine** ’12 is studying at Oxford and periodically updates *USA TODAY* College about her experiences in England. Carol and **Rich Pickard** hosted **Mitch Besser** ’76 and a group from Mothers2Mothers (m2m) for a “friendraiser” in early October. Mitch, **Bob Woods** ’76 and Rich were raising funds for the organization Mitch founded with **Gene Falk**. Rich’s daughter **Jamie** ’10 is volunteering for m2m in Cape Town for the year and has become good friends with the son of **Jeff Thaler** ’74. Rich, the indisputable king of West Coast hosts, entertained Tina and **Mike Snyder**, who were in Carmel for a wedding.

In closing, I am sad to report the passing of **Gerald Gantt, M.D.**, who died in August 2000. Born in Baltimore, Gerald was the oldest of eight children and was married with a son, Gerald Jr. According to the notice sent by the College, “He was “not only a holistic physician and acupuncturist, but a grassroots community activist. ... He enjoyed sailing and playing the guitar but most of all he had an insatiable hunger for knowledge of Afrikan history and culture.” By the time you read this column, the snow should be gone from the Northeast; in the meantime, I hope we all take the time to cherish our families and friends, whether they are near or far from us.



In June, Cappy Hill ’76 (third from left) attended the 2010 World Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa, with her children (from left) Lizzy Kildahl ’14, John Kildahl ’06 and Tom Kildahl ’11.

## 1976

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“Greetings, classmates!” writes Class President **Debbie Nelson**. “June 9 is rapidly approaching and Williamstown beckons all of us back for our 35th reunion. Mark your calendars now! The initial response has been well beyond expectations, and at this rate we’ll set a new attendance record for a 35th reunion class. The committee has been hard at work, and all of us are looking forward to seeing each one of you there! When it was pointed out that this will be our last reunion before we start turning 60, **Diana Moran Chabrier** summed things up quite nicely, ‘If not now, when?’ See you all in June!”

“Life out here in the Land of Enchantment continues to be an exciting journey,” writes **Suzi Stone**. “Santa Fe has been such a great place for my interest in holistic health. I became a clinical hypnotherapist in 2004 and have really enjoyed helping people heal and grow through this modality. Yoga and gardening are favorite activities.” Suzi reports that our class tree will be in place for the traditional gathering on the Sunday morning of Reunion Weekend. “The scheduled removal of the tree, as part of the

demolition for the new library building project, has been put on hold until completion of the construction.”

“Post-government life has been good to me,” writes **Susan Schwab**, who was U.S. trade representative under the Bush administration. “I split my time between the University of Maryland, where I continue to teach one course per semester, consulting for law firm Mayer Brown, and a variety of corporate and nonprofit boards. Lots of travel still, but not quite as frantic as when I was in office. And more time to get to the theater in DC and NYC!”

**Robin Broad** and husband John Cavanaugh are taking a year off work to dig into “a fascinating array of communities and countries that are finding rootedness in this ‘age of vulnerability.’ We are discovering the same yearning for roots and community in such far-flung places as the Philippines, Trinidad and El Salvador that we are seeing in communities across the U.S.” The pair are blogging about their findings at [yesmagazine.org](http://yesmagazine.org) in preparation for writing a book. Robin is professor of international development at American University in DC.

**Jim Holmes** reports sadly that his wife Cynthia Owen Holmes, who attended our 25th reunion, passed away in mid-summer 2008. Jim is with wireless real estate company Unison Site Management, which he helped found in 2003 and “which has been successful and fun to grow.” He lives in NYC, where he enjoys the theatre and symphony. He attended the opening preview of *Spiderman* with his girlfriend. “With my background



Last November, Bill Greiter '76 (right) visited daughter Elizabeth '12 during her semester abroad at Charles University in Prague.

and involvement with theater, I found it exciting; however, it was clearly not ready for prime time.”

**Steve Stein** has purchased a vacation home in the Berkshires, in Monterey, Mass. “If any classmates are passing through or in the area please let us know,” he writes. If I’m not mistaken, around 100 of us will be in the area in June. Steve, I hope you have plenty of room!

“I wish I could give you some major updates but not much has changed since my last letter,” writes **Dave Trawick**. “The Trawick-Monk empire has now grown to ‘tens of dollars,’ which bodes well for Williams as I am sure part of my estate will go to the Ephs. We invested in an X-Box 360, which means that both boys will be experts in video warfare when they apply to college. And I have yet to find a cure for male pattern baldness but will keep working to end that malady.”

**Kevin Shannon** is director of the Medical Scientist Training Program at the University of California, San Francisco. “It came as a surprise to me and is undoubtedly shocking to people who knew me in college that I enjoyed doing laboratory research and turned out to be fairly competent at it,” he writes. Kevin is credited with discoveries related to the role that the protein Ras plays in development of childhood leukemia and other cancers. Kevin met his wife Beth through **Willie '77** and **Diana Chabrier** while completing his residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas. He and Beth have no children but nieces, nephews and a dog “who keeps me in shape

by insisting on frequent runs in Golden Gate Park.” Kevin assures us that “Dylan, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale and an inconsistent and generally crappy golf game remain firmaments of my world. I heard ‘Aqualung’ on the radio the other day and saw **Peter Kozik** in my mind’s eye.”

**Bill Greiter** reports that he “had great fun visiting Prague, Salzburg and Vienna with my daughter **Elizabeth '12** during a break she had during her first semester studies at Charles University in Prague.”

“Over Thanksgiving weekend, our son asked me if I would teach him about spirits,” writes **Heather Thomson**, “so I replied that as long as he wasn’t looking for a séance, I’d be happy to take him to Kentucky for his spring break from college. Otherwise, the miles on this chassis are starting to add up, and I’m increasingly creaky and arthritic. My husband’s Triumphs all sport antique license plates, and they’re younger than me.”

After the expatriate life of being an architect in Rome, Saudi Arabia, Sydney and Barcelona, **Daniel Brown** has settled in as a professor of architecture in New Zealand. “I’ve had some very exciting times and still travel every year to do installations, mainly in Rome and New York. This past summer included a retrospective of my work at the 2010 Venice Architecture Biennale, which was a hugely exciting event, and I will be doing some of the opening ceremonies in the 2011 Venice Biennale of Fine Arts. Every November I take a group of students to India, Nepal and Tibet to introduce them to ritual and

symbolism in ancient architecture. It’s always great to see eyes go wide and remind me of what life was like at that age when we were all in Williams and eager to absorb everything we could.”

“I’m a ‘76-er who rarely appears in the notes,” writes **David Fowle**, “and while I live near and work in Williamstown, this will be the first reunion in many years that I am not out of town, so I’m hoping to be able to catch up with some ‘fringe’ classmates such as myself.” David has been back in the Purple Valley since 1978. He built a ferrous-cement house in Pownal, married and raised two boys, “with the latter part of that endeavor taking place on Cole Avenue.” He helped open the local food co-op Wild Oats in 1982, worked there as general manager until 2006, then accepted a position with the national support organization for food cooperatives. Both sons are out of college now, and Dave and wife Helen have moved back to Pownal, where they have a home pottery studio and David plays music with a local vocal group.

Bonnie and **John Berringer** traveled to DC, where they met up with **Peter Larson** and partner Bill Frye at the Jon Stewart “Million Moderates” march. They also had dinner with Fredreka and **Rob Cramer**. “Rob prepared a feast for the six of us, plus my daughter Katie, who is in DC for at least a year as an Americorps volunteer, and a friend of Katie’s visiting from New York. Rob looks great and has become a fantastic cook.”

“Hmmm, Robin a gourmet cook now?” quipped **Jeanne Gerulskis**. “Does this mean no more Top Ramen, the meal of choice for ‘76ers in Lehman, Sage and dorms all over campus?!”

Lisa and **Michael Rosenblum** ran into **Warren Feder** at a screening of Paul Lieberman’s biopic on Bob Gaudino at the Williams Club. “Gaudino had a seminal impact on my life,” writes Michael. “I was in the last Williams at Home group and away when he died. That exposure to ‘experiential education’ shaped the rest of my life. My Watson year (which I turned into three years) was essentially a global expansion of the WAH semester taken to Central Asia, Africa and the Middle East. All of my work since then has been reflective of this notion of ‘inserting yourself into someone else’s life.’”

In her 17th year as head of

Maret School, **Marjo Talbott** is celebrating the school's centennial with a full travel schedule. Older daughter Becca is running an after-school program at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco, and younger daughter Kelley is a junior at Skidmore. Marjo and husband **Mark Vershbow** celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary.

**Carmany Heilman Thorp's** son **Galen '04** will be deployed again in February "to the place where it's all happening," and daughter Margie will graduate from Harvard in June. Carmany and **Erik '74** watched the Williams-Amherst game in Denver and "spent more time talking to Amherst guys than our Williams colleagues. The Amherst people weren't nearly as dim-witted and uncouth as I had been led to believe." Carmany is still teaching, and Erik is enjoying a new job.

"I am in Not So Sunny Northern California," writes **Deborah Gould**, "building my Ark along with the rest of the Bay Area. Looking forward to improving my golf game this year; my resolution is to put myself into my calendar." Deborah began a two-year fellowship with California Health Care Foundation Leadership Program in December and is "hoping to learn something to transition my (post-retirement) career."

**Diana Chabrier** visited **Jody Hale** in Beverley, Mass., last fall and checked in with **Steve Casterberti** at Prince Pizza. Husband **Willie '77** had lunch with **Keith Harvest** "who's still doing God's work" at the Essex County district attorney's office. Diana saw **Kevin Shannon** and his parents in NYC and notes that he "is doing amazing work at UCSF; writing, traveling, lecturing, chairing committees, but sadly forgoing our reunion." She and Willie attended the wedding of **Ann Cramer's** oldest son Chris, a filmmaker, in December. Ann is in Beaufort, S.C., teaching English while husband David teaches music and plays organ at churches in Beaufort and Savannah. Diana saw daughter **Julia '06** off to a Kennedy School project in New Orleans and notes that **Tom Piazza** has offered to help in a crisis. "They're 26, and you still worry," she writes. "Thank you, Tom."

**Jon Cole** delighted all of us on the class email list with a recording of 'The Mountains' he made for his father's funeral last February. Jon's father died of

pancreatic cancer on Valentine's Day 2010, and he has been busy caring for his mother and dealing with an "utterly chaotic work situation" at the EPA, where he is the only one of five senior career managers who is still in his permanent position. Though he has had to curtail his sailing and musical hobbies, he and Sarah joined **Peter Peyser** for a Nationals-Mets game last season and keep up with Nancy and **Dick Rhodes**, who live nearby. A highlight of 2010 was seeing his first game at Wrigley Field in "memory/honor of my late, beloved uncle, a lifelong Cubs fan who told me how, if they played in the Philippines, they would be called the Manila Folders. It was an emotional experience given the family connection, last year's events and the fact that it is such a historic baseball cathedral."

**Ernie Roberts**, a senior systems engineer at Mercedes-Benz USA in Montvale, N.J., continues to enjoy his role as Orange Mountain District Roundtable commissioner and communications chairman for the Boy Scouts in the Northern New Jersey Council.

"Big changes here in my life," writes **Susan Collings**, who left the student-led Phillips Brooks House Association at Harvard after 12 years to become executive director at the Art Connection in Boston's South End. The organization places art in nonprofit organizations in the greater Boston community and is expanding to DC, LA and NYC along with other sites in the Northeast. "It is a truly wonderful way for me to combine my passion for art and my three-plus-decade career in nonprofits." Susan has bought a condo near her office at the Boston Center for the Arts and enjoys "a very short walk to work and life as a South Ender. You can reinvent your life at 56!"

**Cyndie Spencer** started her own company 14 months ago, CPSpencer Consulting, to work with small nonprofits on planning and fundraising. Her principal client is Madison Area Youth Soccer Association, which has launched a capital campaign to raise \$3 million for a soccer stadium. Husband Denny chairs the division of general surgery at the University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics and is the chief of surgery of the American Family Children's Hospital, which is expanding. "This is thrilling to us, as, 11 years ago when we moved to Madison, a freestanding

children's hospital was just a dream." She and Denny plan to bring daughter Julia, a high school junior, and French exchange student Valentine with them to reunion in June. Sons Andrew and Paul are both at Macalester College, "studying hard and playing soccer."

**Tom Blake** spent much of 2010 moving his parents to a retirement community in Concord, Mass., from the home they had occupied for 44 years. "It took all spring for my brother and me to empty out the house after they had been moved. We were fortunate, in this market, to sell the house in two months. I'm willing to bet that numerous other classmates are dealing with this lifestyle phenomenon."

"This is the 30th year in Providence for Maureen and me," writes self-proclaimed Facebook "refusenik" **Andy Nosal**. Maureen (aka Muffie) is an accomplished university and elementary educator. Son Peter graduated from UVM and found work teaching English in South Korea. Thomas is in his fourth year of civil engineering and urban planning at McGill. "In neither case was leaving the country my idea," Andy writes. The Map Center, which he has owned for 30 years, is doing well on the web despite a downturn in the map trade. "Always bet on the tortoise. With any luck, there will be more to report between now and the obit."

**Bill Hudson** has been licensed as a realtor in Texas and is a transition team member for freshman Congressman Blake Farenthold. **Meg Lowman** continues to enjoy her work at the Nature Research Center in North Carolina and is headed to India with a Fulbright scholarship to work on forest conservation. She connected with roommate **Mary Mountcastle**.

Finally, there was a huge turnout for the alumni tailgate on Oct. 16, the largest ever by our class. Attendees included **Ray Bliss**, **Debbie Nelson**, **Paul Nelson**, **Gus Nilson**, **Bruce Entwistle**, **Jim Trapp**, **Paula Tabor**, **Joan Shainman Zegras**, **Vin McLoughlin**, **Kathy Harris**, **John Harris '75**, **Peter Peyser**, **Peter Remec**, **Kay Pesek Nixon**, **Jody Hale**, **Steve Casterberti**, **Barb '77** and **Carmen Palladino**, **Karl Hubbard**, **Chris Grant**, **Steve Hein**, **Dan Yeadon**, **Mary McTernan**, **John Solar**, **Jack and Susan Costello** and **Chuck Senator**.





Members of the classes of 1976 and 1977 and their Eph children enjoyed Parents Weekend in Williamstown in the fall.

## 1977

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Although you'll be reading these notes in April, the copy was due to the College mid-January. Shortly after one of the biggest blizzards ever recorded on the East Coast, I sit here anticipating the spring flowers that will be awakening when this issue hits your mailbox! All is fine in the Gasperetti household: My daughter's college applications have been submitted (fingers crossed!), my son enjoyed three weeks off from college, and I relaxed and did almost nothing during the break between Christmas and New Year's. The basic things in life really are the best... So remember to drop me a note to share your simple pleasures with the class.

**Jeb Seder** sent word of many Eph contacts and visitors in Paris last year, including **Chris Vogelsang**, **Joninna Sadoff Simpson**, **Peter Sheil** '76 and partner **Bruce Batchelor**. He saw **Dave Rogers** in London and had great phone conversations with **Jill Stephens** and **Will Schmidt**.

Fall Parents Weekend 2010 gathered two generations of Williams students and '76/'77 alums, including **Emily Dugdale** '14, **Barbara LeBaron Kendall**, **Jennifer Rowe** '11, **Meghan Rowe** '14 **Matt Rowe**, **Vivian Patterson**, **Brad Kendall**, **Steve Pagnotta** and **DC Dugdale** '76.

2010 marked the 50th anniversary of the Operation Pedro Pan program, which brought over 14,000 children from Cuba to the

U.S. from 1960-1962. **Bill Jaime** was one of them. The newspaper in Fort Lauderdale featured his fascinating story. Bill's family celebrated his 8th birthday the day before he left Cuba in 1962. They wanted to shield him from Castro's regime, which "shut down churches and private schools and imprisoned and executed opponents." His family told him he was going to the U.S. for a few months and that they would join him shortly. However, it took four years to be reunited with his mother, father and two younger brothers. Bill's resilience is noteworthy, and he appreciates his parents' sacrifices. "I think it made me strong and gave me the feeling that really I could do anything I could set my mind to," the article quotes. For the full story as well as photos, check out the following link: <http://bit.ly/h1Qhf5>.

**Steven White** was named Lewis Professor of Modern Languages and Literature at St. Lawrence University. He is currently directing SLU's academic program in Spain. Veintisiete Letras in Madrid just published his edition of Nicaraguan poet Pablo Antonio Cuadra's *Siete árboles contra el atardecer*.

Last fall, **Dennis O'Shea** and **George Schutzer** enjoyed watching **Jeff Boscamp** appear on the big screens at the New Meadowlands Stadium right before half time of the Giants vs. Redskins football game. Jeff (with his Joe Morrison jersey barely showing under his sport jacket), along with his colleagues from Hackensack University Medical Center, a principal sponsor of the Giants, were part of an on-the-field

presentation at the two-minute warning. Everyone enjoyed a lengthy and delicious tailgate with Jeff, his wife Yuki and colleagues from the hospital prior to the game. Although it is a long trip from his home in McLean, Va., to New Jersey, George enjoys tailgating with Jeff so much that he made the trip three times last season!

Sadly, I received word from the College that **Raymond Powell** passed away last Sept. 5. After Williams, Ray graduated from Cambridge College with a master's in education, including a concentration in management studies. He resided in Waltham, Mass., where he worked at Extra Space Storage. He is survived by his father and two brothers. Memorial contributions may be made to Crispus Attucks Day Care Center, 105 Crawford St., Dorchester, Mass. 02121.

**Rick Bartlett** sent greetings from the cornfields of Pennsylvania. Although he finds it hard to believe, his three children have already graduated from college. Rick is an instructor for his hospital's OB/GYN residency program, and his patients are either uninsured or have government insurance and come from around the world: Mexico, Brazil, Central America, Korea and Vietnam. Over 4,000 babies a year are delivered at Rick's clinic.

**Daiva Gasperetti** was thrown back to junior year of college when former roommate **Kate Kramer** (Smith exchange student) visited in NYC last November. It was great to meet Kate and **Kirk Kramer's** vivacious and intelligent daughter, Anne, who is finishing her senior year at Columbia College. We also celebrated Kate's news of a career change—she was hired for an adjunct faculty position at Brandeis University, where she will begin to teach in the fall. Kirk continues to work at Bridgespan and enjoys the nonprofit world very much.

Finally, a reminder from **John Greer**, **Alyssa Ballot** and **Dennis O'Shea** to join the class Facebook group. Just go to <http://tinyurl.com/williams77> and click "Join," then start posting photos, stories or memories you'd like to share with the class. Our 35th reunion is creeping ever closer, so start thinking about how you'd like to spend that weekend, and send in your ideas!

Have a wonderful spring, and remember to keep those emails coming!

## 1978

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It is my heavy obligation to open this time with the sad news of **Lisa Kimborough's** passing from brain cancer. Lisa was in her bed at home in Kathmandu, Nepal, in the presence of her husband **Ravi Pradhan** and their children Rajen and Asha. Lisa was a triple major at Williams. After graduation she worked a series of jobs in New York while learning to master computers on her own. It was there she met her soulmate Ravi. In 1988 they made the momentous decisions to get married and move to Nepal. While there, Lisa worked on a field project sponsored by Johns Hopkins medical school, who were so impressed by her work that they backed her to attain a master's of epidemiology by correspondence. After 12 years in Nepal they returned to Baltimore. Encouraged by her superiors at Johns Hopkins, she attained a PhD in mind/body relations in 2006. Before she took ill in January 2010 she enjoyed a prodigious career and rewarding home life, travelled the world and made discoveries scientific and personal. She held the esteem and love of countless friends, colleagues and classmates.

Last time I promised a slew of news from **Brent Shay**, who last June wrote, "Williams remains a pervasive and cherished part of my life." He reflected how many people from Williams are still in his personal orbit. Keeping in mind that some of this is dated by over a year, I bring it to you now. Brent started off 2009 at a rousing New Year's Eve party at **Meile Rockefeller's** NYC apartment and ended the year at a festive 2010 New Year's Eve dinner party at **Earl Childs'** home in Pittsburgh.

After 22 years working in the Study Abroad Program at Penn, **Patricia Martin** accepted an appointment as director for off-campus study at Swarthmore College. Pat and her husband **Rick Moog** '79, professor of chemistry at Franklin & Marshall College, have two children in college—Mark at University of Richmond, and Samantha at Middlebury College. Their youngest, Alex, is enjoying being the recipient of his parents' undivided attention.

**Jonathan Hattenbach** is a 20-plus-year veteran at Motorola Inc. During a 2010 business trip

to Chicago, Brent caught up with Jon over dinner when he shared some "exquisite" family photographs of his wife Ellen and their two daughters.

With the acquisition of Reuters by Thompson Financial, **Ed Friedland** became VP and general counsel for Thompson Reuters Legal, which has shifted much of his work day from Stamford, Conn., to Minneapolis. Ed started at Thompson in 1990. Lisa and Ed now have made Minneapolis their home along with Westport, Conn. Ed's business travel takes him to Europe, South America and Vermont, where their youngest son, Andy, attends University of Vermont. Their middle son, Peter, graduated from Ithaca College, and their eldest son, Adam, who is Brent's godson, is in his second year at Fordham Law School in Manhattan.

Brent has also been in touch with another world traveler, **Don Toumey**, who makes extraordinary business trips across the Pacific Ocean from the NYC office of Sullivan & Cromwell. Don is a partner in the firm's General Practice Group with a multinational practice focused on banking, securities and financial institutions law.

**Martin Williams** is chief of surgery at Carney Hospital in Boston. During the 2009 college football season, Marty and his wife Jennifer invited Brent to join them at a Harvard-Dartmouth football game to see their son James, a graduating senior at Harvard, play an incredible game. James is a 6-feet-5, 295-pound offensive tackle and got a rookie free agent contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

During the spring, Brent and Meile were guests at Andrew and **Harriet Hancock Clubb's** annual tailgate party at the Middleburg Races (steeplechase) in Virginia. Andrew and Harriet's daughter Mary, 13, is another of Brent's godchildren, which makes these visits to Virginia extra special for him. Harriet is now working for the Federal Reserve in Washington.

Brent sees **Paul Skowronski** on Sundays at services at Trinity Church in Copley Square, where **Bill Rich** '75 is the associate rector.

Brent has also seen **Chris Evensen** locally in Boston, while he was taking his middle son, Parker, on a college tour at Boston College. During his visit, Chris related how he has become an advocate for men's health, particularly in the fight

against prostate cancer, through his various leadership roles at the Brady Urological Institute and Johns Hopkins Medicine. Chris serves as chairman of the Johns Hopkins Prostate Cancer Advisory Board and a member of the scientific advisory board for the Patrick C. Walsh Prostate Cancer Fund. Chris married Felicia van Wagenen a couple of years ago and, thanks to the Houston weddings of **Will Noels'** two daughters as well as Brent's frequent business trips to LA, Brent has enjoyed becoming acquainted with Felicia, who is now very familiar with our Williams family.

Brent is also proud of other classmates in the Boston area fighting cancer: **Jay Loefeller**, who is the chief of radiation oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital; and **Michael Wolfson**, who has participated for 22 years in the Pan-Mass Challenge, a 200-mile, weekend bicycle ride across Massachusetts from Sturbridge to Provincetown in support of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund.

In June 2010, the Williams Boston Association hosted a reception to introduce President Adam Falk—a festive and well-attended event. **Steve Rothstein** was there, and Brent learned that Steve's son just finished his freshman year at Williams. Steve is president of the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., where more than 200 students populate Perkins' residential and day programs. Boston-area media reports glowingly of Steve's leadership in educating people who are visually impaired.

Brent, meanwhile, is active in community service with programs devoted to youth development. He is on the board of Camp Dudley and the Steppingstone Foundation. Camp Dudley, which has turned out fine young men such as **Barney Walsh**, is a residential summer camp located on Lake Champlain, with separate campuses for boys at Westport, N.Y., and girls at Colchester, Vt. (Why do I think BK found a way to get to Colchester?) Other Williams alumni on the Dudley board during Brent's tenure included **Steve Wertimer** '77, **Lauren Razook Roth** '81 and **Chris Perry** '91. **John Storey** '65 is a senior staff member. As you might suspect, Dudley, in many ways, has an "Eph-inspired" environment. It even has a Williams Cabin!

The Steppingstone Foundation

is a nonprofit organization that develops and implements programs that prepare low-income or underserved schoolchildren (starting in middle school) from the city of Boston for educational opportunities that lead to college. Since the program was founded in 1990, there have been three Steppingstone scholars who graduated from Williams College, and two more Steppingstone students were admitted to the incoming Williams Class of 2014. Brent has been on the board for 15 years and watched the program expand to Philadelphia and to Hartford, where they have benefited from **Todd Eckerson's** involvement through his various responsibilities at Westminster School.

And now to the six-month-old news flash: With two kids now attending Williams **Dan Rudolph** has more reasons and more chances to get back to Williams. When Dan was in a state of reverie as he contemplated that his daughter **Claire** '14 would be living in "Willy D," just a shout from his old room in Williams C, he was roused by a familiar hallucination—the voice of **Ted Rouse**, whose daughter **Emma** '14 was also entering the hallowed ground.

In early October after a brief Stanford GSB fundraising trip to Boston, which included a visit to **Paul Shorb** and his family in Lincoln, Mass., where they ran to and around Walden Pond, Dan and his wife Anne, their 11th-grade daughter Erica ('16 hopeful) in tow visited the campus again for a rendezvous birthday lunch with **Jamie Barickman** and his wife Hollis, one of his freshman roommates. Perhaps to purge the heavy meal, perhaps to show his senior son **Jack** '11 that the old man could still do it, Dan "ran a Blair," which is the old and for all I know still current expression for that increment of exercise of running a loop around Blair Road, several hilly miles. Impressive feat for an undergrad, gaudy for a 30-year alum.

**Mary Donahue**, riding the popularity of the shows she produces for the History Channel, has been promoted to VP, development and production. She has direct oversight of *Pawn Stars*, *Swamp People* and *American Restoration*. She is also undertaking a film production of Gettysburg, with Ridley and Tony Scott (*Gladiator*, *Blade Runner*, *Black Hawk Down*). Equally exciting were her excursion to N'Walins, London, Provence and

LA with her 9-year-old daughter Mattie, who found time to perfect a "Go Down Moses" solo for her elementary school's Christmas show.

**Steve Maier** writes from Middlebury, Vt., of the local fame of his neighbor **Kate Gridley**, who was commissioned to paint the governor's portrait. See <http://addisonindependent.com/201012artist-and-subject>.

TV success has also come to **Kevin O'Rourke** this year. He and **Edith Thurber** wrote of continuing good fortune and positive developments. Kevin had a busy 2010 teaching at Williams spring semester and once again running the Summer Theatre Lab for the department. In August he visited with **Quentin Durning** and **David O'Connell** and their respective families. In his humble opinion "we all look terrific!" It is hard to dispute the claim of a man who applied aftershave to his face in front of countless millions. This past spring Kevin was shooting episodes of the new HBO show *Boardwalk Empire*, which has turned out to be a big hit. You may have seen the show—he is the newly elected Atlantic City mayor Edward Bader. He hopes for a second season as well. Edith continues to teach at The Cathedral School of St. John and is in good health. They had a great visit with her field hockey cohort **Maggie O'Brien** in December. They spent some quality girl time seeing the city and catching up. Their sons Charlie and Peter will both be at Whitman College next year. Charlie is a junior, and Peter was just early decision. They are so impressed with the school they think of Walla Walla, Wash., as the Williamstown of the west.

**Jim Little** is "staying young" but mixing it up with residents who think they're as smart as him at the VA in Austin, Texas. Amy, his oldest daughter, is doing well and enjoying her second year of medical school in Dallas at UT Southwestern Medical School. Not to be outdone, daughter Sarah, who is finishing up at Davidson College, was accepted at two medical schools and will decide between UT Southwestern or UT San Antonio. Jim's wife Cathy is working part time as a pediatrician at Austin Diagnostic Clinic. She also volunteers both on the board and as an MD at a local charity, El Buen Samaritano, which mainly assists new immigrants. Jim appreciates that she was a "good sport" hosting his

two brothers and sister and their families over the winter holidays. (I say she's a pretty good sport for putting up with Jim for 25 years.)

During the winter Jim had a respite from the pressure cooker of coaching little league and tee ball. He still likes the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Longhorns, but he allows there's not much to boast about these days.

**Jon Snyder** writes that he is now the director of development for Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard.

**Larry Tanner**, his Williams jones roused by a voice message from Jim, felt he was overdue to write. Larry spoke with his old roommate, **Jamie Weaver**, who left the Purple Valley after freshman year but has always kept it close to his heart. Jamie now has a daughter **Alexandra** '14 at Williams. Jamie lives in Florida and works as a graphic designer. To Larry's dismay, his daughter, who is a high school junior, finds Williamstown too rural and remote for her tastes. Larry also heard from his old buddy and track teammate **Rich Remmer** '77. Rich is practicing law and running the family business, the Snapper Inn, in Oakdale, on the south shore of Long Island. His daughter graduated from Colgate and is now attending NYU Medical School. As a geology faculty member at LeMoyne University, he travels quite a bit with students as well as to conduct research and attend conferences. Last year he spent the all too brief northeast summer in Iceland and China. Though he did not attend any Eph football games in the fall, he caught them all streaming on the Web. Larry's wife is provost and VP and "runs the show here at LeMoyne."

For **John Bessone**, life in New Mexico is eventful and good. Though daughter Mary is at DePaul in Chicago with a year to go, and son Peter is a freshman at The University of Denver, he and his wife Lisa are scarcely empty nesters. They both travel a lot for work, and when they are home they are busy tending to their dogs, cats and horses.

John is also my Wikileaks source for what has become an annual October golf trip with cronies **Tom Balderston** (recent trustee designation does not absolve him of the requirement to putt everything out), **Bill Whelan**, **Dan O'Connell**, **Mario Chiappetti**, **Bill Miller**, **Barney Walsh**, **Mike Bernay** and **Gary Petrosino**. John notes the lower 48 is vast enough to

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contain the gathering, as long as it alternates between East and West. This year the group was hosted by **Mike Bernay** in Newport Beach and **Petro** in L.A. Mike, who has enjoyed a lot of success in the insurance business, put the group up at the Balboa Bay Club and Resort at Newport Beach and had them outfitted in Williams colored Tommy Bahama pullovers. Gary and his wife Judy entertained the entire group at their mountainside home in Pacific Palisades. Gary's private club sits across from the movie studios of Hollywood.

**Mark "Max" Murry** and his wife also joined the group. John says that in their athletic reminiscences, the truth might have been tweaked, though just a bit. "All the guys are doing well, and we reflected on how very lucky we are to have remained so close to one another over all these years. Something not necessarily specific to Williams but certainly incubated there. We toasted to our friendship, our beloved alma mater, to our families and to absent friends." Very well put, John.

"Come fill your glasses up, to Williams, to Williams, to Williams."

## 1979

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I won't mention any names (ha!), but several classmates expressed sincere apologies for not writing in many years, if not since graduation. Well, part of the job description of class secretary includes being able to forgive completely and to welcome folks and their news with open arms. And if one didn't have these capacities when he or she volunteered (or was drafted) for the position, they surely acquire them by the time they submit their first class notes! However, I know that these qualities extend to the rest of the class as well.

This winter, we received the great word that **Lynn Luginbuhl's** son **Will** and **Pat Strong's** daughter **Abra** will both be attending Williams this fall. Congratulations to both families!

**Laurie** and **Peter Thomsen** hosted a chili dinner after the Williams/Wesleyan football game at their Williamstown home. Those in attendance included **Barbara Ernst Prey** (and husband Jeff), **Betsy** and **Tom Balderston '78**, **Al**



Former roommates **Marcia Johnston Wood '79** (left) and **Amy Demorest '79** reunited for a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park.

**Blakey, Nancy Cenek Brigstocke, Tam and Lauren Murray '80, Leigh Costikyan Wood, Andrea Hawkins Stuart and Peter Wells.** It was a lot of fun and a great opportunity to catch up with folks—so much that they plan to make it an annual event, anticipating a growing crowd.

**Rickie Harvey** writes to say that "our daughter will be attending Williams next fall, and my husband **Ray Porfilio '78** and I are looking forward to more frequent visits to Billsville and hopefully reconnecting with other alums whose children are also there. **Jaclyn** (Class of 2015!) will be joining the Ephs field hockey team, so that should give us plenty of excuses to be on campus." Rickie continues, "The local environmental group I founded in our town, West Roxbury Saves Energy, won Boston's Residential Green Leadership Award from the Mayor, and Ray joined Epstein Joslin Architects as a principal in 2010."

Last May, **Donna Staton** married **Richard S. Tedlow**, professor emeritus of Harvard Business School, and moved to Los Altos Hills, near San Francisco.

"I retired from my pediatric practice of 21 years in Weston, Mass., and am now devoting my time to a variety of global health projects, including work at the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. My other big life change has involved switching from a PC to a Mac, as my husband has just started a job at Apple in Cupertino!"

**Karen Daube Lou** is a senior lecturer in chemistry at Union College in Schenectady. "Basically, I teach a normal course load and

try to organize some of the chaos that goes with general chemistry. My daughter **Mimi '09** ... is now pursuing a PhD in chemistry at Northwestern University, so we get to go to Chicago to visit! My son **Alex '13** is ... also interested in chemistry, and is taking full advantage of his opportunities there (he plays cello like his sister and enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, running, biking, soccer, etc.). Home life is quiet and organized without the kids—my husband **Victor** has retired from GE, and the transition has been quite smooth. He is an avid biker (as in bicycle, not motorcycle) and drags me out on winter walks. I prefer running (anyone who knew me in college would be quite surprised by that!). Since we are not far from Williams (via Route 2 and the Petersburgh Pass on the NY/MA border), I have been on campus many times since graduation. Much is the same, but the food is much better, and the crosswalks on Route 2 are amazing. Having six 'child-years' at Williams has informed me of academic changes—but they aren't too big. Williams still leaves you plenty of time to do what you want, which is why I liked it so much. Some of my most lasting impressions were from my German, Russian and many music courses. And now I have actually attended more than one sporting event (soccer, not football), walked in Hopkins Forest and climbed Mount Greylock and Pine Cobble. Some of us just grow up slowly!"

We received a truly inspiring email from **Cathy Jackson Edington**. Cathy says, "I am feeling great after last year's breast cancer surgery and radiation, still



working, doing road races and triathlons and experiencing the most out of every day that God gives me! Also, many thanks for the well wishes and prayers. It means a lot and is deeply appreciated.”

Living in Amherst with sons Zael, 17, and Django, 14, **Tricia Everett** is practicing as a psychologist and always trying to find time for writing. She is currently editing a book of letters between Mabel Dodge Luhan and her psychoanalyst, A.A. Brill. “My boys and I play ice hockey on the frozen pond near our house, remembering how I learned to play hockey at Williams, and how exhilarating that was. I return to Williamstown frequently to see my father, who still lives there.”

**Michael Gadson** has authored *The True Essence of Healing*. It is a motivational work of reflection and inspiration, drawn from his 25 years of practice in psychiatry.

Acclimating well to the civilian world, **Bill Couch** retired from the Navy and Reserves in April 2010, after 30 years of service. “I am now working at IBM in their insurance consulting practice. Great work and great people. Son Will (Hartwick ’10) is applying to the Navy’s Officer Candidate School and may be following in my footsteps.” Bill, it’s great to have you back home, safe and sound.

**Dan Sullivan** lives in Brunswick, Maine: “I practice physical therapy and help people negotiate the foibles of aging and injuries. Speaking of people, I played golf with **Chris Egizi**, **Jim Rooney** and **Jack Carey** this past summer, and we practiced humility by laughing at ourselves. Our email chain organized by **Ken Hollingsworth** has been an enjoyable part of my life this past year, reconnecting with good friends I haven’t seen in a while. My three sons (ages 21, 15 and 14) are expanding their worlds at Muhlenberg College, Milton Academy and Brunswick Junior High. They are enjoying new friends and activities apart from Mommy and Daddy. It’s a wonderful thing to watch and is occasionally worrisome! My own health continues in a fortunate direction, but I find that it requires more deliberate dedication on a daily basis. I hiked and camped with my sons in the White Mountains of New Hampshire to celebrate the New Year. It was awesome company and scenery, but I was dragging by the end as we hiked homeward, while the boys were truckin’ (secretary’s note—Dan,

an impressive accomplishment for any decade in life!). And so it goes—I’m looking forward to more golf adventures with my Williams friends this coming summer!”

**Phil Rice** went to Alta, Utah, over the winter to hang out with alumni from classes ’77 to ’86. He had a great time connecting with **Peter May**.

**Susy Eckman** reflects that “it is so hard to believe that my daughter **Susannah** will be graduating from Williams in June. Time has flown by, and I will be sad to lose the reason for seasonal trips to the Purple Valley. But she really made the most of her time, from WOOLF leader to JA (Willy B) to working as a town EMT. She also made some incredible friends, and her college experience was everything we could have hoped for. I have to praise the faculty and administration who worked tirelessly to help Susannah cope with our enormous tragedy, the loss of our eldest daughter to leukemia—they truly went the distance. I had hoped that my youngest would also choose Williams, but always the trailblazer, Lucy will be heading to Haverford College. Kind of hard to fault that choice. Rick and I have decided that a change of vista would be good, so we are planning to build a second home in Southport, N.C. Lots of golf, plenty of sunshine and great big beaches for our golden retrievers. If classmates are ever near us (in either North Carolina or Chadds Ford, Pa.), our door is always open. Much love, and again, my gratitude to everyone for your friendship and support.

We received some exciting news from **Bob Kraus**. “On Dec. 4, I remarried! My wife Kathy Morris is curator and director of exhibitions and collections at The Clark. Our ceremony was held at the Williams Faculty Club and was a fabulous, joyous affair. Everyone danced into the wee hours of the evening (hey, we are all over 50!). The following Ephs were in attendance: **Jay Thoman** ’82, **Manette Jen McDermott**, **Brian McDermott**, **Russ Howard** ’84, **Bo Peabody** ’94, **John Adams**, **Mark Lewy**, **Michael Wolfson** ’78, **Liz Lewy**, **Hal Sprague**, **Tom Loughman** (Grad Art ’95), **John Law**, **Nancy and Carl Samuelson**, **Brad Svrluga** ’95, **John Skavlem** ’84, **Alexis Goodin** (Grad Art ’98), **Doug Ellis** ’78, **Patty Shaw Sprague**, **Nick Kraus** ’14, Kathy and me, and son Nate Kraus. It was great seeing so many of our friends and family make the trek to Williamstown to

join our celebration. In fact, our wedding turned into a minireunion, as well as kindled new friendships among those who had never met. Kathy and I cherish the moments we were able to spend with each of our guests. Now I’ve returned to the routine of life in the venture capital world (never a dull moment), but the afterglow burns brightly.” Bob sent a beautiful picture of their celebration.

**Marcia Johnston Wood** beams that “a highlight of 2010 is that my daughter **Emma** started as a freshman at Williams, just three entries down from my old Williams F. It was a blast, taking her to Freshman Days. I’m still having a very busy time as the immediate past president of the Oregon Psychological Association, in private practice and with one son still in high school. I had a wonderful trip this fall with my Williams roommate **Amy Demorest**. She was on sabbatical from Amherst, we met in Colorado and spent a week hiking in the Rocky Mountains and Arches National Parks.

**Stew Menking** received holiday greetings from **Hugh Calkins**, who reports that all is well in Baltimore, and he is celebrating five wonderful years of marriage with his wife, Beth. They enjoyed an exciting family trip to Tanzania this past summer. Hugh’s son Daniel and daughter Eliza are in high school, and **Emily**, their oldest, is enjoying her freshman year at Williams. Of note, Stew (father of two Williams sons) gave requested advice to Hugh on how to convince his daughter to choose Williams (advice which by the way, Stew received from **Jim Carpenter** ’54, father of classmate **Connie Carpenter**). The advice (in revised text that we can print!) is to “keep your mouth closed TIGHT and NEVER mention Williams—and repeat those instructions to yourself!” Clearly, this has worked at least four times!

**Hal Sprague** and family are healthy and happy in Evanston, Ill. “Our daughter is a junior at Bennington College, our son is a senior in high school, and at the time of this writing, he is waiting to hear from several schools with engineering programs. I am still having a great time at the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago, a small environmental think-and-do tank, working on sustainable storm water management. Sounds wonky, I know, and it is. But it’s fun. My wife Patty is substitute teaching and finishing

her reading specialist certification. I am looking forward to spending Reunion Weekend in Williamstown with the Ephlats in June.

**Lisa Russell O'Shea** dropped us an email after hearing **Mark Tercek** quoted on *All Things Considered* (of National Public Radio). He was featured in a segment on climate change legislation, which she described as "very awesome and cool!"

**Doug Stone** has been in touch with Chris and **Don Weber**, who works at the USDA as a research entomologist, and whose oldest daughter attends Williams. He has also spoken with **Janet Besser Seibert**, who is on the college hunt with her son Ray. He found **Raj Khadka** in Georgia via the "magic of the internet." Doug's daughter Katie attends MICA in Baltimore, and he enjoys visiting and checking out the exhibits. I must give thanks, as well as mention that Doug created our class group on Facebook—please "friend" us at "Williams College Class of 1979."

Just remember that friends are priceless, so stay connected. Please continue to send your news. See you in the next issue!

## 1980

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We'll all be enjoying spring as these notes find their way to you, but it is the middle of a wonderful winter at present. As school closed on Friday here in Montana, the intercom broadcast this warning to students: "There are a lot of bison in the parking lot and on school grounds, so please consider not walking home." One of my favorite kindergarten students looked at me and said, quite solemnly, "I fink I can wun faster dan dem, don't you?" May we all have that spirit, coupled with a few more years of experience.

I have to begin with **John Moore**, who I haven't heard from in 30 years. He works with about a dozen fellow Ephs at William Blair, an investment partnership in Chicago. He reports, "We are blessed with four children in various stages of education and transitioning to post graduate careers. Oldest daughter is in the fashion industry in NYC, second daughter is a senior at Georgetown, my older son is a hockey player

drafted into the NHL by the Blue Jackets and hopes to get the call-up soon, and my younger guy is a freshman in high school. So we are almost empty nesters, and the house seems too quiet." He and his wife Nancy have regretted missing reunions, but significant events have conflicted with reunion dates over the years.

**Gus Nuzzolese** and **Lee Szykowny** are in hot pursuit of the Highest Participation Award for our class, but in the meantime Gus had time to celebrate with **Mike Curran**, who retired from the Navy after 29 years of service. As Gus says, "What a spectacular achievement for Dr. Curran." Gus is in close contact with **Steve Leous**, **Jim Rooney**, **Andy Kraukauer** and **Dave Mussuco**. He's also going to a Ke\$ha concert.

**Sally Brown** had a paper published in *Environmental Science and Technology* on greenhouse gas accounting for municipal biosolids. She says, "The fun part was my co-authors, Ned Beecher and Andrew Carpenter, are alums from Amherst and Wesleyan, so it was a scientific cooperation with the Little Three. We all got along just fine, too." She lives with her spouse and 15-year-old son, swims and takes yoga.

**Chip Oudin** reports, "I'm still in the Woodlands, Texas, working for Anadarko Petroleum. The deepwater oil field off of Ghana that I've been working on for three years has just started production, which is a milestone for Ghana and for the companies involved. Daughter Jessica auditioned for and won a job with the Atlanta Symphony as a violist, and she will be moving to Atlanta with her husband in December and will start performing in January. Daughter **Jeanie** '08 is happily working for Wood Mackenzie in Houston as an energy analyst."

Two families have reported offspring accepting early decision offers from Williams. Congratulations to **Liz Halsted** and **David Barnes**, whose son Tatum will join the Class of 2015, and to **Roger Prevot**, whose son Mitch will also be entering in the fall. Roger remarked, "At our reunion this past spring I was once again blown away by all the improvements to the Williams campus, curriculum and programs as well as by our new college president. We had it great, but current students seem to have it even better, which many classmates with children at Williams confirmed." His son Mitch will be skiing

under Coach Bud Fisher, who was well established in Williamstown when we arrived in 1976.

**Ed Bousa's** son is still deciding which college to attend when he graduates this spring. **Marina**, his oldest, is a sophomore at Williams, and his younger two girls board at Groton School, so they are anticipating an empty nest. They spend free time in Florida and Nantucket.

Some big changes in **Paul Goren's** life, as he explains: "Lots of stuff happening with my family over the last two years. I received the Ian Axford Fellowship in Public Policy from Fulbright, New Zealand, to work in the New Zealand Ministry of Education for seven months in 2009. My wife Gwen and our three kids had the time of our lives living in Wellington, NZ, with the kids in school there and all of us exploring one of the most beautiful countries in the world. And then this past May I shifted work from the Spenser Foundation to become the executive director of the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute. I am working with a fabulous team trying to improve urban public education, as I have been doing since leaving Williams. Kids are now in ninth, seventh and fifth grades and keep us moving constantly." Paul keeps in close touch with **Kirsten Barford** '81 and **Jim Levison**.

**Lore Macdonald** and **Ann Hollenbach Barrett** are going to Sri Lanka to visit **Manouri Kannangara**. Neither have ever been there, so Manouri has a full schedule planned for them.

Another Sage E resident, **Sonia Weil**, spent Thanksgiving with entymate **Sue Kraus Harris** in Salem, Conn. Sonia had her daughter Alexandra (freshman at Dartmouth) with her to share "the absolutely best turkey ever."

Up in the Adirondacks, **Malinda Chapman's** life sounds busy as ever: "My life revolves around our four children and teaching, concerts and occasionally a snatch of time with my precious husband. It is never dull, but I could use a house elf. Currently I go from lecturing about the human body to a lab dissecting fetal pigs with community college students (many will be nurses) then on to cheer proudly for our two youngest boys at their modified and JV basketball games. Some days there's a community band rehearsal where Chapmans play trumpet, flute, tenor sax

and trombone. I ride around chauffeured by an eager teenager with her learner's permit, hoping we'll get there safely in a funky old VW Passat that burns used vegetable oil for fuel, thanks to a conversion done by our oldest son (who is thriving at Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Mass.). I am struggling to let our oldest go, a daughter who graduated from Hamilton in May and who has moved to Seattle seeking contra dancing and any job she can find."

I'm sure **Pano Pliotis** was not the only one inconvenienced by weather over the winter holidays, but his story is a good one. "We live in London and were planning to go to NY for Christmas to see family and many of our friends, including some fellow alums (**Ann Eakland**, **Joe Mellicker** and **Nancy Richman**). On the day before our flight out, we got about three inches of snow (heavy by English standards). The ensuing freezing weather, and a singularly British inability to deal with anything involving snow, disabled Heathrow for almost a week. Needless to say, our scheduled flight was canceled as were the two subsequent flights which were put on later in the week. We scrambled to get a decent turkey at the butchers at the last minute (and a tree) and gave up on a Manhattan Christmas and settled in for a holiday at home. We had a good time in the end. Christmas in the U.K. is very relaxing; the entire country shuts down for the entire holiday period, unlike in the U.S. when folks often work on the day after Christmas."

