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- Poetry of Bob Dylan

A photograph of Ruth Grahn, an associate professor of psychology, smiling and wearing a white lab coat and glasses. She is sitting at a table with a large glass jar of liquid in front of her. The background is dark.

UNRAVELING THE BRAIN'S SECRETS

Ruth Grahn, associate professor of psychology,
makes the connection between neurons and knitting.

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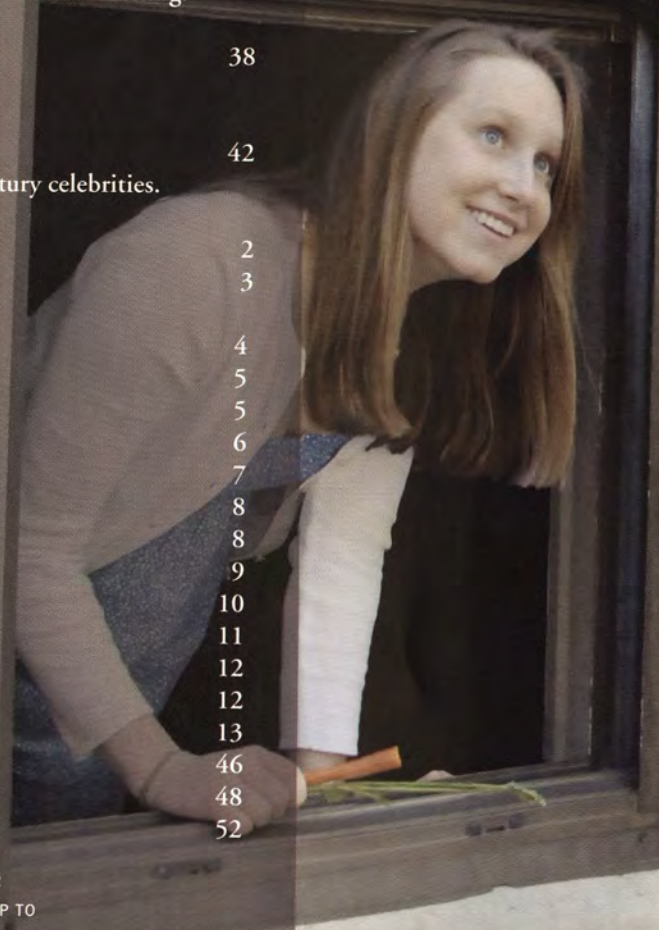
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SUSAN BALDWIN KIETZMAN '82, a former English major, returned to the classroom for the article on a new course on the poetry of songwriter Bob Dylan. Kietzman, who has a master's in journalism from Boston University, is a freelance writer living in Mystic, Conn., with her husband and three sons.



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NOW YOU SEE THEM; NOW YOU DON'T
Art students are mysteriously disappearing into the urban landscape

Pam Marks, associate professor of art explains: "These images are from the 'Dimensional Color' course taught by Bridget Baird (professor of mathematics and computer science and Judith Ammerman '60 Director of the Center for Arts and Technology) and myself. In one of the final projects, students had to use their understanding of the principles of color in order to camouflage a classmate into the architectural environment of downtown New London. They created quite a scene over the past few weeks working out their projects in public and interacting with the community."

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A new vision of residential education

See it for yourself Oct. 24-26, 2008

IN 1934, the philanthropist Mary Harkness invited Connecticut College President Katharine Blunt to take part in a thought exercise about college life. Mary Harkness wanted to know what would make for the ideal residential experience. How would you design the ideal dormitory? What would happen within its walls?

Mary Harkness's interest resulted in an impressive record of philanthropy. Gifts to the College from Mary and her husband, Edward, include not only Harkness Chapel, considered among the finest works of architect James Gamble Rogers, but also the residence hall that bears her name.

This emphasis on the residential experience remains integral to a Connecticut College education today.

Students who come here are consciously choosing a small liberal arts college where 99 percent of students live on campus. Their academic program is at the center of the experience, but much of the education unfolds in the 152 hours each week students spend outside the classroom, in clubs and organizations, in study groups, during study away, athletics, student government, community service, and in the residence halls.

You have only to glance at the headlines in a daily newspaper to realize that we are preparing today's students for a world of increasingly complex challenges and problems. To be successful, we must provide our students every opportunity to be members of an intellectual community that runs 24/7, a place where a passionate discussion doesn't end at the classroom door, but instead re-ignites over dinner at

Harris, during a late study group, or in a common room. These interactions are fueled by the diversity of student experiences, interests and perspectives. We recognize that they are also shaped by questions posed to students during classes, labs and studios, and by the facilities themselves.

To maximize the educational value of the experience, we have designed an ambitious and multifaceted residential life program that we will implement in stages over the coming years. It will provide expanded programming around the principles of our mission statement, foster greater faculty and visiting scholar interaction with students where they live, and expand our new freshman seminar-in-residence program.

By the fall of 2009, we anticipate the majority of freshman seminars will be held in common rooms with students living in the same residence. We will also provide stipends and training for a select group of students who will be known as Residential Scholars. These high-achieving, highly motivated students will, with assistance from faculty, create new programming for the residence halls.

At the same time we are looking at the places in which students gather — we are asking ourselves (and them) how these spaces help or hinder the growth of intellectual community. We are systematically enhancing the spaces that draw students together in common intellectual pursuits and develop their sense of community and citizenship.

During the summer of 2007, we completed more than 100 campus renewal projects. This summer we will invest another \$10 million in the campus,



including renovated common rooms, classrooms and student social spaces. We will also create a beautiful new plaza stretching from Crozier-Williams in front of the library and alongside Blaustein. It will feature new pathways, seating areas and landscaping — an oasis for the campus community.

