

PAWpourri

....being a mixture of reports, requests and remembrances of '66 events from the past year that didn't make it into the print editions of the PAW.

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About PAWpurri

A "twoosh" is a Twitter feed that uses exactly all of its allowed 140 characters. Writing a twoosh is considered to be a pinnacle of achievement within this literary form. A PAW column has a similar grail. Like a haiku, a sonnet that scans in iambic pentameter, or an obituary, a PAW column places a premium on brevity. Each column has a 300-word limit...with a reduction of 100 words for every photo you run with it. (You thought a picture was worth a 1000 words? Wrong. It's only worth 100). The result is, every two weeks I and about 85 other PAWSecs chip and chop away at perfectly good details and imaginative descriptions that we receive in the mail to try to reach our permitted limit. Occasionally we do hit it right on 300 words (...and award ourselves, I suppose, a "PAWoosh"). But within each issue the system invariably slights some good and interesting stories...stories that could stand repeating, if not embellishing and re-telling in years to come. How to get those stories out?

To counter PAW's Shallowness-By-Design, and in response to some concerns offered this past year about inadequate intra-class communications, www.tiger66.org now offers **PAWpourri**...a freely expandable, no-word-limit

conversational column here on the website. It's a blog for '66....uncensored, untrammelled, and unlimited by the strait-jacket of word limits. Plus, while I intend to center it on expanded versions of our PAW columns it is open to any and all contributors. Just email you text to me ...jparmen@aol.com. If you want to argue, join the Class Discussion Group. But if you want to read or tell a fuller story, bring it here.

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JULY 12, 2012

STEVE DUNHAM

At a time when many of us are enjoying, considering or wishing for a



satisfying retirement, Steve Dunham is embarking on whole new career. In July he left his position as VP and general counsel at Johns Hopkins University to take on the newly created position of VP, general counsel and head of the Legal Office at Penn State. His will provide advice to the Penn State Board of Trustees, its administration, its faculty and its staff on all legal matters affecting the University. For the time being Steve is commuting between Happy Valley and his home in Baltimore because Vicky is continuing her career teaching Chinese literature at Johns Hopkins, and they have grandkids living in DC.

(The following notes are excerpted from a May 24, 2012 press release from Penn State, written **by Annemarie Mountz**). The legal office at Penn State is responsible for any legal matters affecting the University. It also coordinates and monitors legal actions with outside counsel; reviews and participates in the formulation of University policies; assists in developing and interpreting rules and guidelines

concerning University activities affecting compliance with federal and state laws and regulations; prepares and reviews legal documents, including contracts and licensing agreements; and collaborates with the University's Risk Management Office and the Affirmative Action Office.

Penn State President Rodney Erickson cited Dunham's breadth of experience and expertise in higher education as key factors in his appointment. "Steve's practice has included diverse topics including intellectual property, higher education issues, employment litigation and counseling, accounting disputes and general commercial litigation. His practice has been in both state and federal courts, and he has provided legal services to numerous universities and higher education associations. That experience is an asset for us as we move forward in dealing with the issues before us currently," he said.

Ronald J. Daniels, president of Johns Hopkins, described Steve's contributions to that university in the following manner: "Wise counsel. Skilled representation. Magnificent leadership. Absolute integrity. We at Johns Hopkins have come to place unqualified reliance on Steve Dunham for these and for so much more,". "Steve is probably the most highly respected university attorney in the United States today. I deeply regret the loss to Johns Hopkins – and to me – of such an outstanding colleague, adviser and university citizen. At the same time, however, I am pleased for Steve that he will be able to bring his considerable intelligence, skill and abilities to the service of such an important sister institution."

Steve knows what he is getting himself into. "I recognize the serious nature of the matters Penn State faces, and I hope that the combination of my private-practice background and experience representing colleges and universities will be a good balance for the needs of the University," he said. In the past he has worked on a number of high-profile matters that involve the intersection of law, reputation, risk management, the press and government investigation.