**Annie Ko** said, "We decided not to travel far, after going to Australia to see my brother the last two Decembers in a row. We showed the kids great sights of California and tried out our new guns in Death Valley."

I'm not sure **Bill Wickwire** ever unpacks his suitcase. With his partner Allen Carrier in the past half year he has traveled from Hawaii to Thailand, all over Europe and much of Asia. In between major destinations, they seem to sample the finest ski resorts in the West. In October, Bill received an award for 30 years of service to the National Ski Patrol at Snow Summit ski area in Big Bear Lake, Calif. **Bob Safford** calls Bill and his skiing cohorts the "zest for life group." Days on the slopes begin at 7 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. Sandwiched in those 11 hours is a lot of first responder EMT work and

transporting injured skiers/boarders via toboggan to medical facilities. Bill and Bob were together in LA last December, sampling a new product Bob is working on, which Bill describes as "very delicious boutique soft drink mocktail alternatives and mixers."

**Vivian Dorsel** continues with exciting projects related to her literary journal, *upstreet*. For instance, she's coordinating a series of writing workshops thematically related to the Pittsfield READS community reading project in April 2011, and teaching a memoir-writing workshop for women.

News from **Ben Cart** and **Sarah Austel Cart** '81 led me to explore some very purple genetics. Their first grandchild, Addison, is being raised in Williamstown by **James** '05 and **Ashley Cart** '05. Both Addison's parents, three of her four grandparents and two great-grandparents are alums." Honestly, can anyone beat that? That child must bleed purple. Their other sons are also doing well. He reports, "Son William in NYC to be married in October and son Ted at Wittenberg and son Ben at Davidson. We are enjoying our empty nesting."

Leaving you with a glimpse of one of those moments I solicited in the last edition of class notes: **Phil Adams**, aka Guido, rings in 2011 on his 1977 vintage Kneissels (their inaugural voyage was freshman year in Hopkins Forest), admiring the view from atop Punkatasset Hill in Concord, Mass., before tipping off the top and carving a "Zen-like calligraphy stroke writ large" on the way down. May your heart and legs be strong enough to bring your eyes to witness some similarly inspiring sights, and when they do, write to me!

## 1981

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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If memory serves me right (and it often doesn't), you'll be reading this just before reunion creeps up on us. Consider this a last effort to gather any of you who are still on the fence about attending and point you toward Williamstown. Please join us; it won't be the same without you. Plus, you get

to catch up with your classmates in person. In the interim, these printed notes will have to suffice.

Here's a missive from **Yoshi Belash**: "Just finished having dinner with **Victor Zerbino** here in Boston. He is still in Uruguay and has two boys and two girls who represent the nation in various sports: sailing & rugby. He is still running his own VC there. We will be staying with **Kathanne Wray** in Hartford for the twins' soccer tournaments over Columbus Day. She and Bob travel all over the Eastern U.S. following their daughter's horseback riding career. Daughter Isabel was the goalie for the Massachusetts U12 district winners this summer. It looks like Kate, my wife, will do a presentation for **Nevill Smythe** to the Athena Award winners in Poughkeepsie this December, and she stayed with **Val Colville Nierenberg** while working in NYC. Val was off to Provence this summer with her daughter Amelia. Unfortunately, I attended the U.S. memorial service in Little Compton, R.I., for **Bronson Fargo**, who passed away at his home in England. He was a wonderful man who brought much sunshine and laughter to all who met him. On the personal front, I came home from playing rugby a few weeks ago to find my neighbor in the field with a very pregnant cow. After several hours of attempts, we had to wade in with a rope and our hands and were able to successfully pull out the calf ourselves, much to the amazement of our kids who were watching, ourselves, and the mother cow. All are happy and healthy." Somewhere in here there is a purple cow joke, but I shall exercise some restraint and spare us all.

He continues, "I run into **Alison Gregg Corcoran** regularly around town and around the soccer fields (her daughter plays goalie as well). Everyone is looking forward to reunion. Please forward musical suggestions to **Pam Hansen Platt** and me."

**Peter Barbaresi** sends a quick update from the continent: "Hacking this out to you on a Blackberry from the terminal in Charles de Gaulle. Just spent the past 10 days in Normandie and Paris with wife Kathleen eating (a lot), drinking (a lot) of good wine, walking (a lot) and seeing a lot of museums. Great break from kids and the rest of reality. Back in the real world, I am still running Velocity Sports Performance, a large franchisor of sports training

facilities around the country. Tough business but fun being in the biz of sports. Have had the occasion to meet with **Lars Hem** '85 and **Dan Calichman** thru the business. Still get to see **Lee Wahl** several times a year as our kids all play club soccer and we coordinate getting together on the sidelines. Will see **Gary Cole** during an upcoming college showcase in Raleigh, N.C., in December for my eldest daughter (soccer). She is looking at Williams among other like schools. Keeping tabs on **Peter Santry**, who beats me up in whatever racquet sport is in season when I get back East. Otherwise, planning to make the next reunion. (What is it? The 25th? I have conveniently lost count.)"

And **Gary Poon** has some quick notes for us: "In January, the American Bar Association (perhaps out of desperation) published a book (*The Corporate Counsel's Guide to Mediation*) that I had been working on for almost two years. Over the summer, I wrote a hymn of thanks, which I dedicated to St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean, Va. In October I was lucky enough to go on a private trek in Nepal and saw Mount Everest for the first time in my life (albeit at a distance). I managed (though barely) to make it to 14,500 feet above sea level, or about halfway up the altitude of *Chomolungma*, as this great mountain is known in that part of the world."

**Dan Friesen** writes from Denver, "Well, 2010 has been a transition year for me. Some highlights include a trip to South Africa for the World Cup with my three kids. I started my own law firm because I was unwilling to represent certain extreme right-wing clients. (Some things are worth not standing up for.) I just finished defending a large company in an age discrimination trial. It was interesting to be older than the plaintiff in the case. Unlike 9.8 percent of Americans, two of my kids, ages 24 and 22, got good jobs. They stayed at home for a while as they were saving enough for rent. My youngest is still at home, doing the college test, search, list, repeat thing. I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion."

And here's the latest from **Heather and Martin Kouhout**: "Heather and I are dealing with the newly emptied nest (Thea, our youngest, is a freshman at Kenyon College, having—shockingly—turned down Williams) by

throwing ourselves wholeheartedly into trying to turn Madroño Ranch: A Center for Writing and the Environment into an actual, operating entity. It's been an exciting time: we're about to start selling meat from our bison herd, having just (finally!) received state approval of our label; we've organized several weekends for foodie/hunters at the ranch (Deer School in December, Hog School in March, Flyfishing School in May), combining instruction in ethical hunting, 'nose-to-tail' processing, and cooking; and we've lined up two brave souls to serve as 'guinea pigs' for the residential center for environmental writers (and artists?) we envision out there. Still much to learn, and much to do, before it all becomes a reality, but it's been a fascinating ride so far, and we're pretty jazzed about it. Just before Christmas I had the unexpected pleasure of a phone call from Norm Burdick, the father of our classmate **Shawn Burdick**. It's a long story, but I wrote a blog post in November fondly recalling the time in college I was one of several temporary orphans invited to the Burdicks' Williamstown farm for Thanksgiving dinner. Our friends **Steve and Elizabeth Shorb St. Clair** '80, who live in Williamstown, showed it to Norm, who was touched enough to call me in Austin. It was lovely to hear from him; the Burdicks were a sort of emergency backup family for some of us who came to Williams from far away, and their kindness and generosity left an indelible impression."

**Sue Edelman** writes from Rochester, "My son Jonah is in LA practicing with the Junior U.S. soccer team going to the Australian Maccabi Games in a week. Very exciting. We're trying to get my daughter into a local (private) school that is learning disability (LD) immersive. Deborah has dyslexia and some cognitive problems. She got through eighth grade OK, yet started falling apart from day one in ninth grade, not because she doesn't want to do well. She just can't learn in the standard school environment. I'm detailing this because I know that I'm not the only classmate who has a child with LD issues, and I bet that there are more of you. So let's find a way to communicate and share the victories as well as the defeats."

**Sarah Dutton Carrig** reaches us from North Carolina: "Since leaving the San Jose, Calif.,

area in 2008, my husband Joe (brother of **Sarah Carrig Bond**) and I and our two kids, Joaquin and Eliza, have been living in Greensboro, N.C. I have been teaching Spanish at North Carolina A&T State University, home of the Greensboro Four, who helped spark the Civil Rights movement by refusing to be denied service at the Woolworths lunch counter. I've been active at the university and in the community in promoting African American-Latino collaboration in confronting some of the political and social issues faced by both communities. My husband, Joe, is a political theorist who has had mixed success finding teaching positions since we moved. Our children, a senior and a junior in high school, do not seem Williams-bound, unfortunately, since both have expressed more interest in attending larger, urban colleges or universities. They are great friends with **Sarah Carrig Bond's** children—their cousins—and have spent many a summer vacation in Chicago, where Sarah raised her family and now teaches art history-related courses at DePaul University."

See you all at reunion, right?

## 1982

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I strolled into Sal's Styling like I do every month to get the lowdown, the word on the street, the inside scoop from the greatest barber 'n' shave man this side of the Ohio River. Sal smiled like he always does, wide and smooth, and greeted me warmly.

"What are you doin' back here again? You are aware, sir, that you're the baldest guy on the block, right?"

Ah, Sal—that legendary personality. I just wanted a shave, I assured him, flashing some of my carefully saved-up shave money. And, of course, I had to know what my classmates were up to. Sal groomed all the '82s, or at least all the ones who had a knack for sending in emails.

"So, Sal," I said as he snapped his towel and heated up the rich cream for my face, "what's the poop?"

"Why you always gotta say



that, man? Don't unnerve a man with a razor."

"OK, I'll start." I leaned back in the chair to relax. "I heard from our man **John Russell** himself that he 'just got a GREAT gig.' Do you love that he calls it a 'gig'?—the jazz trumpeter in him ain't dead yet. John is now the conductor of the Cincinnati Pops! That's a huge deal in the city of Cincinnati, Sal."

"Eh," Sal said as he lathered my cheeks. "I'm more of a Lady Gaga guy."

Did that unnerve me, what with the super-sharp razor bouncing in his pop music hands? Not enough. I persisted.

"Well, let me lay *this* on you, Sal. Just the other day, **Margaret Guerra** was telling me about her 'non-glamorous life.' She teaches high school just like I do, history, in Philadelphia. Two kids, two cats. She said, 'A happy Sunday for me is one in which I don't have too many fights with my kids, lots of laundry gets done, and papers either get graded or are due the next day.' She hopes to get accepted into this summer's Gilder Lehrman Institute at the University of the West Indies, which sounds pretty glamorous to me. And her family is trying to go to Ethiopia in the summer of 2012. I mean, this makes my life sound like a can of Easy Cheese—I'm just hoping to learn how to draw a monkey this summer."

"You want to keep the sideburns?" Sal is always asking me about sideburns. He thinks it's still 1973.

"You know who was in here for a trim?" Sal asked me. "**Sheldon Ross**."

"I know Sheldon, his wife Kristin. They didn't get together with **Daryl** and **Beth White** in Cleveland after Thanksgiving again, did they?"

Sal wiped his blade on a cloth and started on my neck. "Exactly! Sheldon said that 'Daryl looked great thanks to his CrossFit training program. Beth is still riding horses.' Those crazy kids! They also saw **Magoo Stone** at **Lee Allison's** loft during a fundraiser for Rahm Emanuel in Chicago. Lee was sipping Casa Noble Tequila and selling his handmade ties during the affair. See, your neck looks so nice now, you should buy one of Lee's ties!"

As if I could afford such lovely ties! "Say, Sal, is Sheldon still volunteering as the head of the Community Emergency Response Team in the Windy City?" And

Sal wrote the word "YES" on my bald head with a styptic pencil. You gotta love Sal.

"Speaking of Sheldon," I said, "have you ever put a blade to the neck of his buddy **Chuck Warshaver**?"

"Nah," Sal lamented, hating having to think of any neck he could not shave. "Chuck moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., last fall. But Sheldon and Kristin were set to visit that great weather in January, then **Steve Doherty** with his wife Robin in the spring."

Sal had moved into some kind of hot towel treatment, lifting the steaming beauties out of a fancy barber microwave with a pair of tongs. My pores were crying out for release.

"Chuck's oldest daughter—ooooh, hot towel!—will be graduating from Franklin & Marshall this spring—**OUCH, Sal!**—and his younger daughter is at Vanderbilt, so maybe he's still an East Coast guy. Plus he's mentoring small businesses in Phoenix and will be coaching Special Olympics basketball."

And with that Sal covered my entire maw with towels as hot as a **Tom Costley** campaign trail smile. Which gave Sal the chance to deliver a long monologue in an eerie imitation of the voice of our old friend **Dave Weaver**:

"Greetings from London! Student demonstrations, Tube strikes, sinkholes in Knightsbridge, Russian spies and worthless Irish bank paper littering the streets—a very '70s vibe to the place.

"News from here is generally bad. The main point is that everyone (except me) has turned virtual. I am left with the radio, scotch and spaghetti westerns on VCR. Very analog. Our daughter Klara lurches from crisis to crisis, as befits a 17-year-old girl/woman/thing. She has not yet learned to drive, sensing intuitively that no road would be wide enough, no pedestrian nimble enough, to escape her tender mercies at the controls of a machine. Our son Ben's life is dominated by rugby, cricket and Xbox. Shockingly, girls are now attempting to hijack him. Since they don't come in a screen-based model, he is not that interested. He is a very loyal and a solid companion. (He is perhaps a bit too solid though—in this case 'a chip off the old block' is more like a landslide off a mountain. Must not teach him my dietary habits.)

"I saw **Michele Colocci** '85 at my house for drinks, and I am

expecting to see **Dan Maynard** '83 ... at his pad. Lots of the usual lies and chatter from Dewy, Hodge, Moff and the rest of the rugby crowd over the Internet.

"I am focusing on becoming an Old Git, as they say here. This involves pretending to be an expert on London Wasp rugby, drinking real ale, disliking the French and bitterly criticizing anything remotely progressive. I find I am increasingly good at this."

A very impressive Weaver imitation. But I didn't want to be outdone. I flung the hot towels off my face, pores gaping like the beaks of baby chicks, and put it back at Sal by doing my most superior imitation of **Wendy Brown**, now a resident of Germany: "All's well here after 10 years here in my new 'heimat.' After that amount of time away from home, one develops a different set of eyes when looking back at the U.S. I know better than to use these pages for political diatribe, but let's just say that it's hard to explain what's going on in the U.S. to a European. While going through my second breast cancer battle here in Germany (which I have once again gloriously won), I have become a huge supporter of the German health care system: speed (detection to surgery within a week), coordination, compassion. Oh, and low cost.

"As a family, we are still sailing the high seas of Scandinavia, France, England and Spain with our Class40. Our family crew of three delivered the boat to Spain this past summer for the World Championships and enjoyed the coast of Brittany along the way. There is actually something invigorating and romantic about a vacation that promises a good workout, sleeping (albeit not much) in a sleeping bag, dolphin entertainment and nonstop salty, wet excitement.

"Meanwhile, my husband's job as editor-in-chief at *Der Spiegel* makes my relationship with the American Consulate here in Hamburg a bit precarious during anti-America news phases. Like all bad times, these too will pass. And our family vineyard (Big Basin Vineyards) in the Santa Cruz Mountains has made it through the economically-challenged times, and we continue to turn out top-rated Rhone-style wines, with some Pinot Noir now added to the mix. Our fall vacation has been coinciding with harvest, so we all have a chance to pick, sort, analyze and

punchdown.”

Sal was impressed, I could tell. How had I so carefully mastered Wendy’s distinctive speech, not to mention memorizing the names of boats and winery terms? Did *he* have a killer female impersonation to lay on me?

Next thing I knew he was a wearing a stylish pair of Jimmy Choos and had his hair in a fashionable bob, simulating the unmistakable voice of clinical psychologist **Marian Williams**: “I, my husband Chris (aka KoolAidE, though no one out here knows his real name), and our two boys, Charlie, 17, and Jack, almost 16, still live in L.A. (We’ve been here since 1985 so it feels like home.) I work for the University of Southern California, but I’m based at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, where I run a mental health program for infants and young children, many referred from the foster care system, others referred due to autism, medical issues or behavior problems in preschool.

“Chris is working for Oprah Winfrey Network, doing software engineering for the website. ... You wouldn’t know that Chris is over 50 because he still plays Ultimate Frisbee, writes songs and plays in a band at local clubs (Dust on the Radio), plays basketball and stays up until all hours going to hear the best bands.

“We decided since the stock market stinks we’ll invest in things that are more fun, so we bought a cabin in Big Bear and part ownership in a mezcál bar in Downtown LA (Las Perlas).”

“Very impressive, Sal. Now either take off the heels or put down your electric clippers—you can’t use both at the same time.”

“So true,” Sal replied. “But I’ll tell you a story that I think we all can relate to, brother. And I’m gonna sell you a little cologne.”

And then Sal explained that **Jim Peck** had come in for a proper styling and told him about his dad, retired Williams Athletic Director Robert Peck. “He taught a Winter Study course at the College leading 14 students and four optometrists to Nicaragua to deliver and fit hundreds of residents of the Atlantic Coast with eyeglasses. Jim said, ‘This service is truly life-changing for the recipients, who have no access to this type of care, and for the Williams students who take the course and learn the skills to help in such a profound way. As you can tell, I’m rather proud of my dad, who at 83 years young

continues to make a difference in the lives of Williams students and those less fortunate around the world.”

And so it was that I left Sal’s Styling Shop with a little tear running down my impeccably shaved cheek. Sal, of course, was an artist with the blade, with the styptic pencil, with a pair of Jimmy Choo pumps. My classmates told their tales through me and through him. They were funny and serious, and they were doing interesting stuff.

Me? I grabbed some fries from a Mickey D’s and headed home to my Labrador mutt and my wife and my skinny son who refuses to wear a winter coat no matter the temperature. My daughter was studying in Spain, and my collection of many, many sneakers was about the biggest thing I’d ever built. But I had a great shave.

## 1983

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As I watch the sun rise and set over Lake Ogleton, the Severn River or the Chesapeake Bay on a daily basis here in Annapolis, I hear the Canada geese, bufflehead ducks and coots from mornings into the dark of night; the bald eagles are nesting a quarter mile away. I feel blessed and grateful. I am still enjoying my job at Severn School and my new life further East. I hope you have time for nature appreciation as well, a lesson learned well in the Purple Valley. I hear **Cary Gaunt** is out in Boulder for a while, taking a break from her usual Vermont, and that **Laura Kaiser** is heading back to Colorado for a ski trip. Who else is out and about?

My latest plea included news, gossip, suggestions, thoughts or jokes. I will start with the jokes. Two Lord Jeffs, Tom and Sam, are standing on either side of a river. Tom wants to get to where Sam is. So he yells across: “Hey Sam! How do you get to the other side of the river?” Sam thinks and thinks and, perplexed, yells back: “You are on the other side of the river.” (Thanks to **Josh Shapiro**.) A rowdy group of Amherst students drove up to Williams in the dark of night before a big game and mowed a giant A onto the field. A sly and clever group of Williams students drove to Amherst and mowed a giant B+. (Attributed to rural myths.)

On to the news: **Wayne Camard** writes with this harrowing tale, “Last month I was safely evacuated from Ivory Coast, which is on the brink of civil war over the results of Nov. 28 elections. I will, at least temporarily, represent the International Monetary Fund in Conakry, Guinea, which had successful elections about the same time and is emerging from international sanctions with its finances in dire shape.” Wayne, best of luck as you continue to work in such amazing places.

**Irve Dell** participated in the 2011 Puppets in Prague Animation workshop for 10 days where he learned old-school Czech stop motion puppet animation. He would highly recommend the experience to anyone interested in puppets or animation or both. I checked out the site ([www.puppetsinprague.eu](http://www.puppetsinprague.eu))—awesome. Distinguishing himself as one of the later (latest?) members of our class to get married and become a father, congratulations to **Nico Howson** and wife Victoria Langland, who welcomed their daughter Cal, who arrived at 6 pounds, 11 ounces, 10:44 a.m., Friday, Nov. 26. Nico has been posting some adorable photos of the little genius (she can already read!), and I hear there was a mysterious Eph onesie that arrived in the mail. Who sent it? Anyone? Anyone? **Matt Shapiro** reflects: “During my current search for a new fundraising position (last time I looked for a job was five years ago) I have been reminded how well-placed and supportive Williams alums are. The following is a list of some of the Ephs who answered the call and to whom I am greatly indebted: **Chauncy Lennon** ’88, **Peggy Mahrer** ’94, **Margaret Coady** ’95 and **Joshua Tripp** ’97. And they’re all younger than me—proof that respect for one’s elders is alive and well in our alumni family. But this outpouring of goodwill may be karma driven. In the past several years, I have hired a number of young Williams undergrads and grads, including **Bri O’Brien Lowndes** ’05 and **Martha Yepes** ’07. The Purple Cow or the Buddha—now that’s a nice choice to have.” **Jessie Lenagh-Glue** writes, “Despite this being the middle of summer down here in the Antipodes, I am currently shivering in a fleece, waiting for the remnants of some cyclone or other to blow through. Dunedin has much to recommend it; weather is not a selling point most days of the year. Remember



From left, 1983 classmates Aytac Apadin, Dave Park, Mike Brownrigg and Larry Hebb gathered for a game of golf in Seattle in October.

how we were always told of New England weather: ‘If you don’t like it, wait a minute, it will change’ Well, Dunedin is the only place I have ever lived where I have experienced four seasons in one day (hail, sleet, thunderstorms, sun and a temperature change from 70 degrees to about 38 degrees in four hours). The girls have been off school since early December, and have one more week of holiday; I am not going back to work there (I was tutoring girls with learning difficulties)—I have decided to go back to school for yet another degree. I am going to be studying law at the U of Otago—classes begin at the end of February. It is going to be odd being a full-time student with most of my co-students having been born the year I got married, but I am really looking forward to the challenge. I plan to focus on resource management with an eye to exploring renewable energy development issues. I should be finished in three years. (My youngest daughter will be entering university as I leave!) I am guessing that this is a ‘watch this space.’ Would love to catch up with classmates should they be in NZ—Dunedin seems to be the new port of choice for a lot of the cruise ships.” **Diane Elander** writes, “How about this for a ‘small world’? I was in Chicago in October, accompanying my husband for a conference, and went up to Northwestern to visit the campus on behalf of our daughter Samantha, a senior in high school. Can you imagine my surprise when I looked up from the registration desk and saw **Sue (Kumleben) Ressel** with

her son Mark and husband Paul! They too were there attending the tour and informational. I couldn’t believe it! Neither could she! It was the best six-minute visit I’ve had in years. She looks great! And Mark has since been accepted at the U of Chicago, so he’ll be on this side of the pond! I did also stop by to say hello to Pres. Morty Schapiro, who was not in his office, so I left him a brief note and got an email back from him within 24 hours! Now that’s the William’s touch. (Note: He was my econ 101 prof.) My daughter Samantha has finished her college apps, thank God, and is now working on finding the right combination of academics and soccer.”

Congratulations to more Ephlettes (’83 progeny heading off to Williams); I am mildly jealous that you get to go back and visit Williams! **Sherry Blum** writes, “My son Gregory Becker will be a member of the Williams class of 2015. Other than that, things are going on as usual. Our family is hoping to meet up with a number of other Class of 1983 people this summer to celebrate our 50th birthday year together.” **Sarah Mabie Weyerhaeuser**: “**David Weyerhaeuser** ’81 and I live in Lakewood, Wash., about an hour south of Seattle. Our oldest daughter is currently a senior at Williams and will be graduating with a double major in comp science and psych this coming June. Three months later our younger daughter will show up at Williams as a member of the Class of 2015—so that will mean eight consecutive years of Williams Parents Weekends.

And of course eight consecutive years of Williams tuitions. Despite the long trips and big checks, we couldn’t be more thrilled. Our middle child, a son, is a sophomore at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California. We also have a ‘bonus child,’ who has been with us for almost 10 years now who just graduated from Chapman University in L.A. Not sure what it was that made the boys go ‘sun’ while the girls went ‘snow,’ but it is nice to have some variety in weather for our parental visits. I had only been back to Williams three times before our older daughter started there—once to visit my sister (**Martha Mabie Gardner** ’91) there in 1988, three years later to attend that sister’s graduation and once to a reunion (my 20th). I now get there once a semester, and it has been a lot of fun to be back around the campus. Very glad I now have another four years of regular visits on my horizon. Being all the way out on the West Coast, we don’t bump into that many Williams folks, but now that my children are old enough to ‘allow’ me on Facebook, I’ve had some fun reconnecting with some old friends. Hopefully some of that will lead to some in-person reconnects.” **Steve and Carol (Dwane) O’Day** are “delighted to report” that daughter Emily, a senior at Marlborough School in L.A., will join the Williams Class of 2015 and Coach Christi Kelsey’s women’s volleyball team. “Emily has competed in the Junior Olympics with her club volleyball team and is excited to continue the O’Day tradition of Eph sports.” Take me out to the ball game. **Greg Holm** reports on his daughter, who is in her freshman year at Williams: “The update is that **Cece** is having a blast at Williams. She is very happy with her choice. She loves her entrymates and had a very good first semester. Winter Study ... has been fun. She and her buddies have been skiing at Jiminy Peak three or four days a week, and she is learning what ‘icy conditions’ really means. She has a much deeper appreciation for the quality of Colorado snow. She and her entrymates have been exploring the archives and discovered the tunnels and are intrigued to find them. We went to Family Weekend last fall, and I had a chance to spend some time with **Marc Sopher** and meet his family. It was great to see him—he is such a great guy. His outlook and focus on what is truly important

is inspiring. We also ran into **Anne (L'Hommedieu)** '84 and **Ian Sanderson** over the weekend. Their son **John** is a freshman as well. It was really nice to see Ian and Anne; Williams people are all so great! I also went to see Bud Fisher, who was my coach and is still coaching the Nordic team. **Casey Jones** '13, the son of **Spencer** and **Emily (Sneath) Jones**, both Class of '84, is on the Nordic team. Bud coached Spencer and is now coaching his son, which is pretty cool. The rest of the Holm family is doing well. Peter is having a good semester in high school—still skiing as much as possible and still drumming. Jack has made big progress on the ski hill this year—he skied his first bump run ... and has started racing NASTAR. ... We are very lucky people; life is good."

Finally, in the realm of news verging on gossip: A Doughty House reunion of **Todd Krieg**, **Pete Worcester**, **Jona Meer** and **Phil Seefried** was scheduled for late February in Florida. According to Phil: "We are now all 50, grey and poochy. Shirts will be required at all times. Hats too to cover any growing bald spots. We will attempt to drink like 20-year-olds. If anybody saved any picnic brownies from Baxter (you know everybody smuggled those babies back to their room), please send them along. I'm sure they will taste the same 28 years later." And according to Jona, "We are heading down to the West Coast of Florida in late February for a weekend of golf, tennis and general commiseration of a variety of physical ailments. (And with a combined seven kids in college, we may do some whining about tuition burdens as well.)" Stay tuned for the wrap up next time.

Sounds like many of us will be officially heading over the brink to 50 this year. For what it is worth, I hope you caught the article in *The Economist* entitled "The U-bend of life," which postulates that "life is not a long slow decline from sunlit uplands toward the valley of death. It is, rather, a U-bend." And the age of 46 is the bottom of the U... so we are on our way up, gaining more happiness as we go along. I am all for that. At the risk of jinxing things, I must say that life continues to get better for me. I hope you are finding the same. Take care, until next time.

## 1984

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In a time machine in the edit-to-print lagosphere, this missive tickertapes from a small wooden room overlooking a quadrochromatic (black, white, brown, green) January mountain scene, pine trees and ridges heaped with sculptural swirls of wedding-cake-frosting snow: 2010 and 2011, thee do wed. Outside my small window, past two tiny gray orbs of spider egg frozen in the corner light, the black-capped chickadees are busy in the box of black-oil sunflower seeds under the sill. They hunt and peck for the seed that speaks to them, then hold it between their toes and apply the hydraulics of their necks to crack through to the fat. Back and forth from the barberry hedge they fly, in scallops, like they are hanging bunting for an inauguration.

It is in fact a new year, and their party delivers a wild bird version of the effect upon humans, or at least this human, of a chicken scratching: pure meditation. Utterly predictable, I am thinking of the sum of the year, changes planned and unknown, and resolving resolutions. And there, looming large in the center, epic, heroic and comic-tragically: time to get fit for 50!

**Sonya Grant Zindel** writes just in time to fan the fire of my inspiration: "I am training for my first half-marathon in honor of turning 50 this coming year. My son started high school and continues to perform with his band around town whenever he gets the chance. My husband Tim is still keeping the bad guys on the streets at the Federal Defenders' Office, and my 12-year-old daughter continues the transition from sweet child to moody, rebellious teen. Never a dull moment with that."

**Rob Kent**, who seems to have let no gaps open in the midlife fitness boat, has a really good thing in his annual return to Williamstown for Winter Study. "I find myself back in the snow-draped Purple Valley for January, this time teaching 'Political Aikido: Persuasion, Inspiration and Strategic Dominance' for the

poli sci department. When I first started teaching Winter Study classes in 2006, we had access to the wrestling room—which, while not aesthetically impressive, did provide the appropriately padded floor. In 2009, however, we had to find a new home. ... The benefit: We upgraded to the glorious wood-paneled Currier Ballroom. In addition to the two hours each morning throwing students around the room, we sit down in Paresky over lunch or dinner and talk about how to apply the strategic insights of the martial arts to the more metaphorical struggles of politics. ... I spent a clock-adjusted (for the wee ones) New Year's Eve at the Pownal, Vt., home of **Tim Sedlock**."

**Tim Sedlock** describes that gathering as one of friends and family ranging in age from 4 to 52, a great pot roast dinner and rousing rounds of Quirkle and Set, two family favorites. Tim is celebrating a career change he made last September, leaving the desk to go back to working on "building and fixing things" as a self-employed carpenter. He looks forward to the return of warmer days.

Or, for warm days right now, look to Hawaii, where **Donna Ching** catches us up on news of the island (and erstwhile islanders): "Our very own **Matt Viola** was confirmed as a new judge in Honolulu! **Ted Leon** and his wife Elaine are proud new homeowners just up the valley from me in Manoa. **Orrin Murray** is enjoying his faculty position at Penn State. I have successfully conscripted his daughter Charlotte into lobbying for a visit to 'Auntie Donna' in Hawaii. **Bennett Yort** and his wife, **Caroline (Teer) Yort** '85 have raised a star soccer player; their son Bennett Jr. is on the national team. As for me, the end of 2010 brought a bit of bad news in the form of a breast cancer diagnosis. But the good news is, along with some dumb luck in detection and removal, it was early and small, so a very good prognosis for me. I want to send a shout-out to encourage all the women of our class to stay vigilant on self-exams and current on mammograms! My heartfelt thanks to **Dennis O'Shea** '77 and Drs. **Ted Leon**, **Jeff Boscamp** '77 and **Bob Peterson** '76 for their generous support and advice. The Williams alumni family never lets you down when you're in need."

**Lyn (Marshall) Betz** also found great support from friends in facing a difficult challenge this year. "The main features of my



life at the moment are the joys and struggles of parenting two teenagers; excitement and fear as I contemplate a career change from early childhood education to ministry in the Unitarian Universalist church; and adventures in health care, as I deal with the aftermath of two surgeries for a benign tumor at the base of my brain. The neurosurgeon is quite confident that he removed all of the tumor in September; now I'm waiting to see if the nerve damage, which has affected the movement of my left eye, will heal. The odds aren't looking great, but I found a source of very classy eye patches from a vendor in New Zealand—I do love online shopping for those hard-to-find items! **Suzie Dingwall Williams** came to do a stint of post-op care in early October, and while she was here, **Raf Francis** '83 and his wife Nancy Aramini Francis (sister of **Dan Aramini**) brought armloads of food for my freezer AND dinner for seven that night. Thanks, y'all!" Many fervent best wishes and healing thoughts to you, Donna and Lyn.

**Ted Leon** confirmed Donna's report of a new nest—almost literally—for his family: "We bought a rather awesome pole house in the rain forest trees of Manoa Valley, with amazing views and a small seasonal stream that runs directly under the house; during the heavy rains, it's like a rustic, tropical version of Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters. The house is 23 years old and hasn't washed away yet, so keep your finger crossed for us! Our other big news is that Isabelle just turned 16, and Claire is about to turn 14. They both sing, dance, sail and run. Isabelle has taught herself the guitar and has become obsessed with the music of Cat Stevens and Bob Dylan, which pleases her dad beyond all belief. For her birthday we got her a black Ovation guitar. While watching her play 'Classical Gas,' I thought to myself: all of my life now makes sense, I just had to get to this moment."

In another lovely story of getting to the moment, **Kirstin Lynde** disclosed in a cliffhanger two issues ago the planned tying of the knot with her longtime partner and recent fiancé, Michael Kolowich. The reveal: They did it! "On July 31 in a backyard ceremony up at Lake Winnepesaukee, on a picture perfect day. Learned it's never too late to savor being walked down an aisle by your dad and watch your mom cry

happily at the sight. Learned that 100 sparklers, lit simultaneously for a first dance, make an awful lot of smoke. And learned the next morning that the young 20-somethings in attendance had taught my two young teen daughters the art of beer pong long after we had retired—with root beer, of course!"

Other news on the job front comes from **Lindsay Amthor Yotsukura**: "I've accepted an offer to become the resident director of the Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies, which is a center for study abroad based at Doshisha University. The consortium is administered by Columbia University, so I'll also be appointed as an associate professor there, and the member institutions include Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Brown, UPenn, Stanford, University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis. ... I'm quite excited to return to Kyoto, since I lived there with my husband back in '94-'95 while conducting my dissertation fieldwork on a Fulbright fellowship. We're also looking forward to the opportunities this presents for our children (10-year-old twins, Ken and Sumie), since they've been growing up in a bilingual household here but can get so much more from an immersion experience in Japan."

Balancing job and kids came to the forefront for **Heidi Fishman** as well. "The end of 2010 brought me to the end of a chapter in my life. I have decided to close my private practice in psychology. With two full-time kids and two half-time kids that are 11, 13, 13 and 16, I just found myself stretched a bit too thin. So I am embarking on full-time motherhood and am a bit worried as to whether I can handle it—I won't have an office to run away to anymore, and I won't have a built-in excuse not to volunteer at school for every event!"

Also with school strategies in mind, **Lucy Corrigan** writes, "I'm happy to report that I am still, much to my surprise, writing my class notes from beautiful, magical Mexico. We can't seem to pull ourselves away from this perfect place. Well, yes, no place is perfect—we find ourselves struggling with the reality of high school and have been thinking of moving to Williamstown—anyone have any thoughts on that? For all the negative press Mexico has been getting, I have lived here now for three years and travel back and

forth to the States once a month, and it is one of the most peaceful, interesting and lovely places I have ever been. One of my back-and-forthings included a six-week stint dressing Martha Stewart for her show and for her nonstop life. Wow, now *that's* a ride!"

**Callie (Lombard) Sullivan** is at the next stage, getting ready, like numerous (can it be?) '84ers to usher a bird out of the nest. "I traveled with my eldest daughter, Jessie, to sunny LA in December to visit colleges. While we were there we journeyed down to San Diego to stay with **Rebecca Williams**. She is a practicing psychologist and teaches at the University of San Diego and is very happy in her work. Also spent Veterans Day with a vet—**Jack McGonagle** hosts a really nice get-together in NYC every Nov. 11. A lot of the folks who served in Iraq with him were there, and it was good to see that they have all moved on and are doing well. The highlight of my fall was meeting our commander in chief at an event in Stamford. President Obama was funny and kind, and I am still glad he's at the helm during these tough times."

Tough times bring the rising up of new solutions and activism. **David Yaskulka** writes, "I'm still VP of Marcom for Halo, Purely for Pets, the holistic pet food company co-owned by Ellen DeGeneres. I run PR, e-commerce, philanthropy and online marketing. Last week we just donated our one-millionth meal (in 2010) to shelter pets, in celebration of the USPS Animal Rescue stamps. ... I'm proud we're showing that industry-leading philanthropy is good business."

**Greg Pliska** continues to stay busy in arenas big and small—for the latter, as in memory-byte-ly speaking: "I have been participating in an online trivia league, [www.learnedleague.com](http://www.learnedleague.com), with **Dan Aramini** and **Raf Francis** '85. Williams has a robust presence in the League, thanks to early joiners **Kevin Weist** '81 and **Charlie Singer** '82, and including alumni from the '90s and '00s as well." On the big stage, Greg orchestrated the score for *Flying Monsters 3D*, a David Attenborough nature documentary that just premiered on SkyTV's first-ever all-3D TV network. Next he will be music-directing *War Horse* in the revered halls of Lincoln Center.

Newsbreak from **Rob Shatkin**: "Soft-spoken R. Shatkin could not get the attention of **Carrie Bradley** at ATP, even from the

front row of the spaceship, and had to resort to importuning backstage security to connect.” Color from **Nick Nocca**: “Picture this—**Rob Shatkin**, **Todd Solomon**, **Jamie Kornbluh** and I, hanging out at the ATP Festival rocking out with the Breeders, featuring none other than **Carrie Bradley**! Fortunately, the Breeders have withstood the test of time better than the venue.” Thanks, Nick! And sorry, Rob—but luckily said security guard relented and we got to catch up over weird pizza and chafing dishes of egg stuff. I had another music run-in a couple months later, with **Peter Muz** and **John Prendergast** ’85, whose faces were a great surprise at the edge of the stage after my set in Arlington, Mass., in December.

In the alumni abroad department, **Roger** and **Anne Marie Michel** and daughter **Violet** “had a terrific time visiting **Joel Hellman**, his wife **Sharon** and their daughter **Izzy** in India. The Hellmans took us to shrines, temples, mosques, palaces and forts—it was an incredible trip.”

**Navjeet Bal**, husband **Eric Fernald** ’83 and their kids **Meena** and **Amar** visited **Peg Stevenson** and her partner **Karen Topakian** “at their lovely home in San Francisco in August. We had a marvelous time exploring the city with our kids and **Peg** and **Karen**, who live near some of the best food in the city! **Peg** also organized a Williams reunion dinner with other Bay Area Ephs **Phil Stevens** ’83, **Tom Malarkey**, **Laura Seligsohn** ’85 and **Nada Velemorvic** ’83.”

**Ned Buttner** left Boston for a visit to his home turf in the Bay and wrote, “We saw **Tom Malarkey** and his wife **Nicole** a couple of times in the East Bay over Christmas. **Finn** and **Blaine** had fun playing with **Edgar** and **Grette**.” Toddlers all, which goes to show you, the Class of ’84 is nothing if not diverse in our paths ... for example, from **Val DiFebo**: “This fall **Amina Mahmood Islam** contacted **Pamela Besnard** and me on Facebook about an impending trip (from Singapore) to NY. The three of us sat at a Union Square restaurant and talked for hours, as if no time had passed, except of course they were talking about their teenagers and college-aged children. I got some great advice for my kindergartener!”

Val continues, “In mid October, **Kathy Spraitz**, **Dorothy Briggs Reynolds** and I had a great dinner in the city. We were the last to leave the restaurant at 1 a.m.,

never enough time to catch up on all the things that email just doesn’t do justice to. And finally, just before Christmas, **Bill Pelosky** and I connected in Chelsea. We talked about our kids and our families; we laughed hard. ...

In all, I was fortunate to have a Williams-friend-filled fall. Sounds corny, but after each of those occasions I smiled big—inside and out—knowing just how lucky I was (am) to have these people in my life.” **Kathy** seconded the emotion: “Being in their company reminded me, there’s nothing quite like longtime friends. ... Funny how just four years of our lives spent at Williams planted the seeds of lifelong friendships. We missed having **Laura Spearman Watt** with us, but she had taken off for an African safari that morning.” Back in the Twin Cities, **Kathy** saw **Lucy Whitney Standish** “when we gathered to honor the memory of her father **Kim Whitney**, who is also a Williams alum (and an easy favorite of all the ‘Dewey’ and ‘Seeley’ girls from over the years)” and again over the holidays. “Her kids are growing up quickly and beautifully.”

I got a rollicking and fascinating distillation of family data from **John Donovan** and his wife **Judy**, who developed an alternative to standardized testing called the (New)ton Comprehensive Assessment System. I recommend requesting a copy for great stories (in the form of creative data) of sports, literature, travel and Dutch oven campfire cooking with their two boys, **Corey**, 9, and **Aidan**, 11, as well as how-tos on finishing your basement and finding a job in today’s economy. **John** sums up their year: “Our lives are full and fulfilling, challenging in all the typical ways plus a few that catch us off guard and rewarding in ways that are simultaneously embarrassing and underappreciated. We are lucky indeed.”

That sounds like true appreciation to me and matches the spirit of the many great New Year’s news I received.

To sign off, I turn to my co-secretary **Sean Crotty** for the perfect romantic epilogue, bridging my winter view to your reading: “I highly recommend this color paint for your 10-year-old daughter’s room. Let’s face it—it’s pink, but seeing as about half the can ended up on my work boots, I’m calling it by its given name: Spring Azalia.” Happy spring, fellows!

## 1985

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In my periodic plea for news, I asked what made 2010 meaningful for you (aside from reunion, of course). For many, it was travel. Seattle-based **Betsy Crill Robertson** and husband **Ken** continued their wonderful summer road trip tradition with kids **Kaya**, **Paige** and **Blake**. This year’s itinerary included Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. **David** and **Sara Harkness Curry** escaped the lingering Chicago winter by taking their teens **Jennifer**, **Allison** and **Ryan** to the coast of Mexico. **Ian** and **Karen Adams Finley** ’87 journeyed from Boston to Switzerland with kids **Katherine** and **Matthew**.

Having started their marriage in Prague, foreign travel has always played a big role in the lives of **Shannon McKeen** and wife **Karen**, a wanderlust they’ve passed onto kids **Patrick** and **Anna**, “But 2010 was an unusual year even for us,” he noted from his home in Winston-Salem, N.C. “We had the amazing good fortune to take two trips of a lifetime: a spring trip to Belize and a summer extravaganza to southern Africa.” In Pretoria, they met up with former DC colleague **Liz Berry** ’82, who just happens to be married to the U.S. ambassador to South Africa.

Speaking of diplomacy, Foreign Service Officer **Sarah Cooper Hall** and her husband **Eric** (also a diplomat) started a new assignment in Rome after three years in Copenhagen. I reached out to **Sarah** after learning that my brother will be posted to the U.S. embassy in Copenhagen starting in 2012; her middle daughter, **Julia**, is still there, finishing her senior year at Copenhagen International School (CIS). “She visits us in Rome often,” wrote her mom, “but I can’t wait to go back in June and see her graduate!” Oldest daughter **Laura** graduated from CIS in 2009 and is now at McGill in Montreal; youngest daughter **Melissa** accompanied her parents to Rome.

**Ben Olshin** wrote in from Taiwan: “I took a year’s leave from my job as a professor of philosophy at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and am spending the year teaching at a university in Taipei. The job is just a way to finance a year here so that my wife can be near

her family. Hey, it's the Chinese thing to do and, frankly, I like my in-laws! They speak no English whatsoever, so my Mandarin has definitely improved. The best news, perhaps, is that I found a place that sells Philly cheese steaks, right here in Taipei! In addition to teaching, I've been keeping very busy writing articles about cross-cultural issues, starting a small design company, keeping up academic research (my latest work is a philosophical investigation into the spatialization of time in 2-D universes) and trying to learn how to paint with a Chinese *mao bi* brush. Whew! Who was it who told me that a full life is a happy life?"

Check out Ben's blog at <http://hinter-net.blogspot.com> for more cross-cultural adventures. He stays in touch with **Liz Dear**, **Bill Valerio**, **Peter van Walsum** and **Jim Foley** '84 and would love to hear from any Ephs planning trips to the area.

A rare break in the travel soccer schedule allowed me, **Mike Coakley** and our two lads to take in the first home football game at Williams last fall. In addition to watching the Ephs trounce Bowdoin, step one to a perfect season for rookie coach Aaron Kelton, we enjoyed sideline chats with **David Bowen** '83, **Mark Payton** '84, **Malcolm Smith** '87 and **Jeff Stripp** '90. We also caught a glimpse of **Mace Foehl Hemphill** coaching her Northfield Mount Hermon girls field hockey team on the college's state-of-the-art turf field and passed **Ragnar Horn** on his way to President Adam Falk's induction. (Ragnar's wife, **Joey Shaista Horn** '87, is an alumni trustee.)

A number of former football teammates of our era celebrated their age-appropriate transition from gridiron to greens with an October outing at Taconic GC, with a few lax players thrown in to round out the foursomes. **Mike Coakley**, **Paul Coleman**, **Reese Hughes** and **Ted Thomas** were joined by **Bill Sperry** '84, **Rob Coakley** '86, **Mike Duncan** '86, **Greg Norton** '86, **Chris Papas** '86, **Jim Reardon** '86, **Jamey Gallop** '87 and **Jim Sperry** '87. Paul's beautiful daughter Alison is in her freshman year at the University of Michigan, so he's gotten a taste of Big 10 football. (Nowhere near as exciting as NESCAC, but it'll do.)

Fall is also election season. Congratulations to **Doug Hoffer** on his first bid for elected office, that of Vermont state auditor. Even though he ultimately lost the

race to a three-term incumbent, Doug garnered nearly 45 percent of the vote.

In the small-world department, my longtime DC roommate, **Allison Martin Mertens**, ran into my soph year Dennett House roommate, **Kim Phillips**, last November at a National MS Society meeting in Chicago. Now living in Greenville, S.C., Big Al is the board chairman of the society's Western Carolina chapter; Kim, who resides in Santa Barbara and was diagnosed with MS shortly after we graduated, is on the national board.

**Anne Melvin** reported on a pre-holiday get-together with **Emmy Olmsted Wyatt**, **Meg Holliday Kelly** and **Sara Suchman** '86, "a little Boston-area subgroup of our larger Lydia Pinkham rugby gals gathering," at which time Emmy was helping her daughter Caroline adjust to boarding school, having joined older brother James at St. Paul's this year. Meanwhile, Meg was hosting one of her husband Jon's best friends from college, in Boston from Jackson Hole for a stem cell transfer for cancer, and Sara was making slow but sure progress toward her PhD. Mel also had drinks with **Dave Flynn** when she was in San Francisco and notes that his company, Aerohive, is humming along at 100 employees and growing fast.