We have tremendous momentum on campus, and we want to share that with each and every one of you. This Oct. 24-26, we will hold a weekend-long celebration of the past, present and future of Connecticut College, and we are inviting all alumni to join us on campus. It will be a weekend not only of celebration, but also of education, inspiration, reconnection — and fun.

I look forward to sharing with you exciting new initiatives, including the new residential programs, and showing you the results of our ongoing investments in the campus. At the same time, we will publicly launch a major fundraising campaign that will support this extraordinary place and educational experience for generations of students to come. It will be a shining moment in the history of Connecticut College. I hope to see you there.

»For more information, go to <http://celebration2008.conncoll.edu>

Five students and one faculty member win Fulbrights

▶ **THREE GRADUATING SENIORS** and two recent alumni have been selected to receive prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Program grants to live, teach and conduct research abroad for an academic year. Additionally, a Connecticut College faculty member has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach and conduct research in Ecuador.

This year's five student Fulbright awards tie last year's record number at Connecticut College. The College is again in the top level of colleges and universities whose students receive Fulbright awards.

Each year, approximately 1,150 students are awarded Fulbright grants. Fulbright fellows receive round-trip transportation to the host country, a living stipend, research allowances and medical insurance. In addition to research, grantees are encouraged to get involved in cultural and/or community activities.

This year, all five of the College's student and recent alumni finalists received Fulbright grants.

■ **Katherine Buesing '08**, of Wilmette, Ill., was awarded a teaching assistantship in an English-language classroom in France. At Connecticut College, Buesing focused her studies on a self-designed interdisciplinary major, "Narrative Studies: Text and Performance," which integrates English, French and theater.

■ **Benjamin Duclos '08**, a German studies major from Concord, N.H., will travel to Germany to teach English and research the role of soccer in the formation of a national identity for German youth. Duclos' older brother, Joshua Duclos '04, received a Fulbright award last year. Joshua Duclos is

currently teaching English and researching the Czech philosopher Jan Patočka in the Czech Republic.

■ **Soren Gabrielsen '07**, who graduated with a double major in German studies and philosophy, will teach English in Germany and plans to establish a club for students interested in learning about American folk and jazz music.

■ **Nicholas Sullivan '08**, of Medfield, Mass., will travel to Germany to teach English and study how American pop culture is influencing German youths and the German language. A government and German studies major, Sullivan plans to attend graduate school to study law or business.

■ **Zachary West '05**, who graduated with a double major in history and philosophy, also will travel to Germany to teach English. He plans to create an American Film Society at the school, using American films to teach students about the English language as well as American history, politics and culture.

■ **Bridget Baird**, the Judith Ammerman '60 Director of the Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology and professor of mathematics and computer science, will spend the spring 2009 semester at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito. Baird will teach a mathematics course that focuses on computer applications and a project-based seminar in virtual reality, developing a multimedia, interactive virtual reality simulation focusing on an Ecuadorian archaeological site or historical event. — *Amy Sullivan*



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: BRIDGET BAIRD, KATHERINE BUESING '08, BENJAMIN DUCLOS '08, NICHOLAS SULLIVAN '08, ZACHARY WEST '05

Foundation gives \$1 million gift for scholarships in literature and writing

Donation honors Louise Rosenstiel Frank '44

▶**WITH A GENEROUS GIFT** in honor of alumna Louise Rosenstiel Frank, the College has established a scholarship fund that will help needy students attend this highly selective liberal arts college to study literature and writing.

The Louise Rosenstiel Frank Scholarship Fund has been endowed with a \$1 million gift from the Sidney E. Frank Foundation. Cathy Frank Halstead '69, daughter of Louise Rosenstiel Frank '44 and Sidney E. Frank, said the scholarship underscores her parents' belief in the value of liberal arts education and in helping to make it more accessible.

"Talented young writers and scholars were the people who brought

excitement to my mother's life," said Halstead. "She was immensely fulfilled by poetry, short stories and clever prose. She wrote for *Sports Illustrated* for a few years, but her real love was theater, and she supported her friend Jean Dalrymple at City Center all her life.

"My mother was valedictorian of her class at Connecticut College, and she and my father enthusiastically supported scholarships for minority students during their lifetimes. It's a great pleasure for me to be able to do this in her honor."

The endowed scholarship fund will provide \$50,000 in financial aid annually to students with demonstrated need who are studying literature and/



or writing. The first recipients will be members of the Class of 2012.

"We are grateful to Cathy Frank Halstead and the Sidney E. Frank Foundation for their generous support of Connecticut College students," said College President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. "As the College seeks to enhance diversity within our campus community — in terms of racial, cultural and socio-economical factors — gifts of this magnitude to support scholarships are increasingly important."

Louise Rosenstiel Frank and Sidney E. Frank were well-known philanthropists who supported education and other significant missions. Louise Frank graduated from Connecticut College in 1944 with a bachelor's degree in literature, and her husband was the founder of Sidney Frank Importing Co., creators of Grey Goose Vodka and importers of Jägermeister. Cathy Frank Halstead is chairman and president of Sidney Frank Importing Co. in New Rochelle, N.Y., and trustee of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation. — *Deborah P. MacDonnell*