Steve graduated from Yale Law School in 1969. He began his legal career in San Francisco, where he joined the law firm of Morrison and Foerster. He joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School in 1979 and became general counsel and then vice president and general counsel of the school for the period 1982-88. He rejoined Morrison and Foerster in its Denver office in 1988 and served for several years as a managing partner and then chair of the 1,000-lawyer firm. He specialized in litigation and higher education law. He has been a member of the California, Minnesota and Colorado bars and currently is a member of the Maryland bar. He also taught courses in professional responsibility at the University of Denver College of Law and has been an instructor at various state and national

programs of continuing legal education. Steve has been chair of the California State Bar Special Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services, a member of the Board of Directors and a Fellow of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, a director of the American Judicature Society and chair of the executive committee of the Colorado Lawyers' Committee.

You can read a complete account of Steve's background and the responsibilities of his new position [here](#).

HANK CYGAN

In an earlier entry to this blog I reported on Hank's new position as a consultant on a US Navy project to upgrade an existing naval base in Senegal. Hank just returned from a 3-week project survey in Elinkine, with stops in Dakar, Ziguinchor and Cap Skirring. The primary infrastructure needed there right now is a wharf that can be used to base and re-supply patrol vessels of both the US Navy and the Senagalese Navy for their counter-narco-terrorist ("brown-water") efforts. (Senegal, for all you scientists and English majors out there, is on the West Coast of Africa....and should not to be confused with Somalia, which is on the East Coast of Africa. As Hank explained it to me, the Somalian pirates want to grab you for some ransom, but the Senagalese pirates only want to sell you their drugs).



In addition to building a wharf for patrol boats, the base construction project will involve building a ramp for landing craft that can support the base, and a newly-designed base defense perimeter. The accompanying photo shows a local fishing dhow in the process of clearing Navy inspection at the base as it presently exists. Note the remnants of the original wharf, which was destroyed in a storm about

10 years ago. Hank expects to be working on this project through December 2012, and notes that there are many such projects available right now that need consultant support. I could tell by the grin on his face that he is

pleased to again be participating in the type of work that he cut his teeth on 20 - 30 years ago.

BUD D'AVELLA

Here's a note and photo I received from Bud D'Avella about a year ago....just as he was beginning a new career of his own.

Dear Friends and Family,



I'm sitting here at my desk having cleared everything out and awaiting the movers, so I thought I should let you know what's happening. As one of my employees just said, "Independence Day" has a special meaning for me this year.

The last thirteen years, following my legal career, have been an amazing experience here, and we built the team we set out to build to enable Prudent Publishing to continue very well into the future. As a result, and as I announced almost two years ago, I am retiring tomorrow and passing the baton to some very capable people here.

I'm not stopping, though. I am currently serving on boards, consulting to family businesses, and acting in fiduciary positions with more time for enjoying my family, going to the beach, playing golf, spending time with my grandchildren and traveling and spending lots of time with Elaine. Take a look at the website (click [here](#)) my sons and I put together, and don't hesitate to call on me if there's anything I can help with. My new contact information is below.

I look forward to our next time together.

Best,
Bud bdavella@alumni.princeton.edu

New Jersey Governor Christie

Here is a story that was passed to me by Michael Parrish, Secretary for the Great Class of 1965. Its admittedly tenuous link to us is the fact that it discusses a recent party that was given for some members of our Grandfather Class...the Great Class of 2016. (See the next blog entry for a discussion of our Grandfather Class).

Writes Mike: "A fellow Princeton alum sits on the board of the local Princeton Club, which covers Morris and Essex Counties in NJ. Chris Christie sits ex-officio on Princeton's board of trustees although he has no vote (voter ID laws?). The club threw a reception at the Morris Co art museum for the incoming freshmen and their families, which in this case includes the Christies, whose oldest son will be a freshman this fall. News went around to the committee that the governor and his family would be in attendance. Upon learning of this, the alumna in charge of refreshments fired off an e-mail saying ' Oh my goodness. If the governor is coming we're going to need a lot more brownies!'"

OK. This might be considered an in-Jersey-in-joke. Maybe you had to be there. Click [here](#) for a link to Governor Christie that might explain it to you mid-westerners.

But have you heard about the **Grandfather Class Program**?