I received a great round-up from DC's **Brad Case**, who enjoyed his first extended time off from parenting last summer with wife **Leigh Repko Case** '84 while their kids Bradford, 12, and Caroline, 11, were at camp. They got together with **Peter Bruun** and **Serafina Krag** '86 for a Fourth of July cookout followed by fireworks at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, and had dinner with Brad's cousin **Steve Case** '80 and his wife Jean. Brad and Leigh's book club is still going strong after 18 years and includes **Chris** and **Martita Weil Fleming** '86, **Sheila Dacey** '87, **Amy Smith** '84 and **Krystyna Isaacs** '84. In a very cool example of father-son bonding, Brad and his son plan to summit Mount Kilimanjaro in July. "We'll try to remember to carry a Williams banner, along with, of course, our hyperbaric chamber and toilet!" he promised. Brad is on track to complete the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program by this summer and is busy researching real estate investment returns, writing articles for investment-related magazines, giving speeches and blogging regularly on real estate investment

at [www.seekingalpha.com](http://www.seekingalpha.com).

**Jeff Speck** was asked to moderate a seminar at the prestigious Aspen Institute in February on "Creating Sustainable Communities: Design, Transportation, Energy and Agriculture." I briefly mentioned in my last column that **Gregor Kalas**, a professor at the University of Tennessee School of Architecture, spent a fellowship year at UCLA. My pressing deadline didn't allow me to get all the specifics on exactly what he did, and it's way too cool to ignore: With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Gregor researched statuary from the Roman Empire and created a virtual online environment that documents what the Roman Forum would have looked like in the 4th and 5th centuries. It's worth checking out at <http://inscriptions.etc.ucla.edu>.

**Reese Hughes** left his longtime portfolio management position at Legacy Banks to open a Williamstown office for Granite Investment Advisors. His new firm, which manages more than half a billion dollars for high net-worth individuals and institutions, is based in Concord, N.H., and "provided significant investment research and advice to me during my tenure at Legacy. I was such a good client that they hired me to help them expand into the Berkshires and beyond," he said.

Reese also reported seeing two of our classmates on CNBC on the very same day: **Jan Van Eck** discussing oil "contango" (a term used in the futures market; thank you, Wikipedia) and its impact on related ETFs, followed by **Paul Meeks** commenting on technology valuations, including those of Cisco Systems and Microsoft. Well done, gentlemen!

"As a newbie in front of the classroom I'm grateful to a couple of Ephs for help with courses," wrote **Gus Haracopos** from his post at Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury, Conn. "**Beth Bennett** has been great sharing her expertise teaching psychology: We had a good talk at reunion, and she sent some very helpful resources for Intro to Psych. My Gothic Lit students are looking forward to an author visit by **Chris Varrone**, talking about his thoughtful thriller 'Shadows in Summer.' And, as school counselor, I'm proud of some great initiatives students have taken on this year, including peer counselors leading workshops on a bunch of tricky teen topics and gay-straight

alliance members leading a school wide event focused on kindness and positive recognition.” Gus rang in the New Year with **Dom Ferro**, **Chris Varrone** and their families.

**Walter Lehmann** wrote in from his new home in Baltimore, where the family relocated from Lancaster, Pa., shortly after reunion: “Our children, Webster, 10, and Emelia, 14, are thriving at The Park School. I took and passed the Maryland Bar exam (20 years after graduating from law school) and am now licensed in Maryland, in addition to Minnesota and Pennsylvania. My wife and law partner Sylvia Strobel and I continue to represent clients in the film and TV industry, and I am also developing a museum law practice to legitimize a master’s in museum studies I completed in 2009. I represent several museums and also serve on the board of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums. Since, in addition to working with me, Sylvia heads up a nonprofit media association in DC, I’m the domestic ‘go-to guy’ most of the time. I had lunch with **Bill Valerio** just before he became the new director of the Woodmere Art Museum in Philadelphia in September, and also caught up with **James Heyman** during a Halloween weekend trip to Minnesota with my son. This fall we watched the Williams-Amherst game for the first time in five years; it’s nice being in a city with a Williams alumni association again!”

On a more somber note, I am writing this column less than one week after the tragic shooting in Tucson that killed six people attending a congressional community outreach event. Arizona State Rep. **Steve Farley**, a friend of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the intended target, described in media interviews how feelings of hope in his community and across the nation were overcoming those of anger and sadness. “You can’t stop hope with a bullet,” he observed. “There is a feeling we can come out of this stronger. There is a feeling we can rise above it.”

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There’s still time to make plans to attend our 25th reunion, and in this column I’ll give you a little incentive and let you know some folks you’ll see there.

First off, **Libby Hoffman**. Reunion? Yes. It says a lot about our time at Williams that so many of our children are headed there themselves, brainwashed by tales of steam tunneling and grilled honeybuns. Libby’s son **Caleb** is a sophomore there now, and Libby has been making the trek from their home in Falmouth, Maine, to watch his soccer games. The Hoffman-Johnson’s second son Gabe is up the road at Dartmouth, while daughter Libby is enjoying her new status as Queen of the House. Meanwhile, husband **Seth (“Chick”) Johnson** ’79 is doing legislative and media work for the Christian Science Church, having left college soccer coaching (though he’s still coaching at the club level). Of her own career, Libby writes, “My work is now fully focused on the international NGO I helped found called Fambul Tok International, which practices community-owned and -led reconciliation in post-conflict countries. I’m making a documentary film about the program, due to be released early in 2011 ([www.fambultokthemovie.com](http://www.fambultokthemovie.com)).”

**Betsy MacIver Neiva de Figueredo**, an administrator at The Philadelphia School, invited Libby to speak about her work there. Reunion=Yes for Betsy.

Taking a break from shoveling her driveway in northern N.J. during the holidays, **Debbie Semel Goldenring** said the Slippery Banana contingent has been trying to convince her that it’s OK to miss her son Jake’s high school graduation in order to attend reunion. After all, he’ll be headed to Williamstown in the fall as a member of the Class of 2015, so what a perfect time to stock up on Eph-themed graduation gifts? Reunion plans=Pending.

Making the best of the economic downturn and a period of unemployment (What, another bank liquidation?!), **Jule Kreyling** and partner Koni traveled to France last year, stayed a few

days in Nice overlooking the Mediterranean, walked around town, visited museums, then drove up to Normandy, where Jule quenched his WWII history appetite. They finally ended up in Paris, enjoying traditional dining, shopping, and labor striking, this time by museum workers at the Musée d’Orsay. Jule=Yes.

We have a surprising number of classmates with connections to the food and wine industry, which bodes well for reunion.

**Carlos Diaz** is among them, having worked with Southern Wine & Spirits as an account executive for 22 years. With his two kids (ages 21 and 20) out of the nest, Carlos is enjoying new opportunities to travel, including, ahem, reunion. Our other wine insider is **Manuel Diez**, who has a busy life as the president of a large firm in the Dominican Republic with diverse operations focused on everything from plastics and bottled water to real estate, financial services and wine import and distribution. He just finished a four-year term as president of the National Industrialists Association, which represents the entire manufacturing sector in the D.R. Outside work, Manuel is into light sport aircraft (“ultralights”), still plays full-court basketball weekly, and runs around even more with his four kids and wife Natalie.

**Philip Moffat** splits his time now between LA and Hamburg. With wife Polly, a corporate lawyer, and son Jacob, Philip was heading to Williamstown for homecoming in November and then back again for reunion in June. Phil has covered a lot of territory in his professional life, starting with the glitz of high finance and settling into a rewarding career with AmSolar Corp., which brings solar power systems to schools and businesses throughout the U.S. In 2009 they built the first solar-powered McDonald’s in San Diego and received a solar contract with MASS MoCA.

Phil had caught up with **Anne Dawson**, who herself recounted frequent enjoyable conversations with **Melissa Perkins MacAvoy**. Along with husband **Michael** ’88 and their two sons, Anne is spending as much free time as possible at their home in Sun Valley. Back home in DC, Anne is active in the boys’ school, Maret, and is teaching children yoga this spring.

**Betsy Hawkings** was pleased that her oldest son Harry entered Trinity as a freshman in the fall. After 15 months as deputy



executive director of Amnesty International USA, Betsy returned to Capitol Hill in March 2010 as chief of staff for Congressman Mike Turner of Dayton, Ohio. Their district is home to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the largest base in the U.S. As Betsy described it, “I had a steep learning curve on military acronyms, but Turner’s other work—on sexual assault in the military and violence against women, oversight of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and urban economic redevelopment here at home—are areas in which he worked closely with my former longtime boss, Congressman Shays of Connecticut.” The steady stream of superlative Williams students knocking on her door with questions about jobs in public service has convinced Betsy she would not get into Williams today. (Would any of us, except **Barbara Brott**, **Brian Hare** and **Anza Mammen**?) Betsy was in Pittsburgh for the Winter Classic and had a great time visiting with **Susan Leone** ’85 and her two wonderful kids. Betsy=Yes.

Former Mills and Seeley housemates **Heidi Bloom** and **Alison Holt Winslow** got together in December at a Winnetka restaurant for their annual birthday/holiday celebration. Born 12 days apart, they now live a little over two miles apart on Chicago’s North Shore. Last April Heidi visited her Morgan West and Paris roommate, **Frances Lashen Guida**, in Santa Clara, Calif.

**Pam Dickinson** traveled to Chile this past August to ski with her two alpine racing daughters. While there she met **Carolyn Trapness** ’87 whose daughters were skiing with the same coach. The families then spent time together in October skiing at Vail and are now back in Vermont on the racing circuit, where Pam sees **Ann** and **Ian Sanderson** ’85 every weekend at races. Pam=Yes, it will be even better than Facebook.

Eager for Williams sightings, **Bill Tierney** has been wearing his Eph gear all over Oklahoma, where he’s lived since 1997 with his wife of 20 years, Lisa. They moved from New Haven after Bill finished his residency and fellowship, closer to Lisa’s deep family roots in the west. They have three kids, and Bill is a professor of medicine at the University of Oklahoma. Despite recent fun conversations with **Sue Kozik Koperniak** and **Paul Kim**, Bill is foregoing reunion for a trip to Rome and Paris this summer.

**Chris Clarey** shuttles between West Newbury, Mass., and France with his wife and three daughters. Chris is still covering and columnizing on global sport for the *International Herald Tribune* and *New York Times*, specializing in the Olympics and tennis with a lot of sailing, golf, soccer, and track and field thrown in the mix. In 2010 work took him to the European figure skating championships in Estonia, the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, World Cup soccer in South Africa, the British Open at St. Andrews, the Ryder Cup in Wales, and a trip to Serbia to track the roots of tennis player Novak Djokovic. When he wrote in, Chris was off to the Australian Open, preparing for the strange transition from full-blown winter to full-blown summer. Chris reconnected with many classmates this past fall, including the “eternally young” **Sara Suchman** at a dinner with President Falk, organized by **Jonathan Kraft**.

Temporarily permanently across the ocean, **Karen Bowen** is currently a visiting fellow in Cambridge, on leave from her usual home in Antwerp. Karen and her husband Christopher Plantin co-wrote a book that was awarded a prize from the 16th Century Society for the best art historical publication for the early Modern period. Congratulations, Karen! On the Williams front, Karen continues to help organize reunion weekends for European-based alumni. Last year, alumni from various classes met in Prague for an extravagant weekend planned by **Martin Illner** ’87 and **Mitchell Young** ’94. In addition, Karen had a nice catch up with **Sue Klein** in Prague and **Anne O’Connor**, now in Berlin. Karen and Sue have been trying to persuade **Antje Lewis** to join them from Vienna for the next Europe reunion.

Welcome news from first-time contributor **Ian Brzezinski**, who effused about his 11-year marriage to Ginny Flynn, their two kids and dog Scout. They live in Alexandria, Va., though Ian was back from taking their 10-year-old son to Alaska for some fishing and hiking. After nearly two decades of work that spanned think tanks, Capitol Hill and the defense industry, Ian has started up his own consulting practice and serves as senior fellow at the Atlantic Council of the U.S.

In her inimitable dry style and humility, **Barb Marshall** wrote, “At age 47 I have achieved all my life’s

goals except having an obituary in *The New York Times*. I live in Farmington, Maine, with my husband of 13 years and our two sons. I live in a house on a hill and work in a school library with students grades four through six. They all get my humor, or at least have learned to laugh at the right times. With the help of willing volunteers in Farmington, I have organized a community garden which hosts 100-plus volunteers and provides 700-plus pounds of produce for local food pantries. This is the 10th year that I have organized a used-toy sale to provide summer camp scholarships for local children. I feel like I am bragging and have not written in for years in simultaneous fear of sounding like a braggart and worrying about having nothing to say. I am grateful for the supportive climate of Farmington, which makes it possible to implement ideas. I am also grateful for the education from Williams, which helped hone my ability to come up with ideas and instilled the value of a level playing field.”

This past year **Brian Mahon** and wife Tracie got their first immersion experience in parenting, welcoming a foster daughter who introduced them to the joys (and exhaustion) of school responsibilities and birthday parties. Though it was a brief stay, Brian and Tracie learned much and are eagerly awaiting their next “delivery.” Brian=Yes.

With the twin goals of catching up with classmates and getting back on the Taconic golf course, **Eric Andren** is bringing his whole family to reunion. That includes wife Fiona (George Washington ’86), with whom he’s celebrating their 20th anniversary, son Reid, who was accepted early decision to Washington & Lee this fall, and daughters Lindsay, 15, and Charlotte, 12. Eric has been working with Brown Brothers Harriman and Co. for 11 years and is currently running the New York Corporate Banking group. He was the chief credit officer for the bank from 2007-09 and had the poignant pleasure of experiencing the credit crisis firsthand. Before that he managed the 1818 SBIC Fund, a mezzanine investment fund making investments in small companies throughout the country. Although Eric says his current work is fulfilling, the long commute from Connecticut to downtown NYC is grueling, though he got a brief respite during a family vacation skiing in Utah last winter.

**Steve Page** lives in Seattle, married with two kids, working as an associate professor and faculty director of the executive MPA program at the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington. Steve's recent Eph contacts include **Bobby Lee**, **Phil Tucher** and **Shelly Ball** last summer during a trip to the San Francisco Bay Area, all of whom are doing well, with their fantastic kids. Steve has also been following **Paul Boocock's** theatrical and other exploits by email.

Another classmate in academia, **Julie Foulkes**, is on faculty at The New School in NYC, where she teaches courses in history, urban studies and the arts. Julie wasn't able to hide the glee of being on sabbatical this year, transitioning out of some challenging administrative positions to return to the research and writing she loves. She lives in Brooklyn with partner Brian and daughter Brisa. After paging through the 25th reunion face book, Julie realized how many classmates live nearby, and she's been paying closer attention to people on the sidewalk in her neighborhood. Hey, **Bill Holland**, was that you walking down 7th Avenue to the subway? Julie also caught up with **Rebecca Mackie Foster**, who this past summer moved from Brooklyn to Vermont, outside Burlington. Her family is thriving there, living in a straw bale house and raising chickens. Julie also had great fun with **Abby Burbank '88** when they saw Mummenschanz and climbed snowbanks in the city. Julie=Yes.

A reunion hopeful, **Dan Peris**, is busy finishing up a book that's supposed to be out in April and meanwhile traveling a lot on business and keeping up with family responsibilities. Dan wrote, "I laced up my hockey skates for the first time in 30 years to get on the ice with my 6-year-old. I expected to have to carry him around the rink but within minutes he was pushing me away and going off on his own. It was a beautiful thing to watch."

**Tom Pingree** is a geriatric and palliative care physician in skilled nursing care settings. Along with his wife of 20 years, Barbara, the two own a 32-acre horse farm near Rochester and are proud parents of a newly adopted 3½-year-old boy, Ben, from Guatemala.

**Maureen McDonnell** has spent the last few years at the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health, the nation's largest hospital devoted entirely to

clinical research. Maureen's role is to support researchers and clinicians through training and development. Maureen says, "It is an incredible honor to work here, where remarkable courage is demonstrated daily by patients, scientists and clinicians. In addition to continual learning at work, life is filled with a large extended family, kids' activities, a rough commute and the occasional singing gig. I'm living a pretty ordinary life, with lots of extraordinary things swirling around me." One of those extraordinary things is the work of her husband **Michael Curtin**, CEO of DC Central Kitchen. Among its many projects, the nonprofit started a locally sourced, scratch-cooked meal program in seven DC public schools. Mike won the Center for Nonprofit Advancement's Excel Award for excellence in Nonprofit Leadership for 2010. Their Williams contacts include **Ed O'Toole**, who stops by whenever he's down from NYC, and **Dave Cantor '89** and **Mike Desenne '89** and their wives, Julie and Carmen. Maureen also said she heard from **Sarah Thurber** and was looking forward to connecting with Sarah and her family when they visit DC in the spring. Maureen=Yes.

Among the many dedicated classmates preparing the reunion, **Jeff Weber** described the pleasures of the task, particularly connecting with several classmates such as **Ted Plonsker** and **Jonathan Kraft**, our reunion fund co-chairs. Along with wife Stacey and their two kids, Jeff has been spending more time in the Berkshires, enjoying their home in Great Barrington and visiting his parents in Williamstown. Cross country coach to one of Jeff's sons and now the director of athletics at Choate Rosemary Hall, **Ned Gallagher** and Jeff, sophomore suitemates in Mission Park, still see each other regularly.

And finally, also on the Yes list= **Kelly Andrews Flynn**. **Ann Kenyon** said she was on the fence, tugging at **Regina Kornfield** and **Dave Chua** to get them to go. Ann and I are both working on **Julie McMahon**, hoping she'll make the drive over from Rockport. It's going to be a great celebration under the big tent. See you all soon!

## 1987

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In response to my plea for news, **Chris Kirwan** writes, "I have carefully reviewed my calendar and concluded that nothing happened last quarter." Happily for me, the author of these notes, others seemed to have something going on. My feeble poetic appeal for news either stirred some of you to pity or set the literary bar so low that you finally figured out that anything was worthy of inclusion in the class notes.

In a show of versifying solidarity, **Nan Anderson** came out of hiding to pen the following haiku:

Nan's in Seattle  
With 2 kids Hannah and  
Graham

Loves it, despite rain.

Although Mount Rainier provides plenty of poetic inspiration, Nan wouldn't mind a glimpse of the purple mountains from time to time.

**Malcolm Smith** joined in the literary lalapalooza with a lengthy ode to his present situation, which began: My company was bought again, for me that's all she wrote/ I wouldn't say my ship's come in, maybe a fishing boat.

Malcolm went on to rhyme "ridge Taconic" with "ironic" in a line that brought tears to the eyes not only for its sheer elegance, but also for its sense of pathos, promise and possibility in the face of new challenges.

Others in our class distinguishing themselves in the world of letters are doing it for a more public audience. **Kate Pugh** and **Kara Klopfenstein Buntin** have both written books. Kate's describing the importance of social contact in knowledge transfer, and Kara's sharing her expertise in cake decorating, which she does with professional distinction, garnering awards and sitting on important bridal organizations. **Katrien (Trinky Sundt) Vance** pitches her writing to a more local audience, sharing local writing awards with her son and writing for her local radio station. Her heartbreak over the failure of the Capitals to advance in the NHL playoffs gives her the requisite amount of suffering necessary for any serious writing.



Last fall, **Joey Horn '87** (front row, second from left) organized a gathering in Bangkok that drew a dozen Ephs from the classes of 1986 to 2009.

The aforementioned **Malcolm Smith** is not the only one of us to venture into new professional waters, selling his company to pursue a life of letters and bucolic introspection in Williamstown. **Georgia Campbell** has decided to pursue a career in marriage and family therapy. She is heading back to school for the requisite learning while living south of Denver with her daughter, who is a senior in high school and looking at colleges. Georgia also has a son who is a freshman at college in Oregon and enjoying the outdoor adventures to be had there. Georgia has paid the bills up to now doing computer consulting, developing a henna body art business and avoiding making use of her law degree. **Coleman Yeaw** has finally decided to act like a recent Williams grad circa '87 by going to work for Bain Consulting in Boston, where he sees plenty of fellow Ephs. When he is not traveling to Okinawa to see his in-laws, he is attending what has become an annual minireunion. This year's Florida version included classmates **Bob O'Connell**, **Cliff Peale**, **Jim Jordan** and **Steve Pekala**.

**Tim Ross** started his own research and policy consulting firm focusing on using social science to improve human services. He writes that he often runs into **Amy Dworsky '90** through this work. Tim sent word that **Mike Mellis**, in his role as a lawyer for Major League Baseball, incurred the ire of video pirates everywhere with his congressional testimony about their activities. Tim also wrote of an Eph dinner with **Dean Papadopolous**, **Barrett Brwon**, **Jon Wigser**, **Adam Ifshin**, **Mike Mellis**

and others, although Tim himself was unable to attend, no doubt because he was posting his video of San Francisco Giants' World Series wins on YouTube.

Tim also celebrated the birth of a new baby daughter. In this he is joined by **Sarah Bolton**, who welcomed son Philip Alexander into the world this past September.

Tim and Sarah can draw inspiration from those of us who are long established on the parenting bandwagon. In addition to the aforementioned **Nan Anderson**, **Katie Kerr Clarke** spends her time ferrying her three boys around when she is not playing paddle tennis or substitute teaching in Willamette, near Chicago. Katie spent some time in Williamstown when weather kept her stuck in Albany for a couple of days. She watched her nephew play hockey for the beloved Purple Cows and marveled at the timelessness of 71-73 Hoxsey Street and the changes to the Purple Pub. While Katie finds herself the only female in a household full of boys, **Peter Haupt** finds himself the sole possessor of a Y chromosome in his house. When not puzzling over gender politics and family life, Peter teaches English in Bethesda Md., "extending the reach of sweetness and light." **Marna Schwarz** writes from Juneau that she is kept busy by her two daughters, who are fast outstripping her on the ski slopes. She continues to work as a pediatrician for a nonprofit native health organization. **Jeff Yegian** also combines Marna's outdoor family lifestyle with an intimate knowledge of the health-care system. Unfortunately for Jeff, his knowledge came to him through

a nasty broken leg and lengthy recovery. He hopes to be back taking advantage of his Colorado location, camping and skiing with his wife and three children, before long.

Other news came of various Williams gatherings, large and small. **Eric Edelstein** writes of a family vacation with brother-in-law **Maurice Blanks**, in which they spent time in Mexico celebrating Eric's parents 50th wedding anniversary, marveling at the wonders of the human digestive system, recapturing their youth by falling off bicycles and generally hanging with their kids at the beach. **Katrien (Trinky Sundt) Vance**, taking time off from her writing career, also spent some quality Eph beach time with **Darca Boom** and her family in North Carolina. Finally, "**Nightclub Dave**"

**Futterman** begrudgingly stayed up past his bedtime to take in dinner and a concert by **Caitlin Carty '04**. He was supported in his ongoing battle with (celebration of) curmudgeonliness by **Joey Horn**, **Hans Humes**, **Paul Boocock '86**, **Sonali Weekackodi '86** and **Pam Briggs Besnard '84**.

**Hans Humes** appeared in other news from **Steve** and **Heidi Ames**, who hosted Hans and family for New Year's celebrations and skiing. Both Hans and Steve sent in short chronicles of their New Year's adventures that were surprisingly consistent with each other.

Such consistency was not necessarily the signature quality of the multiple reports I received of a tangled web of sightings and reunions on the West Coast dominated by Bay Area Williams C alums and their various visitors. What they can agree on is that **Carol Smallwood Mullin**, **Cindy Morhouse Bardwil** and **Debbie Wickendon Crisfield '85** gathered for a bridal shower for **Sarah Pynchon** in Napa Valley and that advice for enduring/enjoying marriage was dispensed along with regression to collegiate slumber party-like evenings. It appears that **Debbie Wickenden** is an accomplished bridge expert, writing books on the subject. Sarah is now happily married in Seattle, undeterred by her friends' advice or example. **Josh Liebowitz** wrote to point out that he did not share in the slumber partying (a grievance I seem to remember from years past) and to take issue with Carol's assertion that she had won their ping-pong battle. Indeed, he was quite proud of his defeat of Carol's "super athletic

progeny,” although he did not confirm their ages. Clearly Josh would have us believe that this is a tale of the “still buff 40-something thrashing young men in their prime” variety, rather than the “has-been takes joy in beating child in stroller” version. He did confirm, however, that he was training to become a physician’s assistant in order to augment his voiceover career, that they did go for a walk with children and an unclear number of dogs, and they did have dinner with the “rarely spotted **Jim Kaufman**” and **Deb Gordon**. Jim was, at the time of spotting, ready to embrace fatherhood and a career in marital therapy (as the therapist, I was led to believe) and is probably now firmly ensconced in both. Deb was in town for a legal conference. She teaches at Drexel Law School while not teaching spinning classes and parenting her own crew. Deb shares her own version, which although differing in details, confirms happy times, relationships maintained and parenting as an exercise in athletic spectatorship. Deb also writes of being in an airport and running into **Chris Pasko**, who has a “very impressive job doing some sort of consulting and traveling.” Deb, like the others sending news from Bay Area meetings, insisted that everyone looked healthier, in better shape, happier and more well-adjusted than ever. (Carol even ran a triathlon and loved it.)

In closing I have the unfortunate task of sharing news of the passing of **Ken Lee**. Ken died in January after a long and courageous fight with pancreatic cancer. After Williams, Ken returned to his native Cleveland for medical school and remained there to pursue a successful career as a surgeon and a distinguished stint as a medical educator. He is survived by his wife **Amy** and three children, as well as other extended family. Ken shared his avid love of the outdoors with those he loved, and he was an advocate for the environment and, during these last two years, for cancer research. Although it is sad that he was taken so young (yes, we are still young, damn it), I am inspired by his ability to get the most out of the time he was given and how he faced his own death with a renewed sense of what he most valued. In his life and in his death, he is a model for us all.

## 1988

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January has not even ended as we write these notes, and yet our classmates have outdone themselves in achieving impressive New Year’s resolutions. While completing potty training was the big accomplishment in **Carolyn O'Brien**’s family (her 3-year-old daughter), others resolutions were a bit more socially significant, if no more challenging.

**Brian Watson** is now a published translator. A short story he translated, “Midnight Encounters” by Hirai Tei’ichi, was published in *Kaiki: Uncanny Tales from Japan Volume 2: Country Delights*, by Kurodahan Press, and it’s available on Amazon. He’s also a published photographer, selling photos of flowers through a catalog company for retail stores throughout North America.

**Maggie Heaman** completed a century ride (100 miles on a bike) with Team in Training in November and in the process raised \$5,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Jocelyn Shadforth**, **Mark Conger** ’89 and **Allison Brucker** ’87 all contributed to the cause.

**Peter Grose** ran his first and second marathons in Baltimore and NYC, respectively. In Baltimore, he “ran” into and chatted with baseball executive **Jim Duquette**, who was also running. In New York, he stayed with **Dave Greenberg** and family, who helped him to both get prepped for the race and to recover afterward. Dave, **Ellen O’Connell** and **Ray George** came out to cheer him on, and Ray even ran the course for a bit in support. Back in Baltimore, Pete caught up with **Jack Phillips**, who was in town to enjoy a Ravens game with his dad **John Phillips** ’59.

**Olga Bassine** got married in August to Deuce McBride, “one of the world’s loveliest people.” She also moved from Munich, Germany, to England, and wrote her master’s dissertation on 3rd Millennium BC pottery. She has been working at an archaeological site in the Sultanate of Oman. By the time you read this she hopes to be back in Oman, assuming funding comes through.

**Anne (Von Arentschildt)** ’86 and **Mike Dawson** took up snowshoeing with their family in Sun Valley over Christmas. They are trying to keep up with their teenage boys and their ability to “eat everything and the kitchen sink.” They reportedly ran into class co-secretary **Britta Bjornlund**, who was passing by their house wearing a Williams sweatshirt. While this might seem a desperate attempt on the part of Bjornlund to get class news, as it turns out the Dawson and Bjornlund homes are only two blocks apart.

**Ann O’Keeffe** and **Ruben Urquidi** ’89 also were enjoying some winter recreation and planning to take their son Aidan to Mount Cranmore for two days on the slopes. Ann reports she is now a middle school teacher of English as a second language in Newton Public Schools outside Boston. She enjoys students from Hong Kong, Mexico, Pakistan, Spain and Iran. Nonetheless, as she says: “They are adolescents, so I must torture them now and again; otherwise, the hormones would suffocate us all.”

**Peter Ruggiero** spent the summer with Williams students of the future at Johns Hopkins’ Center for Talented Youth as an academic dean at their Carlisle, Pa., site. He actually enjoyed the group of adolescents gathered to study everything from game theory to existentialism. He also connected with former Williams math professor Misha Chkhenkeli and **Karl Hein**. During the school year Peter began working at Boston University as a composition teacher for non-native English speakers and at BU’s Center for English Language and Orientation Programs. Another overachiever, he also teaches yoga and reviews books for BiSocialNetwork.com.

**Vicki DiStasio Fuqua** kept her New Year’s goals admirable yet achievable. It sounds like she managed to stay up until midnight this year while celebrating New Year’s Eve and spent much of the next morning with the families of **Sally Robertson Laroche** and **Claire Hsiang Marx**.

**Vicki Rummmler** continues to light up the scene in Paris while also performing at the Nice Jazz Festival and in the Canary Islands, Belgium, Germany, Morocco, and of course Cleveland! She plans to release a new jazz pop album, *am I am*, in April and is hoping to make it back to Williamstown one of these days. Check her out at [www.victoriarummmler.com](http://www.victoriarummmler.com).



From our perspective, **Sarah (Loebs)** and **Russell Werkman** have already fulfilled the most important New Year's resolution for 2011—they BOTH wrote to their faithful class secretaries. Independently they reported that son Isaac, 12, is now taller than Sarah. Sarah completes her master's in school counseling this spring at Gonzaga University, and she's thrilled that she "knows what she wants to do when she grows up." Russell reported seeing **Paul Grogan '86** and catching up on all things education.

**Tracy Heilman** doesn't have time for New Year's resolutions; she's working with her second startup company, and they will have launched a new product and website by the time you read this. In addition to work and raising her two sons, she's busy writing you herself and asking you to donate to the Alumni Fund. It's good to have a hobby.

**Brian Kornfeld** has an admirable if sometimes painful hobby: playing hockey in an over-40 league. With three stepdaughters in college and a son who just completed his college applications, there may be more time for hockey in his future as the nest empties.

**Dave Kane** spent January the way we all did 20-plus years ago (no, not Pub lunches and mornings that begin at noon). He was in the midst of Winter Study, having contributed to a fascinating online Winter Study seminar about the Williams College presidents' induction speeches. You can check it out here: <http://bit.ly/hudHHE>.

**Nils Christoffersen** sent us his holiday letter. It sounds like a wonderful year for the Christoffersens, including a "boys weekend" in the Eagle Cap Wilderness in Oregon to celebrate his father's 75th birthday.

**Teresa Spillane** has enjoyed daughter Flora's, 13, connection with another Eph progeny, Sam Sokolsky-Tift (son of Anita and Steve), from whom Flora has been taking squash lessons. Teresa's plans for 2011 include mucking stalls in a therapeutic riding program near her summer home in Marion, Mass. She continues to teach at Harvard and consult at IsisParenting, but she sent a New Year's resolution worth considering for us all: "I am increasingly feeling like I want to do some very real thing that makes change (however small) happen in some meaningful space within a person or system." Teresa, we are

looking forward to hearing what specific project you come up with! And we vow to report on it in the next news.

Happy spring, everyone!

## 1989

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Dear classmates, we'll start out with some outstanding academic accomplishments. Congratulations to **Will Dudley**, the new Williams College provost! Kudos also to **Paul McGreal**, the new dean of the University of Dayton School of Law. **Dom Grillo** just celebrated his 10-year anniversary at Hofstra Law School.

**Phillip Prodger** has accomplished a great deal recently! In February his exhibition "Hoppe Portraits: Society, Studio, and Street" will open at the National Portrait Gallery in London. He also has three books coming out in the next few months, *The Mind's Eye: Fifty Years of Photography* by Jerry Uelsmann, *Ernst Haas: Color Correction and Man Ray/Lee Miller, Partners in Surrealism*.

**Doug Hunt** got a call on a Friday afternoon in December "at 4:48 p.m. from our adoption agency telling us we had been chosen for a little girl born the day before in Salem, Ore. We quickly turned around and headed to Portland. We met the amazing birth mother at 10:30 Saturday a.m. and by Saturday afternoon less than 24 hours later we left the hospital with Cordelia Mya Stanley-Hunt. Other than that, we realized a) how little baby stuff we have living on a houseboat; b) how little room we now have with five of us; and c) how little selection there is of non-pink girl clothing out there."

**Paul Knudsen** attended his high school reunion over Thanksgiving. "Have to say the men I know from Williams are holding up better than my high school classmates! The women from high school all still looked good. Am still working at American Conservatory Theater, raising money to produce Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* (a musical) which is really fun. And am heading to Belize for Christmas with my partner, Tim.

I've only seen **Heather (Martinez) Zona** in the last few months—she hosts a great party with interesting people."

**Jeff Urdang** has been busy with the transition of the Williams Club from 39th St. to its new home in residence at the Princeton Club at 15 West 43rd Street. "We hosted President Falk in November. It seems like Williams is in outstanding hands, but it's weird to think that the president of the College could have been one of our JAs." Jeff and his family planned to be at Jiminy Peak most weekends between December and March, since daughters Ellie, 11, and Kitt, 9, were in the ski racing program there.

**Leslie Jeffs Senke** spent "a gorgeous two-and-a-half weeks in Namibia visiting my husband's family. We were there over Thanksgiving, and the weather was perfect—lots of time at the beach, on the dunes and in the bush at a game lodge where we saw giraffes, rhinos (including a 2-week-old baby!), wildebeest, cheetahs and about 20 different species of antelope. Oh, and my kids' favorite, dogs. Well worth the 30 hours in transit with 4-year-old twins! Planning to visit **Maria Teresa Tejada** in Brussels, Belgium, where she is currently living with her husband, Patrick, and their gorgeous daughter Alexandra, born in November."

**Melissa Hem** writes from her daughter's swim meet, where she was sitting next to **Dave Brown**: She and her husband **Lars '90** coach the Needham, Mass., 4th-grade girls basketball team. "This weekend we ran into the mighty Westwood, Mass., team, coached by **Rob Gotti** and led by his daughter Melissa. Rob's team was just too good and went home with the victory. **Josh Kraft** also coaches his daughter in the same league, and **Jeff Kip** coaches in the same 4th-grade league—but on the boys' side. **Dave Clawson** must be worried about job security with this much coaching talent in the Class of '89!"

**Shirley Kagan** is "on blessed, blessed sabbatical after being promoted to full professor last spring. I am using the year to do a lot of acting, beginning this past summer with a stint as the titular queen in *Antony & Cleopatra* for the Richmond Shakespeare Festival. Several Ephs showed up: **Carolyn (Darrow) Woodard**, **Laura Richman**, **Kent Whitehead** and **Marjorie Sweeney '87** and made it an even more wonderful

experience. Next up, Lady Capulet. The kids are growing up fast, with Miriam in kindergarten and Avi adorable at 2.”

**Dave Beischer** caught up with **Ted Hobart** for dinner and was able to show him the new house he had just finished on his farm.

**Heather Zona** is heading to South Africa “to do some volunteer work with endangered animals and to help raise lion and tiger cubs. I’m hoping not to see any snakes, even if they are endangered. I still keep up with a bunch of Ephs on Facebook. I had fun seeing **Linda Burke** and **Jeff Kip** in person when I hit Boston for a quick trip. Still playing soccer. Still working with kids in foster care. Waiting to see if **Bridget Baird** bought a Ferrari since the last news.” Your class secretaries are diligently trying to obtain the answer for Heather and will report back if successful.

**Tom and Tina (Webster) Loose** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary “on the black beaches and steaming volcanoes of Iceland last summer! Fantastic trip: gorgeous landscapes, copious waterfalls, devastating ash fields, spouting geysers, and Tina can now pronounce the name of the volcano that shut down most of Europe. ... Family destinations included Nova Scotia and the Bahamas, and Tom had business in Sweden, so we were quite the world travelers in 2010!” They also got in visits with **Heather King** ’90 and **Tim Allen and John “Bunnyman” and Maggie Bellwoar** over the summer and met the Allens, Bellwoars and **Dan and Shannon (Penick) Pryor** at the Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos over MLK weekend in January. The four families have nine children ranging in age from 16 to 2, but everyone had fun at the water park while it snowed outside. Dan took a new position as senior VP, strategy and business development, at the Colfax Corp.

**Mari Omland** writes, “Growing delicious food and some related micro-enterprises is part of the scheme Laura and I have for restoring balance, but holy smokes, we are finding flow but even in slow food life is a blur!”

**Nancy (Titus) Johnson** writes, “We spent our first summer in our new townhouse in Concord, N.C., then returned to Dongguan, China, in the southern Guangdong province, where I am teaching for the third year. ... I also taught a non-credit cooking class for eight weeks and will do so again in the spring after

a breather.” During Christmas, Nancy was to visit her sister **Laura Tang** ’89 in Shanghai for a week, spend a week in Dongguan and one in Hanoi, Vietnam. “I’ve been extremely busy this fall, but the best thing I’ve done is join a women’s Bible study,” Nancy says.

## 1990

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I open with the very sad news that **Tim Mapes** died on Nov. 15, after a long battle with brain cancer. He had been a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* since soon after graduation, spending much of his time in Asia, including in New Delhi, Singapore and Jakarta, and in fact had been covering the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia when he first fell ill. The *Southampton Press* has an obituary (avail-

job market. Gretchen’s husband was awarded a patent for his work on dyes used in photo printing, and his company has Lady Gaga promoting their product, which somehow involves being able to print from sunglasses which double as cameras—who says chemistry can’t be cool?!

Another new parent appreciating the help of classmates is **Brian Stevens**, who welcomed son Brian Daniel Stevens on Aug. 27 along with wife Christine. Although Brian was premature, he is doing very well now. Katie and **Chris Parisi, Brian and Stacy Hughes** along with Terry and Renzi Lamb have already outfitted young Brian in lots of Williams gear. He’s ready to go!

**Liz Wagner** and husband **Terry Hults** ’88 had to miss the reunion last summer as they had just welcomed daughter Phoebe Margaret Hults into the world on June 4. They are doing very well as a new family!

**Elizabeth “Lizo” (Scott) Tervo** wrote from Bellingham, Wash.,

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

In January Maureen Minicus ’90 became the first person ever to receive the National Field Hockey Association’s Coach of the Year Award. Minicus is coach of the Darien, Conn., high school field hockey team. Her teams have achieved four consecutive conference titles and four consecutive state championships.

able online) with some lovely remembrances of him, referring to his “unprepossessing, even determinedly scruffy demeanor,” and reputation for inducing his sources to “spill the beans.” Easy for me to imagine, as I recall late-night conversations with Tim at the Purple Pub. I know all of us lucky enough to know Tim share a great sense of loss and extend our condolences to his family.

**Gretchen Swanz Herault** wrote to share her and husband Xavier’s happy news of the birth of their son George Xavier Marcel Herault on Nov. 5. Luckily, George is an easy baby, and Gretchen can see how people get tempted to have more of those cute little things! Lucky Gretchen is very grateful to **Tina Lieu** and **Lisa Kuklinski** for lots of good parenting advice and help with meals. Gretchen and family live in Maynard, Mass., and she works as in-house counsel for monster.com. Perhaps a useful contact for anyone looking for work, and I know at least a few of us have children about to enter a difficult

where she moved with her husband, who is the new Greek Orthodox priest at St. Sophia Church, and their two children, ages 6 and 4. Lizo is taking time off from her nurse-midwifery career to be with her kids and has begun the adventure of home-schooling! We wish her luck with that!

Another homeschooling parent is **Helen Lee**, the proud mom of three boys under 8! Helen has a new book out called *The Missional Mom: Living with Purpose at Home and in the World*, in which she addresses the idea of parenthood as a calling, with a Christian perspective. **Catherine (Hirshfeld) Crouch**, as well as **Katy (Carr) ’91** and **Bill White** all make appearances in the book. Amazon is quite generous with excerpts from the book, which thoughtfully considers many aspects of the challenges of parenting. But I’m sure the best parts are saved for those who actually purchase the book, so go buy yourself a copy!

**David Pesikoff** was delighted



Alumni from the classes of 1989 and 1990 gathered with their children at Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos in January.

to get back in touch with fellow math major **Ioannis Koutselas**, who is on the faculty of the University of Patras, Greece. Ioannis studies the synthesis and function of semiconducting nanostructures and is pleased when conferences he attends in the U.S. are close enough to allow for a quick visit to Williamstown. David also caught up with **Rick Bowers**, who is doing well living in NYC with his wife Anahi and newborn son Nico.

Voting in elections in California is like no other state, requiring deep textual analysis (I think the term “hermeneutics” would be appropriate) to unpack the meaning of all the initiatives and propositions. The state aids in this study by sending out voter information guides as thick as the phone book. Imagine my delight after reading the Argument in Favor of Proposition 21 (to help fund state parks) to realize it was written by **Jim Adams**. There may be many Jim Adamases in the world but only one who is the regional executive director, Pacific Region, of the National Wildlife Federation, and yes, he is our **Jim Adams**! I am not a big fan of budgeting through the ballot box, but in a quick email Jim was able to convince me this initiative was better than most because it actually created a funding mechanism rather than conjuring money out of thin air. Jim also finds time to fulfil his musical calling as a singer-songwriter and plays in venues around Anchorage. Jim welcomes all comers and assures everyone that they do not have to stare intently at him to convince him they are listening (and perhaps prefers that they do not?). Jim has also had some fantastic trips recently, including having a float plane drop him and some friends off with a canoe on the Alatna River! Finally, and on another note, Jim is looking for

love. So if he’s your type, and you find yourself similarly disposed, do look him up.

It was super to catch up with **Sally Ball**, who swung through LA. Sally and husband Mike live in Phoenix with their three kids, and Sally is on the faculty in the English department at Arizona State University. It truly is amazing how one can pick up conversations that trailed off more than a decade ago. Some things never change, including my abysmal sense of direction! We eventually had some lovely hours museum-strolling, which brought back fond memories of our travels in Europe in the summer of 1989. Sally has just finished her first-ever leave from teaching and spent it both working on a new book and sheepishly hiding from neighbors who disapprove of their tax dollars supporting the writing of poems. She’s not quite sure what to make of the pending new law in AZ that would allow her to bring a gun to her classes “for her own safety!” Sally is also associate director of Four Way Books, a poetry press based in New York. Other Williams sightings: Jim Shepard was in town for a few days in November and gave a great reading and talk at ASU. Sally saw **Dan Kaufman** for the first time in two decades in New York in May; Dan is still funny, still thinks like lightning and is the father of two. He has a new music website business, [www.jango.com](http://www.jango.com), a “good karma” business, apparently! Sally and I also connected with **Chris Nealon** ’89, who can normally be found on campus at Johns Hopkins, where he is on the faculty in the English department but in this instance was prowling the streets of downtown LA in search of a tie. Sally also filled me in on the sad news that Peter Lipton had died unexpectedly in 2007. He had left the Williams philosophy

department not long after we graduated to join the faculty at Cambridge, where he was much-loved and very influential according to numerous obituaries in the British press. Sally did exchange some emails with **Tim Mapes** last fall and shares that he seemed brave and generous (and characteristically wry) in the face of his ferocious illness.

**Beth (Neely) Clauser** has waited four years to share the news of her son William’s birth. Thanks, Beth, and congratulations on making it through the sleepless nights and tantrums to cruising altitude! Beth is working on her doctorate at the University of North Texas, starting her dissertation in Literature entitled “Elizabeth Bishop in Brasil: An Ongoing Acculturation.” She’s finding it the best way to combine poetry, Brazilian culture and a little Portuguese under one (somewhat overflowing!) roof. She would welcome any correspondence from Bishopfiles or, as they say in Portuguese, Bishopoltras. She just received word that her own poetry was accepted for a new satellite program of the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, which will take place in Sicily in September.

Also welcome was news from **Veronica Aplenc**, who wrote to say she has completed her doctorate in folklore and folklore life and now works teaching and as an administrator for Rosemont College in Pennsylvania. Her latest research focuses on folk practices at cemeteries, which she assures us is more fun than it sounds.

**Tony Davidson** will be pleased to hear that two of his Morgan West/Tyler crew, both in LA, have answered the call for news. **Lisa Ellis** writes that after many years of dentists telling her she might want to do something about her bite, she decided to revisit adolescence by getting braces, which she has had now for 16 months and counting. The bad news is that her parents no longer feel compelled to pay for the orthodontia! Also bad is that she has had to wear rubber bands since June, which has kept her from playing the bassoon. Knowing Lisa, I doubt she has needed to use the rubber bands much to keep her students in line at Marlborough School, where she is a treasured and, actually, quite famous science teacher.

**Todd Owens** writes that he and wife Lisa are living happily in Santa Monica, where they are

kept very busy keeping their four little ones (ages 10, 8, 5, 3) in line—they even managed to get all four on skis over the winter holidays—impressive! Perhaps soon they'll be able to field a quad boat, the "rowing Owens." Todd is still working for Goldman, Sachs—he and **Liz Beshel** have been there uninterrupted since graduation—and has been traveling a fair bit for work. The whole Owens family was in Williamstown and, perhaps trying to inspire the next generation, in Boston for the Head of the Charles last October. **Mark Cullen**, **Michael Mader** and Todd joined five teammates from the classes of '88 and '89 for the alumni event. **Kate Iverson** was there, too, but steering for her Colorado crew.

Be well everyone, and please write!

## 1991

### REUNION JUNE 9-12

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In just a few months, we'll be returning to the Freshman Quad to recollect our four formative years and reflect on the next 20 years that followed our graduation. Those who choose can get rooms in Williams or Sage to relive those glory days. Class President **Melissa Fenton Herrod** has challenged **Aaric Eisenstein** to reprise his role as that shirtless guy who wandered the Quad.

Aaric announced that his wife recently found his Purple Pub refrigerator magnet, while Melissa (after some heavy-handed hints from her parents, in need of more storage space) found "a treasure trove of all things Williams—invites to parties at Dodd and the old infirmary; clippings from the literary magazines; Springsreeter concert advertisements; letters from friends abroad; love letters; photos of fun times." She didn't mention which cute guys from the next entry figured prominently in the letters or photographs. She did say that the boxes of memories and recent conversations with classmates who've promised to come have made her even more excited for reunion.

Thanks to the Alumni Office, Melissa and reunion planning co-chairs **Maral (Apelian) Banks** and **Ashley Clarey**, we have a full schedule of events planned,

beginning with lectures and seminars during the day on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10. The Friday class dinner will be a BBQ in the Freshman Quad. The main events on Saturday include the parade of classes at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumni. A picnic lunch in front of the Paresky Center (Baxter Lawn to us old-timers) and a series of tours, receptions, music and other programs will follow. Our main event is on Saturday night back in the Quad, with dinner catered by Mezza and dancing expected from everyone. **Steve Martin** promised to bring his dancing shoes. I don't know what happens on Sunday; I guess it depends on whether you brought your family, how much you enjoyed Saturday night and when you have to leave.

Here's a lesson learned: **Todd** and **Cathy Moore Fernandez** celebrated the New Year with **Randy** and **Julia Broehl Hesse** '95 and **John McKeon** and their families at the Hesse home-away-from-home in Quechee, Vt. Their seven kids enjoyed playing in what was left of the season's first big snowstorm. According to Todd, "The three fathers spent the first night pretending they were 20 years younger and the remaining time suffering the consequences." Actually, I'm not sure what the lesson is there. Pretend you're old? Don't party all night with Todd, Randy and John?