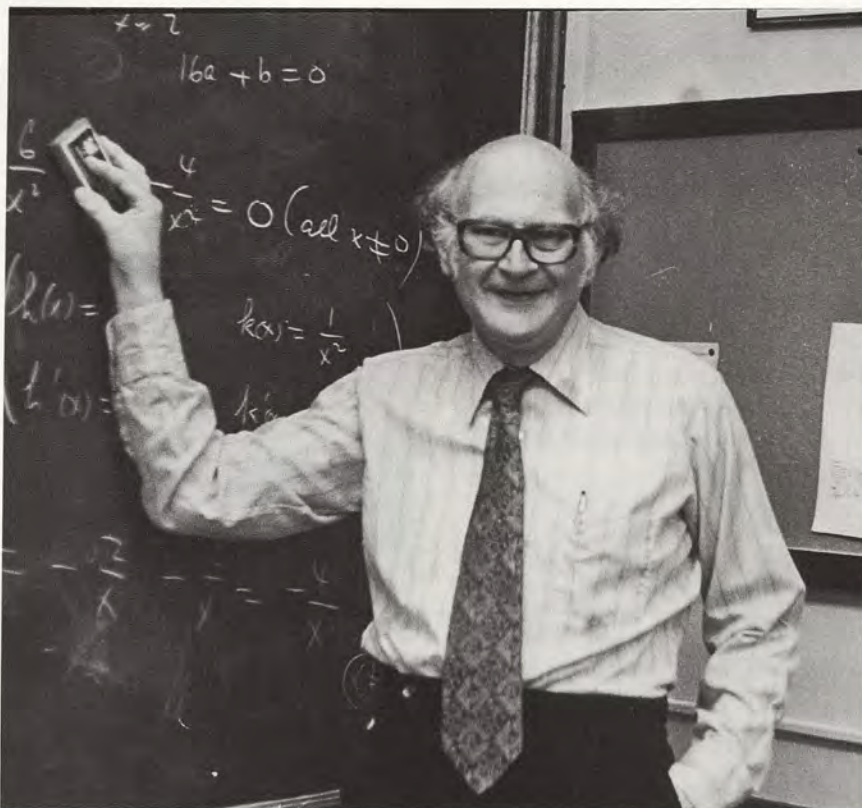
Alumna gives \$1 million to endow Center for Teaching and Learning

▶**CONNECTICUT COLLEGE** has received a \$1 million gift from Joy Shechtman Mankoff '56 to endow the College's Center for Teaching and Learning.

The Center, which will now be called the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching and Learning, promotes engaged and effective teaching to cultivate significant student learning. The endowment will support the various activities of the Center, which include programming that facilitates the exchange of ideas about teaching and learning, a teaching seminar for incoming faculty, and discussions about teaching and diversity.

"Connecticut College's faculty is among the best in liberal arts education today," Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks said. "Ms. Mankoff's gift will ensure that all Connecticut College faculty will continue to have access to the resources they need to be teachers of the highest caliber."

Mankoff, who resides in Dallas, Texas, said she strongly believes in the mission of the Center and decided to endow it as her gift to Connecticut College. "Providing the resources to enhance teaching skills will inspire and motivate generations of college students to come," Mankoff said. "I am grateful to Connecticut College and pleased to support it in this way." — *Amy Sullivan*



Perfect numbers

Remembering Professor Schlesinger

Editor's Note: This column was originally printed in The Day of New London on March 5, 2008, and is reprinted here by permission.

IT WAS 68 YEARS AGO that a young Ernest C. Schlesinger, then 14 years old, accompanied his parents as they fled the clenching Nazi grip of pre-war Germany.

Schlesinger's uncle had been beaten to death by storm troopers. His father was imprisoned for a year on a charge of trying to send money out of the country and then lost his job when the bank where he had worked for 30 years was "Aryanized."

"Emigration," Schlesinger said many times later, "was the only way out."

Even as the Schlesinger family — traveling on U.S. visas they had finally

secured — was leaving the last German border station they were pulled aside, identified by the "J" stamped on their passports, and searched. The Nazis took most of their money and valuables.

"Years later, when the deportations to the death camps became known, we realized the dreadful danger and meaning of that moment," Schlesinger later wrote of the experience, in an essay for *The Day*.

"(Later) Jews who were taken off the trains were not merely searched and harassed; they were selected, ordered to the right or to the left, on the one hand to slave labor or other brutalization, or, on the other hand, to immediate extermination," wrote Schlesinger, who died March 3 at the age of 82.

He was remembered by family and friends that week not just for his

bravery as a young man, one who bicycled into the German countryside to scrounge for food while his father was in prison, but as a husband and father, one who once dutifully rode his bike up and down Montauk Avenue in New London to help his daughter with her newspaper route.

Schlesinger met his wife, Gabriella, in the library at Harvard, where he earned his doctorate in mathematics. She went to Radcliffe. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary June 2.

He taught at Connecticut College for 34 years, inspiring generations of students with his love of math, what his wife calls his true vocation.

Even as he lay sick in a bed at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, he gave his family a 20-minute talk on the wonder of perfect numbers.

Throughout his life, Schlesinger, quiet and modest, always gave back, to the College, where he was chairman of the Math Department and the Grievance Committee, and to New London, a city he loved, where he served as chairman of the Finance Board, Appropriations Board and Sewer Authority.

Those aren't the kind of civic duties volunteered by someone who craved politics for the power of it, said his son, David Schlesinger, editor-in-chief of Reuters news service. Indeed, Schlesinger, who protested the Vietnam War and decried the war in Iraq, was well known among friends for his selfless service for the community and his lifelong commitment to organizations that helped the oppressed, the downtrodden and the underprivileged.

Schlesinger's daughter Eva suggested at her father's funeral that he would have reminded all of the day, March Fourth.

"I suppose," she told the mourners gathered at Congregation Beth El in New London, "we will all have to march forth bravely without him at our side."

We will indeed, sadly. — *David Collins '79*

Professor receives Honorary Doctoral Degree of Vietnam

William Frasure initiated College's relationship with Vietnam National University

▶ **IN MARCH**, William Frasure, professor of government, became the second American ever to earn an honorary doctoral degree from Vietnam National University.