The Great Class of 2016 – We're their Grandfather Class

For the past decade or so the University has been encouraging classes who are approaching their 25th and/or their 50th reunions to form some sort of tie to the seniors who will graduate in that class's major reunion year. As with any such project, some classes have done better than others, and '66 hopes to do better than all of them. **GARY MOUNT** is chairing a '66 committee to organize this project. It really begins this fall, when the Class of 1916 arrives on campus to begin their own long march to their own 50th Reunion, in 2066.

The next thing you probably know is that many regional alumni committees annually host a send-off party to undergrads, and particularly to the entering freshmen, sometime in late August...just as described above, for the northern New Jersey area. One of Gary's hopes is that someone from our Class will represent '66 at each such event that is held across the country....and that some classmate in each region would become the local "Class Grandfather" for '16'ers from their area. At the present time, there seem to be no duties attached to this position except to attend a party. In

the future, we might be able to develop other projects (...probably more parties, maybe some mentoring, ...who knows?) that would help the members of the Class of 2016 get to know us better and be fully prepared to join the alumni body when their time comes to graduate....and our 50th reunion actually arrives.

CLASS OF 1966-SUPPORTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Class of 1966 provides scholarship support to four undergraduates. Additionally, the families of several classmates provide scholarship support to undergraduates through the mechanism of our class. Here are the names of the students who received those scholarships during the 2011-12 academic year.

THE CLASS OF 1966 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Madelon F. Case '12
Ms. Sarah Suzanne Germain '13
Ms. Lauren M. Coleman '14

CLASS OF '66 VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Yanran Chen '12

THE MACDONALD BROOKE HALSEY, CLASS OF 1966, MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Mr. Randolph E. Brown '14

THE UNTERMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mr. Christopher Cheung '12

THE RAWSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Lydia Demissachew '15

THE JULIAN B. BEATY '06 FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Veronica Rachelle Ciniglio '13
Mr. Steven A. Harris '14
Mr. Brandon A. Zamudio '14

THE ANDREW N. SEARS, CLASS OF 1966, SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ms. Claire M. Cole '12

THE WINIFRED AND ALBERT HENDLER SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Lydia Demissachew '15

THE JOHN H. THACHER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Angela Shen '14
Audrey Zak '12
Edward Zheng '13

JUNE 6, 2012

CHUCK OMAN



The Spring, 2012 issue of Harvard Medicine (...the alumni magazine of Harvard Medical School - click [here](#)) focused on stories of HMS researchers who have used the special laboratory of space to test questions of medical science ranging from pharmaceuticals, to rebuild bone tissue, computational software for imaging

technologies, and behavioral therapies for problems encountered in prolonged human spaceflight. One of those latter problems is motion sickness, and one of the profiled researchers was **CHUCK OMAN**, currently the Director of the Man-Vehicle Laboratory, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT. Written by Jake Miller, the piece entitled **Shaken and Stirred** includes this NASA file photo of Chuck (in the center) and two of his colleagues investigating the *neurovestibular cues that trigger motion sickness during a 1979 %L-1 parabolic flight, which can induce a temporary form of weightlessness. The following paragraphs are extracts from Miller's article:*

"Motion sickness is an unforgettable experience for anyone who has ever been afflicted by it. The roiling symptoms can strike while on a boat, in a car, on an airplane, and even while floating weightless in a spacecraft. Unexpected and unfamiliar motion cues received through vision, the inner ear, and body movement are at the core of the disorder.

Charles Oman, an affiliated faculty member of the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Science Technology and director of the Man Vehicle Laboratory at MIT, learned to fly as a teen, developed an interest in air sickness, and, in the late 1970s, began working with NASA to find ways to prevent or lessen

the impact of motion sickness among astronauts. Oman proposed that, during deliberate movement, the brain learns what signal pattern to expect from the otoliths and semicircular canals—two of the sensory structures of the inner ear—and cancels these signals out at the brainstem. However, when we unexpectedly stumble or fall, those signals, which affect our sense of balance, remain active and move to the brain's cortical regions where stabilizing reflexes are generated.

These two normal responses—ignoring deliberate movement and stabilizing unexpected motion—are disrupted if signals conflict with the expected patterns. The conflict occurs during weightlessness and other situations where the sensations that the inner ear feels and the sights that the eyes see don't match anything that the brain recognizes as normal motion. Oman hypothesized that this conflict between expected and perceived motion triggers sensory motor learning—and the woe of motion sickness. His theory could explain why drivers rarely get carsick as well as why astronauts get space sick, adapt after several days, and then become sick again when they return to Earth.