New this year, we'll provide opportunities during Reunion Weekend for the entrepreneurs among us to showcase work or projects. Already on board: **Mariam Naficy**, founder of Minted.com, will bring samples of her stationery; **Scott Schwager** will bring some of his art over from London. A moderated discussion will allow classmates to share ideas and experiences about starting and managing their own businesses. Anyone interested in joining either forum should contact Melissa.

Thanks to **Rob Abel**, there will be golf, and **Ann Marie (Marvin) Swann** is working on babysitting options. The College has also set up a program of kid-friendly events. For more information about reunion, check out the Williams alumni website: go to the What's Happening tab, then click on events, then Reunions; then Family Activities.

In addition to helping with reunion planning, Melissa caught up with a few classmates. She saw **Brian Torres** and family during a

visit to South Beach, Fla., where Brian has a thriving law practice. She sees **Dan Kaufman** at elementary school drop-off. If you use the social music site Jango.com, you can thank founder and CEO Dan. Melissa and **Sarah Peterson** danced in the New Year together, and Melissa attended **Rebecca Sokolovsky's** 40th birthday party, which included a crossword puzzle cake replete with Williams clues contributed by **Lisa Alcalá**.

Melissa had lunch with **Adena Testa Friedman** in NYC, who then had lunch with **Sophie Muir** in DC. Sophie was visiting from London, but that's a normal schedule for Adena, who lives in DC with husband **Mike Friedman** '88 but works in NYC as the CFO of NASDAQ OMX Group Inc. Adena reported, "We are having a lot of fun together in DC, following the Redskins (will they ever win again?) and the Capitals, and raising the boys, Luke, 15 and a freshman in high school, and Logan, 13 and in 7th grade."

Number 20 feels like a big milestone, but the big push comes for the 25th and 50th reunion classes. As it happens, several of our classmates have fathers in the Class of 1961, and some of them hope to reunite together, including **Chris Wadsworth**, **John Wadsworth** '61, **Jim Field**, **Ben Field** '61, **Michael La Porte**, **Ronald LaPorte** '61, **Tom Buck**, **Robert Buck** '61, **Lisa Kable Blanchard**, **Ned Kable** '61, **Chris Mersereau**, **Paul Mersereau** '61 and **Pam Mersereau Dickinson** '86 (extra credit for the Mersereau family). **Doug Camp** will also attend and added: "My dad, **Paul 'Rebel' Camp** '63, started off as class of '61 but took two years off in the middle to do a stint in the Army and get married to my mom, a Smith College girl. So he finished up as Class of '63. Unfortunately, he passed away two-and-a-half years ago, but I know would have loved to double-up unofficially for this reunion."

**Chris Mersereau** owns Stoneymeade Farm in Concord, Mass., where his wife Joyce is a professional horse rider and trainer. They travel the country with three kids and horses in tow, on the Hunter/Jumper "A" show circuit. They also run a program providing therapeutic riding lessons for special-needs children. Last June, he took his two sons to visit Chris and **Lela Means Wadsworth** '93, who now live in SF with their four children, after several years living in China.



The two families went to a Giants-Red Sox game and found themselves sitting in front of **Josh Becker**. Josh lives in Menlo Park with his wife Jonna and two kids. Son Aaron William Becker, 5, has announced that he'll follow his name to Williams and play football for the Purple Cows. **Ben Johnson** and **Judy Kellogg Johnson** '89 visited from Rhode Island while Josh was being interviewed about the impact of the Tesla IPO on the cleantech industry, and all three ended up getting interviewed on the local news. Merse also had a minireunion last August with **Chris Wadsworth**, **Tom Harvey**, **Matt Walter**, **Jason Gull** and **Sean Watterson** at the Happy Dog, the bar Sean owns in Cleveland. The bar is hosting a three-day music festival called Weapons of Mass Creation during Reunion Weekend, so Sean might be too busy creating (or perhaps avoiding destruction) to make it to Williamstown in June.

**Wendi Haugh** looks forward to seeing classmates at the reunion. She's been spending a lot of time in the Berkshires, even since her visiting position at Williams ended and she landed a tenure-track job at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., in 2009. She bought a house nearby and enjoys working with colleagues and students in anthropology and African studies, in addition to her own research and writing projects. She also visited SLU's program in Kenya with the African studies faculty. While in East Africa, she did a birding trip to Uganda with her father.

**Anna Bardone-Cone** and family are enjoying life in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Anna is a psychology professor. She enjoys teaching, especially an interactive first-year seminar on eating disorders and body image. She reports: "We had a great Williams re-connect with **Monica** '92 and **Ben Bond-Lamberty** '93 in the fall when my family traveled to DC to take part in the Rally to Restore Sanity. We stayed, ate and caught up with them and their lovely daughter Maria. The Rally itself wasn't great, in that we couldn't get anywhere near to see the stage or even a Jumbotron (pitifully, in the moment we were finding out via a phone call who was on stage—'So, Adam Sandler is there?'), but we were glad to be part of the buzz and to see that so many attended." Somehow, **Greg Woods** and I didn't see any of them when we took our kids for their first march on Washington.

**Alexa Sand** had lunch with East, third-floor JA **Annabel Sheinberg** '89 near Alexa's home in Logan, Utah. Annabel is the state director of education for Planned Parenthood and was up from Salt Lake City to give a workshop on reducing anti-LGBT bullying in secondary education. Alexa teaches art history at Utah State and enjoys the Alpine and Nordic skiing.

**Erik Sebesta's** had an interesting decade. Since 2005, he's launched four failed or struggling startups, two thriving red-headed daughters and one company with an upward trajectory: Cloud Technology Partners, which he co-founded in 2009 and now serves as chief architect and technology officer. **Bill Drury** worked

daycare, where she picks up various viruses to share with mom and dad. It seems Merck has not yet found a cure for the common cold. **Ellen Highstone Sorensen's** twins, Sofia and Alexander, are 18 months old. "They're at the toddling and learning-to-talk stage, which of course includes tearing apart the 'apart-ment' on a daily basis." Ellen is back to full-time work at Vacheron Constantin. After 10 years of working at Richemont, including her stints at Cartier and Dunhill, the anniversary gift was—what else?—a watch! **Tom Morgan's** youngest, Reese Elizabeth, is also figuring out walking and talking in their UES and Williamstown homes. Big sister Ella, 3, and big brother James, 4, started skiing at Jiminy

## EPHCOMPLISHMENT

Missisa Fenton Herrod '91 received a Phyllis Hyman Phat Friends and Young Leaders for Change Award from the All Stars Project at a ceremony in NYC in November. Herrod was honored for her work as executive director of City Lights Youth Theatre in New York.

as a software engineer for 19 years. He is now living in Sierra Madre, Calif., and has turned to directing marketing for a small software company nearby. On a recent trip to NYC he caught up with **Jeff Gelb** and his wife. "We toasted their wedding anniversary at the Champagne Bar in the Plaza Hotel, a truly surreal location if you remember what either of us were like in college." I can see from their Facebook profiles that they both wear their hair shorter now. Not that you can trust those profile photos. Last I checked, **Doug Camp** had posted his Williams ID on his Facebook page.

**Kristian Omland** and wife Laurel welcomed their first child, Phoebe, on Sept. 10. Kristian reports: "Phoebe has a good start on an adventurous life, having already gotten the hang of skiing (in her Chariot), air travel (we flew to Florida for five days in early December) and family gatherings. With Laurel back to work, my flexible consulting gig permits me to dedicate Mondays just to being dad, which I love—hopefully Phoebe will too."

Anyone else who had babies this round didn't tell me about it. But I'm hearing some follow-up from no-longer-new parents. **Norah Shire** returned to work at Merck, so 8-month-old Sofie is now in the highly-touted Merck

Peak over the winter. **Harris Crist's** step-daughters are older, 5 and 8, but it's all new to him, since his household expanded upon his marriage to Lisa Kamins in August. After six years in Austin and three years at Princeton, he now works in IT at MIT and lives in the Boston area.

On June 12 **John Mulreany** was ordained a Roman Catholic priest by NY Archbishop Timothy Dolan in the University Chapel at Fordham University. **Jason Sapsin**, **Matt Tropp** and **Melissa Fenton Herrod** witnessed the ceremony. In John's words: "The ordination itself was a profoundly moving experience for me, especially given the beauty of the rite and the presence of so many friends and family. The ordination was the culmination of a 10-year formation program in the Jesuits, the religious order to which I belong. The program included a two-year novitiate, three years of philosophy study, two years as a high school teacher and three years of theology studies as well as a number of overseas assignments, which included stays in Bolivia, China and Southern Sudan. During my theology studies in Boston, I reconnected with **Brian Carlson** and **James Lee** (whom I literally ran into while jogging along the Charles River). For a short while I will be assigned to St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside,

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Long Island, until I receive a permanent assignment, probably in a school or overseas somewhere. So far parish life has been terrific, especially the regular day-to-day contact with people.”

I’ll end with that encouraging description of commitment and community life. I hope that others find rewards in their personal and professional lives and are able to participate joyfully in the many communities to which each of us belong. I look forward to reconnecting with you at the reunion in June and joining briefly a community we shared 20 years ago.

### 1992

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Happy 2011! These are pretty brief, so let’s get right into it. No particular order this time, just in order of receipt.

First across the line with news was **Lynette Guastafarro**. She writes, “Thanksgiving was a nice time, as many friends came back to New York. I had a great time hanging out with **Bonnie (Gerhardt) Lo**, who came in from Philly; **Nickie Bouvier**; **Shannon Morse**, who came up from Texas; **Eliza Swann**; and **Stephanie Phillips** with drinks and dinner and then a sleeper at Steph’s house much to the chagrin of her patient hubby.” (Ed. note: Not sure he really minded, as he was the one making pizza at 1 a.m.!). Lynette continues, “**Garret Ingoglia** was in town also, and we had a great time catching up over drinks. In other news, my son Nathaniel is 3 and is a carbon copy of his dad except with red hair, and I am still running Teaching Matters, an education technology nonprofit in NYC. I am currently working on a project (led by **Bruce Lai** ’95 from the NYC Department of Education) to put 18,000 computers in the homes of middle school students and to support educators who develop school-to-home digital learning opportunities. In addition to me and Bruce, **Lee Schroeder** ’91 from Cablevision is also working on the project. The Williams connection has been awesome and has really created a great level of trust that carried into a really effective private public partnership.”

Since that dinner before Thanksgiving, another one of the attendees, **Eliza Swann**, has some news of her own. On Jan.



1992 classmates and their spouses met up in Las Vegas during Columbus Day weekend to celebrate their 40th birthdays.

7, 2011, Eliza and her husband J.R. welcomed their first child, Edward Swann Ambrose, into the world.

**Ashley Edgar Miliken** writes, “My two daughters Perrin and Carly, ages 10 and 8, **Peter** ’91 and I are still in Norwich, Vt., enjoying all the area has to offer. We spend lots of time outdoors and are waiting for snow so we can begin the cross country ski season. I work part time at a Montessori school and help coach xc skiing in the winter and lacrosse in the spring. [Last] summer, **Mark Niehaus**, **Bill McKinley**, **Jen Plansky McKinley** and **Heidi Sandreuter** joined Peter and me in N.H. for a mass celebration of 40th birthdays. We had a ball hiking, swimming, biking and celebrating a long and fantastic friendship. Thanks to Williams for laying the foundation!”

From deep in the heartland (Little Rock), **Bob Riley** has been actively following college football. He writes, “In November, Leslie and I went to a TCU (wife’s alma mater) vs. San Diego State football game in Fort Worth and then the Arkansas vs. LSU game in Little Rock. We had a great time in each case. Our girls are at fun ages, 7 and 4, where everything is an adventure and fun. Life for them is a series of birthday parties, circuses, state fairs, ice skating and similar events. **Dennis** and **Katherine Kuo** (both ’93) also live in Little Rock, and I saw them at a fun run for the AR Arthritis Foundation.”

From **Whiting Dimock Leary**, we learn that she and her family moved to Boulder at the end of August. She writes, “It’s awesome here, and Doug and I are

thrilled that our kids will grow up with trails and mountains all around. I’m now the sr. asst. dean of students at the University of Colorado Law School, and we welcome applications from Williams students and alums!”

Also moving is **Kent Wosepka**. He shares, “After 12 years in Boston, we are moving to New York. I am taking a job with Goldman Sachs Asset Management. My oldest son is going through the mental anguish of moving to Yankee/Giants country, but I think he will get over it.” Welcome to New York!

**Matt Rosoff** also relocated this year. He writes, “After 10 years in Seattle working as an IT industry analyst for directions on Microsoft, I have returned to San Francisco and the scrum of online tech journalism, covering enterprise IT, Internet companies and tech startups for *Business Insider*. Fellow Ephs are encouraged to send me your pitches. More importantly, my wife Angela and I greeted our second child, Marlon Albert Rosoff, on Aug. 2. It was a very exciting year.”

**Audrey Mautner McDill** wrote in a great update: “I’m writing from our home in Fort Collins, Colo., the perfect small(ish) town for raising our two boys, Jake, 3, and Shane, age 1½. We moved here five years ago so my husband Mick could start his dental practice and we could plant some roots. A fun community set in the foothills of the Rockies, our town is filled with lots of other young families who love biking and the outdoors in general. Speaking of biking, this was the third year Mick has competed in the Leadville 100 mountain bike race.



Members of the classes of 1991 and 1993 reunited at the Newton, Mass., home of Mary (Buss) Reale '93 (front row, center) for their 14th annual post-Christmas celebration.

Why mention that? Because the husband of **Mel (Osborne) Groves** '93 also won the lottery to enter the event, so Mel, Jim and their son Luke all flew from Maryland to join in the (ahem) experience. Our families spent the weekend together, and it was so fun to see my former Williams basketball teammate; however, she was busy crewing for Jim on the racecourse, so we'll have to plan another non-Leadville 100 visit soon!"

Audrey continues, "Also this year Mick threw a big 40th birthday bash for me and my twin sister Sue, and one of the highlights was **Gregg Goumas** flying out to Colorado from Connecticut to help me celebrate! (Gregg's birthday is just five days before mine, so I like to think it was part his celebration, too. No better way to usher in the next decade than with an old college friend rehashing the memories!)"

Another 40th birthday celebration was held in Las Vegas over Columbus Day weekend as **Caitlin Mann, Elizabeth (Feeney) Asali, Amy Sachtleben, Jeff DeToso, Clint Kendall, Jon Blum and Lloyd Alexander** met up for an extended birthday bash. Lloyd shares, "A number of very tolerant Williams spouses also attended and bonded while rolling their eyes at our stories of long-ago Morgan East/Mission Park glory days. Our trip included spa visits, a 'lost day' watching eight hours of football at the ESPN Zone (where there are even hi-def TVs in the bathroom stalls!), hiking, cocktails by the pool (and by the bar, and by the gaming tables) and fabulous meals that—for a pleasant change from most of our ordinary

lives—did not include a single chicken finger or crayon. We're already scheming how we can get away together again."

**David Lukens** writes in that he is living in Northampton, Mass., with his wife Katy and working for a Montana-based startup company (The Healthy Pantry) that makes a healthy dinner mix. He's now trying to get the product into public schools around the country. He asks that anybody who wants to help with that, or who is passing through Northampton and has time to catch a show at the Iron Horse, be in touch!

Lastly, I heard from the PR department at Ropes & Gray (the law firm). It appears that **Brian Schwarzwald** has been promoted to the partnership at the law firm in Hong Kong. Brian works in private equity transactions group, with an emphasis on private equity and merger and acquisition transactions involving Chinese businesses.

That's all I've got for you this time. Stay warm, be well, and I'll hit you up again for more news in the spring.

## 1993

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I've decided to mix things up a little with this installment of the class notes by writing them not in an airport bar but by the pool at my hotel in Miami. It's only in the mid-60s as I type this, so the native Floridians are all in

their cold-weather gear, but given that I wasn't sure I'd get here due to a major snowstorm in the Northeast, it's beautiful to me.

Since travel is on my mind at the moment, let's start with **Chris Walker**, who wins this installment of the class notes by being mentioned by three different people. Which isn't surprising, given that he flew in from Geneva (where "only wine, chocolate and skiing are affordable") in time to attend a 12th Day of Christmas party hosted by **Mary (Buss) Reale**. Other attendees included **Jeff and Anne (Conrad) Hummel, Elisa Dugundji '91 and Robb Friedman, Jen Raney, Lynn Kim, Andrew Kirkpatrick and Camille Preston**. Chris also managed to catch up with **Tom Kimbis** (still working to make the world safe for solar energy), **Bill Mowitt** (temporarily at the Department of Commerce for the NOAA Corps) and **Paul Piquado** (deputy assistant secretary at the International Trade Administration).

Chris wasn't the only one crossing an ocean to get mentioned here. **Jonathan Schuman** and his family moved to the San Francisco area after 10 years in Japan, while **Nancy Rodriguez-Kolff** moved to the Netherlands because of her husband's work. **Aleka Nivitski Bilan** hasn't moved—she's still counseling international high school students in Beijing—but deserves a prominent mention for saying nice things about the physics department to some students considering Union, where I teach. I'm not sure where **Josh Lin** is physically, but he's apparently protecting the Internet from former Soviets, which is international enough for these purposes. **Stephan (Fiedler) Terre** is protecting us from the Internet in his own inimitable way, by working to spread the game of Go through the Western world, thus preventing the rise of Skynet. I'm not entirely sure I know how that works, nor do I necessarily want to know, as that might make me dangerous enough to be pursued by killer robots from the future.

A couple of classmates have moved up in the world without changing continents: **Dave Kensinger** became the chief of staff for new Kansas governor Sam Brownback, while **Heather (Grace) Espinosa** was promoted to managing director at Citi; congratulations to both of them. I'd make a joke about hitting them up for a loan or a sweet government contract, but they're far too

ethical for that to be funny. **Eric Jacobsen** hasn't changed jobs, but has shifted the emphasis of his Threestory Studio to the design of information graphics and reports feeling revitalized, which is as good as a promotion.

Eric also notes that his daughter may well be driving by the time you read this, which is both a little scary and a good segue to talking about the continuing expansion of the Class of '93 family. In roughly chronological order, **Lindley (Hall)** and **Tiaan van der Linde** had a daughter, **Stella Brewster van der Linde**, in late August, and **Lindley** is now back at work teaching and coaching; **Rebecca (Adams) Trotman** had a daughter, **Charlotte Pomeroy Trotman**, in October, who joins older siblings **Will** and **Hannah**; **Pamela Israel** also had a daughter in October, **Anna Lisa**, and **Pam** will probably be back at work by the time you read this; and **Keely Maxwell** and husband **Mike** had a son, **Theodore Alexander Rahn**, in mid-December, and all are healthy and happy. **Sarah D'Oench** and **Thomas Jenei's** new son **Benjamin** was supposed to be born in mid-December but decided to show up a month early, presumably to get at the gifts from the shower thrown by **Vanessa (Gibbons) Teitelbaum** at **Margaret** and **John Kim's** house, attended by, among others, **Heather Espinosa**, **Heather (Braun) Houston**, **Heather Bensko** and **Juliette Mound**, who narrowly avoided being legally required to change her name to "Heather" for the purposes of these notes.

In child updates not involving new arrivals, **Jodi Roosenraad** reports that her daughter **Evie** already takes after father **Chris '94**: she's not walking, only rolling, but already gravitates toward electronic devices with buttons. Meanwhile, **Sara Diaz** and **Jamie Kerman** (who could tell you about his job, but then he'd have to kill you) report that their 3-year-old son already introduces himself as an upright bass player, which makes for an interesting sight, as he's still not as tall as his instrument. And, on a personal note, I am inordinately proud of having taught my 2.4-year-old daughter that while a cow says "Moo," a purple cow says "Go Williams!" (This serves to further convince my wife **Kate** that she has married into a cult.)

As long as I've inserted myself into the story, I might as well mention my own travels in October, when I visited **Dan Robb**

at Berry College in Georgia, where he teaches physics and I gave a couple of talks, and then swung down to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to catch the Alabama-Florida game with **Andy Lee**, **Jonathan Coleman**, **Collin** and **Lili Roche**, **Amy** and **Mike Goodman**, and, from the Class of '91, **Pete McEntegart**, **Jon Faini**, **Sean Glynn** and **Jeff Bond**. Highlights (other than the football) included a \$40 cab ride to nowhere, crashing the tailgate festivities of a number of remarkably gracious strangers and prize-winning rum cake (prize won circa 1943).

## 1994

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If one of my long-lost classmates is a meteorologist, please write in and explain why it won't stop snowing here in the Northeast. Every Tuesday there's a storm, and I'm really sick of it. I didn't move to the suburbs to live in an igloo or to take a luge down my driveway. I suppose the spring buds will make it all worthwhile. Must keep my eye on the prize...

Thank you for indulging me in that rant. Other than coping with owning a house, I have been enjoying getting back into work and watching my kids reach new milestones. My 6-year-old daughter **Georgia** just lost her top two front teeth, has requested to view the **Justin Bieber** movie and requests to wear lip gloss out of the house. My baby **Josephine** turned 1 in February. She was about to stand up and walk, which is exciting, but soon she'll be tearing apart the house with her sister.

The weather, it seems, has kept many of us inside, huddled up with our families, except for **Adam Scheer**. A friend of his and a Williams grad from 1989 successfully ran the Philadelphia Marathon last fall.

Several classmates have had new babies. **Kate (Becker) de Mul** and her husband **Marc** welcomed their son **Willem Robert Frederik de Mul** in October as well. **Willem** was born at 2:27 a.m. on Oct. 16. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20¼ inches long.

**Brinsley (Horner) Fox** and her husband **Jeremy Fox '95** welcomed **Brendan John Fox** on Jan. 24. His parents wrote to say he was born early, which they take

as a sign that "he will be a self-starter and go-getter."

**Melissa Braisted Nordquist** moved last summer with her husband **Paul** to Tacoma, Wash., from San Francisco. They moved into a house with gorgeous views of Mount Rainier and the Olympic mountain range, happy to abandon all worries about parking, high rents and filthy city streets. **Melissa** does return to San Francisco for her work at **Jensen Architects**, for which she manages construction for a project in the city. True to form, **Melissa** said she has "tried just about all the outdoor sports the Northwest has to offer," and even goes swimming outdoors in the frigid Puget Sound. She said she plans to pick up cross-country skiing soon. On a trail run in Gig Harbor, she ran into **Joanne Torres**, and has spent some time with Seattle-based **Sarah (Davidson) Richmond** and **Peggy (Drucker) Headstrom**.

**Anim Steel** is on the cutting edge of the movement toward better food. He is leading The Real Food Challenge, which is a national campaign and network that empowers students to push for more "just and sustainable food" on college campuses. **Anim** has been named by the online magazine **THE ROOT** as one of 100 individuals representing a new generation of emerging and established leaders in the African-American community, and as one of the emerging leaders in the *Ebony Magazine* Power 100. He brought in the New Year with his parents in Accra, Ghana, (with a side trip to Burkina Faso and Mali), where he also saw **Nii Koney '01**.

## 1995

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Thank you very much for writing in. As I read your emails it felt like reading correspondence from family. **Lisa (Masterman) Michaud** assured me: "Not ignoring you, but absolutely nothing new to report here! Boring life." **Emily (Sterne) Schebesta** stated that she doesn't have anything to report ... yet. And **Lara Cooper** started her news with "Hope you are well. Sorry about the Saints' loss this weekend." Now that is



family! People checking in! And yes, I was a little sad about the Saints. Lara's news, however, was more exciting than football. She and her husband welcomed their daughter Paige Janel Edwards on Dec. 7. She is happy to report that the dog Bogart is handling the new addition well. I start our news then with reporting on the next generation.

**Betsy Nicholson** sent in the following: "In April of 2010 Betsy, Eric and their 3-year-old son Whit announced the birth of a little girl, Sayles Avison. At 2 months old she was doing overnights on their cabin boat off Massachusetts and is now taking her first steps. Betsy has taken on a new role with NOAA as lead of coastal and marine spatial planning in NE waters that is sure to be challenging with the current pressure for offshore wind." **Doug Brandoff** and his wife welcomed their second child, Sarah Ellen Brandoff, on Halloween. Doug continues to work as a palliative care physician at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

**Stephanie Martin** is experiencing "the sleepless nights, and overwhelming joy of new motherhood. Madeleine Kelly Martin was born at 6 a.m. on 25 August. I haven't seen so much puke since Williams!" Stephanie shares that 2011 will bring her back to the northern hemisphere, Aussie daughter and British husband in tow. Stephanie's biggest challenge in getting back to the States was getting her daughter a passport picture. Take heed: "It took about 500 tries to get a picture of a baby looking directly at the camera, mouth closed, no arms or hands visible, both ears visible, from the belly button up on a white back drop with no flash." Basically, don't try this at home. Stephanie also tried to organize some of the Williams alums in Sydney to get together to watch the Williams-Amherst game, but "the time difference proved a barrier. Six a.m. on a Sunday isn't exactly the best time to organize a BBQ." Along the same passport-picture-but-completely-different-experience line, **Flo Waldron** reports that her daughter Caela "is already a seasoned domestic traveler (having attended several conferences plus reunion with Mommy in 2010, not to mention travels in utero as far-flung as trekking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon). We are gearing up for her first international trip, to Mexico in early 2011. Her passport photo is adorable, and the guy who took it said it was the fastest baby photo

he'd ever done in 20 years working at the AAA office."

In addition to celebrating births, many in our class celebrated several accomplishments and milestones. **Tony Qaiyum** writes in from Chicago, where his business, Merz Apothecary, celebrated its 135th anniversary this year. Tony shares that Merz Apothecary was named one of the "World's 12 Best Boutiques" by *United Airlines Hemispheres Magazine* this year. The end of the year saw the opening of a new store, Merz Downtown, inside the 140-year-old Palmer House Hotel in Chicago's Loop. Tony is looking forward to a quieter 2011.

**Matt McHale** and his wife moved from Boston to LA, where he is analyzing clean energy programs as an independent consultant. Matt states, "I still can't get over the weather here. It doesn't seem right." **Jason Hoch** is now the town administrator of Litchfield, N.H. As the first person in this role he is steering operations from one form of government to another and building systems and procedures. **Brenna McDonald** checks in from Indianapolis, where she works at the IU Center for Neuroimaging. Brenna married Sean McGann on Sept. 5 in Baltimore. Now she is busy picking the next marathon to train for!

**Dedrick Muhammad's** big news is that he is the new director of economic programs for the NAACP. Dedrick says, "I am quite honored to have this position and glad to be working with **Olivier Sylvain's** friend Benjamin Jealous." **Jonathan Eades** is in his fourth year as head of upper school at Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio, Texas, and effective this summer will become headmaster. Jonathan's two oldest children, Oliver, 5, and Lilla, 4, attend SMH. His third child, George, 1, is "now mobile and keeps me young trying to keep up with him!" **Amy Lieb** writes in, amazed to have news so soon after reunion. After working for Monitor Group for nearly 15 years as a consultant, in December she took a position with a local nonprofit organization. Amy is the new director of strategy and operations for Close to Home, a Boston-based organization that works with local teens and residents on solutions for addressing and preventing domestic violence. Amy says: "I love working in my own community and being on the cutting-edge of violence

prevention. John and our girls (ages 5 and 3) are thriving." They were all "looking forward to a trip to Disney World in March as our next adventure." **Vanessa Johnson** enjoyed a Williams-filled evening when she and husband **Ned Johnson** '93 went over to dinner at **Mike Strauss** '94 place in DC. She shared a meal with **Paul Piquado** '93, **Bernie Kluger** '94, **Laurel Blatchford** '94 and **Dave Brownstein** '95. She learned from Dave that he had seen **Michelle Kang** and **John Fagan**, who Vanessa didn't realize were married. My editorial comment on this one would be: This is why it is important to read the notes! (Insert smiling emoticon, or LOL, or any other expression that denotes laughter.) **Jodi Fisler** successfully defended her dissertation in December and now holds a PhD in higher education administration. Jodi is assistant to the VP for student affairs at the College of William & Mary. She is now looking forward to "spending my evenings and weekends on other pursuits, such as going to the movies, cooking meals, maintaining a clean(ish) house and reading things that have nothing to do with my doctoral research!" In addition to celebrating this milestone, Jodi is also celebrating her 10th wedding anniversary, which she and her husband will honor with a trip to Japan and Hawaii. The November issue of *Vice Magazine* via their website [www.viceland.com](http://www.viceland.com) featured an article on **Shamim Momin**, which included an interview by Amy Kellner. It was a pleasure to read the following about Shamim: "After 12 years as a curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art in NYC, where she co-curated the 2004 and 2008 Biennials, **Shamim Momin** packed up and moved to the other side of the country. In 2009, she co-founded the Los Angeles Nomadic Division, a nonprofit art organization devoted to site-specific and public art that she calls a 'museum without walls.' So far, LAND has done fun and exciting stuff, from screening art films by Guadalajara-based artist Gonzalo Lebrija on giant advertising billboards on Sunset Boulevard to commissioning works from over 50 artists (all good ones, too) based on rock concert posters that were shown at the South By Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas." **Becca Doucette** was to be deployed to Afghanistan with the Louisiana National Guard in February

for just under a year. Upon her return she hopes to teach Arabic at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. **Ted Welsh** stopped in London, where he and **Donny Wong** attended a festive queer panto (“festive” meaning “not very good” according to Ted), and then finished off his sabbatical in Denmark, where he met with the folks at LEGO Education and got some actual work done. Ted kindly pointed out the following to me: “Style note: LEGO is always in all-caps. It took me more than a third of a century to realize that. Danes can be overly polite, yet firmly insistent.” **Laura Brown Coulam** visited **Laura Hemmeter Putnam** in St. Louis in February 2010. Over the summer, she and her family traveled to Montana/ Glacier National Park and to the beaches of Cape Cod. **Ken Harris** currently serves as an instructor at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center & School in Fort Jackson, S.C. Ken along with his wife Carmen, 6-year-old son Elijah, and 4-year-old daughter Zoë moved from St. Paul, Minn., to the Columbia, S.C., area near Fort Jackson in September. When **Sue (LePage) Wintner** is not terribly busy as our head agent encouraging us to support our alma mater, you can find her enjoying life with her husband **Tom Wintner** ’93 and daughters Virginia, 5, and Emily Anne, 3, in Cambridge, Mass. After four-and-a-half years staying home with her girls, she is back to work part time as a fee-for-service clinical social worker in Somerville. Sue says: “Much to our sometimes tearful amazement, we’re getting ready to send Virginia to kindergarten next year. Mass-based alums can look for us on the beginner slopes of Jiminy Peak this winter, our first year getting the entire family on skis.” Lastly, it comes to yours truly, **Anamaria Villamarin-Lupin** (in case you lost track of which secretary is writing this column!). I don’t have much to share other than the pondering that beginning strenuous athletic endeavors at 37 hurts and that I can’t do everything. I continue to revel in the joy of raising my kids who crack me up every day (they just crack me, too), and my work as a clinical supervisor at a nonprofit is quite fulfilling. In November **Tim Lupin** ’93 and I celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary. We hosted the Williams-Amherst game at our house, and it was fun to have several generations of Ephs in one room. Not so fun to

no longer be the youngest alums in the room ... oh well. Here’s to getting stronger! Even if it hurts!

Wishing you all a very happy 2011; stay connected!

## 1996

REUNION JUNE 9-12

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I used to keep copies of all of the *Williams People* magazines so that I could consult them as I wrote—you know, check back for people’s spouses’ names or where they lived and also to be able to see if I had made the same corny jokes before. Then I stopped saving them for some reason (perhaps we needed space for all the baby and kid crap?), and now I have to rely on my memory or my ability to check back issues of *People* online. Either of which is problematic. Anyway, all that is prelude to my apology to you all: I vaguely recall that I might once before have written something along these lines, but I apparently come off as amazingly desperate when I send my email requests for news from you. I guess I don’t mind the pitying responses, but I do find it funny when so many of you email me your news with an introductory sentence along the lines of “I don’t have much to report, but you sounded so pathetic, so here you go.” I am a journalistic panhandler, my friends, and I take all contributions happily.

Let’s start in the world of politics. **Chris Murphy**, two-term Democrat congressman for Connecticut’s 5th district, announced in January that he will run for the Senate seat vacated by retiring Sen. Joseph Lieberman. And giving equal space here, Republican **Walker Stapleton** wrote in for the first time ever to announce that last November, he was elected state treasurer of Colorado and was sworn in to office on Jan. 11 with the Governor of Colorado. “Among my awesome responsibilities are to oversee and invest the \$7 billion dollar General Fund of taxpayers’ money and to sit on the board of Colorado’s troubled public pension system. I’m looking forward to seeing old friends at our 15th reunion.” Walker and his wife Jenna have a 3-year-old son named Craig.

**Sarah (Kaplan) Browne**, her husband Eric, and their 3-year-old son David “have been enjoying Washington, D.C., for about four years. I work at the National Institutes of Health where I study a variety of non-HIV immunodeficiencies, particularly one that is emerging in SE Asia, and attend on the infectious diseases consult service at our hospital.” Also living in the DC/ Maryland area, **Lisa (Matus) Grossman** wrote, “It’s been a busy year for the Grossmans. **Josh** is halfway through his fourth year as an assistant professor at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and I’m about to finish the Naval Acquisition Intern Program at Patuxent River Naval Base. Our son Joe is 4. ... We had a great Eph gathering in October at the Jersey shore with **Lisa (Blaskey)** and **Matt DeCamp**, **Ben and Kim (Tabtiang) Evans** and **Matt Kohn** and **Jodi Boyle** and all their kids. We’re looking forward to reunion!”

**Anna (Cederberg) Heard** says her son Miles is doing great, and “he’s so cute! He’s crawling now and had his first birthday and a chocolate cake to go along! I ran into **Leslie Bilchick**, at Trader Joe’s and we’ve gotten together since then. I went to the Williams/ Amherst telecast but, sad to say, didn’t recognize a single person! Where is everyone?” Well, **Monica Patel** is still in Savannah, busy with her son Paawan, now 4, and practicing law part time. “I’ve been trying to gather NESAC alumni in the Savannah-Hilton Head area for an informal get-together and am surprised by how many Ephs, Jumbos, Mules, Camels, Lord Jeffs, Polar Bears, etc., are hiding in the woodwork down here.”

**Jane Roper** sent in an update for the first time in a while. “I suppose the biggest piece of news is that I’m working on a memoir about the ups and downs of my first three years as a mother of twins, which will be published in 2012 by St. Martin’s Press. I hope any Eph parents of twins, current or expectant, will give it a look! Meanwhile, I’m still blogging at Babble.com about parenting, life, etc. My husband **Alastair Mook** ’95 is keeping busy these days doing family shows—his latest album, *A Cow Says Mook*, has won Parents’ Choice and Nappa awards. Guess we’ve become a small kid-focused industry lately. Not exactly what we expected to be doing back when we were at Williams, but, hey, we’re happy.

(Oh yeah, and our daughters Elsa and Clio just turned 4, which so far is a much nicer age than 3. And definitely better than 2.)” Fellow author **Liv Osthus** has a new book out called *The Gospel According to Viva Las Vegas*. “It’s a compendium of previously-published stuff ranging from an impassioned lecture on stripping as art to rock ‘n’ roll interviews, political diatribes, strip club stuff and a reprint of my award-winning breast cancer piece, “Last Days of My Left Breast.” Completing the Renaissance woman trifecta, Liv also has a new band, Lesser Saints, and two new movies out this spring, James Westby’s *Rid of Me* and Gus Van Sant’s *Restless*.

**Corey Modeste** wrote from NYC. “It’s been great to work at Eph-led Greylock Capital Management, an emerging markets fund manager. The fact that **Hans Humes** ’87 and **AJ Mediratta** ’87 are both outdoorsy and sci-fi fans makes this a great place to work.” Continuing his quest to improve upon our class notes, Corey suggested, “I’m thinking that there’s no reason why we can’t incorporate some match.com functionality into class notes.” Word to all my single lady readers: **Corey Modeste** is keeping fit and fabulous, he is working very successfully in NYC and he will be at reunion! And **Kristin Edwards** wrote about another cluster of major changes in her life. “In July, I finished up my fellowship in palliative care in New York and finally moved in with my husband in Connecticut. In September, I started my new job as the medical director of palliative care at a community teaching hospital, which I absolutely love. In October, we moved again (locally) when we bought our first house together, and then I frantically studied for my board exams in mid-November and hoped that the other major life change could wait until boards were over. Fortunately, she did, and Dec. 11 we welcomed our first daughter, Corinna Ellis Gustafson, into the world. No major complications, and everyone is healthy, so we are very grateful and surprisingly happy despite the sleep deprivation. I have decided, however, to take a break from any other major life changes for a while!”

In LA, **Sarah Heidel**, her husband Fred and kids Elliott and Alice were made a family of five when Lucy was born Sept. 20. “She is wonderful, of course, but now we drive a minivan and

when we walk in to restaurants people make sure not to sit near us (with good reason, I have to admit). This summer, before Lucy was born, I took my 4-year-old, up to San Francisco and we spent the weekend with **Paige (Patterson) Duff** and her family and **Betty Abebe-Wolpaw** and her husband Jed. Paige and Betty are both great. Paige is working and has two of the cutest kids you will ever see, and Betty is a pediatrician—so handy! I text her with questions once every couple of weeks.” From northern California, **Lana Choi** apologized for the long silence but wrote, “I have an obvious excuse. I had a baby boy on April 1 (don’t even get me started on the date, but at least it’s easy to remember since I have a terrible head for dates). His name is Andrew, and he’s very sweet.” Lana is still in San Francisco, working as lawyer for the federal government and hoping to make it to reunion. Also in San Francisco, **Andy Berlind** and his wife Emmy have been keeping busy with their daughter Emma, born Aug. 31. “She is doing well and big brother Alex (4 in March) is (mostly) helping out. We’re hoping to be able to get the whole family across the country for the reunion.” That would be truly impressive, Andy.

**Vanessa Wruble** spent the holidays with **Ginny Suss** ’99 in Sierra Leone, where the band they manage, Bajah + the Dry Eye Crew, was set to play to 50,000 people in their national stadium! “Then we’ll spend a few weeks there hanging out on the beach and having ‘strategic meetings’ (over lobster and baracuda, of course) to plot out the next year of our new venture OKAYAFRICA, which launched in beta in July (it’s online now). Williams in Africa, holler!” Also across the big pond, **Marjorie (Hirsch) Vestergaard** and her husband Martin welcomed a daughter, Beatrice Pearl, Oct. 22. “I’m keeping busy between Bea, older brother Calvin and my online children’s clothing boutique Marjorie Jane. Sadly, no other Williams-related news to share, although we’re still here in London and love visitors!”

As I read his email from my freezing cold Maryland home office, **Agapito Morgan** wrote that he and his wife Jennifer Lukemeyer were spending the end of December in Southwest Florida, enjoying the sun and plenty of golf. Thanks, Aga. Aga was named to the board

of directors of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, one of only 17 year-round orchestras in the nation. He and **Greg Behling** are hoping to return for reunion. So is class super-agent **Krystal “007” Williams**, who reported on her recent adventures: “I started a sabbatical from John Deere on Nov. 1. (I’ve always liked that professorial perk and decided to claim it as my own in the corporate world.) Originally my plan was to travel around the world, but after landing in Costa Rica, I realized how tiring it would be to coordinate that type of trip, so I found a raw food/cleansing retreat center in Costa Rica and have been here since Dec. 22. I went back to the U.S. briefly in early December to repack for my new itinerary and took that time to catch up with **Alethea Cruz** in Chicago. She looks fabulous and is doing well. We had a great chat over lunch, and she turned me on to some of the local second-hand bookstores—perfect for someone no longer pulling a paycheck and on their way to the beach! Being here has caused me to rethink where and how I want to use my business skills going forward. I’ve reached no conclusions yet, but I am more comfortable that I’m asking myself the right questions. I plan to head back to the U.S. in late February and plan to start hiking the Appalachian Trail in early March. My goal (fingers crossed!) is to time my hike so that I am coming through Williamstown just in time for our reunion! I’m really looking forward to connecting with people and enjoying Williamstown. ... Check out <http://successunexpected.blogspot.com>.”

And already exhibiting an excellent sense of timing, Eliza Thorn Weiss was born Jan. 26 to **Lydia Vermilye** and **James Weiss** and big brother Rex, 2. Eliza arrived only hours before a major snowstorm that seriously snarled traffic and knocked out electricity for hundreds of thousands of folks in the DC area. Perhaps Eliza was prescient and did not want to be born in the back of a Honda Accord. In any event, she is adorable, and the Weisses are loving their new addition.

By the time you read this column, it will be just about time to book your flight, rent that car, make those travel plans to head up for reunion, June 9-12. Hard to believe it’s been 15 years, isn’t it? Can’t wait to see so many of my fellow ’96ers in just a few months!

## 1997

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Well, 2011 is off to an auspicious start for the Class of 1997. These notes are small, but mighty, and the sampling is indicative of all the wonderful, challenging and exciting things swirling around this year. So without any delay ... welcome to your mid-30s, class...

**Matthew Swanson** reported the birth of son Kato in January 2010. He and **Robbi** were commissioned to do a children's book for Little, Brown—due out this year. He writes, “In between, we illustrated Cory Doctorow’s novel *Makers*, kept on publishing books through our small press Idiots’Books, and were the subjects/guinea pigs/lab rats for a study of creative collaboration that was published on Slate.com.”

**Brian Higgins** and wife Kim welcomed son Teddy Higgins aboard in March. He writes, “So far, he’s a very reasonable guy. He only requests food, sleep and fresh diapers. Given those things, he stays pretty happy and generally thinks people are hilarious. He’s also a sucker for Itsy Bitsy Spider and rattles.”

On his recent trip to Billsville, Brian reports, “A group of ’97ers, their parents, wives and kids (a LOT of kids) met up in Williamstown in the fall. **Craig MacDonald, Kevin Poppe, Frank Pericolosi, Pat Moore, Jeb Bentley, Chris Mestl, Mike Pergola, Mike Vazquez, Mark Kossick, Eric Kelly, Josh Zucker, Steve Mott, Dan Gordon, Mike Cotter ’96 and Rob Hyland** all made the trip back. We caught a football game, tested out the new Pub and even got a few late-night calzones delivered, although late night is now 10 p.m. (We’ve still got it! ... eh ... no we don’t.) It was great to see everyone and make fun of each other again.” Don’t worry, Brian, 10 p.m. is the new 3 a.m. as far as I’m concerned.

A bunch of Williams girls came out to Chicago for a minireunion over **Bevin Brennan’s** birthday weekend in November: She reports, “**Martha (Folley) Bullock, Jessica Bongiorno, Rosie Rubin, Nancy Lee and Jane Lee.** Martha’s doing well with her two kids now in Lake Placid; Jess finally caved and got a dog (very cute) in New Jersey; Nancy is off for some extended travel in Australia; Rosie’s practicing law in NY; and

Jane is doing her million hobbies in the SF area. Rosie and I tracked gorillas in Uganda in the late summer, which was awesome. I’m still practicing law in Chicago.”

**Joshua Tripp** submits, “It’s been a while. ... Things are good with me. I’m still living in the DC area, although I have moved to the suburbs, which has resulted in a severe hit to my street cred. My family (Lincoln, 3, and Ellie, 1) is an ongoing source of joy in my life. I’m the CFO of Grameen Foundation, an international NGO that uses microfinance and technology to help the poor around the world. We’re doing a gala in NYC in early April and expect all local Ephs to attend. I’m also hoping we can get Russell Simmons to attend in order to help reinvigorate my street cred. I’m planning to connect with **Seth Bair, Peter Sinclair, Jeff Rhodes, Sam Coxe, Mike Schulte and Dan DeSnyder** in NYC prior to the gala to re-enact Seth’s bachelor party.”

**Marc Mantell** had his third child in August—Maggie Virginia Mantell. Jack, Luke, mom Joanna and daddy are all very happy.

**Kate Boyle Ramsdell** contributes, “It’s been a heckuva few months, to put it mildly. I have the ridiculous and wonderful benefit of a yearlong sabbatical from my job at Noble & Greenough School after 13 years of working there. So, my husband and I pulled up roots! We tallied the number of places where we’ve spent a night since July 1, and we came up with 43. ... We kicked off our travels with a big road trip (2,900 miles of driving) through the southeast U.S.; along the way we had the pleasure of staying with **John Young** for two nights in North Carolina. Then we volunteered at a school in Johannesburg, African Leadership Academy, for six weeks in the early fall. After that, we spent a month living in Rome, and we just got back from an eight-week stretch of throughout Europe and connecting with old friends. Now, cursing the weak dollar, we’re home in Boston for the foreseeable future! It’s been a gift of unbelievable proportions, to say the least.”

**Nathan Day and Dawn Biehler** had a pretty great 2010, and 2011 shows a lot of promise. For the second year running, Nathan led the point series for the men’s division of the East Coast Outrigger Racing Association. Dawn submitted the first draft of her book about the history of domestic pests and pesticides.

And they welcomed their daughter, Alice Day-Biehler, into the world on Dec. 31!

**Kirsten Paquette Rigney** is feeling great about 2011. “11 is my lucky number, so I have a good feeling about this year. As for news, we welcomed Rigney 3.0, Abel Isaac Rigney, into the world on June 15. He is the most easy-going, placid baby and has made the transition from man-to-man to zone defense a piece of cake; definitely the MVP of the family. I took six months of maternity leave from my job as an assistant attorney general in CT and thoroughly enjoyed the unusually warm weather as well as the chance to be totally domestic. In early November, I traveled to Cleveland to see **Garet Asbury Libbey** and her husband **Matt ’98** and their adorable daughter **Adelia**. They are well, and we enjoyed the first snowfall of the season.”

**Greg Hammond** writes, “My wife and I are now settled in Nashville, and my first semester at my new job teaching Latin American and U.S. history at Austin Peay State University have gone very well. But my biggest news is that my new book, *The Women’s Suffrage Movement and Feminism in Argentina from Roca to Perón*, will come out this spring from the University of New Mexico press. Later this year I will also be leading a study abroad program in Argentina.”

**Henry Roe** and wife Laura Merrick Roe (Carleton ’98) welcomed Felix William Roe on Nov. 28 after 32 hours of labor without any pain meds. Says Henry, “He was born in the middle of a snowstorm here in Flagstaff. (Precipitation is always welcome here, though I’d be OK if we don’t get six feet of snow in five days like we did last winter.) Everyone is doing great. Felix is an amazingly calm kid, and to brag for just one moment, most nights only wakes us up once or twice briefly.”

**Dave Vosburg** was recommended for tenure at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., where he teaches chemistry. He and wife **Kate (Hedden) Vosburg ’98** now have three children, including pseudo-twins! Nate is 4, adopted daughter Isabella is 2, and new foster son Diego is just one month younger than Isabella. Dave comments, “Having Diego join the family is hilarious, in part because Isabella looks just like Dora the Explorer (Dora’s cousin and cartoon



companion is named Diego). Further hilarity results from the extreme contrast in verbal abilities (favoring Isabella) and athletic talent (favoring Diego)."