Frasure was presented with the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Vietnam “in honor of his excellent achievements in scientific activities and his valuable contributions to the development of cooperation and friendship with Vietnam National University,” Vu Ngoc Tu, director of international relations at VNU, said.

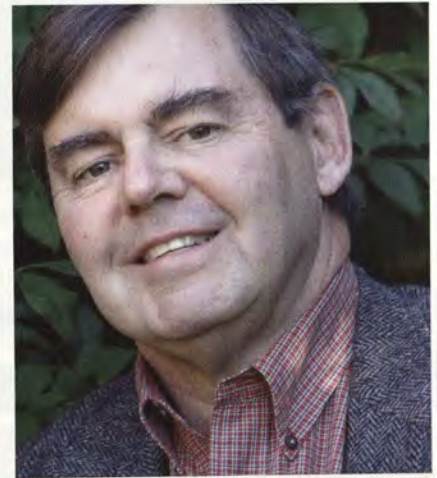
“This is a great honor that highlights Connecticut College’s unique relationship with VNU,” Frasure said. “When I began my career at Connecticut College, in 1974, this award and its circumstances would have seemed impossible. I’m very proud to have been part of the improving relations between the United States and Vietnam, and I am deeply appreciative of Vietnam National University’s recognition of Connecticut College’s enduring commitment to our mutual efforts.”

In 1997, Frasure initiated one of the most expansive and lengthy relationships between a U.S. college and Vietnamese university. In 1999, Frasure and two Connecticut College colleagues led a

group of students on a full semester study at VNU, marking the lengthiest such exchange between a U.S. and a Vietnamese college.

Since then, Connecticut College professors and students have completed six more full-semester study programs in Hanoi, as well as four research trips. Frasure also initiated a five-year faculty exchange and cooperation program between the two institutions, funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. In all, 150 Connecticut College students have studied in Vietnam, 19 VNU faculty members and officials have visited the College, and 14 College faculty members have visited VNU as part of various programs.

This unique relationship has also enabled several Connecticut College professors, including Frasure, to conduct extensive research in Vietnam and in collaboration with colleagues at VNU. Currently, economics professors Rolf Jensen and Donald Peppard are writing a book about Vietnamese mi-



WILLIAM FRASURE, PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT, BECAME THE SECOND AMERICAN EVER TO EARN AN HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE AWARD DURING A CEREMONY IN HANOI IN MARCH

grant street vendors based on research they conducted with Vu Thi Minh Thang, a professor of social sciences and humanities at VNU.

Frasure, whose research focuses on the politics of wartime — specifically U.S. politics regarding Vietnam and the Cold War — has been on the faculty since 1974. During his tenure, he has served as the dean of international studies and as the associate dean of the faculty.

Frasure accepted his honorary degree during a ceremony held in Hanoi. Also attending were Jensen and Frances Hoffmann, Connecticut College professor of sociology, as well as a group of Connecticut College students, all of whom spent the semester in Hanoi as part of the College’s Study Away, Teach Away program in Vietnam. — Amy Sullivan





A. VINCENT SCARANO

A DROMEDARY STROLLING DOWN CRO BOULEVARD CAUSED A FEW DOUBLETAKES MAY 12, BUT IT WAS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR HUGHIE, A 22-YEAR-OLD CAMEL FROM WATERBURY, CONN. THE CAMEL SPENT ABOUT THREE HOURS ON CAMPUS AS PART OF THE LEAD-UP TO NEXT OCTOBER'S FALL WEEKEND CELEBRATION AND CAMPAIGN KICKOFF. HE WAS FILMED IN FRONT OF CAMPUS LANDMARKS, BEING PETTED BY ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS AND POKING HIS HEAD INTO A RESIDENCE HALL.

HUGHIE'S VISIT WAS ARRANGED BY ALUMNA RUTH MANECKE '52, OWNER OF ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, AN AGENCY THAT SUPPLIES ANIMALS FOR COMMERCIALS, TELEVISION SHOWS, MOVIES AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS. MANECKE, A ZOOLOGY MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE, STARTED HER CAREER AT THE BRONX ZOO AND LATER WAS PRODUCER AND STAFF ZOOLOGIST ON THE LONG-RUNNING CHILDREN'S SHOW "CAPTAIN KANGAROO."

FIVE CONNECTICUT COLLEGE STUDENTS spent a week of their mid-term exam period in Beaumont, Texas, to work as paid staff for Sen. Barack Obama in that state's Democratic presidential primary and caucus on March 4. From government to psychology majors, the students came from all regions of the United States. CC Dems President Jeffrey O'Neil '09 received an urgent phone call from Allison Zelman '07, a field organizer for Obama, asking for supporters to fly down and aid the campaign in their Get Out The Vote push. The idea was proposed at a CC Dems weekly meeting, and just hours later the students boarded a flight to Texas. They planned and manned phone banks, canvasses and volunteer events, and oversaw some of the contested caucuses.



Grants enhance academic programs

The office of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations recently announced the following grant awards:

- \$300,000 from The Hearst Foundations to establish the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fund (the Hearst Fund), which will support curricular innovation and collaboration in mathematics, computer science and biology. The Hearst Fund will launch a curricular model of collaboration in the sciences that will provide our students with training in cutting-edge research methods and prepare them for careers in research, medicine or environmental science. By endowing the Hearst Fund, curricular innovation and interdisciplinary initiatives will become a hallmark of quantitative and science education at Connecticut College. The grant will be paid to the College in three equal annual payments of \$100,000.