Oman notes that a longstanding debate over whether these “sensory conflict” signals exist may now have ended. Using an animal model, researchers recently found brainstem neurons that govern the sensory conflict behavior of the semicircular canal and otolith structures. These neurons are in the reticular formation, a brain area that detects and prioritizes new sensory inputs. The cells are also adjacent to the brain's emetic centers. It appears that when sensory conflict neurons become overloaded, the signal spills into the nearby emetic centers, eventually causing malaise and nausea. Hence the existential bleakness of motion sickness may be a simple evolutionary accident of brain wiring.

Oman often experienced weightlessness and disorientation in parabolic flight: When he floated upside down, the ceiling would suddenly appear to be the floor. Oman realized that this sudden shift in orientation could provoke space sickness. “We told the astronauts, ‘Look, if you want to avoid being sick, you and your crew need to all stay visually upright during your first days in orbit,’” Oman says. “‘If one of your buddies floats into view and his body is upside down relative to you, that will flip your world upside down. That’s a recipe for space sickness.’”

You can read Chuck's own account of his personal career, and how it progressed from skates to space - click on the link to the following NASA publication: <http://quest.nasa.gov/neuron/team/oman.html>

BOB MUELLER

Mike Barrett sent in this [link](#) to **LEW MCADAMS'** continued long-time effort to clean up the Los Angeles River. He also arranged for **BOB MUELLER** to speak to the Princeton Club of Washington, DC, this past May. **BILL LEAHY** and **KEN KROSIN** were there from our class. Bob talked about the changes that he has implemented in the FBI, and answered significant questions, such as how



concerned he is about the safety of his family while he is Director. While slated to speak for about 30 minutes, he actually spoke and answered questions for almost 90. Everyone really appreciated this. It was one of the Club's most significant events in recent years (Photo below and click [here](#) for the complete slide show).

BILL LEAHY

Speaking of **Bill Leahy**, he wrote to say: "Am stepping down as President of Princeton AlumniCorps after almost four years. I will continue to support this organization as a member of the Executive Committee of the local Washington, DC committee, and be a champion of *Community Volunteers*, a program that allows other alums from the '60s - '80s to "give back". I will be working closely with Kathy Miller '77, the organization's new President, and fellow Board member Tom Allison to engage alumni of all ages in the Nation's service. Learn more about AlumniCorps at www.alumnicorps.org."

TED WALRATH

PAUL CORCORAN



Candace and **TED WALRATH** spent three weeks in New Zealand last year, followed by five weeks in Australia. Along the way, they visited **PAUL CORCORAN** Emeritus Professor of Political Philosophy at the University of Adelaide. Ted comments: "Paul is a great host and a great chef. After weeks and weeks of restaurant meals, it was wonderful to stay in a home and enjoy home cooking, not to mention the local shiraz.

RUFUS KING

Last fall Georgetown University Law Center honored **RUFUS KING** and four other distinguished alumni with its annual Paul R. Dean Award. The

award, which is named for former Law Center Dean Paul R. Dean, is given to outstanding alumni who have exhibited leadership to Georgetown Law and to the legal profession. Rufus is a senior judge with the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Appointed in 1984, he has served in the criminal, civil and family court divisions. In the civil division, he was deputy presiding judge from 1994 to 1996 and chair from 1997 to 1998. He was designated chief judge in 2000 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2008. On the Court, he chaired the child support guidelines committee and the domestic violence coordinating council. From 1986 to 2000, he chaired the committee on technology and automation, where he was a major contributor to the Court's technology development efforts. Prior to joining the Court, King was in a general litigation private practice with his father, Rufus King Jr.