**Alex St. Clair** and wife Julie had another baby boy, Lauriston, in June. "Big brother Penn is very excited and breaks out into a big smile whenever Laurie looks at him. Should be wrapping up a home renovation by the end of January (which will be early, knock on wood), and it will be nice to move back into our house after being out for five months. Other than that, things are much the same," he writes.

First-timer **Tammy Palmer** wrote: "I never report, but in honor of my new son, I thought I'd send an email. Miro Baldwin Ntanda was born on July 31 to my husband (Timothy Ntanda) and I. Also, we're leaving Lima, Peru (where I'm a Foreign Service officer (i.e., diplomat) with the U.S. Agency for International Development) and heading to Monrovia, Liberia, in March."

As for me, I've seen snippets of you guys here and there. Had the pleasure of sharing Thanksgiving with **Shayla Harris**, who is steadily making waves at *The New York Times* (please check out her videos on their website). **Amina Abrahams** and I caught up for dinner and a check-in to make sure we still rule the NYC streets (we do). And in my new hometown of Miami, Fla., I had the rare privilege of running into Dr. **David Monoky** at Art Basel festivities.

Hope the year is shaping up nicely for you all, and as always, ever curious to know how you are all doing. Be well, class! xoB

## 1998

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Hello, and happy 2011 to all of you! While writing up these notes, I heard on the radio that the National Weather Service has declared that every state but Florida and Hawaii have snow on the ground. What a way to start the year!

**Leah (Pollak)** and **Jason Abel** reported in from Michigan, saying: "The three kids, ages 6, 4 and 2, keep us happy and busy." Their Thanksgiving travels took them East, where Leah reports that they managed to meet up with **Dee Sullivan** at the Ridgewood Pancake House in

N.J. "The portions were massive, the pancakes were delicious and the kids loved the chocolate chip cornbread!" They continued on to New Paltz, N.Y., for a family reunion, where 6-year-old Jack had the "best adventure of his life" climbing a rock scramble to the tower at the top of Mohonk Mountain. It was an adventure for Jason, too: Leah reports that the scramble destroyed a pair of good brown shoes and Dockers pants.

**Katie Schultz** shared news of a minireunion that she and her husband hosted last October at her family's country house in Northwestern Connecticut—"the very southern end of the Berkshires," she writes, at the height of the fall colors. The leaf-peepers included **Micaela Coady**, **Britta (Beenhakker) Mullany**, **Kate Taylor**, **Liz** and **Chris Little**, **Erica Bollerud** and **Kai Collins**, as well as spouses and children—"in all, 12 adults, six kids under 3, and two large dogs," she notes. "There was lots of laughter, singing, lounging around a roaring fire and much wine gratefully consumed once the little ones were asleep," she adds. "It was a joy to be together again, and we are hoping this can become an annual fall event."

**Evelyn Spence** reports: "I'm still living with my wonderful roomie **Veronica Roberts** in Park Slope, but I think I've been gone more than I've been home." Since we last heard from her, she's been backpacking in the Smoky Mountains, traveled to Israel, spent a month as a MacDowell Colony fellow—where she worked on a forthcoming novel—and spent a few weeks exploring Costa Rica with her family. As a result, she notes, "I managed to miss the Brooklyn tornado and the New York blizzard!" Yet she's still connected to New York life: "Despite being on the go," she writes, "I still think I may qualify for some sort of frequent-buyer program at the Metropolitan Opera—and I don't even owe any shifts at the food co-op. Freelance life is the life!"

**Jonathan "J.O." Oakman** welcomed a new addition in 2010: Daughter Maggie Dhein, who arrived in May. "She's highly entertaining at 7 months, and after a couple of months of adjustment, brother Jack, 3½, has become enamored of his baby sister," J.O. writes. The Oakmans were in Colorado over Thanksgiving, where they caught up with **Nathan Pieplow**, **Brian**

**Safyan** and his family. "We chased the kids around the Children's Museum in Denver and then went out for excellent dim sum," he adds.

**Kate (Hedden) Vosburg** writes with news of a new arrival: foster son Diego, who they are hoping to adopt. "We now have Nate, 4, Isabella, 2, and Diego, 2," she writes. Because of the similar ages, she says, she is often asked whether Isabella and Diego are twins. "Depending on my mood, the level of craziness of the kids, and how much time I want to spend," she writes, "I answer 'yes', 'no' and an explanation about adoption, or 'sort-of,' which leaves people a bit confused." The other good news in the Vosburg household is that husband **Dave '97** has been recommended for tenure at Harvey Mudd College. "So it looks like we'll be staying in SoCal until the Big One hits!" she notes.

Children are big news for **Rik Dugan** as well. "The Dugans are blessed in 2011," he writes. "It is all about the children!" His children, Isabella and Roderik, attended the birthday party of 3-year-old Lil' Bohn—son of **Bohn Vergari**. "We partied hard in the Little Gym (not unlike our days back in Lasell)," he writes, "with Nolan and August Francis (sons of **Jon** and **Julie Francis '99**)." The Williams connections do not end there: Roderik and **Matt '99** and **Kathleen Sigrist's** daughter Katie play on a soccer field that reminds Rik of Cole Field.

**Bill Kelsey** writes with big news of a Westward migration: After five "great" years in London, he and his family have returned to the U.S. "My son Sebastian, 3½, was born and so far raised in the U.K.," he writes, "but as we settle into our new home in Connecticut he's quickly losing the accent he had picked up over there." Bill adds that the move meant taking a job with a different hedge fund—"and it's a happy coincidence that I have joined a British firm and thus get the chance to go back and visit London regularly for business." For the moment, he's looking forward to settling in to life in the States: "Living abroad is great," he notes, "but it's also nice to be home."

To commemorate what she describes as a "big year, full of changes," **Kristin (Frentzel) Regen** submitted her first class notes update. Her May wedding to Jeff Regen (Swarthmore '91) brought the chance to reconnect

with several Prospect West entymates. She writes: “We were so honored to have **Steph Kampf, Ray Haraguchi, Laurie Townsend** and **Helen Hong** join us in Leesburg, Va., for the big day!” Kristin and Jeff honeymooned in Ecuador and the Galapagos. Highlights included hiking the Grand Canyon and participating in the Austin LIVESTRONG Challenge, for which they biked 45 miles through the Texas Hill Country—“which, it turns out, is very aptly named,” Kristin notes. The fall brought another mix of excitement and challenge. “After 12 years with the federal government working on national security issues,” Kristin writes, “I decided to partner with my sister to launch a new graphic design studio specializing in custom wedding invitations: [www.lilypad-weddings.com](http://www.lilypad-weddings.com).” She reports that she loves the creative outlet—“coupled with the completely different set of challenges associated with being an entrepreneur.”

**Lindsay Tucker** writes with news of a second marriage of sorts: “My wife Marta and I got married again, this time for fun rather than for immigration purposes.” They were married in September in Asturias in northern Spain. “We had a good crowd of Williams folks,” Lindsay notes, “including **Braddums Johnston**, Señor **Gerht Lubitz**, **Ned Sahin**, **Dave Rubin**, **John Williams**, **Peter and Emily Tucker** ’03 and **Zach Mully** ’99, whom the Spanish still refer to as ‘El Oso Yogi’ for his picnic-crashing ability.” The wedding goes stayed in bungalows on a hillside overlooking the Cantabrian Sea—“known to the rest of the world as the Atlantic Ocean,” Lindsay notes, and enjoyed three days of wedding-related activities and relaxation. The fun included “a serious barbecue, getting lost on one-lane back roads, paddle tennis, bet-induced 6 a.m. public nudity, leisurely sightseeing, lots of great food, beer, local cider, wine and even the RIDDLE OF STEEL.” Lindsay adds: “Before the wedding I was a little worried about having asked folks to come so far, but everyone had a blast, and many of us did things we haven’t done since college.”

**Ned Sahin** writes that his and wife Nicole’s planned six-city Christmas trip ended with them stranded for three days due to the East Coast blizzard. The experience “underscores how nice it is to be able to rollerblade the miles-long beach strips in T-shirts in

January in San Diego,” he notes. They did manage to visit **Lindsay Tucker**, whom Ned describes as “still glowing from his wedding,” and **John Williams**, whom Ned describes as “living the life as partner in his law firm in Wilmington and with a house full of more tricks than a James Bond set.” Fall adventures included an Oregon mountaineering expedition with **Chris Bell**. “The leader canceled at the last moment, then the secondary guide,” Ned writes, “so the three of us left forged on for eight hours in driven, near-freezing rain and thick fog, barely able to see the cairns that marked the trails. We did some fun climbing on the glacier with our crampons and ice axes, and glissaded down.” Ned reports that it was a great trip, although it required serious recovery time, “especially given the six-hour mountain biking ‘warm-up’ the day before!”

**Rob Wittenmyer** writes in from a waterlogged Australia, although he reports that Sydney is doing fine. “Since I ticked the box for ‘major life event’ last year with the birth of my son Elijah,” he writes, “this time I will tick the box for ‘world travel.’” Rob spent April on a round-the-world speaking tour, “inviting myself to seven universities in five countries (U.S., Germany, Japan, China and Thailand) to talk about our latest planet-search results.” While traveling, he caught up with **Purcell Won** in San Francisco and **Leo Tsai** in Boston. One long trip was not enough, however, and in August Rob embarked on another round-the-world jaunt—this time for a series of conferences. While in the U.S., he reunited with **Lindsay Tucker**, **John Williams** and **Will Woodfield**. “After all these years and thousands of miles, it was amazing how we all picked things up like it was ’98 again,” he writes. Workwise, “it has been a good year, as we have announced five new planets, and I was fortunate to win two new grants from the Australian version of the NSF.” As a result, Rob will be in Australia for another few years but promises to make the 2013 15-year reunion.

As for me, I’ve headed West, to Denver, where the sun shines almost every day and the mountains are beautiful. I hope that 2011 is bringing good things to all of you and look forward to hearing from you later this spring.

## 1999

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The most challenging part of writing class notes—aside from guilt-tripping reluctant classmates into writing me—is how to organize all the information I get. It clogs my inbox with biographical chaos that must somehow be stitched into a pleasing, or at least coherent, whole. So how to proceed? Geographically, north to south? That’s sure to anger the Southerners out there. Alphabetically? I’d get an earful from **Julie Zlotnick**, who surely must be tired of being last. Chronologically, by when the email was received? Where’s the craft in that?

So until I come up with my Unifying Theory of Class Notes Organization—UTCNO, for short—here’s what we’ll do. First the babies, because they’re the cutest and there seem to be a lot of them lately. Next, marriages. You spend that much on a wedding, you should at least get a prominent mention in the CN. Then, “other life changes” for those of you who had non-baby, non-wedding big stuff happen. Finally, there’s the uncategorizable random stuff, because I can’t think of any more good categories. So here goes...

**Ethan Gutmann** wrote to announce the birth of Elliot Timothy Gutmann on Jan. 3 to him and wife Rachel. In preparation for the new arrival, the Gutmanns bought a house in Louisville, Colo. **Emily Ronald** and husband Michael Veloso welcomed Julian Charles Veloso, born Sept. 3. When she’s not busy being a new mom, Emily is progressing toward her PhD in religious and theological studies at Boston University, where she is now all-but-dissertation.

**June Wang** and husband Ed welcomed their first child, Jacob (Jake) Ian Chang, born Sept. 18. June and family are living in the Bay Area, where she is working for The William & Flora Hewlett Foundation in the area of knowledge management. After taking some time off with the baby, June returned to work in the New Year and is hoping she’ll manage some

sleep between being a busy mom and a busy professional.

Living in New York, **Gwen Shufro** and her husband Jonathan Bauer announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Madison Bauer, on Nov. 20. **Katie Gardner** and husband Mike added another girl to their family when Avery Elizabeth was born on Sept. 2—or “90210,” as Katie puts it. **Alex Egan** is the little girl’s godmother and came to St. Louis for the baptism.

Another new mom is my former housemate **Marina (Gisquet) Knight**, who writes that she and husband **Chip** ’08 moved to Norwich, Vt., and had a baby in November. Keeping with Knight family tradition, they named the baby Cedar. Chip is head coach of the women’s ski team at Dartmouth, and Marina is looking to resume her career in media-related work. She also runs a nonprofit called the T2 Foundation, which supports and mentors up-and-coming ski racers.

**Edward McPherson** is the proud papa of 7-pound, 8-ounce, Penelope Rose McPherson (aka Penny), born to him and wife Heather on Dec. 13, the day after an epic blizzard in their hometown of Minneapolis. “By the time this is printed, I bet she’ll already have complained about the weather,” Edward predicts. Another winter baby is Lucienne (Lucie) Greyson Blood, born to **Leigh Olmsted Blood** and husband Rob on Dec. 22.

**Katie Minton Aisner** and her husband Dave relocated from New York to Dallas last summer and promptly gave birth to the couple’s second child, Miles. Also relocating and then having a child were **Heather Rutherford** and husband Naveen Viswanath, who moved from Denver to Niwot, Colo., before welcoming son Sam Gopal Viswanath on Nov. 3. Like many of our class’s babies, the new tot had a Williams visitor within a week, as **Lindsay Beach Petersen** visited the happy family.

And last but not least on the baby front, **Leah Doret** reports that she and her husband were joined by their second daughter, Victoria Lynn Fisher, on Oct. 8. “She did receive the requisite Williams regalia for Christmas this year so is stepping out in style!” Leah writes. Leah returned to work as a family doctor in January and enjoys having adult conversations again after months of goo-goo ga-ga.

Joining me as recent newlyweds

are **Arlene Spooner, Sarah Spivack** and **Rich von Bargaen**. Arlene enjoyed a honeymoon in Aruba after her Oct. 9 marriage to Mike Hirsch. Williams attendees were **Jonathan Crabtree** ’93, **Barbara (Spooner) Crabtree** ’93, **Leigh (Winter) Martin** ’99, **Kathleen Mason** ’99, **Laura (Moberg) Lavoie** ’99, **Jennifer (Hurley) Kujawa** ’99, **Jennifer Walcott** ’99, **Hans Davies** ’99, **Emily (Palmer) Janz** ’99 and **Al Spooner** ’63. She reports that the dance floor was full all night—always a sign of success in my book.

Last summer in Santa Barbara, **Sarah Spivack** married David LaRosa, a creative director who works in advertising. “He’s like Don Draper but without the womanizing, whiskey or corner office,” she writes. **Emily (Williams) Bloom** attended the wedding with her husband Jon. Sarah also reports that she’s successfully launched her own business producing video and audio projects, writing scripts and serving as a speech-writer for corporate executives. She lives in Venice, Calif.

Also over the summer, **Rich von Bargaen** and **Suela Nako** ’00 tied the knot in NYC on June 5, after which they honeymooned on the Hawaiian island of Lana’i. In attendance were **Bob Alcalá** ’98, **Jason Eisenstadt**, **Matt Garland** ’98, **Ashley Kidd** ’00, **Franchie Kim** ’00, **Thien Lam** ’98, **Aram Mardian** ’97, **Tyson Matsumoto**, **Pranj Mehta**, **Farrah Musani** ’00, **Ji-Eun Rim** ’00, **Carolyn Spiegel** ’00, **Kayser Strauss** ’00 and **Mark Tanno** ’00 and Dinny and Mark Taylor.

Several of our classmates are moving on to bigger and better things—finishing degrees, changing careers or moving to a new city. **Kendra Field** reports that after several years in education and nonprofit work in New York, she completed her PhD in history at NYU and is now a professor at UC Riverside. She is completing her first book and enjoying life with husband Khary, a writer/director.

Also stepping into the classroom is **Katie Westbrook Redding**, who is completing a teaching apprenticeship in Vermont for those transitioning to education from other careers. Katie will be a middle school social studies teacher while raising her own kids, 4-year-old J.D. and 18-month-old Lyla. When they’re not busy raising their own families, she sees fellow Vermonters **Katherine Nolan Joyce** and **Robyn (Markham) Harrington**.

**Meg (Randall) Park** is in her final year of medical school at Michigan State and is now interviewing for an internal medicine residency. Among the cities she and husband **Eddie Park** ’98 are considering are LA, New York, Boston, Seattle and Portland, Ore. Meg reports that during her interview travels she ran into **Anna Loge** ’99 at the University of Washington and did morning rounds with **Honora Englander** ’98 at another hospital.

The biggest move under way is **Dave Talone’s** imminent return to the U.S. after nearly four years in Latin America, where he mostly has been teaching ESL at a school in Medellín, Colombia. He plans to bring his Colombian girlfriend back with him, and he hints there could be wedding bells in the future.

Perhaps an equally big move, culturally, **Loryn Kipp** has left life as a B&B owner in Kennebunkport, Maine, for the balmy clime of Anchorage, Ky. Loryn’s partner Finn will be joining the family corrugated manufacturing business, and Loryn will be practicing how to say “y’all” without sounding like a Yankee.

**Brett Linck**, an Air Force doctor, was promoted to major, became a flight surgeon—a doctor who takes care of air crews—and landed an enviable assignment at a base in Germany. As part of the transition to becoming a flight surgeon, Brett underwent some training that medical school didn’t quite get him ready for—parachute training, water survival and wilderness survival school. Brett, his wife and their two kids are enjoying the castles and cultural attractions of Germany. He plans to be there for three or four years.

Also in Europe, **Marc Barreda** completed his first semester of a master’s program at the Sandberg Institute in Amsterdam, where he is studying to become a master glass blower. Last Christmas (2009) Marc was on the flight from Amsterdam to Detroit that the “Underwear Bomber” tried to blow out of the sky. Fortunately Marc was uninjured, and his trip home this year was much less eventful. He also had a recent visit from **Nathan Foster** ’98, who was passing through Amsterdam on his way to India and China.

**Mike Hodel** had perhaps the coolest update this time, as he won two episodes as a contestant on *Jeopardy!* in October. (I Googled it to see if he was BSing me, and it’s true.) While not

schmoozing with Alex Trebek, Mike is doing political science research for a professor at MIT. Mike visited **Chris Rodriguez** in Brussels, where he works for the State Department. He also visited with **Jon Francis** and **Julie Cantatore** while they vacationed on Cape Cod with their two children, August and Nolan. Julie practices pediatric dermatology in Scarsdale, and Jon is an attorney in New York. Rounding out his Eph tour, Mike traveled to South Bend, Ind., to visit **James Sieradzki** and his family. James is working hard to build his orthopaedic surgery practice while raising two young children.

Also in Boston, **Laura Brenneman** reports that she and her partner Kathy are shocked that their son is a year old and crawling around already. Besides being a mom, Laura is in her second year of a postdoc at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, which she has been enjoying. The family spent two weeks in Greece during the fall, which she says was amazing. She is filling up her limited spare time playing on soccer, basketball and baseball teams.

Back in our beloved Berkshires, **Becky Logue-Conroy** is working at an internship in Pittsfield for her master's in social work, which she expects to complete in August. She and her twin daughters Maeve and Meiris attended the Williams-Amherst game at the 'Herst with **Anazette Williams** and **Julie Ruscsek** and their kids. The kids "quite enjoyed the Moo-cow Marching Band, showing off their dance moves to anyone who would pay attention," she writes.

In Brooklyn, **Tyler (Lewis) Perry** fears she is losing the battle against testosterone, as her son Elliot, husband and "masculine pug"—is there such a thing?—are conspiring to turn her home into one big man cave. She is still working in public relations from a home office in said man cave. Fortunately, Tyler was able to call in reinforcements in the form of **Mimi Bartow Morris**, who with her husband moved to Brooklyn Heights last fall. In November Tyler had a Williams-ful dinner with **Katie Minton Aisner** and husband Dave, **Mimi, Nina Howell Patterson** and **Katama Guernsey Eastman**. She also sees **Kathleen Higgins Sigrist** and **Sarah Kline**.

**Laura Jacobs** and **Jon Kravis** spent New Year's Eve with **David** and **Emily Glendinning**, **Hans Davies** and **Jennifer Walcott** and **Cora Ganzglass** '97. "We

barely made it till midnight," she reports. Happens to the best of us, L.J. Jon is occupying himself by turning their son William into a true Philadelphia Eagles fan by teaching him to say "Where's the flag?!" while pulling an imaginary flag from his belt.

**Katie Montgomery**, a Chicago resident, was looking forward to a visit in April from her two best girlfriends, **Julie Belcher** and **Kelly McAdam**. **Matt Sigrist** and **Kathleen** visited **Ken Becker** and his wife Erin, who are the proud parents of a new baby girl. The Sigrists also celebrated Thanksgiving with **John** and **Imelda Berry-Candelario** in Worcester, Mass. **Emily (King) Teraoka** reports that she and husband Jason and went down to Palo Alto last fall to attend a '49ers game with **Leigh (Winter) Martin** and her husband Justin.

**Zack Grossman** had a visit from **Ken Hurley** and her family, who live in Butte, Mont., over New Year's. In March, Zack was to join old pals **Steve Bennett** and **Antony Blaikie** for a skiing trip in British Columbia. He also had back-to-back random Eph sightings in November, when he ran into **Elissa Hallem** on a flight to Tucson and then found himself lined up next to **Lindsay Sellers** at the Santa Monica Mountains Trail.

**Rich von Barga**n also has some less happy news to report: "**Matt Birkovich**—many of you will remember him by his guide dog on campus, Nassau—is living in California and battling cancer. He can be reached via his blog <http://mattbvscancer.com> to say hello and send encouragement." We're pulling for you, Matt!

That's all for this time, folks. Keep in touch, and have a great 2011!

## 2000

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Another short and sweet edition of notes, and we will get to it in a moment, but first I wanted to remind you the newest way to share updates with the class: The "Williams Class of 2000 Fast Notes" group on Facebook. Perfect for time-sensitive news, organizing gatherings, sharing pictures and posting editor-forbidden MLE news, I hope you will give Fast Notes a shot if you haven't already. The traditional

class notes will always be here—we're just giving you more choices to stimulate interaction. OK? OK! Now, on to your news:

**Alison Davies** got right to the point, sharing that she has started a financial planning business in Oakland, and that **Bria Larson** has started an acupuncture practice in San Francisco. When I typed "Bria Larson Acupuncture" into Google, the phrase came up in the recommendations immediately. A good sign, I think. **Lili (Anderson)** and **Britton Mann** still live in Portland, Ore., and as of this writing they were "hunkering down for the long rainy season." Lili is finishing a dermatology residency and plans to spend a year in a fellowship in pediatric dermatology, while Britton is in year three of four of his graduate studies in Chinese medicine. They took a trip to the beautiful island of Kauai in August for a conference, then had a great time celebrating with **Becca Parkinson** and **Elise (Estes) Morgan** at Becca's wedding in Teton, Idaho, in September.

**Yana (Dadiamova) Levin** is "shocked to discover myself still a pulmonary/critical care fellow at the University of Rochester." This year, she plans to start a new job as a semi-academic intensivist at Rochester General Hospital. For those curious, Microsoft Word does not believe that "intensivist" is a word, but a Google search reveals 281,000 results. Yana was expecting a visit from **Jason Oraker** in April "for intense discussions about college sports and a likely trip to a Sabres game." Continuing a completely unplanned string of medically-themed updates, **Andrew Morris-Singer** (formerly Andrew Singer) finished his residency and founded a nonprofit called Primary Care Progress, a grassroots network working to revitalize the U.S. primary health care system and help the next generation of health professionals see a future for themselves in primary care. You can check out Andrew's organization at [www.primarycareprogress.org](http://www.primarycareprogress.org).

**Torie Gorges** is "continuing to try to survive the first year with twins" and hoping that things magically get easier at the 366-day mark. Little ones Molly and Andrew are "working on learning to walk and talk," Torie is working on a slow return to work as an education researcher, and the whole family is working on getting more sleep. She had a fantastic get-together last fall with



## 2001

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**Debbie (Ebert) Bloss** and her family, **Becky Iwantsch**, **Steve Roman**, **Mariya Hodge** and **Jeff Grant**.

Torie reports that Ella Bloss, daughter of Debbie, tried to steal Molly and Andrew's toys, but they teamed up against her. Zoe Grant, the big girl at 18 months, had the upper hand and managed to drag Andrew by his feet across the floor amidst the baby chaos. He seemed amused, Torie says.

One of our class's two fine Cooneys checks in this time. Can you guess which one? I'll give you a minute ... it could be Owen or Haynes ... OK, it's **Owen Cooney**, who in 2010 returned from Japan, where he had been living for a number of years, and is now enrolled in graduate school at Columbia University. His program is the regional studies, East Asia program (MARSEA). Owen reports that "it has been a bit of an adjustment coming back to the U.S., but I am enjoying it so far. It was good to catch up with people at the 10-year reunion, and it was like people had hardly changed at all. I'm not sure about my plans after school, but for now I am enjoying life in NYC and hope to catch up with anybody who happens to be here."

**Katherine Birnie**, **Aya Reiss** and **Lauren Buckley** went on a backcountry ski trip in Colorado during the winter. Katherine reports that they enjoyed "loads of snow and sun and mountains." Katherine also had a fun time at **Ethan Plunkett's** wedding last summer, along with **Dave Walfish**, **Shara Pilch**, the aforementioned Ms. Buckley and a bunch of great folks from other classes. Next we have Class Notes All-Pro **Cara Shortleeve**, who reports that "Life is great!" Cara, her husband Nick and their little guy Finn had just moved into a bigger apartment as of this writing, which, Cara reports, makes Mom, Dad and baby much happier. Cara spent New Year's with **Megan (Doherty) Kelley** and her husband Andrew at their home in South Dartmouth, Mass. They video chatted with **Marie Michel Tasse** and got a chance to meet her newest baby, Jumiel, while her 2-year-old, Malaya, jumped around in the background. They also caught up with **Sarah (Sheppe) Okun**, who was in the process of pushing her twin babies on a swing. Finally, Cara passed along news of the "Eph-tastic" wedding of her cousin **Maggie Miller '07** to **Ryan Scannell '07**.

Congratulations go out to **Ben Smeal**, who married Diana White

(Wesleyan '01) in September in New Canaan, Conn., in front of a host of Ephs. Ben and Diana met at Columbia Business School and both graduated in 2007.

Ben has been working at a hedge fund in New York since then and frequently goes running with **Pat Andersen** in Central Park, wearing his Williams shirt. Ben is "pleased to report I frequently get thumbs up from passing alums." Let's stay with MLEs for a bit here: **Becca (Norwick)** and **Peter Eyre** are pleased to announce the birth of their son and second child, Colin Zachary Eyre, on Sept. 27. Becca reports that Colin is a very happy baby and that big sister Zoe absolutely dotes on him. **Kat (Oetjen) Jackson** welcomed her second child, Oliver Oetjen Jackson, on Sept. 12. Kat reports that Oliver's parents are overjoyed, whereas his big sister is "mostly overjoyed."

In May 2010, **Gabriela Pereira** received an MFA in creative writing from The New School, where she studied writing for children. As Gabriela puts it: "This means I got to read books like Harry Potter and write stories about boogers for graduate credit. I know—awesome right?" These days, she is a freelance writing teacher and, shortly before sending in her update, closed on a new home.

In the middle of September, **Elise (Estes) Morgan** flew out to Idaho with Emily (then 23 months), Erik (then 8 weeks old) and her husband Chris for the aforementioned Parkinson nuptials. The Morgans had a great time hiking and relaxing, as I saw in the two very cute photos that Elise included in her email. In December, Elise hosted **Ann Brophy** for a visit, during which Ann gave little Erik a bath, allowing mom to feed Emily. **Ann Brophy** is also way overdue for a class notes update!

**Tom and Kate (Flynn) Grant** bat cleanup for us this time. When things slowed down a bit at work over the holidays, Tom had the chance to meet up with both **Dave L. Adams** and **Dennis DeBassio**. At home, the Grants were treated to visits from **Lily (Filip) Trajman** and her sons Gideon and Asher as well as from **Steve Gray** and his son Zachary.

That's all, folks. Until next time...

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**Andrew Sullivan** wins this season's prize for most best entry. He nearly won *Jeopardy!* after racking up more than \$16,000 and getting the question right in Final Jeopardy. Unfortunately for him, he was competing against a soon-to-be nine-day champion.

**Fumi Tosu** wrote from New York, where he is finishing a graduate program in development practice at Columbia University. He is newly engaged and will soon set up a U.S. office for a Japanese organization called Table for Two.

**Chris Koegel** and his wife **Susan Levin Koegel '02** welcomed daughter Shelby on Jan. 3. Chris reported that Shelby has already started socializing with other Eph kids, including a visit from **Will Ouimet's** 2-year-old son Wilson and a Skype date with **Rob Adamo's** infant daughter Amelia.

**Aaron Marsh**, his wife and 1-year-old son moved to Richmond, Va., where Aaron teaches math and coaches lacrosse and wrestling at the Collegiate School. Aaron wrote that **Brendan Kinnell '00** is another member of the Collegiate School faculty and lives in the area with his wife **Katie '00** and their two daughters.

**Jennifer Valic** welcomed twins Gabriella and Luka on Sept. 27. While most twins make an early arrival, Jennifer carried hers until 39 weeks. The twins join big brother Leo, 4, and Julietta, 2. She runs her business from home and hopes to get their family farm fully up and running—she figures they can add more animals since they've added more farmhands to their crew!

**Verena Arnabal** is headed to Disney World in March and fully expects to experience Disney princess overload. She is working part time and enjoying the opportunity to spend more time with Maya, her 2½-year-old daughter. Verena and family live in Long Island City.

**Annaliis (Abrego) and Scott Canty '98** welcomed their third son, Thomas Benjamin, on Dec. 15. Annaliis writes, "He was a week late, and clearly nature intended to give him a leg up in keeping up with brothers."

Thomas weighed about a pound and a half more than either of his brothers at birth.

**Gillian Green** moved to Philadelphia from Atlanta to take her first job as an “official” psychologist. She is a clinical manager at Northern Home for Children, an agency that serves at-risk kids and families. Before starting the job, she traveled to London and visited with **Tori (Henrion) Weir** and went skiing in Utah. On her drive to Philadelphia, Gillian stopped in DC to visit **Kalah Auchincloss**. Kalah is in graduate school in Boston but was completing a three-week internship at the FDA. Gillian also reported that **Sandra DiPillo** lives in Brooklyn and works as a school-based therapist in Staten Island and that **Beth Powers** is “seriously involved in new motherhood and all the many, many things that entails.”

**Kivlina (Sheperd) Block** and her husband welcomed their third child, Jane Margery, on December 17. Kivlina reports, “She’s a great sleeper, and we are so happy to have her.”

**Johanna Kolodny** loves her job as a forager for Print restaurant in New York and recommends that classmates come by for great food and drinks and a killer rooftop bar. She returned from a work trip to California, where she stayed with **Robyn Goldman** and her fiancé and met **Ellie Carother’s** son Will.

**Ryan Mayhew** is looking for a job as he finishes his residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago. He traveled to New York with his girlfriend over Labor Day and met up with **Keith Chu** and his wife to enjoy some beautiful post-hurricane weather. Ryan also mentioned that he was literally “almost run over by **Dave Golden** as he was furiously pedaling his bike across the Brooklyn Bridge. Bewildered onlookers were treated to Dave’s cries of ‘That’s **Ryan Mayhew**, I went to college with that guy’ as he zoomed away.”

**Carissa Carter** continues to work as a designer with Herman Miller



From left, Tanu Kumar '01, Shakti Callikan, Rishaad Currimjee '01, and Sharmistha Ray '01 caught up in Goa for the Diwali weekend in October.

and moved to Hong Kong in October. She had been living in Western Michigan and noted that “these places are about opposite in every way.” Before leaving Michigan, she enjoyed playing on the dunes with **Moira Shanahan**. When Carissa and her husband Ty first arrived in Hong Kong, **Geraldine Shen** and her husband **Joe Bergeron** happened to be visiting, and the four had fun exploring the city together.

**Lock and Polly (Benes) Reynolds** welcomed Henry James in October. Henry James, named after Lock’s grandfather **Henry Strong** '49 and Polly’s father **James Benes** '69, joins big sister Ella.

**Matt Atwood** spent the winter hiking, sledding and snow shoeing when he wasn’t busy working to give urban kids in Springfield, Mass., a good education.

**Tracy Zanco** moved to Orlando, Fla., in October with her husband Marc. They welcomed the arrival of their first child, Kayla Buffett Hardekopf, on Jan. 19.

**Annie Im** and her husband live in Pittsburgh, where they are completing fellowships at Pitt/UPMC. The couple married in Cape Cod, Mass., on Sept. 25. Annie is in her first year of a hematology/oncology fellowship after completing her residency, including a chief resident year, in internal medicine. Her husband is in his second year of the same fellowship.

**Dan Center** and his girlfriend Evan welcomed daughter Mira on Dec. 5. Dan reports, “I don’t really remember anything in my life before or since.” The happy family lives in Montana and is looking forward to attending reunion in June.

Thanks to all who wrote in!

## 2002

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As I write this, warmed by a steaming mug of tea and serenaded by the clanking radiators, a blizzard is en route. Although the vagaries of New England weather hardly guarantee it, with any luck the leafy greenness of spring will have taken hold by the time these pages are read. In the meantime, though, I welcome the snow and a valid excuse for a lazy day at home.

**Charlie Doret**, writing in from Atlanta, was also enjoying a snow day. Used to Massachusetts winters, he was amused by the paralyzing effects of a mere five inches on that southern city. Charlie and wife **Lida (Ungar)** had just returned from a northerly sojourn over the holidays. “This was highlighted by a visit to **Steve Biller’s** new digs in Watertown, Mass., where he lives with his wife while working at his MIT postdoc,” wrote Charlie. “Steve made us pizza, demonstrated his ‘skills’ with his new pizza machete, and showed off photos of a nightstand he made with **Jeff Crudup** for Jeff’s girlfriend.” Charlie and Lida also hosted the 7th Annual Wandering New Year’s Gathering, held in Eastham, Mass., this year and attended by a number of classmates, including Steve and his wife, **Elizabeth (Moulton) Velez** and her family, **Jason Carini**, **Kate Alexander** and **Cathy (Bryant) Van Orden** and her family. Fondue was consumed.

The only other classmate to

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In December, Laura Spero '02 (right) visited classmate Shoshana Coburn in Kabul.

take up the challenge of reporting exciting weather experiences was **David Ewart**, who wrote in from Chicago with the pronouncement: "It's cold." He and wife Michelle welcomed their first child, Charlotte Rae, on June 17.

The next generation of Ephs has continued to expand with an explosion of new daughters. **Liz (Hole) Knake** welcomed Charlotte Dillon on March 17, while **Jennifer (Greene) and Kenny Marines** '01 were joined by their first child, Gabriella Anne, on Nov. 18. Jennifer was pleased to have been able to stock up on Williams onesies while attending homecoming just 10 days earlier.

On Sept. 19 **Stephanie Pirishis** gave birth to Andrea Sophia Wijpkema, whose many visitors have included **Lucy Suran** '01, **Jill Svoboda** '80, **Kate Alexander** and **Laura Spero**. The busy baby also attended the wedding of **Sarah Croft** '04 and **John BackusMayes** '05 in October, where she fit in some quality time with **Lillian Diaz-Przybyl** '04. In addition to managing her daughter's social life, Stephanie has been working on a new business that she's hoping to launch this year.

**Susan (Levin) and Chris Koegel** '01 welcomed daughter Shelby Ruth on Jan. 3. "We are all learning to love family time between midnight and 5 a.m.," reported Susan at the one-week mark. She and Chris are living in Arlington, Mass., where Susan is a lecturer in the biology department at Tufts. They are looking forward to introducing Shelby to the Purple Valley at their 10-year reunions this summer and next.

In the meantime, Shelby's been getting a head start at befriending

her future classmates. She and Amelia Rose Adamo, born to **Jessica Bauman** and her husband **Robert Adamo** '01 on Nov. 27, have been getting acquainted over Skype. This miracle of modern technology has also allowed Amelia to meet Alek Thielker, the nearly 2-year-old son of **Iva Borisova** and **Greg Thielker**. Iva and Greg have relocated to Delhi, India, where Greg is working on a Fulbright research grant while Iva continues her work with Save the Children regionally. She encourages any passing travelers to get in touch.

**Emilie Mathieu** also undertook a big move last year, trading law firm life in San Francisco for fellowship life in Berlin. She's on a German Chancellor fellowship, studying German executive compensation reform. Emilie noted that while her winter was very long and very cold, the persistence of '80s style "means I can wear leg warmers on a regular basis and stay warm fashionably." We should all be so lucky.

In a nice symmetry, **Elliott Gansner** switched places with Emilie, moving from Berlin to San Francisco. He was to launch the U.S. subsidiary of a small German solar energy company called pvXchange and was looking forward to spending time with **Ben Cannon** and other area Ephs. Ben is getting his PhD in English at Berkeley.

**Josh Burns** is another recent San Francisco transplant, writing in for the first time ever with news of his return home after six years in Boston. He was enjoying the warmer climate and had embraced the area's startup culture with his new job. After

a stint at Electronic Arts, Josh is now working for a Hong Kong-based company that works with independent games developers on Facebook. He noted that the three-person team in SF also includes **Jim Ying** '98, making it "66 percent Williams alumni."

**Nick Minekime** remains based in San Francisco but continues to crisscross the country regularly, spending one week each month at his company's NYC office in order to see more of his girlfriend **Andrea Nogales** '04. Nick had met up with **Brian Connors** '01 during a trip to Detroit and was impressed by his tour of the Motor City.

In Central Michigan, **Topher Goggin** continues to make the most of his law degree by teaching pre-calculus at the local college, announcing high school sports and occasionally going into the office. At submission time, he'd returned from a trip to Duke to visit his sister and try his hand at being a Cameron Crazy. The Goggin siblings, in front row seats and face paint, made it onto national TV during the basketball game. No word yet on how this has affected Topher's client load back home.

**Craig Tamamoto** traded in his NYC law firm job for one in the HR department of an unnameable Wall Street bank and has been adjusting to the change. He shared margaritas and all-you-can-eat tacos with a visiting **Steve Floyd**, and they also caught up with **Maria Lapetina** '04 and **Lili Zimmert** '05.

Craig attended **Andy Grewal's** wedding outside of Chicago in January. Andy, currently a professor at Arizona State University's law school, will be leaving in June to join the faculty of The University of Iowa College of Law as an associate professor. He would love to connect with any Ephs in the Iowa City area.

Wedding bells have rung for a number of other classmates since last fall. **Matt Brothers** got married on Nov. 6 in Decatur, Ga. His sister **Kara Brothers** '07 was a bridesmaid and **Jarod Kidd**, **Craig Fydenkevez**, **Dwight Ho-Sang** and **Andrew Pinkston** were all groomsmen. **Jason Mirach** '01 was also in attendance.

A slew of Williams alums attended the Philadelphia wedding of **Brian Michener** to Laura Bauers on Oct. 2. The couple met in architecture grad school and are now completely renovating a small row house in South Philly.

**Milos Janicek** had a busy job. 95

He got engaged to Erin Patterson in February; opened a second endodontic office in Westerly, R.I.; traveled to the Czech Republic with his fiancée and parents for his 30th birthday in March; and on Oct. 12 he and Erin got married on the island of St. Lucia.

In January 2011, **Tron Wang** traveled from NYC to Korea to act as best man in the wedding of **Hoyoon Nam '01**. **Gideon Lee '03** was a groomsman, and other Ephs in attendance included **Yui Tsao**, **Kevin Hong '01** and **Haibo Gu '00**. Williams' own Professor Cornelius Kubler gave a speech at the ceremony.

The wedding news is rounded out with that of **Michael T. Simerman** to Amanda Sisley (Yale '03) on Sept. 25. The couple got married in Connecticut, where they both grew up, and **Jon Wiener** was the best man. Many Ephs joined the festivities, which continued into Sunday at a "brunch/tailgate" watching the NY Giants game at their local watering hole. Michael is based in Chicago as he works on his dissertation but had wisely scheduled five weeks of research in Hawaii for the middle of winter. He will be spending the summer back in Connecticut, coaching swimming at the Lake Club for his 17th year. Michael reported running into **Richard Bode** and **Jess Paar** at the Chicago broadcast of the Amherst vs. Williams game and had shared a deep-dish pizza with **Alix Partnow** when she passed through town.

Alix wrote in from her iPhone as she waited to board a plane, en route to a job interview in Gaithersburg, Md. She is finishing up her veterinary neurology/neurosurgery residency in Columbia, Mo., and will either be moving to the Chicago 'burbs or back to the East Coast this summer.

**Michael Nazarian** is also finishing up a residency. After completing a five-year stint in general surgery, he'll be leaving Boston in July to begin a two-year fellowship in cardiac surgery at Weill Cornell in NYC. While in Boston, Michael's made the most of his time off with local friends such as **Mark Robertson** and **Andrew Mitchell**. He and Mark made the trek out to Williamstown for homecoming, where they bumped into President Falk and spent an evening at the still-under-renovation home of **Geraldine Shen** and **Joe Bergeron**, both '01. While in DC for a surgical conference last fall, Michael met up with **Sergio**

**Espinosa** and **Joel Iams '01**. Joel, a former Marine, completed his master's degree at Georgetown and is now working at a DC consulting firm. Michael and Sergio sat enthralled over pizza and beer as he told them stories about his Iraq tours and stint as a general's assistant.

Sergio is still working for the House of Representatives in DC and sees a steady stream of '02ers. Regulars include **Mike Paarlberg**, **Freeman Zhu** and **Danielle (Torin) Lafave**. He also reported sightings of **Luis Taboada**, **Andrew Woolf** and **Kerstin Jager**, and last October he ran into **Drew Newman '04** at "the Jon Stewart Million Hipster Rally." At submission time, Sergio had just returned from visiting **Dan Elsea** in England, where, he claims: "We were working on inter-NATO relations for the new year."

**Mike Paarlberg** continues to write for the *Guardian* and *Washington City Paper*. Last December he had a cover story for the *City Paper* on the Washington Ballet's budget woes and decision to lay off its Nutcracker orchestra musicians.

**Heather Brutz** also remains in DC, where she has a new job as the regional organizer for Transportation for America, a coalition of groups working to promote smart growth policies and public transportation. Last September she traveled through six states in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest performing as an oil executive/ringmaster on stilts in a satiric piece of political street theater called "Carnivoil."

**Jess McLeod** has continued her theatrical endeavors as she concludes an MFA in theater directing at Northwestern. Her production of *Venus*, Susan-Lori Parks' play about Saartjie Baartman, will play the Garage @ Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago in June.

**Jasmine Bradley** is also nearing the end of her grad school program, living in Walnut Creek, Calif., as she finishes up a doctorate in clinical psychology. At submission time she was working as a clinical intern in the counseling center at Sonoma State University and was busy filling out more internship applications.

**Benjamin Birney**, in the early stages of his grad school experience, is in the spring semester of his first year at the University of Maine School of Law. He represents his class before the Student Bar Association at Maine Law.

On the other side of the classroom, **Peter Krause** has accepted a tenure-track position in the political science department at Boston College. "I am very happy to be able to stay in Boston, the first home of Eph alums," writes Peter. He and fiancée Alissa Goldhaber, a Connecticut College alumna, plan to marry in July.

**Alex Meriwether** remains in the Boston area, living in Somerville and doing marketing for the Harvard Book Store as well as working on his own art, photography and web design. He maintains a blog about *Good Will Hunting* (blogwillhunting.com), to which **Rolando Garcia** had contributed. "I'm always looking for guest bloggers," invites Alex. "Turns out everyone has something to say about *Good Will Hunting*." The gauntlet has been thrown, classmates.

Farther afield, **Sophie Leon de la Barra** wrote in from the island of Tasmania. She'd been "admiring the local wildlife, which included a variety of marsupials, bogans and a few hippies." No mimes, though. Apparently I am, in fact, the only one to have had such an encounter. Might I suggest a jaunt to the side streets of Warsaw if you're feeling the lack.

**Noëlle Ho-Lam** reported in from Hong Kong on the October visit of Williams trustees **Greg Avis '80**, P'11 and **Joey Horn '87** as well as investment director Collette Chilton and Asian studies professor Neil Kubler and Trustee Emeritus **Jack Wadsworth '61**. Jack hosted cocktails at the American Club and did a presentation on the College's future and strategy, an event attended by over 30 alums and parents. Joey hosted a wonderful dinner at the China Club on the top floor of an old Bank of China building. In addition to the aforementioned, the attendees included **Ragnar Horn '85**, Yolanda and **Russell Yeh '79**, Jerling Kubler, **Helge** and **Carolyn Weiner-Trapness**, both '87, **William Schoenfeld '87**, and **Geraldine Shen** and her husband **Joe Bergeron**, both '01.

**Sarah Philipp** is still in flight school in Pensacola, Fla., with the Navy. She spent the month of December flying the T-6, a fixed-wing plane, and was to spend January flying helicopters. "It's a very cool experience!" she enthused. Sarah finishes the program in April, after which she'll begin working as a flight doctor in an as-yet-undetermined location.

Closer to the ground, **Irena**





Alumni from the classes of 2001 through 2005 gathered with their families for a seventh annual New Year's celebration, which this year took place in Eastham, Mass.

**Hollowell** is living at Acorn Community, a commune in central Virginia. In exchange for great meals, rent-free housing and a share in decision-making, she helps tend the gardens and manage seed orders for their company, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange. "If you want to see for yourself what it's like here, I'll be glad to arrange a visit," invites Irena. By now, one hopes that the seasons are cooperating and springtime planting is well under way.

May it be a bountiful 2011 for all of us.

## 2003

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At the end of last year, two classmates saw their families grow. In October, **Ben Angarita** welcomed a son, Elijah Benjamin Angarita. **Foster Cronin** and his wife Amanda had their first child, a daughter named Eleanor Elizabeth Cronin, in November. They could not be happier.

There were also several weddings. **Katie Mercer** married Jorge Fernandez in September in Malibu, Calif. Classmates in attendance included **Eric Schoenfeld**, **Andrew and Sarah McKinstry-Wu** and **Caitlin Early**. Also at the wedding was **CJ Bak '05**.

**Jennifer Feldman** married Arturo Brillembourg in September in Tarrytown, N.Y., and is now **Jennifer Feldman-Brillembourg**. She is in the last

year of her anesthesia residency at Montefiore Medical Center and is looking forward to graduating in June.

**Binney McCague** married Abdesalam Soudi in October at Welkinweir, an arboretum outside Philadelphia. Soudi is from Morocco and is currently finishing a PhD in sociolinguistics. Binney and Soudi had an intercultural, interfaith wedding that honored both of their heritages and had a wonderful time celebrating. **Lisa Marco** and **Linda Lau** were bridesmaids. Lots of other '03ers were in attendance, including **Kevin Hseuh**, **Caroline Fan**, **Brigitte Teissedre**, **Kyla Dotson**, **Darlene Forde**, **Christina Adams**, **Jiyong Kim** and **Janet Ho**, as were alumni from other years, including **Monty Silva '04**, **Peter Rankin '94**, **Doug Bryant '71** and **Jock Wright '65**.