- \$150,000 grant from The Booth Ferris Foundation in support of Connecticut College's proposal, "Technology and Transformation: Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Connecticut College in the 21st Century." This grant will enable the College to renovate a cluster of classrooms in Bill Hall with enhanced technology and design elements that will impact teaching and learning across nearly the entire spectrum of disciplines taught there.

- \$100,000 from the Fran and Ray Stark Foundation to establish the Distinguished Guest Resident in Film Studies at Connecticut College. Grant funds will support a position in residency for one semester, during which a well-known film artist or scholar will share his/her expertise while helping to transform the intellectual lives of our students and faculty. The \$100,000 grant is Phase I of a significantly large grant request, which is pending the success of this pilot program.

Summer renovations to reshape campus

›**THIS SUMMER**, the College will invest \$10.9 million in the campus, bringing total investment in the physical campus to \$32.5 million over the past three years. Major projects for this summer include:

- Construction of the plaza area in front of Shain Library with new pathways, outdoor gathering spaces, cherry trees and other landscaping along with reconstruction of the road from Blaustein to Crozier-Williams
- Reconstruction of the south tennis courts
- Renovation of Cro's Nest and Coffee Grounds into new student social spaces
- Renovation of the Center for Special Collections and Archives in Shain Library
- Renovation of 26 common rooms, including eight to be outfitted as seminar rooms
- Renovations of three classrooms in Bill Hall, including renovation of Bill 106, one of the largest teaching spaces on campus
- Bathroom renovation and repairs in



Addams, Plant, Freeman, Harkness and Blackstone residence halls

- Creation of Opatrny Plaza outside Harris dining room, with new student gathering places and landscaping

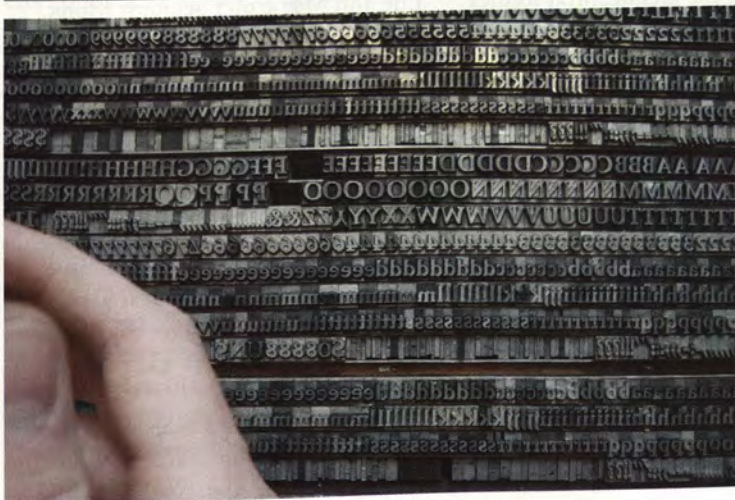
Construction on the new fitness center in the athletic complex, the first new building on campus since the F.W. Olin Science Center opened in 1995, also begins this summer.

The timeless art of typesetting

The Art Department recently acquired a rare Hohner Platen Press and a large selection of lead type.

This past semester, students in Professor Andrea Wollensak's Design Studies III course had the opportunity to use the equipment and created title pages for an experimental typographic project based on Virginia Woolf's *The Waves*.

Art majors in Design are interested in starting a student press and self-printing editions of artist books. The name of the press has not been decided but the use of the word "camel" is in the mix of possibilities.





JONATHAN MCKEE '08, AN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES STUDENT, SHOWS HIS MODEL OF A MEMORIAL FOR THE WAR ON TERROR.

A. VINCENT SCARANO

Students shine at Race, Space and Memory symposium

THE COLLEGE'S CENTER for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE) invited faculty, staff, students and guests for two days of sobering conversations and poignant artistic presentations surrounding the issues of war memorials, race and diversity in urban spaces.

The symposium, held in April, followed on the heels of this year's performances by Bill T. Jones, the Providence String Quartet and Faith Ringgold, as well as the 2006 "Democracy Matters" symposium hosted by Cornel West.

"The symposium was a tremendous opportunity for the College community," said David Kyuman Kim, director of CCSRE, professor of religious studies and the organizer of the event.

Ten CCSRE student fellows kicked off the symposium with a discussion of the World Trade Center memorial with Betty Chen, one of New York City's planning commissioners and former senior project design director of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. They spoke about the process and meaning of memorializing history for individuals and a collective group, and considered how the "war on terror" could be memorialized.

"What you saw (at the discussion) demonstrated some of the main points we had considered, but barely skimmed the surface of how we have grappled with memory and its interplay with race," Jamie Spiller '08, a CCSRE fellow, said about the dialogue.

"While it was a tremendous privilege to engage with such a knowledgeable and highly respected individual as Betty Chen, it was more of a privilege to be able to engage so critically and meaningfully with my peers for the common cause of broadening how we think about race," Spiller added.

Students in the architectural studies department created models of memorials for the war on terror and presented them during a reception on the first day of the symposium.

"It's so easy to forget that there is even a war going on sometimes, but a memorial offers the opportunity to connect with an often distant, but always relevant concern," said Jonathan McKee '08, who created one of the models.

McKee said his design "invokes the visceral sensation of entering a bomb site where visitors are encouraged to confront the center of a violent act in order to find their own sensible response

to the senseless terror that happens every day somewhere in the world."

Architectural studies student Kristin Walsh '08 said that memorializing the war on terror breaks from the traditional ideas of memorialization. Her design stressed the memorial as more than a reminder; she wanted to address the continuing challenges and consequences posed by terrorism.

"This memorial is designed to travel the world, addressing every culture and changing and growing as the war on terror changes," Walsh said. A memorial could unite and help individuals understand terrorism. "Then it will be beneficial both as a place of healing and a place of community and response," she added.