STAS MALISZEWSKI

Thanks to **FRANK NUESSE** for the picture and story, posted elsewhere on this website, about the Lifetime Achievement Award presented to **STAS MALISZEWSKI** because of his work as a former director of the Yacktman Funds. Frank also noted that Stas and Julia hosted a "'66 at the Races" event at their beautiful home ("Zastaria") in Glyndon, MD, this past spring. The day included a walk across the fields to attend the Grand National Steeplechase Races. Classmates present included **EDIE,**



EAKIN, SLIDELL, KROSIN, MILL, BJORKMAN, JUDD, LEAHY, EASTWICK, PLOHN, TORGERSON, CARY, BUTZ, BEATY, BARRETT, DAWSON, FITCH and DUNHAM. Mike Barrett sent us a following link (click [here](#)) to pictures of the event, along with the photo below.

GORDIE BJORKMAN

When Frank sent in his list he apologized....said he could have missed a few....and that it was a delightful event. He also noted that **Gordie Bjorkman** was there, and that he hadn't see Gordie for 47 years. It just so happens that **GLENN GOLTZ**, my partner in '66 column writing, had just completed the following story about Gordie.



Glenn wrote: Congratulations to **GORDON BJORKMAN** winner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Engineer of the Year Award. Gordon was honored at the National Press Club as one of the Top Ten Engineers in the Federal

Government. His work has ranged from university professor to Branch Chief at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gordon has been responsible for insuring that nuclear power plant facilities can withstand earthquake, blast and aircraft impact. He stresses safeguards and public education. Recently Gordon wrote, "Following the events of September 11, 2001, I made the decision to devote the remainder of my career to government service. So in 2002 I closed my consulting engineering practice, sold my home in Vermont, married the lovely Jane Keller, and joined the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in Washington DC.

Coming from "outside" of government has allowed me to make important contributions in multiple areas, including structural integrity criteria to resist aircraft impact, seismic safety, computer modeling and the training of young engineers....I enjoy my work immensely and at this time have no plans to retire." We hope that Gordon will add his thoughts to our newly expanded class website on the appropriate use of nuclear power in this and other countries.

DAVE MARSHAK & FACEBOOK

The Class of '66 now has a group on Facebook, and **DAVE MARSHAK** is our Facebook guru. He writes: Some of you may not know about this. Some of you may fear Facebook based on the stories about it. For those who think this way...come on in! The water's fine! Test it with your toes. Facebook can be set up to be completely private, and reveal almost no information about you. I will be happy to answer questions and help you out. For those of you who ARE on Facebook but who ARE NOT YET members of the group, please join. It is **Princeton Class of 1966** (click [here](#))

HANK CYGAN

The next photo shows **HANK** and Cindy **CYGAN** standing proudly next to the Herreshoff '28 that Hank had just finished rebuilding. He retired from the Procurement Office of Bath Iron Works last year and is in negotiations with a ship building company in Nova Scotia to help manage the construction of some 200 transport and military vessels with which Canada intends to manage the resources of their now navigable Arctic sea waters over the next two decades. In the meantime, while those bureaucratic wheels turn, he's off in Senegal supervising the repair and re-construction of a dock facility to be used as a base for the Senegalese Navy.



[Here's a recent video](#) made by Nikki Muller '05 about smart Princeton women. It's called "The Ivy League Hustle". **HENRY VON KOHORN's** comment: *"...not your Grandfather's Princeton!"*. **TINY MORGAN** called it: *"Inspirational! However I did not understand some of the words...."* In contrast, [here's a link](#) to a remarkable film from our own era. Charlie Greenleaf '63 is the central figure, and the film is loaded with images of undergraduates from '63 to '66. How many you can identify?

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

There's been a lot of discussion this past Spring about improving the Class website as one way of improving our Class communication. If you are reading this, you are web-savvy. The Class needs a dedicated co-webmaster (or webmaster assistant), perhaps working in tandem with an inspired web artist or "instructional designer" who could create screen displays that are attractive, that draw interest, and that encourage our viewers to use and contribute to building the site. Can you give us any of your time?

SANTA FE MINI-REUNION

KIT MILL is coordinating our next mini-reunion...a combined one with '65 and '66 for the first week (from 1 to 5) in October, in Santa Fe. It will be based at La Posada (click [here](#)). Kit is looking for some early responders so he can begin making plans.....so let him know (kitmill66@gmail.com) if you think you might like to attend.

The new "**Memorials and Memories**" page (click [here](#) or select from the "Class Info" menu) contains recent news of deaths of our classmates along with memories.