**Alison Stewart** received her PhD in chemical biology from Harvard University in March and is now working at a small healthcare consulting firm outside of Boston. She is happily continuing to live in Cambridge, Mass., with Dewey, the delightful and lazy Boston terrier she adopted during her thesis writing.

In May, **Emmy Valet** received her master's in music education from the Eastman School of Music. She enjoys teaching chorus, band and general music in Denver.

Last summer, **Bill Sacks** finished his PhD at the University of Wisconsin and moved to sunny Boulder, Colo., where he is doing a joint postdoc with the National Center for Atmospheric Research and the National Ecological Observatory Network. In December, Bill met up with **Nina**

**Chaopricha** and **Jenny Roizen** in San Francisco, where they had fun watching the sea lions in the harbor.

The last time **Nina** was in San Francisco, the 1989 earthquake happened. She went back again in December to the AGU conference, where she enjoyed meeting up with a bunch of Ephs both at the conference and around town, including **Bill and Jenny, Nick Minekime '02**, **Sarah Barger '02**, **Brooke Ray Smith '02**, geosciences professor **Bud Wobus** and a crowd of Williams geosciences folks.

**Perry Kalmus** has expanded his DrinkCity business to San Diego and will be expanding to other cities this spring. San Francisco, Chicago, NYC and Boston are all on the list for phase two. If you know people in San Diego tell them to check it out. "If you don't like half off your drinks, then you're a communist," says Kalmus.

**Marshall Dines** is in his first year of residency in LA. He and Perry often meet up to play bridge with **Justin Ditrach** and **Guy Danella**. Justin got a little angry last time and flipped the table over in a rare rage. After a sincere apology though, the group is actively looking forward to the bridge tournaments of 2011.

Guy produced the film *The Day* in Ottawa. When he wrote in, the filming had just wrapped and he was starting the grassroots campaign. To see the trailer and posters go to [facebook.com/the.day.the.movie](http://facebook.com/the.day.the.movie).

**Rebecca Linder** is in her final year at Harvard Divinity School. She was in Oman for the summer studying Arabic and was heading to Sudan in January. When in Boston, she spends lots of time with **Rachel Berlin '05**, **Katie Rocker**, **Ayesha Fuentes**, **Ben Roth**, **Molly Stone** and **Kathleen Smith**. Rebecca attended a few weddings of Williams alumni, including **Brian Michener '02** and **Matt Wessler '01**. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 10-year reunion.

**Caroline Fan** accepted a job as associate director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance. **Kevin Hsueh** is finishing his third year of residency at NYU.

**Mitchell Green** and his wife **Lisa** spent Christmas in South Africa visiting his family. He reports that work and life are good. He requests that **Raj Bhatia** return his phone calls.

**Fulton Breen** has just moved to Hong Kong after living in Beijing

and London. Fulton would love to hear from any other Ephs living or traveling in the region.

**Maggie Popkin** has been having a wonderful time in Rome on a Fulbright and is looking forward to welcoming a few Eph visitors this spring. She spent the winter holidays in Miami, where her husband **Elliot Morrison** '04 is doing a judicial clerkship. Maggie and Elliot had a blast on the beach on New Year's Eve with **Nicole Theriault** '03, **Adam Grogg** '04 and **Zach Yeskel** '04.

While in Miami, Nicole also caught-up with **Nick Borja** '04 and **Brad Nichol** '02. She loves teaching 2nd grade at The Advent School in Boston, where she is involved in designing a curriculum that emerges from the children's interests. Nicole and fellow elementary school teacher **Jessica Ohly** '02 try to get together once a week to discuss classroom life over a glass of wine.

**Brigitte Teissedre** ran the Philadelphia Marathon last fall sporting a purple cow logo on the back of her shirt. At mile nine, she was pleasantly surprised to bump into **Lindi von Mutius**, who was running the half.

Brigitte, **Caroline Fan**, **Janet Ho**, **Jiyong Kim**, **Linda Lau**, **Kuda Mutyambizi**, **Kyla Dotson**, **Anna Piralkova** and **Monty Silva** met at **Lisa Marco's** apartment in Waltham, Mass., for their traditional New Year's Eve reunion. **Binney McCague**, who could not make it, joined via telephone before midnight.

A recent promotion at her "day job" at the 92nd Street Y is helping **Renee Dumouchel** to finance her true passion—holistic health and movement. She is now a certified Phoenix Rising yoga therapist and yoga teacher and is completing her certification to facilitate yoga therapy groups as well. She spent some time rekindling her love of yoga with **Heather Brubaker** in San Francisco and caught up with **Rachel Berlin** '04 in the shire over the holidays. She continues to perform in NYC with K[WAD] and was invited by Patti Bradshaw to dance in the Harkness Dance Festival in March.

In November, **Dave Brenninkmeyer** and I hosted dinner with **Julia Balduzzi**, **Evelyn Mahony** and **Chris Boucher**. Most of the evening's entertainment was provided by Julia's French bulldog Zoe, who crashed the party and chased our yellow lab Kuma around the apartment in circles. In December, Dave and I

attended the wedding of our JA, **Tracy Conn** '01, who got married on Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. Also at the wedding was **Andy Lee** '93, who happens to be friends with the groom.

## 2004

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Hello from your class secretaries! Usually we have so many notes we can't fit in a greeting, but this time (perhaps due to the weather?) we have a bit less to report, and so can finally put in our 2 cents! OK wait ... now we can't think of anything to say. Darn. Well, here are the updates.

New baby Ephs abounded in recent months. **John** and **Liz (Westly) Arendshorst** had their first daughter, Hadley Arendshorst, on Sept. 25 in Chicago. **Vanessa Rago** and her husband welcomed the arrival of twins (!!) Lucas Mason and Georgina Lee, born Aug. 29. Having two babies and getting a master's degree in healthcare administration is keeping Vanessa very busy. **Katherine Fellens** is living in London, and she and her husband welcomed a baby daughter named Mathilde Fellens on Nov. 15. She can't wait to bring her daughter stateside to introduce her to all her Williams friends as soon as the family can face the long plane ride! On Nov. 16 **Vicky (Bock) van der Geer** gave birth to her first child, Daniel van der Geer. Vicky writes: "My husband and I are enjoying our precious little bundle, though it is a lot of work and little sleep. I'm still living in the Netherlands, and thanks to great European maternity arrangements I'm on leave until next August from my job at pharmaceutical company here."

**Laura Day** writes from Montclair, N.J., where she lives with her husband **Andrew Giarolo**: "I finished my MBA at Fordham University last spring, and the b-school experience has made me enjoy my work in the nonprofit sector (administration of arts-in-education activities) all the more. Rolo is a 2L in the evening division at Seton Hall Law, and we're both starting new jobs this winter: me as manager of education and community engagement

with OPERA America, and Andrew with the IRS Office of the Chief Counsel. We had a great time with **MJ (Prest) Lanum**, **Andrew Kao**, **Dan Murnane** and **Zach Yeskel** at the October wedding of **Sean Gillispie** to Carrie Masur (even though she went to Bates) and looked forward to seeing more Ephs at the January nuptials of **Marcos Sahm**!" **Cyndi Wong** was also excited to travel to NY (and brave the snow) to attend Marcos' wedding to Jenny Mashberg. Cyndi says, "Mazel tov!"

**Ally Matteodo** completed the show *B.Y.O.B.* at the Mackenzie Theater in L.A. **Brendan Docherty** and **Cyndi Wong** both attended a performance along with **Hilary Barraford** '00. At the annual NESCAC holiday party at "The Parlor" on Melrose, Ally caught up with **Genevieve Sparling** and **Spencer Wong**, two fellow Angelenos. Ally garnered the part of Snow White in another theatrical production entitled *Happily Whatever After*, an original play directed by Chris Berube. Opening night was Dec. 14 at the NextStage Theater in Hollywood. Ally also appeared on the Spanish dating show *12 Corazones*, where she represented a member of the vampire women. The theme of the episode was Vampire Women vs. Wolfmen, and Ally realized that she may need to brush up a bit on her Spanish.

In November **John Haywood** and **Taylor Tyson** '06 got married at John's Island in Vero Beach, Fla. Thirty-seven Ephs made the trip to celebrate! The wedding party included **Nick Bamat**, **Angie Chien** '06, **Jen Kim** '07, **Daley Kirby** '07, **Andrew Murray**, **Daniel Murray** and **Lex Urban**. Everyone had a great time, particularly "Goose the Party Masseuse," and Lex was extremely well behaved. The happy couple moved to Raleigh, N.C., with their adorable yellow lab and would love to have visitors.

**Adam Grogg's** first moments of 2011 were spent shouting a rousing rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody" with **Elliot Morrison** and his wife **Maggie Popkin** '03, **Nick Borja** (and his amazingly Borja-esque twin brother), **Zach Yeskel** and **Nicole Theriault** '03, on the shores of South Beach, where Elliot is living for the year while he clerks for an 11th Circuit judge with chambers in downtown Miami. Adam writes: "Needless to say, returning two days later to Billings, Mont., where I'm living for the year as I clerk for a 9th

Circuit judge whose chambers are here, was a bit of a shock, and not only for the 80 degree temperature differential. Montana is gorgeous, though, and the hiking, skiing and beer are pretty unbeatable. Visitors welcome!”

Miami has been just what **Elliot Morrison** hoped: a magnet for visitors and a fountain of mojitos. Fortunately, local boy **Nick Borja** has been spending much of his med school fourth year in Miami and has been showing him the ropes. **Nick Barnat** and his fiancée came through town for a week. Elliot also played host to a crew of '03 guys, who managed to turn his dining room table to a pile of sticks, nearly get him kicked out of his apartment and have all the other good times associated with such events. And the holidays were especially joyous, with his wife **Maggie Popkin** '03 returning from Rome. Maggie and Elliot also benefited from Eph hospitality when the snowstorm stranded them without a flight home from NY at Christmas—they ended up taking the bus to DC and spending a couple of nights with **Steve Seigel** and his fiancé Justin (with special appearances by **Jon Lovett**) before making it back to Miami from DC.

**Tim Patterson** moved home to Craftsbury, Vt., to work at Sterling College, a small environmentally focused liberal arts school where he is the in-house writer. He's building a house 200 yards from the Sterling campus. Tim writes: “Building a house combines moments of abject horror and moments of pure bliss. No matter how badly I screw up the construction, the view will be beautiful.”

In September **Sarah Torkelson** and **Tim Stickney** got married in Vermont at Sarah's parents' house, where she grew up. They had a lot of Williams friends there, and it was a great day to celebrate. Afterwards the couple went on a three-week honeymoon in New Zealand.

**Gianna Marzilli Ericson** and **Keith Ericson** hosted **Graeme Biervliet-Schranz** and **Al Gordon**, along with a few non-Ephs, for Labor Day in September. November saw **Elaine Denny** passing through Boston and crashing on their couch. Otherwise, they've been buried in work—Keith with job applications and Gianna with design projects.

**Maria Lapetina** just moved back to NYC after spending three years at law school in Chapel Hill, N.C. Before moving back she spent

10 weeks traveling in Argentina and Brazil, and is now enjoying her job as an attorney and seeing **Nicole Eisenman**, **Jeff Nelson**, **Scott Grinsell**, **Julie Allen**, **Sarah Wilson**, **Susan Combs**, **Francesca Marzullo** '06, **Craig Tamamoto** '02, **Anjali Liebowitz** '03, **Fred Hines** '02 and **Laddie Peterson** '02.

**Cortney Tunis** and **Nicole Eisenman** reunited in October in Boston, where they spent a week-end with **Ashley Carter** and **Matt Goethals**. After living in DC since graduating from Williams, Nicole moved back to NYC to start her job as an attorney. She is thrilled to be back in her hometown, where she enjoys spending time with **Sarah Constantine**, **Katharine (Haklisch) Earnhardt**, **Maria Lapetina**, **Bridget McDonough**, **Jeff Nelson**, **Liz Papa Simons**, **Fern Senior** and **Charlie Wittenberg**. She and Maria were thrilled to see **Emily Isaacson** over the holidays as she was passing through NYC. Emily otherwise writes that her fall was “Eph-anemic,” and she hopes to rectify that situation in 2011.

Cortney hosted **Christina Draghi** for Homecoming 2010. They can report that, while the burgers are quite good, the new Purple Pub is pretty much nothing like the old Purple Pub. And the bathrooms are weird.

Right before Thanksgiving, **Kam Shahid** and **Charlie Davidson** ran the Philly marathon, which makes five for Charlie and close to 20 for Kam. Charlie saw **Nick Borja** and **Katharine (Haklisch) Earnhardt** at the Art Basel Miami Beach fair in December. Nick and **Elliot Morrison** stopped by the Davidson Contemporary booth at the PULSE Miami fair. Also working at PULSE was **Walker Vaughn** '02. Charlie also ran into **Anna Gonzalez** and **Sabrina Wirth**, both '05, and **Wally Bernheimer** '61. Meanwhile, **Eve Biddle** manned the gallery back in NYC. PULSE went well for Davidson Contemporary, and they sold three of **Matt Watson's** new watercolors. They were to be showing Matt's newest work at PULSE New York in early March.

At this year's 6th Annual Bar Games Olympiad, the Ephs in attendance were **Charlie**, **Jabe Bergeron** and **Matt Rade**. Meanwhile, Charlie's partner and co-champion from the past two years, **Rob Follansbee**, was unable to attend, but Rade and Charlie managed to pull out a victory thanks to a strong shufflepuck effort and a silver medal in the boot race.

Finally, Rob and his wife **Katie (Joyce) Follansbee** '05 joined Rade, Charlie, **Will Davidson** '02 and **Ben Howard** '09 for Professional Bull Riding at Madison Square Garden in January. Charlie says, “Apparently, nothing brings together a decade of Ephs like a rodeo—sitting in the seats behind us were **Lisa Schulman** '03, **Peter Vecchio** '05, **Tucker Kain** '05, and **Scott Johnson** '05. Charlie is looking forward to getting up to Billsville for his father's 50th reunion this summer and hopes to see some fellow '04 gatecrashers up there.

**MJ (Prest) Lanum** and her husband Corey moved to Lake Tahoe last spring and have been enjoying being back among mountains. She had the honor of speaking at a major fashion industry conference in LA in November as part of a panel discussion on sustainable fashion. **Michelle Cuevas** made it out for a visit last fall, and they realized that even though a lot has changed, nothing has changed.

Last fall, **Krista Harrison** took a break from the third year of her doctoral program in bioethics and health policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to marry Sam Buchta at a glass-blowing studio in Baltimore, Md., on 10/10/10. Several Ephs were in attendance, including **Torrey Wolff**, **Jen Vorse Wilka**, **Matt Wilka** '06, **Deb Eames**, **Jackie Hom**, **Mike Henry**, **Mike Obeiter** and **Shira Rosenberg**. After returning from their honeymoon Krista and Sam promptly adopted a puppy, just to fill up all the newfound free time.

**Sarah Croft** and **John BackusMayes** '05 tied the knot at a forest preserve outside Chicago in October. They had a small wedding but had alumni from years '02 to '05 come celebrate with them. **Davy Stevenson**, **Lillian Diaz-Prybyl**, **Kate Alexander** '02, and **Jason Marburg** '05 were part of their wedding party.

**Dan Ohnemus** spent a great New Year's in Puerto Rico with the newly engaged **Liz Just** and **Stephen Dobay** '05; along with friends **Elie Schmidt** '06 and **Alex Lees** '03. He was headed to Antarctica in January for a four-week research cruise on the Ross Sea as part of his thesis. Thankfully, the weather there is warmer than in Boston! **Rhianon DeLeeuw** is to graduate with an MBA from Duke in May. Starting in August, she plans to be living in Bentonville, Ark., and working in corporate strategy and sustainability for WalMart. She is very

excited about the job, and while she has no idea what to expect, she is sure that living in Arkansas will prove to be an adventure.

In September, **Paige McClanahan** moved from Geneva to Sierra Leone, where she is working as a freelance journalist—doing a mix of news writing and travel writing. Anyone looking to escape the cold is welcome to go for a visit. Temperatures there rarely dip below 80 degrees, and the beaches are spectacular. Also, she and her boyfriend will be getting married in October.

Thanks for all of the updates everyone! We hope 2011 will be a happy and healthy year for the Class of 2004!

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Time-sensitive requests from Philadelphia first: Those of you interested in acquiring kittens early in the decade should contact **Joanna Lloyd**, who is fostering a cat and her five little ones all on her own—veterinary school keeps her busy otherwise. Those adept at filing tax returns might get in touch with **Joyia (Chadwick) Yorgey**, who manages the Campaign for Working Families free tax site (phillyfreetaxes.org)—they are preparing over 3,000 tax returns this season.

**Aaron Helfand** writes of holiday pudding, mince pies and mulled wine and with a standing invitation for those in the British Isles or swimming nearby to visit. His architectural research at St. John's College, Cambridge, is leavened with the company of incomprehensibly young '09 and '10 Ephs. **Faith Lim** and **Crystal Son** joined **Noah Capurso** for an equally incomprehensible meal of tacos and sushi during the holidays, before Crystal roasted pork shoulder for Faith, **Meg Giuliano**, **Jumi Song**, **Brian Saar** and **Maggie (Gilmore) Saar** to bring in the New Year in New York.

**Jeff Delaney** rang in the New Year in Harlem with **Marquis Daisy**, **Ilunga Kalala**, **Jamaal Mobley** '04 and **Kellen Williams** '04. Jeff is finishing up business school in Chicago, which is where **Chuck Soha** caught the Williams-

Amherst telecast with **Andrew Leeser** and **Gigi Stender**. Chuck also ran into **Karen Untereker** and **Vishal Agraharkar** after the Colbert/Stewart rallies on Halloween weekend, and spent time during the holidays with **Litia Shaw** and **Shannon Gopaul** in DC.

**Marissa Doran** departed DC and the Foreign Affairs Committee for New Haven, Conn., and is enjoying her studies at Yale Law School. **Rebecca Allen** is also in New England, where she is in the third year of the PhD program in school psychology at UMass Amherst. She had a November minireunion with Sage E entry-mates **Chris Eaton**, **Kate Ambler** and **Mary Lanham** in Ann Arbor, Mich., where Kate and Chris live.

**Hilarie Ashton** finished her thesis last fall and found time for two weddings: that of **Mary Etta Burt** '06 and **Geoff Schoradt** '06 as well as that of **John BackusMayes** and **Sarah Croft** '04. She caught up with **Jason Marburg** and **Dan Runcie** at the latter. **Marcos Gouvea** made a trip to the altar as well in 2010 and resides in Chicago with his wife, “trying to slay academic gorgons.” This is **Jane Stimpson's** fourth winter in Texas, where she is enjoying living in Houston, working as a reference librarian at San Jacinto College and missing neither the cold nor snow.

**Daniel Krass** returned to the U.S. and applied to graduate school in audiology after three years of teaching in Switzerland. At the moment, he performs regularly at a dueling piano bar south of San Francisco and has gotten to know **Emil Peinert**, proud proprietor of the East Bay bar the Kingfish. Daniel also consorts with Bay Area residents **Amy Katzen** and **Gavin McCormick** and looked forward to seeing **Sara Martin** and **Robert Hahn** when they visit in early 2011.

Robert has already charmed **Margit Sande-Kerback's** housemates by cooking delicious Indian food when he visited her in Honolulu. Robert's overindulgence in the sun and surf resulted in a badly burnt back, though he was soon made whole again with a dab of Margit's homegrown aloe vera. Back in Seattle, Robert is developing a smartphone application that “bridges the meteorologist-layperson gap with simple presentation and accurate short-term weather forecasts.” Robert and **Anna Brosius** are both playing their violins as part of a quintet. Anna made a recent trip to Tibet, where she hiked, stepped

into smoky monasteries, sipped salty yak butter tea and rode the highest-altitude train in the world.

**Jocelyn Gardner** and **Matt Spencer** celebrated their Sept. 25 wedding in Cambridge, Mass., with Williams friends, contra dancing and ice cream sundaes. They asked their local ice cream shop to make Purple Cow for the occasion. Matt is wrapping up his PhD in math at Brown and is applying for teaching jobs at colleges—including Amherst, and Jocelyn is serving as the assistant pastor of a church north of Boston.

**Zach McArthur** is approaching something poetic in his ongoing support of particularly inept sports teams. He watches the Buffalo Bills play football at Fenway Park every Sunday. Inside the Green Monster is where the Boston “Bills Backers” gather to endure weekly defeats and to share their traumatic childhood Super Bowl memories, over garbage plates and Labatt Blue Light. In nearby Cambridge, **Kate Dineen** is pursuing a master's degree with a specialization in environmental policy and planning at MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

**Trevor Scott** checked in with **Blake Goebel** in Chicago, where they were unsuccessful in their attempt to impress women with their fishing accomplishments and also in their attempt to lead a bar sing-a-long of “The Wreck of Edmund Fitzgerald.” Blake reciprocated with a visit to LA, where they “shredded monster waves in search of the ultimate ride and brought down a gang of surfing bank robbers. In no way did they suck at surfing and repeatedly fall.”

**Adrian Salinas** married Liza Belzer on Oct. 16 in McAllen, Tex., with older brother **Rogelio Salinas** '03, **Kerel Nurse**, and **Ines Major** '07 in attendance. **Andrea Berberian** and **Katie O'Brien** both tied the knot with non-Ephs as well. Andrea and Steve Gardos celebrated on Sept. 25 in Westerly, R.I., with a multitude of '05 and '06 Williams graduates present; Katie wedded Alex Keil on Oct. 2 in Durham, N.C., with a large contingent of Eph witnesses. Alex is a fellow epidemiologist-in-training at the University of North Carolina.

Eph-Eph unions took place as well, with **Robin Young** and **Caleb Bliss** making their vows this past fall, and **Elizabeth Van Heuvelen** and **Adam Shoemaker** joining together in September. Large



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Williams crews were on hand for both affairs.

Joyful was 2010 for **Alana Whitman**, as she was assigned to work on an abundance of cat-related titles, including *Splat the Cat*, and also Shel Silverstein's poetry book at HarperCollins Children's Books. "Shel Silverstein! My 8-year-old self was doing cartwheels. And possibly reciting 'They Put a Brassiere on the Camel.' My 27-year-old self managed to refrain from doing this during the meeting with the Silverstein estate. But just barely."

**Louisa Swain** moved from development at an elementary school in Harlem to toe shoes and tutus—she is now part of the development team at the School of American Ballet in New York, which trains children ages 6 to 18 for a career in dance and serves as inspiration for movies such as *Center Stage*. **Katie Shattuck's** new job has her at a smart grid/clean technology company near San Francisco. **Julia Tingley** visited from New York, and the two of them shared a Williams dinner with fellow Bay Area residents **Megan Henze**, **Emily Welsh**, **Lindsay Dwyer** and **JJ O'Brien**.

You can find **Emily Joiner** at a new job in San Francisco, too, where she is perfecting her nonprofit social and environmental policy jargon and looking forward to more visits from Williams friends now that she lives in a bona fide tourist destination. **Meg Demment** and **Dellie Sorel** were months early for Mardi Gras but visited **Marissa Black** in New Orleans anyway for a series of culinary extravaganzas at some of the city's fine dining establishments.

**Noah Allen** reports that he and **Natalie Geier-Cohen** are both studying at the University of Cincinnati's medical school. In his last year, Noah is interviewing for residency in urologic surgery, while his fiancée (another student at the same school) is pursuing a career in OB/GYN. He writes, "We will have the private parts covered!"

**Jasmine Smith** departed UPenn with a PhD in cell and molecular biology and has relocated to Germany for a research position and tasty beers. **Lindsey Taylor** is in her second year at Tuck School of Business but was able to spend much of her six-week holiday break in Australia and New Zealand. She and **JJ. O'Brien** just missed each other, with JJ. arriving in Sydney just days after Lindsey's departure.

**Danner Hickman** paid a visit to **Katie (Davisson) Dolbec** in Portland, Maine, where Katie is interning in emergency medicine at the Maine Medical Center. Katie also volunteer coaches 7- and 8-year-old ski racers. **Danner** and **Annie Snodgrass** spent their business school winter break in India for "eye-opening" and gastronomically rewarding travels around Rajasthan, Delhi and Agra. **Fran-Fredane Fraser** was similarly enthusiastic about the weeklong trip away from Harvard Business School that she took to southern Spain, as well as **Simone Ciccel's** fall wedding, which she attended with **Enyi Koene**, **Paul Simon** and **Angelica Cortez**.

**Grace (Wells) Tomooka** graduated with a Bachelor's in Science in Nursing from Asuza Pacific University this past winter and will be looking for a position in a neonatal intensive care unit. Her two children are healthy and talkative and soon to be young scholars in primary school and preschool, respectively. Grace celebrated her fifth year of marriage to husband Mark, a refrigeration engineer who is restoring a 1969 Nova in their garage.

**John Harris** and wife Sarah Jo were hoping to take a family road trip to the Berkshires soon. I'm not sure what kinds of vehicles were involved in their trip, but **Eric Manchester**, **Charlie Giammatei**, **Colin Bruzewicz** and **Dan Berger** gathered for an "unforgettable" sequence that began in LA with "merriment and Nintendo 64 Smash Brothers" and culminated in Las Vegas, where the gentlemen lost dozens and dozens of dollars at the craps tables.

**Amy Shelton** hosted **Ryan Gordon**, his wife Naomi and **Jiwoo Han** in San Francisco and is busy with a new job at the LFA Group, a consultancy that evaluates nonprofits and foundations. Amy and **Nicky DeCesare** looked forward to consoling **Meg Bossong** in person when she visited in January, as Meg worked to recover from cataclysmic fantasy football losses to both **Papa Adams** and **Zach McArthur** last fall. Apparently, bold proclamations of impending victory in *Williams People* are guarantees of neither skill nor good fortune, though Meg did find some joy in barely beating out **Jen Steinberg** in the consolation bracket.

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**Don Mitchell** reports that Darlingside is making big moves and "occupying all my waking moments." The group planned a three-week tour, from Canadian Music Fest in Toronto down to South by Southwest in Austin back to western Mass. via numerous stops along the way, plus a music video (to be shot on the rooftops of MASS MoCA) and a recording session for their debut LP.

**Adam Bloch** said he spent the end of 2010 traveling around the country trying to reinvigorate the long-defunct John Birks Society, a jazz-inflected variation on the John Birch Society founded by Dizzy Gillespie (née John Birks Gillespie): "The effort is ongoing."

**Sasha Gsovski** spent the fall in Denver (she was transferred from Colorado Springs) working on the Bennet campaign. After the election, **Blake Albohm** flew out to meet her. Their road trip was not musically but gastronomically inclined. On their way back to DC they sampled BBQ in Kansas City, Memphis, Nashville and Lexington, N.C. ("Oklahoma Joe's in KC was the winner, hands down") with a detour to Maker's Mark in Kentucky.

But the real news is that Sasha and Blake are engaged! So now I stop writing the travel section. It's time for Weddings & Celebrations.

**Kate Harkey** and **Chris Kenney** '07 are also engaged. She lives in Brighton, Mass., and teaches math at Boston Preparatory Charter Public School, where **Twink Williams** is a college counselor. **Molly Stone** '03 works in support services.

**Willa Brown** lives in sunny Cape Town, South Africa, with her new fiancé, Martin. Both work in poverty alleviation research at the university there. "Yes, it's a hard life: afternoons at the beach, evenings at the pool and weekends on safari or in wine country. Visitors are always welcome!"

**Ian Barbash** graduated from medical school last spring and is an intern at Massachusetts General Hospital. He and fiancée

## CLASS NOTES

Kathryn are looking forward to an August wedding.

**Ruxy Paul** got engaged at the very top of the Tour Montparnasse in July and married fellow Harvard grad student **Albert** in November in Cambridge. **Lindsey Corbin** was maid of honor, and **Dan Gerlanc**, **Seth Daniels**, **Ruoweng Liu** and **Jonathan Horn** attended. Ruxy and Albert bumped into **Kamen Kozarev '05** at Charles de Gaulle on their way to Romania for a honeymoon. Once there, Ruxy found out she had won the award for Romanian Graduate Student of the Year in North America. She made a speech in front of 800 people; it was “almost as good as the Oscars.”

**Julie Esteves** married **Aussie Phillip Nagy**, a chemical engineer, on Dec. 17. **Sara Ossi** hosted a post-wedding cocktail party. **Nick Anderson**, **Richard Sosa**, **Opal Thompson**, **Avon Khawong** and **Robert Terchunian** joined Julie and her husband for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. They “celebrated like old times.” Julie works in the neuro lab at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, and Sara’s in her third year working at Taza, a chocolate factory in Somerville, Mass. She flies around the country educating people about stone-ground chocolate and direct-trade practices.

What else, besides love and marriage? **Anna (Kretchmer) Gunning** and husband Jack welcomed baby boy Simon on 1/1/11.

**Ryan Manalansan** had a good year: he met Tobey Maguire in LA, his Syfy movie was redistributed worldwide, he voiced a cute



Last fall 2006 classmates John Silvestro (right) and Brad Brecher were students together at the Marine Corps Basic Infantry Course in Quantico, Va.

of Alabama. She, **EunSu Chang**, **Michelle Lee** and **Thomas Kunjappu** visited **Tseli Mohammed** and her family in Trinidad and Tobago over New Year’s. Tseli is in grad school at Brandeis.

**Ali Macdonald**’s finishing up her master’s in packaging design at Pratt and plans on interning for Jonathan Adler before she graduates in December. She hearts NYC because she gets to see bro **Don '04** and sis **Meg '10** often. She hoped to visit **Meaghan Rathvon**, **Erin Wagner**, **Beth Ann Barnosky** and **Emily Vargyas** in Boston in January, and in February she planned on traveling to Dallas for **Angie Chien**’s bridal shower with **Sarah Brooks**, **Taylor Tyson**, **Courtney Bartlett**, **Nadia Moore** and **Daley Kirby '07**.

**Mary Catherine Blanton** was in DC during the month of January.

hospitality for people coming out of immigration detention. Check out the project, The Restoration Project in Florence, at [www.restorationprojectflorence.blogspot.com](http://www.restorationprojectflorence.blogspot.com).

**Reed** and **Annie Harrison** are taking their talents from Cleveland to Portland, Ore. In between they’ll embark on a world tour, during which time they plan to scuba dive, ride elephants, check in with **Gob Pakdeelao** and go on safari.

In October, **Travis Vachon** and **Ellen Crocker** declared their own Mountain Day on Stony Ledge. **Erin Blanchard** and **Emily Russell-Roy** joined in, and everyone feasted on chicken from **Michael Gallagher**’s Square Roots Farm.

Travis and Ellen’s recent adventures also include attending the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear with Erin, visiting **Christine (Hunt) Kearsley** and her husband in Chapel Hill (Travis mentioned something about large men in spandex but wouldn’t elaborate), and a trip to Maine to ring in the New Year. Travis, Ellen, **Avery Briggs**, **Owen Westbrook** and **Sally Lambert '08** took a cold dip in the Atlantic. “It was luminescent.”

Travis passed along word that **Will Wetzel** has retreated to a yak farm in Nepal. Will’s one with the animals.

Speaking of which, it’s been five years, and we’re spread far and wide. **Ian Bone** is living in the Recoleta neighborhood of Buenos Aires. **Belle Stone** was there studying architecture and brought **Karen Olson '07** over to Ian’s for brunch. Ian did make it back to NYC for a much-anticipated visit this past winter.

**Marcus Duyzend** works for Bing and has settled into London’s

### EPHCOMPLISHMENT

**Ruxandra Paul '06** won the trophy for 2010 Romanian Graduate Student of the Year in North America from the League of Romanian Students Abroad. Paul is a PhD student at Harvard, studying government and specializing in comparative politics. She also was appointed a 2011-12 fellow at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies.

bearcat named Bob in a family movie, and he learned CPR to do a training video for the American Heart Association. He also started watching anime (but only because he does some of the voiceovers).

Congrats to **Sarah Louise Smith**, who’s now the director of Impact Alabama, the nonprofit where she has worked since graduation. Last July, she was featured in *Town & Country*; in October, she started business school at the University

(Harvard Law has Winter Study—kind of.) She interned at the new Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. MC, her boyfriend Bailey and **April Champion** visited **Emily Miyares** and **Mike Overend** in Charlottesville in January. April ordered a salad at dinner, much to the amazement of anyone who has ever known her.

**Rachel Winch** is in DC but is anticipating moving to Arizona in August to start a house of



Ephs from the Class of 2006 participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge, a 192-mile bike ride across Massachusetts, in memory of classmate Aaron Pinsky, who passed away in February 2010.

West End, where he enjoys monthly trips to the theater. In October, he led narrated walking tours through Bayswater, Notting Hill and Mayfair to visit various film locations. In December he traveled to the Seattle area to meet with colleagues, one of whom was **Ya Xu**. He also ran into **Alexandra Grier** at his brother Michael's apartment; they are MD/PhD students at the University of Washington.

**Liz Sewell** was with an educational NGO in rural India for the last year, then moved to Medellín, Colombia, where she's helping her boyfriend open a backpackers' hostel. She hung out with **Jose Marrero** a few times and was in the midst of applying to grad school.

**Elsbeth Mitchell** returned to the States last May to take a TEFL course after a year and a half in New Zealand, Australia, India and Nepal. She caught up with **Sean '05** and **Meredith Clifford '04** in DC and saw **Chris Yorke** and **Suzie Reid** in Princeton. She and her boyfriend returned to Perth, Australia, in July to finish their year-long visa, then traveled thorough the Philippines before settling in Taichung, Taiwan, where she will teach English for the next year so. She's hoping for visitors!

**Mary Beth Anzovino's** hard at work on a chemistry PhD at Wisconsin. She convinced **Sam Clapp**, **Joe Shoer**, **Seth Daniels**, **Sara Beach**, **Leah Weintraub**, **Robin Stewart**, **Lisa Lindeke**, **Emily Bonem** and former Madison resident **Karl Naden** to brave the cold and ring in 2011 with her. Despite weather-related snafus, everyone

made it with a few hours to spare. Current Madison resident **Daniel Rooney** joined them over the weekend for a few rounds of Big Booty. According to Sam, "Karl maintained his iron grip on Big Booty the entire evening," and everyone obsessed over Leah's jeggings.

Sam's in a PhD program in acoustics at RPI and is having a great time, "probably because this is the one logical field for a music and physics double major to pursue." He saw **Alden Robinson** play fiddle in an "amazing" show in Connecticut with his Irish music trio The Press Gang the weekend after Thanksgiving. He left Madison for San Fran and met up with **Martine Neider**, who works for a wind energy startup and was getting ready for a trip to Japan.

Karl now lives in Pittsburgh; he's studying for a PhD in comp sci at Carnegie Mellon and was able to perfect and share his great-great-grandmother Ward's hand-whipped fudge recipe with his favorite Ephs.

**Vickie Fernandez** threw a rockin' party on New Year's Eve. **Andrea Burke** reminded everyone how aggressive drinking games are really won, and **Ben Brown**, **Adam Ain**, **Yariv Pierce** and **Geoff O'Donoghue** came to New York for the hurrah, plus **Alex Smith** from his self-imposed exile in Virginia. Snow kept **Robin Kim** stuck in sunny California, but the rest of the visitors were greeted by **Adam Bloch**, **Meghan Ryan**, **Mary Singer**, **Gillian Weeks**, **Matt Greenawalt**, **Gillian McBride** and **Emily Casden**.

**Jonathan Dowse** completed his

architecture and urban design degrees at WUSTL in the fall. He and **Lisetta Shah** went snowshoeing over the holidays. **Surekha Gajria** is hoping to be done with her PhD in biomaterials chemistry at UC Berkeley this year. **Dianne "Dr. Pfun" Pfundstein** is in her fifth year at Columbia. Her dissertation is on the use of military threats in U.S. diplomacy since the end of the Cold War. Last year she taught her own course during summer session.

**Macy Radloff** left Nantucket in December to attend culinary school at BU, and **Neal Holtschulte** made it through semester one of comp sci grad school at the University of New Mexico. He, **Linda Gutierrez** and friends went through a corn maze on Halloween and a short story of his is being published in Full of Crow online magazine.

**Brittany Post**, **Marisa Lau** and **Jennifer Huang** went ice skating in Boston while Brittany was in town for a visit. Brittany got to see Marisa's new digs at MIT, where Marisa's studying city planning, and ran into **Justin Bates '07**, Marisa's classmate, before returning to Denmark to defend her thesis for her master's in disaster management.

**Katie Mygatt** was wrapping up a pathology fellowship at UVM and returning to fourth-year clinical rotations. She kept **Clara Hard** company in the midst of airport shutdowns over the holidays.

**Melanie Hobart** keeps Clara company in class; they emailed me from the University of Washington while also planning their next happy hour with **Ellie Schmidt** and **Kiana Scott '07**. Melanie's at the Evans School of Public Affairs, and Clara's at the School of Marine Affairs.

**Ilya Feldsherov** and **Sarah Steege** are on the *Journal of Race and Law* together at Michigan. Ilya's enjoying living in his own apartment—huge and cheap by NYC standards.

**Mary Iaculli's** in med school in Portland, Maine. She attended the annual ski team reunion in Jackson, N.H., this winter with med school classmate **Christina Perron '07**. **Aaron Bloom**, **Evan Bick**, **Gillian Sowden**, **Amelia (Bishop) Landberg** and hubby Michael and **Sam Kapala '09** came, too!

**Mike McCarthy** still lives in Boston and had an unexpected meet-up with **Kevin Greener**, who was having a beer with **Darius Long '07**. **Elissa Klein** and **Katie Lewkowicz** have expanded their

Monday-night Boston dinner dates to include **Lisetta Shah** and **Tyler Corson-Rikert**. (Elissa claims she's "the worst cook in the bunch.") She has one semester left as a teaching fellow with Citizen Schools.

**Andres Schabelman** has rediscovered painting, an old hobby; he's "pretty darn good," he says. He also took a trip to Japan and spent New Year's in the Caribbean.

I ran into **Addison Lanier's** former roommate Sid at a bar in Brooklyn while I was writing these notes. (His brother used to work with **Ainsley O'Connell**; I now pronounce him an honorary Eph.) They bequeathed their Boston apartment to **Meaghan Rathvon** and **Beth Ann Barnosky** last year. Addison left Parthenon to start business school at Tuck; **Jeremy Wertzner**, **Abby Whitbeck '05** and **Peter Hult '03** are classmates. He misses Williams but admits that "having three bars to choose from" is an upgrade! He's enjoying having some free time to learn to play hockey, and Killington is a short drive away.

Meaghan and Beth Ann hang out with **Kristin Moss**, **Katie Krause**, **Erin Wagner** and **Karen Olson '07** as much as possible, and **Courtney Bartlett** and **Daley Kirby '07** came up from NYC for their holiday party. They attended **Taylor Tyson** and **John Haywood's** wedding in November and stayed in a house with a number of classmates. It had a pool and was stocked with Four Loko and chicken nuggets. "What else does one need, really?"

Then, Beth Ann and **Kate Sauerhoff** reunited in Las Vegas at the end of December, boyfriends in tow. Beth Ann won a whopping \$12.50 on slots, but it might as well have been the jackpot—"It was very exciting." They enjoyed themselves, party bus and all, but weren't brave enough to stay to watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve; they scooted out of town just in time.

**Andrea Burke** is out of town, so to speak—she was in Bristol, U.K., to finish her PhD. She'll miss reunion because she'll be on a research cruise to Antarctica to collect deep-sea corals. Hers is the only excuse I'm accepting. I'll see the rest of you in June!

## 2007

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This issue's theme is "weddings and engagements." I count five weddings and four new engagements! Congratulations to all, and make sure to check out the "weddings" section at the end of this publication for pictures.

**Sarah MacWright** married Jeff Smith on 1.1.11 in Jersey City, N.J. Sarah and Jeff met at the Doane Stuart School in Albany, N.Y., where Sarah taught art and Jeff was the dean of students and taught French. They are now both in graduate school at NYU. Jeff is working toward his JD at the law school, and Sarah is pursuing her master's in education. Ephs attending the wedding were **Anne Smith** and **Young Hahn** (who are set to marry in June), **Daniel Sussman**, **Jamie Sweeney '08**, **Maggie '05** and **Brian Saar**, **Andy Eklund**, **Aleha Aziz**, **Allegra Funsten** and **Bev Acha '09**. Sarah is grateful to **Annabel Kim** for providing a soundtrack for the day and reports that at Yale, where Annabel is pursuing her PhD in French, she often delights music lovers with her talents as "DJ Akimbo." **Anne Smith** reports that the wedding was along the Hudson River, which was positively "glittering."

**Katie Montgomery** is halfway through her English PhD at the University of Iowa. In September, she visited Austin, Texas, for a conference and met up with freshman entymate **John Chatlos**, who is at UT Austin. **Anna Edmonds** is also combining grad school with travel, as she reports: "I told my philosophy students at Michigan that I had to be at a 'conference' in order to skip out to Boulder for a week to ride bicycles with **Kate Scheider** and to be in her lovely wedding." In February Anna planned to head to Alaska to compete in the Susitna 100—a 100-mile snow biking race along the Iditarod trail—for which, she says, "I'm woefully under-prepared. Other than that, it's the ongoing slog of grad studentdom." **Kate Scheider** (now **Kate Powlison**) reports that prior to her October wedding to Spencer Powlison, she traveled to the Netherlands to study bicycle transportation planning with a group of engineers and policy makers from the San Francisco

Bay Area. The trip must have been successful, because shortly after they returned, San Francisco announced a goal of making 20 percent of the city's trips by bike by the year 2020. Kate says, "The foundation I work for aims to make bicycling a safe and common mode of transportation in American cities like it is in Europe." Hear, hear!

**Helen Selonick** finished her wedding planning during her neurology rotation in May, got married to **Jim Prevas '06**, with **Liz Spragins** and **Rachel Jordan** in attendance, honeymooned on the Greek Islands, took her first boards and went right back onto a Medicine rotation. Helen says, "We've figured out that the key to a successful marriage is seeing each other only 10 minutes a day. (I'm a third-year med student at Hopkins, and Jim's an emergency medicine resident in Delaware.)"

During the holidays **Jen Menzies** attended the wedding of **Devin Yagel** and **Marcos Gouvea '05** in Richmond, Va., which was also attended by **Ian Buchanan**, **Emily Button**, **Allegra Funsten**, **Daniel Sussman**, **Angela Doyle**, **Dan Austin '05**, **Paul Skudder '05**, **Steve Keller '05**, **John Harris '05** and others. Jen reports, "It was a beautiful Christmas wedding with snow on the ground, lights in the trees, great food, good music and wonderful company."

**Chris Kenney** is beginning a new career as a financial planner for New York Life. He got engaged to **Kate Harkey '06**, and they plan to get married in summer 2012. **Sara Echenique** had a big 2010: She graduated from law school, took the bar exam, hiked through Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons for a month, moved to NYC, started a new job and got engaged! **Kellie Randall** did Teach for America for two years and is now in a PhD program at the University of Connecticut in human development and family studies, where she works in developing and evaluating programs for children, adolescents and their families. Kellie got engaged and plans to get married in summer 2012.

**Katie Josephson** is still working toward her PhD in art history at the Institute of Fine Arts at NYU and was accepted to speak at a symposium in Toronto in January. Over Christmas, she got engaged to her longterm boyfriend Thomas. They met in Boston after college, and they now live together in New York. They celebrated the engagement with





Lauren Moscoe '07 (second from left) hosted classmates (from left) Sarah Martin, Alison Koppe, Aleha Aziz and Sara Jablonski at her parents' home in Rochester, N.Y., for a New Year's reunion.

several friends, including **Whitney Hunter-Thompson**. In early January, Katie took a weekend ski vacation in Denver with Fay One entrymates **Emily Wasserman**, **David DeVaughn**, **Annie O'Sullivan**, **Eugenie Du** and **Dan Wollin**.

**Jessica (Phillips) Silverstein** and her husband **Mike Silverstein** '05 "had a blast" at the October wedding of **Mary Etta Burt** '06 and **Geof Schoradt** '06 in Williamstown, which was "a very Eph wedding, down to the cow cookie-cutters for favors!" They are having a good year in NYC and looking forward to a summer in Buffalo. Jessica asks, "Any other Ephs out there in the Paris of the Great Lakes?"

From Darlingside, **David Senft** reports that a recent highlight was when he, **Daniel Yudkin** '08 and **Aroop Mukharji** '09 orchestrated a surprise serenade on the tip of Ile de la Cité for newlyweds **Chris Fort** '07 and **Katie Johnson** '09, who were in Paris for their honeymoon. Since then, Darlingside has been heavily touring around the Northeast, and they were looking to record their first full-length album this coming spring. They are also looking forward to their first real show at Williams in January. **Auyon Mukharji** adds that Darlingside kicked off 2011 with their first full-service wedding gig on New Year's Eve (all of you just getting engaged should keep this in mind!), and that 2011 will bring a "monster tour" through the Midwest, en route to the South By Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas, in March. Auyon says, "Thanks so much to all of our fellow Ephs for the continued support, love

and housing. We could not do it without you."

**Gurcag Poyraz**, **Sam Peckham**, **Nils Craig-Muller** and **Emrah Usta** '08 met up in Istanbul. "Istanbul seems to be the destination of the year!" says Gurcag. "Second Williams group in six months." Also living internationally is **Rob Streicker**, who is in Lima, Peru. Rob and **Caitlin Hanley** "shared a DC-famous Ray's Hellburger, French fries and soda while listening to a conference call about better nutrition led by **Sarah Jenks**." **Kai Assauov** "finally" got mobilized internationally at work, and he can't wait to travel all around Europe this year and all around the world next year.

**Ronit Bhattacharyya** moved to a new apartment in Brooklyn that he shares with **Andrew Goldston** '08. Andrew and Ronit met **Greg Tobkin** '08 for dinner. Ronit has attended several piano recitals with **Joe Shippee**, and he spent New Year's Eve with **Jason Ren** '08 and **Thai Nguyen** '08. **Nathan Friend** is still teaching radio broadcasting at Mercer Island High School in Seattle, and he also started a production company with some friends, creating web media content for small businesses, nonprofits and government organizations.

Since moving from Boston to DC, **Chris Furlong** has visited Boston several times, including a New Year's celebration with **Sean Hyland**, **Colin Carroll**, **Jim Clayton** '08, **Grant Burgess** '08, **Tim Durham** '09 and other Williams runners from the Class of '09. **Andy Stevenson** also works in DC, for a think tank and consulting firm on climate change policy.

This fall, he made trips to Tianjin, China, and Cancun, Mexico, for work. He visited NYC and saw **Shamus Brady** '04, **Matt Winkler** '04, **Eric Engler** '04, **Sean Hyland**, **Bill Ference**, **Chris Ellis-Ferrara** and **Rachel Asher** '09. Andy applied to law school and plans to study environmental law starting in 2011; now he just has to decide where to attend! **Abby Taylor** is going to veterinary school starting in the fall, but as she is still in the middle of the admissions process and attending interviews, she isn't sure where she'll go yet. **Jack Nelson** is also in DC, doing government relations and fundraising for the World Resources Institute and living two blocks from **Steve Seigel** '04, "which is convenient for me since he and his fiancée cook a mean roof-top dinner." Jack has been training for a marathon with **Tucker Sawin**, and he meets **Thomas Zimmerman** '06 and **Jon Lovett** '04 "whenever Barack Obama lets them out of the office." Thomas even managed to convince the White House that Jack was responsible enough to weed in Michelle Obama's vegetable garden this fall, which Jack says was a humbling experience.