James E. Young, professor of English and Judaic studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, delivered the Saul Reinfeld Lecture in Judaic Studies, comparing the global standard for memorials set by Holocaust memorials and the Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C., to the World Trade Center site memorial.

The weekend was not all talk. Dance department Chair David Dorfman and his dance company performed "Disavowal," and Thomas F. DeFrantz, professor of theater arts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, presented "Monk's Mood: A Performance and Meditation on the Life and Music of Thelonius Monk."

In the final event of the symposium, Obie Award-winning actress Anna Deavere Smith, who founded the Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue, gave a lecture-performance that brought to life personalities of a wide array of racial and ethnic backgrounds, from a Korean-American shopkeeper in Los Angeles after the 1992 riots to an Afrikaner who runs an orphanage in South Africa for children with AIDS.

"She made these voices live for us at the College," Kim said. "Absolutely sensational." — *Arati Sakellaris '08*

Student politics in St. Pete

The following article is adapted from an essay that originally appeared in The SRAS Newsletter from the School of Russian and Asian Studies (www.sras.org).

›WITH THE RUSSIAN presidential election and the American presidential primaries in the international media spotlight last March, I traveled with a group of Connecticut College students to meet with political science students from the School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In a formal discussion, the students familiarized each other with each country's electoral system, political process and current affairs. As a prospective international relations major, I was curious to hear a Russian perspective on what the U.S. media had termed a "rigged" presidential election. Likewise, my Russian peers were eager to talk to students who are currently living under a president with a less-than-favorable reputation in Russia.

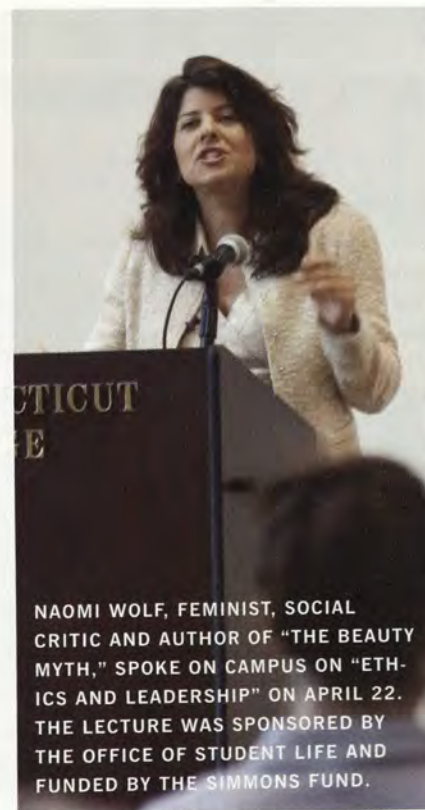
We certainly came to the table with biased perspectives. Like many Americans, my classmates and I considered Russia's government to be quasi-democratic, its elections only a public confirmation of the powers of the Kremlin. We had seen the Russian government only for its corruption and its suppression of democratic processes.

But our Russian counterparts pointed out that their country's political scene is not traditionally liberal. They contrasted Russia's history with that of the United States, which has not experienced multiple regime changes in the last century. The post-Soviet Russian economy has endured some extremely tumultuous times; after decades of economic hardship, many Russian citizens saw constant improvement in many sectors of the economy throughout Vladimir Putin's presidency.

They tried to convey to us their point of view — that there is no need to challenge a system that has successfully brought about increased political stability and evaded economic catastrophe. As one Russian student put it, "We have food. We have jobs. So why should we complain?"

Soon it was our turn to answer questions about the American economy and political scene, which, with its own presidential election this year, is a hot topic in Russia. They were eager to learn more about the Electoral College, a system completely foreign to them. We did our best to explain this system (although, admittedly, we're also confused by it!) as well as the differences between Democrats and Republicans. The Russian students were especially interested in the campaign process and the role of the media in influencing the American public. One student remarked: "We knew all along that (Dmitry) Medvedev would be the next president. The American electoral system seems to be a longer process."

After our formal discussion, we had casual conversations about our lives as "college kids." In small groups we discussed popular music, current social trends and hot spots in St. Petersburg's nightlife. We talked about our families, our interests and our reasons for going to college. Getting to know each other on a personal basis let us move beyond our cultural, historical and political differences to appreciate our shared interests, beliefs and goals. In this modern world, as the information age breaks down geographical barriers and brings cultures closer together, we are all connected. — *Kaitlin Martin '11*



NAOMI WOLF, FEMINIST, SOCIAL CRITIC AND AUTHOR OF "THE BEAUTY MYTH," SPOKE ON CAMPUS ON "ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP" ON APRIL 22. THE LECTURE WAS SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AND FUNDED BY THE SIMMONS FUND.

BRANDON MOSLEY

Campus in RecycleMania top 10

Connecticut College recycled 44.83 pounds per person and 40.36 percent of the solid waste generated on campus during the 10-week national "RecycleMania" competition, earning a spot in the top 10.

The College finished eighth in both the "Grand Champion" portion of the competition, which measures the percentage of the total amount of solid waste recycled on each campus, and in the "Per Capita Classic," which measures the total amount of recyclables collected per person.

More than 400 schools competed in this year's competition. Connecticut College finished first among peers in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), beating rivals Amherst, Williams, Tufts, Middlebury, Bowdoin and Colby. Connecticut College also edged out Yale, Princeton and Harvard.

Alumna debuts film at arts symposium

▶WITH **INGENUITY**, creativity and hard work, filmmaker Jeanne Stern '03 brought an epic journey to life — in miniature film in 3D.