**Abelee Esparza** and **Justin Bates** both lived in Portland, Ore., for a year and are now sharing an apartment in Cambridge. Last fall, Justin started a two-year master's program in urban and environmental planning at MIT. He says, "Although the transition back to school was a little rough (where did my weekends go?), I'm loving living in Cambridge. I mean, where else can you run into friends from Williams almost every time you leave the house?" Abelee is working in pharmacy, exploring the city and having fun running into Williams people. In October, Abelee, Justin, **Lindsay Ting**, **Ally Holmes** and I (Diana) gathered for a Canadian Thanksgiving celebration hosted by **Megan Bruck** and her fiancé **Lakshman Syul**.

**Michael Fairhurst** is "pleasantly surprised" to be enjoying his second year of law school, as he manages to find time to play outside now and then and is looking forward to working at the ACLU next summer. **Bob O'Loughlin** is now at University of Michigan Law School, where he is in the same class as **Ananda Burra** and **Chris Eaton** '05, though he says that unfortunately they are still outnumbered by Amherst alums. **Laura Ellison** is still working for Google but moved from Ann Arbor to their Chicago

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office, where she loves her new city and reports that the Chicago Williams young alumni network is alive and well. Laura and **Zach Grossman** met up to run a 15K race by the lake, and **Chris Fort** and his wife **Katie Johnson '09** hosted a great party before the holidays with lots of '07 alums in attendance.

**Rebecca Lawrence** moved from Oakland, Calif., to Reno, Nev., to start a master's in hydrologic science at the University of Nevada, Reno. She misses the Bay Area but is enjoying her lab work at the Desert Research Institute analyzing ice cores.

**Maggie Lowenstein** is in her second year of medical school at UPenn along with **Sarah Ginsberg**. Maggie spent last summer in Botswana working on a project in pediatric malnutrition and infectious disease in Francistown, the second largest city in Botswana, and traveled around in Botswana and South Africa. Earlier in the year, **Erika Haydu**, **Kate Larabee** and **Ellen Wilk** visited Maggie in Philadelphia for a minireunion, and Maggie and Ellen ran the Philadelphia half-marathon together in November.

**Lauren Moscoe** hosted **Aleha Aziz**, **Sara Jablonski**, **Alison Koppe** and **Sarah Martin** in Rochester for their annual New Year's reunion. She summarized the visit: "We arrived in a tizzy. Rochester was aglow with lights from Buffalo's World Junior Hockey Tournament. Pedicure mishaps, the brownies of Zelda, and many mittens ensued. A good time was had by all."

**Matt Earle** reports, "After a five-month apartment search odyssey, I put on my black jeans and moved to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, evidence that the neighborhood is losing its avant garde luster and being overtaken by gentrifiers. Better than tourists, at least!"

I (**Diana Davis**) am halfway through my PhD program, where I see **Joanna Korman** frequently. Last fall I joined a new running club, New Balance Boston, where former Williams assistant cross country coach Karina Johnson is one of my teammates. I just got back from a whirlwind road trip where I visited the high points of NJ, PA, MD, KY, SC and GA. Thank you to everyone for your news. I am planning to make a concerted effort to contact those of you who haven't shared news since graduation and encourage you to write in, so stay tuned!



2008 classmates Mike Eisert (left) and Edmund Rucci (middle) spent time with a friend last winter sea kayaking in Milford Sound in New Zealand.

## 2008

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To kick off the '08 updates, let's get started with a few major life events (which seem to be getting more and more common with each round I write). **Michael Daub** and **Taryn Rathbone** got engaged! They are now in the midst of planning a wedding for June 2012, right after Taryn's graduation from vet school. **Nicole (Tetreault) Troop** and her husband Corey welcomed their son Elliot in August. Nicole's been busy staying at home with him and reports that "being a mother is absolutely amazing," and she is "thrilled to be blessed with such an amazing family much sooner in life than [she] had ever expected." Similarly, **Katherine (Ackerman) Padilla** and her husband **Jeffrey Padilla '03** welcomed their baby boy David Ignatius ('33, maybe??) on Dec. 29. They are doing really well and can't wait to bring him to visit Williams.

While a couple of '08s are having children of their own, a number of others are working with kids on a daily basis. **Zoe Fonseca** is teaching kindergarten at Bronx Success Academy 1, where **Logan Gerrity '09** also teaches. Her classroom is "Williams" themed, and every Wednesday the kids do a Williams cheer and "Moo!" their hearts out. Math seems to be a popular teaching subject among our classmates, which doesn't really come as a surprise considering Williams' unusually

high percentage of math majors.

**Taryn Pritchard** is working at a charter school in Harlem as a 7th-grade math teacher. She's enjoying living with **Marina Harnik** and **Eve Woodin** and hanging out with neighbors **Joe Song** and **Jenn Sit**. They all spent New Year's Eve together, along with **Jason Kohn**, **Matthew Allen**, **Liz Hirschhorn**, **Caroline Gross**, **David Kessel** and **Audrey Bell '10**. **Matthew Simonson** is teaching math at Milton Academy outside of Boston while serving as a dorm parent and coaching cross country and track. Last fall he competed in his first marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon, in DC. When not teaching, he spends much of his time going on epic adventures in New England and getting lost on long meandering runs through South Boston. In August, **Riley Maddox** relocated to the West Coast to teach high school math at The Urban School of San Francisco.

At the Head of the Charles in Boston in October, Eph rowing alumni posted the 10th fastest time in the alumni 8 event as the North Adams Rowing Club. The boat included **Pete Clements**, **McLane Daniel**, **Zack Brewer '07**, **Rob Buesing '09**, **Mike Sacks '09**, **Will Parker**, **Ben Byrne**, **Riley Maddox** and coxswain **Dan Winston '09**. In charge of post-race activities were coordinators **Chris Murphy**, **Tyler Hull**, and **Matthew McClure**. And in December, **Will Eusden**, **Will Parker**, **Zack McLane** and **Riley** rendezvoused in Steamboat Springs, Colo., to shred some serious powder.

Since holidays are a time for family, **Jared Oubre** spent his on

a road trip from the Bay Area to New Orleans and back with six family members “sardined” into a small Dodge Caravan. Before that, decorating for Christmas in a rural town in the Dominican Republic turned his humble Peace Corps house into a bustling recycled trash art studio that was open from 7 a.m. to midnight, when there was electricity. Never had he seen such creativity from young kids, including three towering Christmas trees made from recycled plastic green soda bottles. Jared reports that “life is fun and full of spirit in the Caribbean!” Jared also got to see **Dan Golub** showcase his piano skills at a recent Peace Corps Dominican Republic volunteer get together. A jazzed-up version of Lion King’s “Can You Feel the Love Tonight” as well as a free-flow Caribbean blues piece wooed Dominican night life-goers in Santo Domingo. Music talks in any culture and now all the ladies are in love with this goatee-sporting musician, **Dan “el chivo” Golub**. (FYI, “el chivo” means “the goat.”)

And checking in with those in grad school, **Matthew McClure** is halfway through his third year of med school, which has been exciting, because he’s now in the hospital and seeing patients. As for residency, he’s leaning toward orthopedic surgery but still trying to figure it out. He and his family were scheduled to spend Christmas in Miami but unfortunately weren’t able to get out of the Philly airport. It sounds like **Gordon Crabtree** had much better luck—he spent his holiday break in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for a relaxing vacation from med school. He’s still working through biochem and reports, “So far, so good.” He sees a lot of **Katya Prakash**, who is also in his class.

**Rachael Konecky** is in her second year of law school at the University of Washington in Seattle. She worked last summer as an extern at the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and saw **Anna Merritt** this past winter when she was in Seattle. **David Rivera** has been having a great time after graduating from Williams. First, he took a year off, which “really did a lot of good” for him. Now he’s studying law at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Law and claims, “It’s probably the best career decision I’ve made.” He thoroughly loves it—the classes have been great, and the friends have been awesome. In addition,

he participated in two summer exchange programs offered by the university. He went for two weeks to China and four weeks to Europe (spending time in London, Venice and Madrid). It was a wonderful experience that he will never forget. In general, it seems like he’s very happy with his post-Williams life, although he admits that he still misses campus and his friends, and he hopes to visit soon.

**Eugene Korsunskiy** finished his first quarter of design grad school at Stanford and loves it so far, “despite its stern refusal to be easy.” He’s learning a ton but is still trying to figure out what he wants to do after graduating. Over winter break he went back to Chapel Hill to hang out with **Kate Nolfi**. When she wasn’t busy studying for her big comprehensive exam on her way to a philosophy PhD, the two of them baked ridiculous amounts of Christmas cookies and, with intermittent success, made fires in the fireplace. The highlight of the break for both of them, besides walking through the unplowed winter wonderland of post-blizzard Brooklyn streets, was definitely getting to see **David Kessel**, **Polo Black-Golde**, **Joe Song**, **Daniel Yudkin**, **Jenn Sit**, **Tom Miller** and **Tommy Mira-y-Lopez** in New York for New Year’s.

**Erin Brown** survived her first quarter of grad school at University of Chicago, where she’s earning a master of public policy. In January, she began a fundraising and development internship at a nonprofit called the Center for Community Arts Partnerships that received the 2010 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from Michelle Obama. She’s also volunteering as a dog socialization assistant at Found Chicago, a great organization that rescues, rehabilitates and re-homes dogs that have suffered abuse, neglect or rough starts in life. In addition to that, she’s busy training for the Big Sur Marathon (in May), which she’ll be running with **Constantine Mavroudis**. Constantine is doing the “Boston to Big Sur,” where he runs the Boston Marathon and then two weeks later runs the Big Sur Marathon. Most people would call that insanity, but apparently he loves it. Constantine’s in his third year of medical school at Loyola Chicago and finished his surgery rotation, which pretty much cemented his future as a surgeon—he really enjoyed it. Erin’s also busily

planning a bridal shower for **Katie Quinn**, who plans to marry **Bryan Eckelmann** ’09 on July 3.

**Anne Royston** has begun pursuing her PhD in English at the University of Utah with Professor Craig Dworkin and a host of other delightful avant-garde eccentrics. She also spent some time in October with **Ariel Heyman** in her “super-chic” San Francisco flat. Ariel’s attending teaching school at Mills College in Oakland. She’s excited about student teaching biology at Oakland High this semester. In addition to Anne’s visit this past fall, she also received a visit from **Joe Boivin** ’09 in January. Ariel spent New Year’s in Portland, Ore., with **Lizzy Koltai** ’07 and **Mason Purdy** ’02.

Moving on to the working world, **Henry Burton** is living in DC and working for Congressman John Olver, who represents western Massachusetts (including Williamstown). He spent the fall working for Sen. Harry Reid’s re-election campaign. Beginning in late August, he worked as a field organizer in Las Vegas, focusing on recruiting volunteers and mobilizing Democratic voters. There’s also a decent chance that he may have been the first ever 24-year-old guy to live in Las Vegas for two and a half months without once gambling. He reports that it was a tough, exhausting campaign, but in the end, their work paid off and Senator Reid won by nearly 6 percentage points. He was unbelievably nervous on Election Day, but once the results came in that night, he couldn’t stop grinning. Henry went backpacking near Mount Jefferson in central Oregon for a few days in August and enjoyed going cross country skiing on Mount Hood a couple times this winter. He’s been swimming occasionally—just for fun and exercise, not for competition—and has been reading a good deal.

**Stevon Cook** has been living and working in his hometown of San Francisco since graduation. He became chair of a community advisory committee that oversees the Public Education and Enrichment Fund (PEEF). PEEF is a voter initiative that provides \$30 million annually in additional funds for enrichment programs in San Francisco public schools. He has been in discussions with **Branden Mirach** ’07 and **Emmanuel Gregg** ’07 about pursuing a joint business venture, which they plan to launch before the end of 2011.



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In addition, Stevon is preparing for the California real estate exam and plans to represent buyers and sellers of real estate within the next few months. His business pursuits are part of a larger strategy to purchase businesses that will provide jobs for disenfranchised members of the community.

**Corey Beverly** is a sales coordinator at MetroPCS in Chelmsford, Mass. **Dani Johnson** lives in the south end of Boston with **Caitlin Warthin** and **Mary Burr** but commutes to Rhode Island to work at CVS headquarters as an analyst within the retail pharmacy strategic product development group. Only a block away from them, **Greg Schultz** is enjoying his new South End apartment, with **Max Pinto** living nearby, as well as **Kate Stephens** '10, Greg's neighbor. On a cold Wednesday in January, Greg was able to pull **Will Bruce** from the grips of Harvard Law School, and what started as a very intellectual two-person man date at Parish Café turned into a full-on party with **Jeff Lyon**, Max, Dani, **Krista Nylen** '07 and a few others. While traveling for work, Greg caught up with **Ben Bullitt** in DC for a night of Thai takeout. The food wasn't so good, but Greg reports that it was great to see Bullitt and to plan a potential Vail ski trip combining the Boston, NYC and DC '08s. While in DC (on the same project as Greg), I was fortunate enough to have a couple of "woman-dates" (doesn't quite have the same ring to it) with **Anne Peckham**. She took me to a fun vegan café for my birthday, and we enjoyed a surprisingly tasty avocado-based brownie for dessert. The following week we went to a neat pizza place where any vegan tendencies of mine got thrown to the wayside when I ordered a delicious Hawaiian barbecue pork pizza. Also in the nation's capital, **Eugene Berson** took a quick day-trip down to DC for work and managed to find some time to kick it with **Cooper Jones**, **Johnny Greenwald** and **Jimmy Bierman**.

Since moving to Hong Kong in June, **Katherine Huang** has been astounded at the number of warm and welcoming Ephs. As a management consultant, her work has taken her throughout mainland China, and she's also traveled to Singapore, Malaysia, India and back home to New York. And possibly the most envy-inducing update I got came from **Edmund Rucci**, who spent June-December



Stacey Baradit '09 (right) and Laura Titus Tang '89 met for the first time in October at an international festival in Shanghai, China, where they both live.

on transfer to Bain's office in Melbourne, Australia. He reports that it was a great opportunity to live in a new place, travel and try new things, such as scuba diving. On his way home he stopped in New Zealand for 12 days where he was joined by **Mike Eisert**. They drove around the North and South Island doing lots of fun things, such as climbing volcanoes and glaciers, sea kayaking, canyoning and zorbing (rolling down a hill in a giant beach ball).

**Katie Warren** lives in NYC with **Tavis Moonan** and **Mimi Connery**. This past year, Katie, **Sarah Bonn**, **Sarah Needham**, **Hugo St. John** and **Ben Bullitt** all went to ComiCon together ("nerds unite!"), and this coming summer Katie and **Sarah Bonn** plan to head to southern California to help a crew producing a documentary on Dog the Bounty Hunter. **Charles Christianson** is racing the NorAm ski circuit, trying not to break any bones (so far so good!). **Sean McKenzie** has ventured deep into the heart of the Douglas-fir cloaked western Cascades to befriend the legendary Sasquatch. Long live the People's Republic of Cascadia!

With that, I hope you all have a wonderful spring, and I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

## 2009

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As winter drags on and some of us hide from the cold, there are

things we regret: like hitting the snooze button, skipping the gym (or lunch with friends, or work!), not keeping in touch and still not taking down December's decorations. But as spring approaches and some of us can hope for the ice to drip for the last time, let us tune back into the details of each other's lives. Hopefully, we'll gain a little wisdom for our troubles.

First, we have updates from the residents of NYC. **Julian Mesri** ran his show, *Blood and Cake*, at the Tank theatre, started a production at his old high school and was planning to present a translation of one of his plays in Buenos Aires in March. **Anthony Molina** blasted into the New Year with a new job in ad sales at Huson International Media and plans to start journalism grad school for digital media. **Eve Streicker** is transitioning to an MFA in jewelry and metal while working at the Aaron Faber Gallery in Manhattan. **Lauren Garcia** and **Naya-Joi Martin** both had business trips to California this winter. In San Diego, Ms. Martin attended a diversity leadership conference for independent school administrators and is now a development associate at her school. Ms. Garcia, on the other hand, *suffered* her way through an AG jeans business trip to LA and returned to NYC with much reinforced job satisfaction. Ms. Garcia's roommate **Molly Hunter** didn't suffer in her roommate's absence. Ms. Hunter has been quite busy with her new job at ABC News and is probably still glowing from her visit with **Stew Gilson** '08 in New Delhi, India. Farther uptown, **Jess Kopcho** applied to nurse practitioner



programs in psychiatry while distracting herself with her work at Mount Sinai, club soccer and brunches with **Rob Buesing**. **Riki McDermott** is still working for ESPN but is squeezing a Disney Half Marathon into her busy schedule. The event will be a bit of a family reunion, as she will run with her mother and sister, **Ren** '07.

When Thanksgiving came, it brought **Wes Johnson**, **Hillary Batchelder**, **Bryan Vorbach** and **Alex Zackheim** into town. Mr. Johnson claims to have eaten some Barbadian food at the Zulu household, but I remember cooking nothing of the sort when he came to dine with **Hanna Miller** and Mr. Vorbach. The evening, however, was quite merry as the group later met up with **Brandon Holloway**, **Ben Howard**, Ms. Batchelder, Ms. Batchelder's brother and **Alex Zackheim** for a fabulous night of banter and dance lessons from Mr. Zackheim in the East Village.

On New Year's Eve **Claire Whipple** and **Claire Rindlaub** had a blast at **Emily Smith's** house in Connecticut. Other attendees included **Jim Whitledge**, **Jake Koschland**, **Cam Henry**, **Sarah Hill**, **Kelly Kirkpatrick**, **Ryan Olavarria** and Ms. Smith. With strong friendships reinforced, both Claires also reported enjoying their work with young children. Ms. Whipple works with 4th graders in New Canaan, while Ms. Rindlaub is in love with kindergartners. Hopefully, Ms. Rindlaub's stateside experience left her even more excited about her applications to dual master's programs in childhood education and special education.

Finally, **Ale Jochum** is following **George Miller's** example of keeping in better touch attending **Emily Gray's** little brother's bar mitzvah along with **Jeremy Goldstein**, **Quinn Sievers**, **Tim Ryan**, **Bekka Marrs** and, of course, Ms. Gray. Ms. Jochum may love her mini-reunion, but she will laud fellow Bay Area resident and Cambridge Associates employee **Rick Devlin's** praises of Bay Area weather.

Boston and Massachusetts have also had plenty of attractions. **Emily Fowler-Cornfield** moved to Boston for a new job, while **Courtney Asher** was happy that her South End pad made a great commute for the Williams-Amherst swim meet with friends **Ali Tozier**, **Denise Duquette**, Mr. Sievers, Mr. Ryan, **Amanda Nicholson**, **Kristan McIntosh**, Mr. Goldstein, **Emily Deans**, **Ann Zolo**

and **Ben Bodurian**. **Emily Flynn**, Ms. Duquette and **RJ Jacoby** still love being roomies, and Ms. Flynn is excited about her current experiments with writing and her job as a sustainability coordinator. **Rachel Levy** is now living with **Martin Rotemberg** '08 and frequently enjoys the company of **Sophie Vargas** '10.

In England, Ms. Rindlaub has been having a bit of fun with **Anouk Dey** and **Helen Hatch**, who spent a stateside New Year's with **Molly Hunter** and **Nanny Gephart** before returning to Cambridge to begin training for a varsity match in cycling and triathlon as well as the London Marathon. During January, **Aroop Mukharji** returned from a three-week trip to India and ran into **Sam Empson** at a bar party in New College, Oxford, while visiting **Zach Miller** '10 and **Ruthie Ezra** '10. **Ananda Streng** also chimed in to report finishing a year in Romania, where he became a member of a German association that holds yearly model European Union simulations in Strasbourg, France, and is now at the University of Leeds studying for a LLM degree to qualify as a solicitor in the UK.

For others, it is important to remember that, after two years, they are wrapping up their first post-collegiate experience. Teach for America will say goodbye to **Jim Lowe** and **Rashid Durseau** this summer. Mr. Lowe has enjoyed life on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico, while Mr. Durseau has been treating kids to cheese steaks in Philadelphia. **Dubs Molen** survived fall in a middle school classroom and will graduate with a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Like a good instructor, Ms. Molen corrected the misspelling of her last name in a frank and friendly style. (Sorry Dubs!) **Brian Prest** is awaiting grad school acceptance decisions for a PhD in economics. **Allison Prevatt** is moving farther East. Hopefully her open call for visits will still stand when she arrives in Singapore to study Mandarin Chinese. Near her new locale, **Stacey Baradit** was shocked to find out that she was applying to business school in the previous notes. Thus, I also apologize to her for the misinterpretation. Ms. Baradit actually took the GREs. She also spent a merry Christmas with **Toni Kraeva** and will apply to divinity schools in the Northeast.

Then again, some of us are just getting started. **Rebecca Gordon** is teaching English literature

to 8th and 9th graders at an English-speaking prep school in San Juan, Puerto Rico. **Josh GoSu** is a policy assistant for secretary of state Kate Brown, Oregon's only openly bisexual statewide official. **Amber LaFountain** is starting her second semester at a masters program at Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and is concentrating in archives. **Katie Jordan** finished her first semester of medical school at the University of North Carolina. **Beverly Acha** just started a painting and printmaking MFA program at Yale. **Elissa Brown** has been gasping oxygen at 10,000-foot elevation in Leadville, Colo., as a science apprentice at the High Mountain Institute, a semester school for high school juniors where classes are interspersed with backcountry expeditions.

But, either way, some will always push toward a big dream. **Chung Truong** is still in Ho Chi Minh City, acting as the academic director for Yola Institute, which specializes in test prep while promoting his newly released music album *The Language Of Love*. ([www.hoaichung.net](http://www.hoaichung.net))

**Trevor Powers** has been deployed to Afghanistan. Few words can adequately express his loved ones' wishes for his safe return. Thus, I will not attempt to supplant them here. Please keep in him your thoughts and best wishes. Please come home safely, Trevor.

## 2010

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On a brisk January morning in Cambridge, Mass., yours truly broke bread with fellow Boston-area residents **Lisa Cucolo** and **Tina Motazed** along with **Julianne Feder**, who was visiting from NYC for the weekend. We discussed the notion that sometimes "work is work," Julianne's trips for business as part of her job with Italian Products (Artisan Tradition and Epicurean Innovation), Tina's interest in swimming, and a ski goggle-wearing man walking the streets of Boston the night prior. I greatly enjoyed our conversation: the familiarity of memories of our days at Williams mixing with excitement about our new lives. I hope that the following class notes provide you with similar enjoyment.

While traveling through Central America, **Sy Shotz** wrote in with a proposition to anyone who wants to join him on a plot of land in Western, Mass., to practice “homesteading/ecological design/organic gardening/mushroom cultivation/raising animals/nature building.” Sy’s plans include numerous projects with which he will need help, but he is also open to and excited about people proposing and implementing their own projects. “If I like the proposal,” he says, “I can pay for the materials.” The site of which Sy speaks is 10 acres in Cummington, Mass., an hour’s drive southeast of Williamstown and 30 minutes from Northampton, Mass. “The land is all southern aspect, just below the top of a hill. The upper half is forested, and the lower half is in pasture. Half of the land drains into a pond which sits just above a dirt road.” Accommodations include three meals per day, and, as of January plans, tenting for shelter. Upcoming projects include, but are not limited to, “drawing maps of the land, digging swales, sheet mulching, planting an orchard, establishing bee hives, mushroom beds, vegetable and herb gardening, aquaculture design, building shelters for humans, pigs, ducks and chickens, killing rosa multiflora.” Sy planned on residing in Cummington full time on the last day of March. Email the man himself at syfrorerschotz@gmail.com.

After doing famine research for NASA in DC shortly following graduation, **Lizzy Brickley** has been in graduate school for geography in Cambridge, U.K. She lives with **Asheque Shams** and **Leah Katzelnick**.

**Jim Dunn’s** note was submitted shortly after the deadline for the first round and thus harks back to the months following graduation, a time that may seem oh so far away to some of us and like only yesterday to others. In September Jim started a new job, but after stating that it is only as interesting as “everyone else’s new job,” decided to talk about “the better stuff,” offering us a list of happenings since graduation. I give it to you, abridged: “Drove across the country with **Alex Mokover**, stopping in Austin, Texas, to skydive; was featured in an ESPN College GameDay commercial as the Williams College Purple Cow; sublet a room for one month in Poughkeepsie with a very old lady whose house smelled putrid; over Labor Day weekend experienced

a clear and profound sense of happiness; witnessed the bride at a bachelorette party rush up to **Ed Mazurek** in a Union Square club, exclaim “There you are! I’ve been looking for you!” and then whisk him away to the amazement of **Julia Reiser** and myself; after a three-month hiatus from writing, which began with the completion of our class poem, I have finally started writing again.”

**Carry Clark** serves as an education volunteer for the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan. After completing an 11-week training program in Almaty she moved to her permanent site—the town of Shieli, in the province of Kyzylorda, in southwestern Kazakhstan—where she will be living and working for two years. Along with local teachers Carry team-teaches 5th-11th-grade English classes.

**Annick Benavides** wrote from Lima, Peru, where she was enjoying the summer weather and planning a trip to the beach. Annick manages educational programming at El Museo Pedro de Osma. “I get to spend my hours planning art activities and brainstorming how colonial arch angel paintings really have a lot in common with comic book superheroes and such.” Though she loves her job, Annick is also keeping an eye on a return to the USA in August to start moving toward a PhD in colonial Latin American art.

**Gigi Campo** still works in Hong Kong, where she volunteers at Hong Kong Dog Rescue (and other establishments) and hikes on the weekends. Gigi’s most recent update included plans to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in February with her sister and a friend in order to raise money for Alzheimer’s research and care.

**Bret Scofield** is roughly halfway through her second semester teaching welding and coaching a running club at Nu’uuli, American Samoa. She is planning to return to the mainland U.S. after her seniors graduate in June.

**Marco Sanchez** wrote from Switzerland, where, “with a band of 60 people, we’ve been dressing up as gnomes and marching from town to town, entertaining the locals with our song and dance.”

In Chicago, **Cat Vielma** is still working for the “nonprofit Man” and is looking into graduate school for public policy next fall. She had two trips on the horizon: the first to The Cayman Islands with **Leah Lansdowne** ’11; and the second to Atlantic City in March to “fist-pump through casinos”

with fellow WWRFC folks **Rachel Savain**, **Hannah Rosenthal**, **Steph Brooks**, **Emily MacLary**, **Sarah Franklin** and **Alyson Hoffman**. Cat’s self-proclaimed most important part of her update: “I have started reading Snooki’s *A Shore Thing* on my commute, and the stares/glances/creepy winks I’ve been getting are incomparable.”

Also in the city of wind, **Caleb Balderston** is teaching algebra at the Austin Business & Entrepreneurship Academy through Teach For America. The school, located west of Chicago in Austin, is a CPS contract school in its fifth year, “which basically means we are a charter school that is operating within a Chicago Public Schools building.” Caleb has found that the school’s “tough and disorganized” environment has presented challenges, “but overall I love the kids I’m working with and the subject I’m teaching.” A man after my own heart, Caleb has single-handedly made every Friday “Bow Tie Friday.”

**Jim Entwistle** is assistant baseball coach at Williams. He deals mostly with infidels, the position he played while on the team.

Also in Williamstown is **Schuyler Hall**, who is holding things down as the student centers coordinator for Williams. Responsibilities include managing the operations and technologies in Paresky, Goodrich, Greylock and the Log.

In DC **Emily Heaslip** works for International Relief and Development, a nonprofit that works for the Department of State, USAID, the Department of Defense and others. Emily works in democracy and governance, which means “building museums in Iraq and education in Colombia and fun stuff like that.” On the weekends she works with an investigative reporter she contacted through **Cortni Kerr** and at a “mixology bar.” Besides spending time with **Anne de Saint Phalle** and various ’08 and ’09 alumni, she competes in a kickball league and a “social” running group that substitutes bars for finish lines.

**Julia Haltermann** teaches 9th-grade mathematics and works as a learning specialist at Friends Academy in Locust Valley on Long Island. As a learning specialist Julia works one-on-one with students who struggle with their schoolwork but do not qualify as having a learning disability: “At this point,” Julia wrote, “I think ‘specialist’ is a bit of an exaggeration, considering my first year can mostly be described as

using a lot of trial and error, but I'm working on it." Coaching the crew team with fellow former Eph rower **Carolyn Skudder** '06 has been "a dream," she says. Julia also takes advantage of her close proximity to the city where she hangs out with "sophisticated New Yorkers" **Abby Weir** '08, **Jess Kopcho** '09, **Kyra Ferber** and **Lindsey Jones**.

In an outpatient mental health clinic in Harlem, our own Sir **Claude Alexandre Howard** is the self-proclaimed Castrol GTX of his office. Besides exceeding demanding U.S. high shear and stay-in-grade requirements for viscosity breakdown protection, Alex answers the phone, makes appointments, updates the office's database and tends to general maintenance of the clinic, all after spending "most of my mornings gauging how late I can wake up to get to work on time. ... I usually win," he says. By the time you read this Alex has most likely finished orientation in Philadelphia for the Peace Corps and headed off to Senegal for the next 27 months. As he looked forward to embarking on this great adventure, Alex was excited to perfect his French vocabulary and also learn the Wolof language.

**Samim Abedi** has been enjoying all things NYC: the resurgence of the Knicks, Ephs in Brooklyn ("people are realizing Brooklyn is where it's at with rumors that **Brady Murphy** '09 is/has moved here) and visits from friends. In early January roughly 30 Williams folks spent a weekend out and about in the city celebrating **Alex Mokover's** birthday. Participants included New York residents along with out-of-towners: **Jim Dunn**, **Julia Reiser**, **Dave Kulik**, **Jimmy Nguyen**, **Natalie Smith**, **Mayada Gonimah**, **Vince Powell-Newman**, **Jason Copelas**, **Jonathan Galinsky**, **Ed Mazurek**, and **Nichole Beiner** '09.

In Manhattan, **Mayada Gonimah** works for Goldman Sachs. She lives with **Rachel Hudson**, who works for JP Morgan. Mayada writes that, because of their busy work schedules, the two apartment mates "might not see each other for weeks." Outside of work she is enjoying the perks of NYC. "So many Ephs, you stumble on them on the streets."

**Ariel Williams** moved to NYC in January to start an internship, noting that we get by with a little help from our friends, who for Ariel are "truly some of the best people I know." She looks forward to reconnecting with "my

Williams peeps" in the big city.

**Hannah Smith-Drelich** is writing for the food blog *Serious Eats*, and trying her hand at various restaurant jobs in NYC. Highlights include working as a prep chef in an all-Mexican kitchen (Spanish vocabulary now includes "no bueno" and "basura") and as a barista and bartender at Café Gitane. She lives in Brooklyn with the fabulous **Sophie Glickstein**, **Miriam Chotiner-Gardner** and Netflix.

Speaking of NYC, **Sidhant Mehra** is getting his Martin Scorsese on these days. "I finished a short about a boy and a girl who fall in love with the subway," Sid wrote, "and am thinking about the next move."

**Eben Hoffer** wrote from the Big Apple, where he was still living with **Eric Kang** '09 and two close pals. Work at Stumptown Coffee supports his "theater and music habit." That habit has kept him connected to Williams. He got the job to do the sound design for the school's March production of *Streetcar Named Desire*. Recent news included getting his mind blown by Williams's own Darlingside when they played in the Lower East Side. He also went to "Marie's Crisis" with **Eric Kang**, **Hannah Smith-Drelich** and **Casey York** to "sing show tunes into the early morning." Some shows are on the horizon, as is the Springstreeters' 30th anniversary in May.

**Jared Quinton** lives in Brooklyn, interns at the Guggenheim Museum and is "cultivating an obsession with falafel."

In Boston, **Chris Ting** works at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He spends his days in a research lab, where "I have my own pipettes and mice and everything." He plans to stay for approximately one more year until he goes to medical school.

Yours truly still lives in Cambridge, Mass., and works for ConnectEDU. Dinner parties with **Lydia Barnett-Mulligan** and **Tanya Zhuravleva** are regular occurrences. When not cooking with friends I have enjoyed having dinner with **Kayla Elliott's** parents in Sharon, Mass., and **Brian Emerson's** '12 parents in Arlington, Mass.

Also living in Cambridge are **Erik Tillman**, **Nora Mitchell** and **Heather Bemis**. Erik is a research technician in a pediatric oncology lab at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He is considering taking the GREs and applying to graduate school. He keeps his

mind sharp with some "almost regular" trivia nights with **Jamie Quella**, **Jon Dahlberg** '09 and **Peter Schmidt** '08.

**Kate Stephens** wrote that she is still enjoying her consulting job at Parthenon in Boston, where perks include fun people and interesting work. She is training for the Boston Marathon. She and her roommate are hosting dinner parties and getting to know the fine dining in their neighborhood.

**Mike Drzyzga's** second semester as a Brandeis PhD candidate in chemistry has him feeling "swamped." Long hours that extend into weekends leave enough time for him to attend church and keep his apartment looking nice and clean but little else. Mike enjoys working in a lab that strives to develop an AIDS vaccine, though the work "doesn't really lend itself to chatting."

**Chuck Shafer** continues to enjoy his teaching position at his alma mater, Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa., and has decided to stay indefinitely. He is happy to report that he has been hired to a permanent position to teach general and organic chemistry and also coach swimming. Perks of the job include a "lovely old apartment in the boys dorm" and getting to live close to home and his parents.

**Maddie Berky** lives with her kitten Pip in Denver, where she works for lululemon athletica. Besides hanging out with Pip, who is "black and white and has thumbs on his front paws!" Maddie tries not to spend all of her paychecks on lululemon's brightly colored workout garb. Some of her more recent athletic pursuits include a ballet-based workout ("a surprising kick in the pants"), a "crazy boot camp" spin class in which the bikes actually move, and the strength and conditioning program CrossFit. Maddie is studying for a personal training certification with a goal of working with at risk populations and is considering adding a clinical psychology degree at some point. Until then she bakes, spends quality time with Pip and talks to him "possibly more than is totally normal."

In Seattle **Abby Islan** found a job at a travel bookstore that pays the bills until she finds a "real" job. She wrote her note while recovering from a broken ankle she suffered while rock climbing: "I'm just waiting for the summer, when it'll be sunny and all my limbs work!"

## 01 Hendrixson • White '01:

**June 19, Franklin, Tenn.**

Left to right: (front) David Linsenmeier, Joan Walling Linsenmeier '99, Priscilla Smith, Joshua White '01, Jennifer Hendrixson, Nathaniel Roland '99, Samantha Kim Roland '01, Jennifer Simon '02, Jim Shilkett '01, Julia Snyder '02, Laura Bennett '02; (second row) Christopher Smith, Sharon Chu, Keith Chu '01, Mark Gundersen '04; (third row) Karen Chachu '01, Jonathan Garcia '00, Elizabeth Lee '01; (fourth row) Matthew Kim '01, Carolyn Stickney '00



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## 02 May '00 • Carrera:

**June 19, Concord, Mass.**

All '00 unless noted, left to right: Matthew Wheeler '98, Ginel Hill, Sarah Song, Gustavo Carrera (groom), Sara Kate May, Anna Frantz, Matthew Levy, Nicole Draghi, Kathleen Reardon, Asha Awad Santos



02

## 03 Graham '03 • Mohl:

**June 5, Mason, Ohio**

All '03 unless noted, left to right: Jennifer Nail, Sheila (McMurrich) Greenlaw, Amy Graham, Doug Mohl (groom)



03

## 04 Preston '93 • Newhall:

**Sept. 4, Holderness, N.H.**

All '93 unless noted: Monica Brand '91, Camille Preston, Fred Preston '53, Bob Behr '55, Robb Friedman, Elisa Dugundji Friedman '91, Mark Newhall (groom), Amanda Clarke Shipley '84, Jen Raney Harris, Brian Foster, Phil Preston '60



04

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**05 Olson '04 • Heinrich-Wallace '04:**

**May 22, Williamstown, Mass.**

All '04 unless noted, left to right: (first row) Sheryl Brea '07, Kelsey (Peterson) Recht, Kristin Cole, Sara Gilliam, Mark Heinrich-Wallace, Meredith Olson, Molly Stone '03, Belle Stone '06, Ashlee (Martinez) Dahlberg '06, Cecily (Lowenthal) Epstein '06, Anne Newcomer, Pete Endres; (second row) Laura McCarthy '07, Philip Arnolds '07, David Olson '71, Karen Olson '07, Molly Cahill, Scott Grinsell, Lauren Edmondson '06, Ethan Dahlberg '06, Jason Epstein '05; (third row) Mike Recht '02, Zack Orjuela '06, Bryan McCoy, Zibby (Stokes) Doob '03, David Arnolds, Christopher Vollmond-Carstens; (fourth row) Chris Frank '05, Kate Leonard Hood '03, Alex Hood '02, Mark Foster '06, Zach McArthur '05, Charles Christianson '08, Sumant Bhat '03



06

**06 Rich • Salerno '01:**

**March 27, Avon, Conn.**

All '01 unless noted, left to right: John Valliere, Moira Shanahan, David Noe, Mayur Deshmukh, James Apgar, Matthew Speiser, Noah Coburn '02, Laurie Rich, Anthony Salerno, Adam Jeffers, Phoebe Geer, Seth Earn, Alana Belfield Levine, Jason Greenberg, Danielle Tarantolo



07

**07 Lynch • O'Grady '97:**

**Aug. 28, Christmas Cove, Maine**

All '97 unless noted, left to right: (kneeling) Andrew Todd, Nat Gillespie, David Napier '98; (standing) Connor O'Rourke, Greg Classen '98, Stephen O'Grady Sr. '71, Brady Murray '98, Jon Meyer, Mary Katherine Lynch, Stephen O'Grady (groom), Jeff O'Grady '66, Eric Kelly, Margaret Young '78, Leigh Van Dyken Kelly, Caroline Nesbit '99, James Bell '98



08

**08 Åström • Spicer '01:**

**Aug. 6, Stockholm, Sweden**

All '01 unless noted, left to right: (front) Steve Owen, Emma Åström (bride), Ryan Spicer; (back) Mike Cortese, Dorian Baker, Casey (Matthies) Owen '02, Bobby Moss

## 09 Shen '01 • Bergeron '01:

**Oct. 10, Williamstown, Mass.**

Left to right: (seated) Johanna Kolodny '01, Enrique Peacock-Lopez, Zafi Levy '01, Julius Rosenwald '69; (front row) Maureen Strype, Kareem Khubchandani, Allison Robbins '01, Al Schiavetti '61, Sarah Schiavetti '01, Geraldine Shen '01, Clarissa Shen '99, Joe Bergeron '01, Dana Shaps '01, Marcela Villada Peacock; (second row) Anna Bennett Roberston, Scott Wong, Cortney Tunis '04, Niki Cosgrove '02, Joshua Weinstein '02, Loretta Shen '11, Gordon Atkins '11, Brian Connors '01, Pei-Ru Ko '09, Denise Duquette '09, Harris Pasetliner '09; (third row) Mark Robertson '02, Justine Scerbo, Andrea Nogales '04, Nick Minekime '02, Sam Crane, Lincoln Pan '98, Joe Butler '01, Dan Matro '01, Graham Pingree '01, Theodora Konetsovska '01, Brooks Foehl '88, Alison Foehl '88, Auyon Mukharji '07, Don Mitchell '06; (fourth row) Josh Lefkowitz '02, Adam Cluff '01, Andrew Conley '01, Ville Satopaa '11, Schuyler Hall '10, Joseph Weiss '01, Isaac Dietzel '01, Amanda Brokaw Doherty '01, Brian Doherty '01



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## 10 Van Heuvelen '05 • Shoemaker '05:

**Sept. 25, Washington, D.C.**

All '05 unless noted, left to right: (front) Noah Bell, Lillian Chang, Adam Shoemaker, Elizabeth Van Heuvelen, Abigail Wattley, Jason Davis; (second row) Mariah Robbins, Maggie Gilmore, Ellie Frazier, Amy Dieckmann, Karen Untereker, Kevin Kingman, Maryl Gensheimer; (third row) Mark Hobel, Marcos Gouvea, Dave Roth, Brian Saar



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## 11 Belzer • Salinas '05:

**Oct. 16, McAllen, Texas**

Left to right: Rogelio Salinas '03, Lisa Belzer, Adrian Salinas '05, Ines Major '07, Kerel Nurse '05



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## 12 Croft '04 • BackusMayes '05:

**Oct. 24, Channahon, Ill.**

John BackusMayes '05, Sarah Croft '04



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**13 Gardner '05 • Spencer '05:**

**Sept. 25, Cambridge, Mass.**

Left to right: (kneeling) Ross Smith '05, Jennifer Hermanski '06, Jaime Hensel '05, Sara Martin '05, Meg Giuliano '05, Jenni Simmons '05, Alexa Holleran '05, Yang Wang; (standing) Guilford Spencer '44, Amy Katzen '05, Davis Parker '05, Andra Hibbert '05, Joyia Chadwick Yorgey '05, Jocelyn Gardner '05, Matt Spencer '05, Brent Yorgey '04, Allison Smith '07, Dan Klein '06, John Mugno '05, Justin Brown '05, Robert Hahn '05, Joanna Korman '07, Ken Brown '05, Jane McCamant '05, Diana Davis '07, Steve Winslow '04, Gavin McCormick '05, Margaret Pigman '07, Lynette Yorgey Winslow '05, Andy Howard '03, Ari Schoenholtz '05



14

**14 Nako '00 • von Barga Jr. '99:**

**June 5, New York, N.Y.**

Left to right: (front) Mark Tanno '00, Thien Lam '98, Robert Alcala '98, Jason Eisenstadt '99, Ashley Kidd '00; (back) Carolin Spiegel '00, Aram Mardian '97, Farrah Musani '00, Tyson Matsumoto '99, Suela Nako '00, Richard von Barga Jr. '99, Pranjal Mehta '99, Matthew Garland '98, Ji-Eun Rim '00



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**15 Schewel '01 • Foster '01:**

**Aug. 21, Haverhill, N.H.**

All '01 unless noted, left to right: Johanna Heinrichs '02, Scott Moringiello, Sean Glasheen, Pete Newcomb, Sara Schewel (bride), Nate Foster, Alex McWhorter, Lynn Lim, Cristie Ellis



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**16 Schuster '98 • Battis '98:**

**July 25, Simi Valley, Calif.**

All '98 unless noted, left to right: (front) Robin Sanders, Kyra Williams, Joshua Shapiro, Seth Battis, Jordi Schuster, Emily (Pas) Isenberg, Cordelia Dickinson; (back) Brendan Burns, Christopher Elkinton, Adam Sterns, Tui Sutherland, Catherine Riihimaki, Deb Brown, Lauren (Siegel) Applebaum '00, Aaron Applebaum '01, Christopher Condit (non-alumnus)



## 17 Tyson '06 • Haywood '04:

**Nov. 20, Vero Beach, Fla.**

All '06 unless noted, left to right: (front) Andrew Murray '04, Matt Brown, Taylor Tyson, John Haywood Jr. '04, Angie Chien, Jen Kim '07, Nick Bamat '04; (middle) Charlotte Van Wagenen '08, Chris D'Ambrosio '04, Nadia Moore, Courtney Bartlett, Allie Morrow '08, Sarah Nowakowski '08, Ali Macdonald, Sarah Brooks, Phoebe Fischer-Groban, Beth Ann Barnosky, George Razook '50, Bob Edmunds '71; (back) Lex Urban '04, Alex Bal, Dan Greenberg '08, Bryan Monier, Scott MacKenzie, Jeff Kivitz, Leo Salinger '04, Andrew Nathenson '04, Daniel Murray '04, Omri Bloch '04, Daley Kirby '07, Kristin Moss, Erin Wagner, Meaghan Rathvon



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## 18 Litoff • Gordon '95:

**July 17, Newport, R.I.**

Left to right: (front) Liz Carson '97, Tung Pham '95, Alyssa Barrett Litoff, Joshua Gordon '95, Lisa Gilbar '97; (middle) Michelle (Kang) Fagan '95, Alexandra Garbarini '94, Ben Merrick; (back) John Fagan '95, Don Gardner '57, Kwame Brandt-Pierce '95, Christina Royal '95

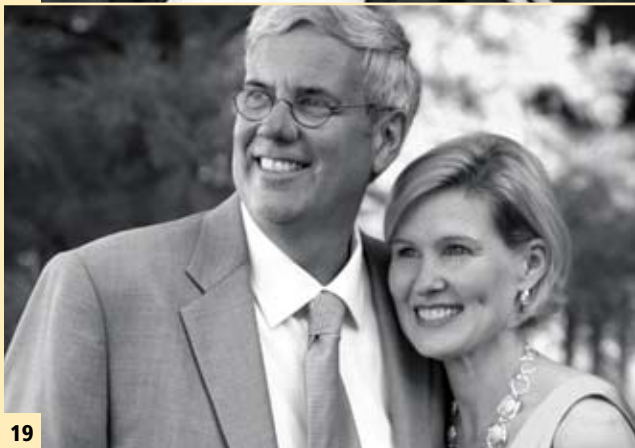


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## 19 Lynde '84 • Kolowich:

**July 31, Moultonborough, N.H.**

Michael E. Kolowich, Kirstin Lynde '84



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## 20 Morris • Kraus '79:

**Dec. 4, Williamstown, Mass.**

Left to right: (front) Nick Kraus '14, Kathy Morris, Bob Kraus '79, Nate Kraus; (middle) John Law '79, Nancy Samuelson, Carl Samuelson, Brad Svrluga '95, John Skavlem '84, Alexis Goodin (Grad Art '98), Doug Ellis '78, Patty Shaw Sprague; (back) Jay Thoman '82, Manette (Jen) McDermott '79, Brian McDermott '79, Russ Howard '84, Bo Peabody '94, John Adams '79, Mark Lewy '79, Michael Wolfson '78, Liz Lewy, Hal Sprague '79, Tom Loughman (Grad Art '95)



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**21 Lee '04 • Sullivan '04:**

**July 17, Williamstown, Mass.**

Left to right: (front) Kate Harris '08, Kathy (Loomis) Harris '76, Nick Goggans '01, Johnny Kelly '03, Jimmy Canner '06, Kristin Sundet '08; (second row) Jimmy Lee '75, Bobby Brownell '83, Kevin Greener '06, Matt Dahlman '04, Hayden Lynch '04, Mike Hackett '04, Graham Goldwasser '04, John Schneider '04, Brooke Kaltsas '04, Sarah (Torkelson) Stickney '04, Kristin Connelly '04, Kathleen Smith '03; (third row) Terry Lamb, Dan DiCenzo '01, Tony Bletsis '04, Lexi Lee '04, Justin Sullivan '04, Belle Stone '06, Drew Gottenborg '06, Emily Welsh '05, Liza Welsh '06, Sumant Bhat '03; (fourth row) Tim Stickney '04, Robert Brownell '48, Renzie Lamb, Tom Hodgson '74, Gus Whyte '04, Lydia Crafts Putnam '04, Nate Putnam '04, Jen (Garabedian) Reardon '01, Caitlin Canty '04, Beth (Brownell) Lee '75, Jamie Lee '06, Izzy Lee '12, Jaye (Gregory) Locke '06, Chuck Danhof '03, Anne Newcomer '04, Peter Endres '04, Susan (Brownell) Hodgson '74, Stephanie Hall '04, Hilary Shepard '04; (fifth row) Chris Grant '76, Bill Sperry '84, Ben Grant '09, Liz Chase '03, Tad Hodgson '03, Phil Michael '04, Mike McCarthy '06, Connie (Durrell) Sheehy '75, Suzanne (Day) Peterson '75, Cliff Huang '04, Jessie (Potter) Kingston '75, Wendy Stone '05, Ned Hole '05, Tim Pingree '06, Jon Dolan '07, Anders Haugen '04; (sixth row) Ryan Friend '03, Andrew Zimmer '04, Ben Coffin '04, Harry Sheehy '75, Peter Getsinger '75, Dick Nesbitt '74, Ben Locke '06, Pat Spellane '06, Andrew Maurer '04



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**22 Scheider '07 • Powlison:**

**Oct. 10, Lyons, Colo.**

Spencer Powlison, Kate Scheider '07



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**23 Hunt '06 • Kearsley:**

**June 19, Wellesley, Mass.**

Aaron Kearsley, Christine Hunt '06



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**24 Patterson • Janicek '02:**

**Oct. 12, Castries, St. Lucia**

Erin Patterson, Milos Janicek '02

## 25 Galbraith '93 • Ryan '92:

**Sept. 11, Sudbury, Mass.**

All '93 unless noted, left to right: (front) Ned Bicks '91, Eric Kaye '92, Evan Preisser, John Alissi; (back) Ethan Marin, Dave Young, Dave Ryan '92, Jennifer Galbraith, Kate Forand, Leslie Heald, Tierney Sage Alissi '92, Teresa (Antonino) Obin



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## 26 Mercer '03 • Fernandez:

**Sept. 5, Malibu, Calif.**

All '03 unless noted, left to right: Eric Schoenfeld, Andrew McKinstry-Wu, CJ Bak '05, Katie Mercer, Jorge Fernandez (groom), Caitlin Earley, Sarah McKinstry-Wu



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## 27 Williams • Bode '02:

**Oct. 2, Richmond, Va.**

All '02 unless noted, left to right: (front) Ted Giannacopoulos, Kelsey (Peterson) Recht '04, Matthew Lipinsky, Kurt Palmer, Josef Powell, Jessica Paar, Margaret Williams (bride), Richard Bode, Marcel Martinez, Eric Stein, Miles Hawley, David Ross, Marc Williams; (back) Laura Crum, Michael Recht, Katherine Frank '78, Jerry Page '77, Ian Page '12



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## 28 Stone '05 • Seligman '05:

**June 19, Albuquerque, N.M.**

All '05 unless noted, left to right: (front) Margaret Stone '82, Jordan Bate '06, Annie Snodgrass, Alexis Chernak; (second row) Stephanie Wai '07, Sarah Jenks '07, Izzi Stone, Courtney Gordon; (third row) Suzi Stone '76, Henry Drewyer '14, Thomas Stone '80, Jen Foss-Feig '04, Jonathan Brajtbord '06, David Seligman, Shomik Duta, Vickie Fernandez '06, Stephen Rahl, Ariel Zetlin-Jones '04, Patricia O'Reilly '07, Kaitlin (Rahl) Brandt '02; (fourth row) Ben Fleming '04, Alex Smith '06, Devin Fitzgibbons '04, Papa Adams, Jimmy Stone '08, Mike Chaberski, Nick Brandt '02, Cameron Marshall



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**29 Harrison '04 • Buchta:**

**Oct. 10, Baltimore, Md.**

All '04 unless noted, left to right: Shira Rosenberg, Deb Eames, Mike Obeiter, Torrey Wolff, Krista Harrison, Samuel Buchta (groom), Mike Henry, Jackie Hom, Jen Vorse, Matt Wilka '06



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**30 MacWright '07 • Smith:**

**Jan. 1, 2011, Jersey City, N.J.**

All '07 unless noted, left to right: (front) Bev Acha '09, Annabel Kim, Sarah MacWright, Jeffrey Smith (groom), Allegra Funsten, Maggie Gilmore '05; (back) Anne Smith, Daniel Sussman, Young Hahn, Jamie Sweeney '08, Brian Saar '05, Andy Eklund, Aleha Aziz



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**31 McCague '03 • Soudi:**

**Oct. 9, Pottstown, Pa.**

From left to right, all '03 unless noted: (front) Janet Ho, Kyla Dotson, Ji Yong Kim; (middle) Lisa Marco, Binney McCague, Abdesalam Soudi (groom), Caroline Fan, Monty Silva, Darlene Forde, Brigitte Teissedre; (back) Doug Bryant '71, Peter Rankin '94, Linda Lau, Kevin Hsueh, Christina Adams, Jock Wright '65



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**32 Sisley • Simerman '02:**

**Sept. 25, Darien, Conn.**

All '02 unless noted, left to right: (front) Megan Samenfeld-Specht, Michael T. Simerman, Amanda Sisley (bride), Jon Wiener; (back) Erin Wheeler, Cynthia Posner, Andy Herr, Jeff McBride, Dan Elsea, Jenny Veraldi



## 33 Iliff '93 • Prax:

**July 8, Jackson Hole, Wyo.**

Left to right: Nick Iliff '68, Sally Harvey, Cheryl Liechty '93, Kathryn Olsen '93, Reenita Malhotra '93, Liz Iliff '93, Brian Prax, Charlie Iliff '62, Mary Iliff Ewenson '89, Chas Iliff '96, Jack Iliff '66



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## 34 Turiello '93 • Galloway:

**Sept. 18, Exeter, N.H.**

Left to right: Steve Galloway, Riley Galloway, Rose Turiello '93



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## 35 McDonald '95 • McGann:

**Sept. 5, Baltimore, Md.**

Brenna McDonald '95, Sean McGann



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## 36 Masur • Gillispie '04:

**Oct. 2, Washington, D.C.**

Williams attendees pictured include, from right: Charles Stephenson Gillispie Jr. '64, M.J. (Prest) Lanum '04, Laura Day '04, Andrew Kao '04, Zach Yeskel '04, Daniel Murnane '04, Andrew Giarolo '04, Sean Gillispie '04, Carrie Masur



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## WEDDING ALBUM

All dates 2010 unless noted

### 1954

Edmund M. Mauro Jr. & Karen Lee Adams, July 31

### 1966

Donald W. Rodger & Nancy Rodger, Aug. 14

### 1970

John E. Nelson III & Anna K. Hathaway, Aug. 27

### 1975

Joseph C. Hutcheson & Laurie Burgess, Oct. 10

### 1979

Donna M. Staton & Richard Tedlow, May 14  
Robert D. Kraus & Kathleen M. Morris, Dec. 4

### 1983

Karl P. Rowley & Rosana Figueroa, May 16

### 1992

Allison Handler & John C. Miller, July 25

### 1995

Stephen M. Ginsberg & Sara Diamond, June 19

### 1999

Erik Holmes & Shannon Reid, May 29  
Alex Hassinger & Alison Bell, Aug. 21

### 2000

Caroline H. Ryan & John Parke Davis, April 1  
Jonathan Isaacs & Lisa Yee Man Li, May 5  
Charles N. Munyon & Vinola J. Vincent, May 16

### 2001

David H. Feigenbaum & Dana S. Kugelman, July 2010  
Nate Foster & Sara Schewel Parker, Aug. 21  
Courtney Bennigson & Adam Batliner, Sept. 18  
Emily D. Brocks & Becca Parker-Johnson '02, Sept. 30  
Geraldine Shen & Joe Bergeron, Oct. 10  
Alice Thomson & Jeremy M. DiStefano, Oct. 16  
E. Channing Powell & Jonathan E. Soverow, October 2010

### 2002

Thomas G. Sanders & Carly Auten, Aug. 14  
Tory Patterson & Laura Mathis, Aug. 28  
Richard P. Bode & Margaret Williams, Oct. 2  
Brian P. Michener & Laura E. Bauers, Oct. 2

### 2003

Andrew O. Howard & Emma Crossen, Sept. 5  
Jennifer A. Feldman & Arturo Brillembourg, Sept. 25  
Shannon Walsh & Ryan Hutto, Oct. 16

### 2004

Lydia Crafts & Nathan Putnam '04, May 15  
Antoinette Wilson & Uthman Yusuf Nkosi Lockett, May 15  
Michelle Kron & Brian Roberts Gray, June 12  
Krista Lyn Harrison & Samuel G. Buchta, Oct. 10  
Sarah H. Croft & John A. BackusMayes '05, Oct. 24

### 2005

Caleb Andrew Bliss & Robin Young, Sept. 19  
Lauren Levien & Michael Daniel Nagin, Sept. 25  
Adam M. Shoemaker & Elizabeth Sherburne Van Heuvelen, Sept. 25  
Jocelyn Gardner & Matthew P. Spencer, Sept. 25

### 2006

Christine Hunt & Aaron Kearsley, June 19  
Amelia Bishop & Michael B. Landberg, June 26

### 2007

Alexandra E. Constantin & Matthew B. Piven, Aug. 7  
Christopher G.L. Fort & Catherine E. Johnson '09, Aug. 27  
Kate Scheider & Spencer Powlison, Oct. 10  
Maggie Miller & Ryan F. Scannell, Dec. 18

### 2008

Nela Vukmirovic & Milos Milosevic, Sept. 4

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

All dates 2010 unless noted

### 1986

Maya Ann Gilchrist to Donald Gilchrist, June 12  
Zenna Mari Haile-Manas to Rebecca M.G. Haile, Oct. 26

### 1987

Philip Bolton to Sara M. Bolton, Sept. 21

### 1990

Nicolas Angelone Bowers to Rick Bowers, Nov. 16

### 1991

Cecilia Frederique Sandman Flanigan to Jennifer (Austin) Flanigan, Nov. 15

## 1992

Marlon Albert Rosoff to  
**Matthew J. Rosoff**, Aug. 2

## 1993

Grace W.R. Pruett to **Jennifer (Thurman) Pruett**, March 24  
Evelyn Rachel Roosenraad to **Jodi (Ariail) & Christopher R. Roosenraad** '94, April 20  
Helene Iara da Silva Shaw to **Kurt Gillum Shaw**, April 22  
Kate Louise Wynperle to **Hilary (O'Rourke) Wynperle**, May 19  
Stella Brewster van der Linde to **Lindley (Hall) van der Linde**, Aug. 24  
Theodore Alexander Rahn to **Keely Maxwell**, Dec. 13

## 1994

Eliot Solomon Harris to  
**Matthew C. Harris**, Dec. 31

## 1995

Sayles Avison Thielscher to  
**Betsy Nicholson**, April 7  
Madeleine Kelly Martin to  
**Stephanie Martin**, Aug. 25  
Sarah Ellen Brandoff to  
**Douglas Evan Brandoff**,  
Oct. 31

## 1996

Vivian Alexis Cayetano to  
**Kelli A. Martin**, March 8  
Ian Charles Behling to **Greg Behling & Elizabeth K. Lambert** '98, March 26  
Juliette Jeanne-Marie Rose to **Katharine Sawyer Rose**,  
March 26  
Eitan Zachary Fierst to **Lesley Whitcomb Fierst**, May 12  
Lucy S. Rowley to **Sarah J. Heidel**, Sept. 20  
Christian John Lee to **Brian Keebok Lee**, Sept. 28

## 1997

Isabella Corona Vosburg to  
**David A. & Kate (Hedden) Vosburg** '98, Nov. 24, 2008,  
adopted Feb. 24  
Edward James Higgins to

**Brian Joseph Higgins**,  
March 21  
Emmett Muir Palmer to  
**Beverly Grossman Palmer**,  
March 26  
Charles Everett Jeffery to  
**Corey D. Jeffery**, May 5  
Mariah Juliet Goodson to  
**Dana (Mason) Goodson**,  
May 26  
Abel Isaac Rigney to **Kirsten (Paquette) Rigney**, June 15  
Abigail Grace Gutierrez to  
**Colleen Melia Gutierrez**,  
Nov. 1

## 1998

Savion Rashied Azcuy to  
**Akeela Ali**, April 20  
Ada Linden Cornett to **Linden (Minnick) Cornett**, April 26  
Gwen LaPerle to **Sarah Malcolm LaPerle**, April 10

## 1999

Saoirse Regan Green to **Gillian (Morris) Green**, March 31  
Leah Marie Wyderko to  
**Elizabeth Claflin Wyderko**,  
April 9  
Herbert Warren Anderson to  
**Andy & Rebecca Kate (Atkinson) Anderson** '00,  
April 20  
Ava Dalia & Kayla Sofia  
Resnick to **Seth A. Resnick**,  
April 26  
Maxwell Jones Daily to  
**Andrea (Slate) Daily**, April 29  
Ethan Maddox Schwartz to  
**Lindsay Renner Schwartz**,  
July 26  
David Harrington Beamer  
to **Catherine Bagley Beamer**,  
Aug. 19  
Penelope Rose McPherson to  
**Edward R. McPherson**,  
Dec. 13

## 2000

Asher Tobias Trajman to **Lily (Filip) Trajman**, March 2  
Nicholas Fredericks Dubofsky  
to **Megan Fredericks  
Dubofsky**, March 7  
Finnegan Tilney Whitman to  
**Cara Shortleeve**, March 19  
Kristina Maria Gonzalez Del

Riego to **Alfonso Rodrigo  
Gonzalez Del Riego & Pelagia  
Ivanova** '01, March 24  
Milo Sheppe & Noemi Page  
Okun to **Sarah (Sheppe) Okun**,  
April 1  
Wren Kinsman Macklin to  
**Carla (Chokel) Macklin**,  
May 28  
Erik Russell Morgan to **Elise  
(Estes) Morgan**, July 24  
Hailey Alexandra Joyce to  
**David B. Joyce**, Aug. 6

## 2001

Cameron J. Louis O'Neill to  
**Jeffrey J. O'Neill**, March 10  
Helen Marie Loparo to **Erin  
Moria Palazzolo Loparo**,  
May 12  
Hazel Elizabeth Gemborys to  
**Meagan (Tierney) Gemborys**,  
June 30  
Olivia Anya Catapano  
Friedman Ojukwu to **Kenneth  
U. Ojukwu**, July 4  
Langston Jedediah Key to **Joey  
Valis Shapiro Key**, Aug. 16  
Amelia Rose Adamo to **Robert  
John Adamo & Jessica R.  
Bauman** '02, Nov. 27  
Madisyn Grace Butler to **Joe  
Butler**, Dec. 3

## 2002

Violeta Bartolome Brammer to  
**Gabriel B. Brammer**, April 20  
Lucy Jane Davidson to  
**William H. Davidson**, July 1  
Avery Blume to **Zachary R.  
Blume**, Nov. 3

## 2003

Elijah Benjamin Angarita to  
**Benjamin N. Angarita**, Oct. 1  
Eleanor Elizabeth Cronin to **J.  
Foster Cronin**, Nov. 1

## 2005

William Thompson Harris to  
**John Harris**, Nov. 11

## 2006

Simon Gunning to **Joanna  
(Kretchmer) Gunning**, Jan. 1,  
2011

## 1937

**WILLIAM EVERDELL** of Glen Head, N.Y., Sept. 3. Everdell was an attorney with Debevoise & Plimpton in NYC. At Williams he belonged to the lacrosse and sailing teams, Gargoyle Society, the *Record* and Sigma Phi. He received a law degree from Yale (1940). He was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve (1942-45). Among his professional and civic activities, he was a member of the American Bar Association and the NYC and New York State bars. He was a trustee of Saint Paul's School and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. As a Williams alumnus he was class agent and a member of his class's 50th reunion committee. Among his survivors are his brother **Romeyn Everdell '42**, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT B. MEYERSBURG** of Naples, Fla., Nov. 24. Meyersburg was deputy director of aircraft research for the Federal Aviation Agency and, later, president of Robert B. Meyersburg Assoc. consulting firm. At Williams he belonged to the lacrosse team. He served in the U.S. Army (1939-40), the Royal Canadian Air Force (1940-1942) and the U.S. Marine Corps (1942-46) and Marine Corps Reserve (1946-75). He received a certificate in aeronautical engineering from the Royal Council of Engineering Institutions (1972). Among his survivors are a son and a grandson.

**JOHN D. REEVES** of Farmington, Conn., Oct. 24. Reeves taught at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., Millikin University

in Decatur, Ill., and Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Previously he taught English at Horace Mann School and Irving School. At Williams he was a junior advisor and belonged to choir, Gargoyle Society, WCA, Zeta Psi and the track, football and wrestling teams. He received a master's in English from Columbia (1941). He was a U.S. Navy lieutenant (1941-45). He wrote *Windows on Melville* (2001). As a Williams alumnus he belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society. He has no known survivors.

## 1938

**THEODORE H. NOEHREN** of Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 9. Noehren was an internist in private practice specializing in lung disease and a professor of pulmonary medicine at the University of Buffalo and the University of Utah. At Williams he was a junior advisor and member of the football team, Cap & Bells, Gargoyle Society, the *Record* and Delta Phi. He received a medical degree from University of Rochester (1942). He was a U.S. Navy lieutenant (1943-46). As a Williams alumnus he was a member of the Ephraim Williams Society. He is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and cousin **William Egelhoff '40**.

## 1939

**MORTON A. SILVERMAN** of Southington, Conn., Nov. 5. Silverman was president of Superior Eyelets Inc. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps (WWII). Among his survivors are his wife Lynn, two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## 1940

**ALLEN W. SHELTON JR.** of San Mateo, Calif., Sept. 10. Shelton worked in sales at Will Scientific, Van Waters & Rogers and Varian Associates. He later founded the travel agency All Wynds Travel. At Williams he was a member of Cap & Bells and Beta Theta Phi. He was a U.S. Army first lieutenant (1940-46). He is survived by four children and four grandchildren.

## 1941

**HOWARD F. DETMER** of Cumberland Foreside, Maine, Dec. 22. Detmer was senior VP of C.H. Robinson Paper Co. in Portland. Previously he was an operations officer at W.R. Grace & Co. in South America and worked at E.E. Taylor Shoe Co. in Freeport, Maine. At Williams he was a junior advisor and member of Cap & Bells, Phi Delta Theta and the football and track teams. He was a U.S. Army major (WWII). He received a master's in business administration from DePaul University (1953). He belonged to the New England Paper Merchants Association and was a director of Cerebral Palsy of Maine and a trustee of Waynflete



DETMER

School. Among his survivors are his wife Josephine, three children, a stepdaughter, six grandchildren, brothers **Eugene T. Detmer** '46 and **Martin J. Detmer** '50 and nephew **E. Thomas Detmer Jr.** '75.

## ROBERT B. THOMAS of Hingham, Mass., Oct.

1. Thomas was a salesman for William B. Canterbury Yacht Sales and previously for Kaiser Aluminum Foil. At Williams he was a member of Delta Psi. He was a chief quartermaster in the U.S. Navy (1941-45). He was a volunteer with the American Red Cross. He is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### 1942

## WILLIAM B. ROBINSON

of Friendswood, Texas, Nov. 21. Robinson was an engineer with Sprague Electric Co. At Williams he belonged to WCFM. He was a U.S. Army Air Force 1st lieutenant (1942-46). Among his survivors are his wife Charline and three children.

### 1943

**ANDREWS D. BLACK** of San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 28. Black was headmaster of Denver Country Day School and previously a teacher at Taft School. At Williams he belonged to band, Cap & Bells, choir, Alpha Delta Phi and the ice hockey team. He was a U.S. Army first lieutenant (1943-46; 1950-52), receiving the Bronze Star Medal. He was a member of the Headmasters Association and the Country Day School Headmasters Association, a director of Big Brothers Inc. of Denver and a trustee of Aspen Country Day School and the Association of Colorado Independent

Schools. As a Williams alumnus he was Tyng Bequest administrator and a member of his class's 50th reunion fund committee and the Ephraim Williams Society. Among his survivors are his wife Kay, three daughters, cousin **Christopher Cluett** '63 and nephew **John N. Black** '70.



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**BRUCE C. CONKLIN** of Corona Del Mar, Calif., Sept. 26. Conklin was a business administrator with T.E. Conklin Brass & Copper Co. At Williams he was a member of Zeta Psi. He was a U.S. Naval aviator (1942-45; 1952-53). Among his survivors is his wife Harriet.

### 1945

**WILLIAM S. BENNETT III** of Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 23. Bennett worked in operations research for Johns Hopkins, Stanford Research Institute and Los Alamos National Laboratory and was on the faculty of Paul D. Camp Community College in Virginia. At Williams he was a junior advisor and a member the swim team, the *Record*, Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Theta Pi. He served in the U.S. Navy (1943-45). He received a master's in physics from Duke (1947) and a PhD in statistics from American University (1965). He was a member of the

Franklin-Southampton County Literacy Council. As a Williams alumnus he was a member of the Williams Club and the Ephraim Williams Society. He is survived by five children, including **Susan Bennett** '82, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## SAMUEL HAZARD of Boise, Idaho, Sept. 15.

Hazard was a teacher and headmaster at many schools in the U.S. before founding community schools in Boise and Ketchum, Idaho, and Naples, Fla. Later, he was a sales associate with Coldwell Banker. At Williams he was a member of the squash team, yacht club and Sigma Phi. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve (1942-46). He received a master's in education from Northwestern (1975). Among his survivors are his wife Julie, three children, four stepchildren and eight grandchildren.

### 1946

**DAVID W. CALHOUN** of Bath, Maine, Oct. 5. Calhoun was a broker with CHR Realty and the Dana Corp. At Williams he was a member of the choir, Outing Club and Phi Gamma Delta. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve (1942-46). He was active with Bath, Maine, Center for the Arts and was a volunteer for Midcoast Hospital. As a Williams alumnus he was a member of the Williams Club. He is survived by four children and brother **Daniel F. Calhoun** '50.

**JAMES G. GRAY** of Elmira, N.Y., Dec. 22. Gray left Williams to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserve medical corps (1943-46). He later returned to Williams, where he belonged to Phi Sigma Kappa. After receiving a medical degree from Cornell



(1951) he was chief of surgery at St. Joseph Hospital and Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital and later established Arnot Medical Specialties. He also was a physician with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. He was director and VP of the Elmira Choral and Symphony Society. Among his survivors are his wife Joan, four children and 11 grandchildren.

**WILLIAM B. KIRKPATRICK** of Cumberland Foreside, Maine, Sept. 30. Kirkpatrick was executive VP, senior lending officer and director at Canal National Bank and, later, senior VP of Maine National Bank. He spent a year at Williams and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon before joining the U.S. Army Air Force (1943-45). He graduated from Bowdoin (1948). He was chairman of the Greater Portland Public Development Commission and the Portland Zoning Board of Appeals, a member of the New England Council for Economic Development, trustee of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and Waynflete School and a member of the board of directors of Maine Savings & Loan Assoc., C.H. Robinson Paper Co. and the Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc. He is survived by his wife Sally, two daughters, three stepchildren, eight step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

**1947**

**THOMAS L. DUNLAP** of Santa Barbara, Calif., Aug. 28. Dunlap was the director of business systems for Santa Barbara Research Center and worked for 40 years in business administration for Hughes Aircraft Co. He attended Williams before serving in the U.S. Navy

(WWII). He graduated from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife Dokey, three daughters and five grandchildren.

**1948**

**JAMES P. HUMPHREYS JR.** of Sun City, S.C., Oct. 25. Humphreys was a teacher at many schools, retiring from Bok A.V.T. School in Philadelphia. Humphreys left Williams to serve in the U.S. Army Air Forces (1944-46), returning to graduate in 1948. He belonged to the tennis and ice hockey teams and was a member of Sigma Phi. He received a master's in education from Florida State University (1962). He is survived by his wife Almeda, four children, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and brother **Michael F. Humphreys** '49.

**1949**

**DAN A. DICKINSON** of Vista, Calif., Oct. 10. Dickinson was a librarian at the San Diego Library and the Los Angeles Public Library. At Williams he belonged to the band. He served in the U.S. Army (1942-45). He received a master's in library science from University of Southern California (1956). He was a member of the California Library Association. He has no known survivors.

**GERALD O. HERNDON** of Corona Del Mar, Calif., Nov. 15. Herndon served in the U.S. Army signal corps (WWII) before attending Williams. He was an investigative reporter for the *Evening Star* in DC and later was public relations director for Robert F. Kennedy during his run for president. Among his survivors are three children, a grandson and brother **John A. Herndon** '49.

**GEORGE A. HYDE JR.** of Oakland, Calif., Jan. 16, 2011. Hyde was a U.S. Army Air Force private (WWII) before attending Williams, where he belonged to the football team and Zeta Psi. He received a medical degree from Columbia (1953). He was a pediatric surgeon and chief of staff at Children's Hospital in San Francisco and associate clinical professor of surgery at University of California at San Francisco. Later he taught at University of Nairobi, Kenya, and was senior lecturer in surgery at University of Zimbabwe, where he established a pediatric surgical program. He consulted for the Medical Project of South Atlantic Natural Resources in Equatorial Guinea. As a Williams alumnus he received a Bicentennial Medal (2000) for his distinguished achievement in medical education. Among his survivors are his wife June, three daughters, four grandchildren, brothers **John M. Hyde** '52, **Arthur H. Hyde** '56 and **D. Stephen Hyde** '64, cousin **George H. Hyde** '45, nieces **Alix H. Barralle** '93 and **Kate Hyde** '96 and nephew **Michael W. Hyde** '91.

**FRED W. LOGAN** of Sarasota, Fla., Nov. 28. Logan was a pioneer of underwater photography and owner of Sarasota Aquasports scuba shop. He directed the underwater footage for the CBS TV program *Odyssey* and led underwater exploration for the Smithsonian Institution's excavation of Port Royale, Jamaica, and other archaeological dives throughout the Caribbean. At Williams he belonged to Chi Psi and Phi Beta Kappa. He was a U.S. Air Force bombardier (WWII). As a Williams alumnus he

belonged to the Ephraim Williams Society. Among his survivors are three children and two granddaughters.

**HAROLD E. NEAVE JR.** of Mount Morris, Ill., Aug. 31. Neave was an engineer at Kable Printing and Borg-Warner. At Williams he was a member of Chi Psi, WCFM and the wrestling team. He was a U.S. Navy electronics technician (1945-46). He received an MBA from Harvard. He served as Ogle County Board member, supervisor of Mount Morris Township, trustee of the village of Mount Morris, chairman of the Ogle County Rural Landscape Committee and chairman of the Rockford Section of the American Society for Quality Control. He is survived by a sister.

## 1950

**EDWARD A. ARMSTRONG** of Richmond, Va., Oct. 27. Armstrong had a career in commercial banking in Connecticut, Maryland, New York and Virginia and later worked at Capital Business Exchange in Richmond. At Williams he belonged to Kappa Alpha. He served in the U.S. Navy (WWII and Korean War). Among his survivors are his wife Betty Lee, four children and a grandson.

**JOHN F. BOWEN** of Rochester, N.Y., Sept. 17. Bowen was a physician with Canandaigua Medical Group in Canandaigua, N.Y., and medical director for Ontario-Yates Hospice. At Williams he was a junior advisor, captain of the soccer team and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Zeta Psi. He was a U.S. Navy sonarman (1944-46). He received a medical degree from Harvard (1954). He is survived by

three sons, five grandchildren, three stepsons, five step-granddaughters and nephews **Robert B. Hull '73** and **John S. Hull '85**.

**SHERWOOD E. DICKERMAN** of Key West, Fla., Nov. 1. Dickerman was a writer and journalist with newspapers including *The New York Times*. He was a U.S. Army paratrooper (1944-46; 1950-51). At Williams he was a member of the lacrosse team, fencing club, the literary magazine and WCFM. He received a master's in journalism (1952) and a master's in history (1962), both from Columbia. As a Williams alumnus he was an associate class agent and a member of the Ephraim William Society. Among his survivors is a sister.

**WILLIAM H. HUDSON** of Dallas, Texas, Sept. 5. Hudson was an executive in the oil industry, retiring as chairman and CEO of GNC Energy Corp. At Williams he was a member of the football and polo teams and Sigma Phi. He was a U.S. Army second lieutenant (1950-53). He was director of the Colorado Rocky Mountain School and director and president of the Dallas Opera. As a Williams alumnus he was an associate class agent. Among his survivors are his wife Cathy, four children, four stepchildren, seven grandchildren and nephew **William P.C. Hudson '76**.

**THOMAS M. LEOS JR.** of Kenmore, N.Y., Dec. 17. Leos served in the U.S. Navy (WWII) before entering Williams, where he belonged to the football and ice hockey teams and Delta Kappa Epsilon. After 18 years running the family furrier business, he became an officer with Chemical

Bank, M&T and Key Bank and worked in several other companies in municipal finance. He was a member of the American Institute of Banking, VP of the Erie County American Cancer Society and division chairman of the United Way of Niagara Falls. As a Williams alumnus he was Western New York regional association president, treasurer, book awards coordinator and admission representative and chair; alumni career counseling representative; and class treasurer, associate class agent, chair of his 30th and 35th reunions and a member of the 50th reunion fund committee and 55th reunion golf chair. He received the Copeland Award (2005) for his work as an admission volunteer. Among his survivors are his wife Beatrice, six children, including **Marcia A. Leous '79** and **Stephen F. Leous '80**, 12 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, nephew **John P. Batt '74** and niece **Maureen E. McDonnell '86**.



LEOUS

**A.S. PEABODY JR.** of Fairfield, Conn., Dec. 13. Peabody was a lieutenant, junior grade, in the U.S. Navy (1945-46) before entering Williams, where he belonged to Gargoyle Society, WCFM, Undergraduate Council, *Purple Cow*, Chi Psi and the football and ice hockey

## INITIAL THOUGHTS

Motoring cross-country last June in my stalwart Subaru gave me time to wonder, a quarter-century after my graduation: Would I still recognize Williams? Many of you have asked me the same question. However nuanced our relationship with the college was as students, those years were, for most of us, formative: Our capacity to engage critically with the world, our choice of career, our decisions about the friends we keep were all shaped while we were here. Whether the best of “our” Williams persists (and whether Williams would still admit us!) matters.

I’m still deciphering what’s changed here and what’s stayed the same. Clearly there’s a lot of both, as shown in this recent experience.

College Council continues (as in the ‘80s) to disburse funds to an impressive array of student groups. Most of that funding is straightforward operating support, but a handful of cases are more challenging. This year’s most complicated request came from the Sailing Club. Founded in the mid-1930s and boasting membership of some 16 students, the Club needed both operating support and a solution for its aging fleet. Its six 420-class dinghies were becoming unseaworthy. In fact, amid the funding negotiations, one found its way to the bottom of Lake Pontoosuc!

The outgoing council co-presidents asked me to provide counsel at one of the final meetings. The Sailing Club made its pitch. College Council’s Finance Committee presented funding scenarios. I shared that the development office’s first job was to seek support for the college’s priorities as established in the 2010-11 budget. Council members debated the merits of expensively underwriting the passions of a few students against other potentially broader uses of the same funds.

What I found remarkable was neither the ambitious request nor the funding outcome (two dinghies were purchased; the council hopes that we’ll again find an impassioned sailing alum or parent to underwrite others). What struck me was how this tableau was at the same time both so different and so similar to my student experiences.

Most different were the composition of College Council and the sophistication of its deliberations.



Williams’ student government leaders wonderfully model the socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic diversity we’ve collectively pursued for the past several decades. Council Co-presidents Ifiok Inyang ’11 and Emanuel Yekutieli ’11 observed Robert’s Rules of Order with near-military precision. The Finance Committee delivered its PowerPoint presentation on options for funding (or not funding) sailing with savvy worthy of the Treasury Department and at a staccato clip reminiscent of the trading floor. Various council members pursued creative lines of inquiry, including the possibility of debt financing, while demonstrating impressive sensitivity to the need to not financially constrain succeeding council members.

At the same time, the civility and mutual respect in the room were familiar and welcome. These students seemed to personify the best of what Williams has long strived to be, while representing a far broader slice of humanity. Supporting their education by leading the team charged with creatively engaging alumni and parents is an honor.

With warmth from Williamstown,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John M. Malcolm".

John M. Malcolm '86

VP for Alumni Relations & Development

Christopher F. Giglio '89, President, Society of Alumni, shares the latest alumni update [here](#).

teams. He had a career in advertising in the NYC, Germany and Asia offices of Young & Rubicam, retiring as creative director. He later established the advertising company Peabody Corners in Hillsdale, N.Y. As a Williams alumnus he was an admission representative and regional chair and class agent. Among his survivors are his wife Patricia, a daughter, three stepchildren and seven grandchildren.



PEABODY

**J. KIMBALL WHITNEY** of Wayzata, Minn., Nov. 8. Whitney was president of Whitney Management Co., which owned farms throughout Minnesota. At Williams he was a member of the golf team, Octet, the *Record* and Delta Kappa Epsilon. He served in the U.S. Army (1950-52). He was on the board and the executive committee of the U.S. Golf Association and was one of the few Americans to belong to The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield in Scotland. He was a board member of the Children's Home Society of Minnesota. He served as commissioner of Economic Development for the state of Minnesota (1967-71). As a Williams alumnus he was an associate class agent and member of the Williams Club and Ephraim Williams Society. His is survived

by his wife Helen, three children, including **Lucy Whitney Standish** '84, and six grandchildren.

**FORD WRIGHT JR.** of Virginia Beach, Va., July 10. Wright was president of Wright International Financial Corp. and previously president and CEO of Executive Clubs International. At Williams he was a member of the soccer team and Delta Upsilon. He was a U.S. Naval Reserve aviator (1951-55). He received an MBA from Harvard (1958). He was a consultant for the American Indian Heritage Foundation, a trustee of the American Institute of Natural Health and chairman of the National Historic Aircraft Foundation. He is survived by his wife Kristina, four children and cousins **John P. Hubbell** '40 and **Elisabeth Wright Hawkings** '86.

## 1951

**EVERETT J. SMITH** of White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 8. Smith was a partner in the accounting firm Smith, Batchelder & Rugg, continuing to work for the firm following its acquisition by Berry, Dunn, McNeal & Parker. At Williams he was a member of the wrestling team, College Council, Outing Club, Sigma Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. He received an MBA from Harvard (1953). He served active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve (1953-56). He was a member and president of the Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants. As a Williams alumnus he was an associate class agent and member of his class's 50th reunion fund committee. Among his survivors are his wife Sandra, two children, including **Thomas Everett Smith** '88, and brother **George W. Smith Jr.** '48.

**WILLIAM W. WINDLE** of Chestnut Hill, Mass., Jan. 3, 2011. Windle was a VP of UBS Paine Webber and, previously, Kidder Peabody. At Williams he belonged to Alpha Delta Phi. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force (Korean War). He attended Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program (1970). He was a trustee of Simmons College and served on the chairman's council of the Trustees of the Reservations. Among his survivors are three daughters, three stepchildren, six grandchildren and nephew **Charles B. Hoffman** '85.

## 1952

**ELMER T. MITCHELL JR.** of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Dec. 27. Mitchell was a surgical researcher for the burn division of United Brook Army Hospital. Previously he was chief of the department of plastic surgery at Salem Hospital and president of North Shore Plastic Surgical Association in Salem, Mass. At Williams he belonged to the ice hockey and lacrosse teams, WCFM and Psi Upsilon. He received a medical degree from Yale (1956). Among his survivors are his wife Evelyn and three children.

## 1955

**THOMAS A. STARK** of Selma, Ore., May 8. Stark was an attorney, serving as VP and counsel, executive VP and president of Security National Bank and later as president of Fidelity National Bank, both in California. At Williams he was a member of All Campus Entertainment, Combo Za, bridge club, Delta Upsilon and the golf, skiing, sailing and softball teams. He was a U.S. Air Force pilot (1956-58). He received a law



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VP for Alumni Relations & Development

John Malcolm, VP for Alumni Relations & Development, shares his thoughts about Williams here.

degree from the University of Arizona (1961). He is survived by seven children.

## 1956

**MICHAEL DOCTOROFF** of Natick, Mass., Dec. 1. Doctoroff was founder and chairman of The Trainers Warehouse. Previously he was VP of engineering at Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne, Ind., president of Balzers Corp. in Hudson, N.H., and a self-employed business consultant. At Williams he belonged to the wrestling team, WCFM and Phi Gamma Delta. He received a master's in physics from Williams (1958) and an MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology (1973). He was a director of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. He wrote *Synergistic Management* (1978). As a Williams alumnus he was an associate class agent. Among his survivors are his wife Honey, three daughters and eight grandchildren.

## 1957

**DONALD C. MORRISON** of Greenwood Village, Colo., Oct. 22. Morrison was president of Morrison Properties, a real estate development company in Greenwood Village. At Williams he was a member of the band, Outing Club, flying club and Phi Delta Theta. He received an MBA from Northwestern University. He was a member of the Greenwood Village City Council, Cherry Creek Village Water Board and the Greenwood Village Parks & Trails Commission. Among his survivors are his wife Jean, three children and six grandchildren.

## 1958

**STEPHEN A. FUDELL** of Philadelphia, Pa., Nov.

1. Fudell was co-chair of the radiology department at Parkview Hospital. At Williams he was manager of the baseball and basketball teams and belonged to Phi Sigma Kappa. He received a doctor of osteopathy degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa (1962). He held certification from the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, the American Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the American Board of Radiology. Among his survivors are his wife Rosalind, three children, two stepchildren and four grandchildren.

## 1959

**VICTOR VAN VALIN** of Bellevue, Wash., Jan. 2, 2011. Van Valin was an attorney with Oseram, Hahn, Van Valin & Watts. At Williams he was a member of the *Record* and Beta Theta Pi. He received a law degree from University of Washington (1963). He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve (1963-64; 67-69). He was chairman of the Probate & Trust Law Committee and the University of Washington Estate Planning Board, committee chairman of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, director of the Seattle chapter of International Association of Financial Planners and a member of the Japan America Society of Seattle. He wrote *Casting Out Fear* (2008). As a Williams alumnus he was an admission representative. Among his survivors are his wife Liz, two children, two stepsons and nephew **Brian B. Foster** '93.

## 1960

**THOMAS B. TIERNEY** of Bloomington, Minn., Nov. 2. Tierney was a teacher

and later scoring director for Data Recognition Corp. At Williams he was soccer team captain and a member of the baseball team, College Council, German Club and Beta Theta Pi. He received an master's in teaching from Wesleyan (1962). He is survived by his wife Carol, two daughters and two grandchildren.

**H. ALLEN SPENCER** of Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 8. Spencer worked as a marketing and communications executive for Kodak and then High Falls Advisors. At Williams he played soccer and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He received a master's in English from Williams (1967) and a PhD in English from the University of Rochester. (1976). He was president of the board of the Rochester Historical Society and the Harley School, president of the Friends of the University of Rochester Libraries and a board member of the Crestwood Children's Center. As a Williams alumnus he was a member of the Rochester Regional Special Gifts Committee. He is survived by his wife Suzanne, two sons and three grandchildren.

## 1961

**ANDREW B. WEISS** of Short Hills, N.J., Oct. 23. Weiss was chief of orthopedic surgery at Birmingham Veterans Hospital and director of orthopedic surgery at New Jersey Medical School. He was a clinical professor at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry and taught at the University of Alabama Medical Center, the University of Iowa and Albert Einstein College, among other institutions. At Williams he was a member of the track team, the *Record* and Theta Delta Chi. He receive

a medical degree from the Downstate Medical Center of the State University of New York (1965). He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps (1971-73). As a Williams alumnus he was a member of his 50th reunion fund committee and the Williams Club. Among his survivors are his wife Madge and three children, including **Adam M. Weiss** '89 and **Jennifer M. Weiss** '93.

## 1962

**GLEN E. THUROW** of Port Orford, Ore., Oct. 7. Thurow was professor of politics, provost, graduate dean and Faculty Senate chair at University of Dallas. At Williams he was a member of the Outing Club, Debate Union, Phi Beta Kappa and Theta Delta Chi. He received a master's (1966) and a PhD (1968) in political science from Harvard. He is survived by his wife Sarah, three children, two grandchildren and brothers **Chuck Thurow** '64 and **Lester C. Thurow** '60.

## 1965

**WILLIAM F. RHAME JR.** of Pea Ridge, Ark., June 19. Rhame spent his career with the U.S. Army, serving as a military intelligence officer during the Vietnam War and retiring with the rank of Army lieutenant colonel. He received a Bronze Star Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, a Joint Service Commendation Medal and an Army Achievement Medal, among many others. At Williams, he was a member of the wrestling team, the Outing Club and Delta Psi. He received a bachelor's degree (1973) and a master's (1980) in organizational behavior from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. He volunteered in community

schools and was involved with Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, three daughters and a grandchild.

## 1966

**CHARLES R. DEBEVOISE** of Carmel, N.Y., Oct. 13. DeBevoise was president of Kriti Management and later a venture capitalist at Stonebridge Ventures and Citibank. At Williams he belonged to the basketball team, Spanish club, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Sigma Kappa. He received a master's in international affairs from Columbia (1969). He was a director of Atlantic Bank of New York. Among his survivors are his wife Barbara and two sons, including **Aaron N. DeBevoise** '02.

**HENRY TAYLOR IRWIN III** of Bermagui, New South Wales, Australia, Oct. 15. Irwin was the manager of Brandywine Pty. Ltd., a farm that won awards for innovation in conservation. Previously he established a farm that raised cattle and bred and raced quarter horses. At Williams he was a member of the lacrosse and football teams, WCFM and Beta Theta Pi. He was the first editor of *Australian Quarter Horse* magazine, president of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, a board member of Kinross Wolaroi College and active with the Orange Agricultural College. He is survived by his wife Lois, two children and two grandchildren.

## 1967

**ROBERT P. INGALLS** of Troy, N.Y., Nov. 12. Ingalls was an executive officer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he taught computer science courses.

Previously he was a professor of psychology at California State University at Chico and at Russell Sage College and served as director of research at the N.Y. Council on Children & Families. He received a master's (1968) and a PhD (1972) in psychology from the University of Connecticut. He received a master's in computer science from Rensselaer. He served as a member of the Rensselaer Land Trust and as a steward for the Nature Conservancy. Among his survivors are his wife Naomi.

## 1972

**PHILIP F. SULLIVAN** of Simpsonville, S.C., Dec. 27. A longtime resident of Andover, Mass., Sullivan was an attorney in private practice. Previously he was an associate with Greeley & Shea. At Williams he belonged to the soccer and hockey teams and Phi Beta Kappa. He received a law degree from Boston University (1975). He was co-chair of the American Cancer Society's fundraising golf tournament. He was active in the town of Andover, including as trustee of the Margaret G. Towle Fund and president of Andover Exchange Club and Fidelity House. Among his survivors are his wife Denise and brother **Kevin J. Sullivan** '70.

## 1981

**CHARLES N. KUBERT** of Chicago, Ill., Sept. 10. Kubert was a consultant and an environmental business specialist as project director with Clean Energy Group and the Environmental Law and Policy Center. At Williams he was a member of the Outing Club and Berkshire Symphony. He received an MBA from the University of Chicago (1985). He was an environmental

activist, involved with Friends of the Chicago River and the Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter. As a Williams alumnus, he served as an admission representative. He is survived by his wife Karen and two daughters.

## 1986

**DEREK S. VAN ECK** of New York, N.Y., Sept. 30. Van Eck was a principal and chief investment officer at the mutual fund firm Van Eck Associates Corp. He received an MBA from Northwestern (1993). As a Williams alumnus he was a member of the Williams Club. He is survived by his wife Deborah, two children, father **John C. Van Eck** '36, brother **Jan. F. Van Eck** '85 and cousin **Karl A. Mertz Sr.** '39.

## 1987

**KENNETH LEE** of Westlake, Ohio, Jan. 4, 2011. Lee was a surgeon, most recently at the Cleveland Clinic. He received a medical degree from Case Western Reserve University (1991). He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He received the Chief Resident Teaching Award by the Department of Surgery, University Hospitals of Cleveland (1996-97) and was named Teacher of the Year by the residents of Fairview Hospital. Among his

survivors are his wife Amy, three children and cousin **Zayong Koo** '85.

## 1988

**SCOTT T. POWERS** of Danvers, Mass., Oct. 27. Powers worked in the financial industry, most recently as a self-employed investment broker. At Williams he belonged to the football and track teams. He was secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Danvers. Among his survivors are four children, brother **Michael W. Powers** '77 and nephew **Shawn Michael Powers** '04.

## 1990

**TIMOTHY A. MAPES** of London, England, Nov. 15. Mapes was a foreign correspondent, beginning in Poland for *Gazeta Wyborcza* and later for Dow Jones/*Wall Street Journal* as bureau chief in New Delhi, Singapore and Jakarta. At Williams he won the Arthur B. Graves Essay Prize in political science (1990). He received a master's in political science from the London School of Economics (1991). Among his survivors are his mother and father **Glynn Mapes** '61.

## 1995

**NICHOLAS A. MARSH** of Washington, D.C., Sept. 26. Marsh was a prosecutor at the U.S. Department of Justice. Previously he clerked on the 9th Circuit and worked for the firms of Sullivan & Cromwell and Hale & Dorr in NYC. At Williams he belonged to the lacrosse team and received the Gaius Charles Bolin 1889 Essay prize in Afro-American Studies. He received a law degree and a master's in literature from Duke (1998). As a Williams alumnus he was an admission representative

and an associate class agent. Among his survivors are his wife Navis and his parents.

## Other Deaths

**EDWARD G. BOETTIGER** '33 of Rochester, Vt., Dec. 22  
**ROBERT H. NOYES** '38 of Portland, Ore., Nov. 29, 2010  
**M. EDWARD MOORADIAN** '45 of Eagle Mills, N.Y., April 30, 2009  
**ARTHUR F. JURJURIAN** '47 of Beaumont, Texas, Oct. 13, 2001  
**HUGH M. TRAPHAGEN** '51 of West Nyack, N.Y., Dec. 22, 2010  
**JOHN C. HENDERSON** '55 of Woodland Hills, Calif., Nov. 2, 2009  
**RICHARD R. HUGHES** '56 of Southport, N.C., Sept. 20  
**TIMOTHY B. COBURN** '60 of Menlo Park, Calif., Sept. 4  
**PETER G. GARSKE** '71 of Minneapolis, Minn., April 19, 2009  
**JEFFREY K. HARRIS** '72 of San Luis Obispo, Calif., Sept. 28  
**GERALD GANTT** '75 of Reisterstown, Md., Aug. 16, 2000  
**RAYMOND D. POWELL** '77 of Waltham, Mass., Sept. 5

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