For her latest film, *The Isle of Cattywampus*, Stern created



A. VINCENT SCARANO

puppets and dioramas to depict the cosmic adventure of two space explorers. She and fellow filmmaker Erich Ragsdale also designed their own stereoscopic camera to shoot their work.

A graduate of the College's Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology who earned her master's in film studies at the University of Texas in Austin, Stern debuted the film at the College's 11th Biennial Symposium on Arts and Technology in March.

The film was commissioned by the Ammerman Center and shot in two lenses — one for each eye.

"I feel like a lot of movies do all of the imaginative work for you, but I'm interested in leaving enough open spaces so that the audience can be a part of it," she said. "I want to use film to transport people to another place."

The film takes place shortly after the first moon landing and has a 1960s, homemade aesthetic. "It goes back to when people were excited about the future," Stern said.

By the time Stern began her four years at Connecticut College, she knew she wanted to major in studio art but was worried about the computer science course required for her arts and technol-

ogy certificate program. To her surprise, she wound up enjoying the subject so much that she minored in it.

Before graduating, Stern also had initial exposure to film studies courses. She created her first picture, *Pez Girl*, in an advanced film course with David Tetzlaff, associate professor of theater and film studies. — Rachel Harrington

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Alumnus named publisher of *The Atlantic*

Jay Lauf '86 has been named publisher of *The Atlantic*, the 150-year-old magazine centered around foreign affairs, politics, economics and culture. Lauf was recruited from Conde Nast's *Wired*, where he had been publisher for two years. He joined the staff there in 2001 and is credited with reinvigorating the magazine after the dot-com crash.

An English and history major, Lauf said that his experience at Connecticut College had a significant impact on his career. He also credits the friends he made at the College for teaching him to never take himself too seriously — a lesson that he has applied to business.

"Business is stressful, and if you can't stop and laugh once in awhile, I don't know how you can survive," he said.

While Lauf looked forward to a new business challenge at *The Atlantic*, he said that starting his new position was bittersweet — bitter because he had to leave *Wired* magazine but sweet since he has been a longtime subscriber and fan of *The Atlantic*.

"The subject matter dovetails perfectly with my Conn background as an English and history major, and the business challenge is among the most exciting in magazine publishing today," he said.

At *The Atlantic*, Lauf will join senior editor Joshua Green '94, who is known for his acute analyses of national politics. Lauf and Green are just a few of the Camels in the magazine world. Others include Jim Berrien '74, president of *Forbes*; Amy Gross '63, editor-in-chief of Oprah Winfrey's *O, The Oprah Magazine*; and Andrew Wagner '95, a founding editor of *Dwell* and now editor-in-chief of the influential bimonthly *American Craft*. — Rachel Harrington



On and off the ice, Kristen Van Slyke '08 is at the top of her game

▶ **WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY** is one of the fastest growing sports in popularity around the New England Small College Athletic Conference and on the Connecticut College campus. This season, the Connecticut College team also increased its profile with a fifth-place conference finish, reaching the post season for the second time in three years.

One notable member of the talented and diverse group of players is senior forward Kristen Van Slyke '08, who recently completed her second season as team captain.

The leadership Van Slyke provided can be measured in many ways. In addition to the fifth-place conference finish, the Camels earned season-sweeps against NESCAC rivals Bowdoin and Williams for the first time in the team's

history. These critical conference victories aided the Camels with a six-point improvement in the conference standings. The team also had very competitive games with Middlebury, Colby and Trinity, all ranked opponents.

On the ice, Van Slyke led the team in assists (13) and points (17) for the second consecutive season. In her final competitive game as a Camel, Van Slyke contributed an assist, becoming just the fourth player in the 11-year history of the program to distribute 30 career assists.

Outside of the rink, Van Slyke boasts a 3.74 grade point average, proving that the words student and athlete go hand-in-hand. In 2007 and 2008, Van Slyke was named to the American Women's Hockey Association National

THE WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ACHIEVED A FIFTH-PLACE FINISH IN NESCAC THIS SEASON. FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: TRICAPTAINS JILL MAUER '08, EMILY MASON '09 AND KRISTEN VAN SLYKE '08; BACK ROW: HEAD COACH KRISTIN STEELE AND ASSISTANT COACH ELLISSA POPOFF.

Scholar-Athlete team. She has been named to the NESCAC All-Academic squad the past two years. Having recently completed her honors thesis in government on Immigration Policy and the Development of Terrorism in Western Europe, Van Slyke is planning to attend law school next year, focusing on international or immigration law.

Competing and living the life of a student-athlete at Connecticut College has been a satisfying experience for Van

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Slyke. “I wish I could make it eight years, but my dad would definitely not be OK with that,” she said.

Van Slyke began her hockey career at the age of 5 in Arizona. Like many of her Connecticut College teammates, she competed on a boys’ team because there simply were no opportunities or leagues for girls in her area. Upon moving to Minnesota, Van Slyke got a chance to compete in a women’s program when she enrolled at Shattuck-St. Mary’s School, a traditional hockey powerhouse.

After living in the Midwest, Van Slyke was looking to move East for college. She was impressed with Connecticut College head coach Kristin Steele’s knowledge and dedication to women’s ice hockey and decided to become a Camel.

Van Slyke’s high school counselor was confident that her work ethic and experience would mesh with Steele’s style and have a positive impact on the team. “Kristen’s counselor, Lynn Redmond, was someone I had worked with a few times over the years,” Steele said. “He and I had a good rapport and he spoke very highly of Kristen.”

Steele identified Van Slyke’s leadership traits and positive attributes from her earliest days with the program and was impressed by her selfless attitude of putting the team’s success above any individual wants.

“Kristen had experienced big games and had high expectations for herself and her teammates,” the coach said. “Her high-school playing experience in Minnesota translated well for us.” — *Will Tomasian*



FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, GRANT MORYAN '10 AND PAT TROY '10 QUALIFIED FOR THE NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP. BOTH SWIMMERS WERE NAMED HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE CAMELS PROUDLY DISPLAYED THEIR SCHOOL COLORS AT THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP IN OXFORD, OHIO. ASSISTANT COACH WILL WAKEFIELD, PAT TROY '10, GRANT MORYAN '10, HEAD COACH MARC BENVENUTI



THE WINTER OF 2008 MARKED THE FIRST TIME THAT TWO MEN QUALIFIED FOR AN NCAA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SAME SEASON AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE. HERE THE CAMELS PAUSE FOR A PHOTO AT THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET AT OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY IN ADA, OHIO.

FRONT ROW: ASSISTANT COACH TESSA DONOGHUE, ALEX SAMMA '10, KEITH DRAKE '08

BACK ROW: MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COACH AND ASSISTANT HEAD TRACK & FIELD COACH JIM BUTLER; WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COACH AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD COACH NED BISHOP '84



As a personal trainer and author of a new book, JOAN PEKOC PAGANO '68 is a wonderful advertisement for the benefits of working out. "I was born with athletic abilities, and you could say that fitness is in my bones," says the tall, lithe Pagano. "I played every sport, took every lesson." At Connecticut College, the French major played field hockey, basketball and volleyball and was on the swim team.

After graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, she moved to New York City and enjoyed successful careers in fashion and the restaurant business. She also stopped working out. "I was sedentary for 15 years when a friend shamed me into taking a yoga class," she says.

The yoga class was a turning point, and Pagano was transformed by the fitness boom of the '80s. In 1988, she plunged into a 150-hour certification program at Marymount Manhattan College and began working as a personal fitness trainer on the Upper East Side. She returned to Marymount Manhattan College as a faculty member in 1990 and served as director of their Personal Fitness Certification Program for many years. She has also instructed fitness trainers through IDEA, an organization supporting fitness professionals worldwide.

With her own staff of fitness specialists, she now runs Joan Pagano Fitness Group, working with clients whose ages range from 15 to 95. She specializes in the benefits of exercise for women's health issues, like breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Pagano has a thriving business, three published books and a solid reputation as a teacher of professional fitness trainers. The daughter of Irene Kennel Pekoc '40, Pagano credits much of her success to her liberal arts education at Connecticut College. "I use the skills I learned at CC — in writing, problem solving and public speaking — every day. I couldn't be more grateful," she says.

by Mary Howard

ask a camel

"How do I stay in shape in 30 minutes a day — or less?"

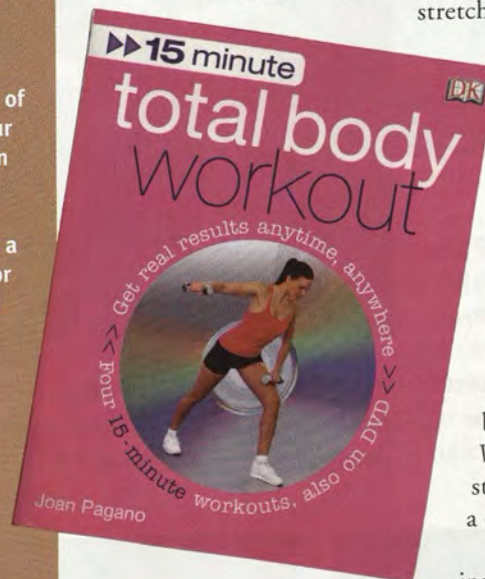
Joan Pekoc Pagano '68, an author and fitness specialist, has the answer.

"The best exercise is the one you'll do.

At any age, people can improve their fitness level. Cardiovascular exercise, stretching and muscular conditioning are all part of a well-rounded fitness program, but exercise need not be terribly time consuming, and you can be creative about fitting it into your daily activities. I use a stability ball for my desk chair and do leg stretches when I'm brushing my teeth.

Exercising regularly for even just 15 minutes is an investment that will serve our bodies for life. It is simply the best defense against aging. Brief doses of exercise, done consistently over time, yield dramatic benefits in terms of reducing the risk of developing diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. This is the basis for the exercise routines in my new book, *The 15 Minute Total Body Workout*, which combine cardio, strength training and stretching in a concise, 15-minute format.

In addition to strength training twice a week, I suggest that you should accumulate 30 minutes of moderate, aerobic exercise five days a week. As a veteran of seven marathons, I know that that running or walking can easily fit into a busy lifestyle." ●



» For more information on Pagano and her business, visit www.joanpaganofitness.com.

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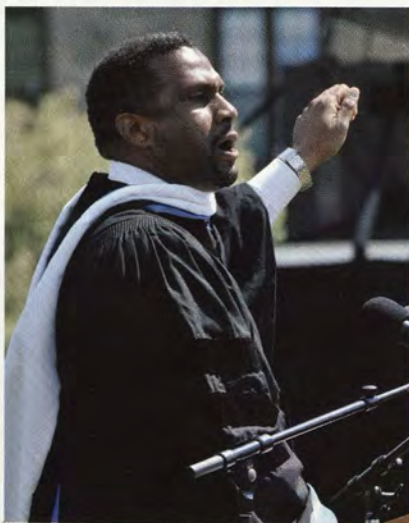
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Public radio and television host, author, philanthropist and advocate Tavis Smiley urged the 450 graduates at Connecticut College's 90th Commencement May 18 to focus on issues of humanity, to contest injustice and to have the courage to lead.

"Today, we are sending you out into the world to be leaders — if we are ever going to live in a world that is as good as its promise, you are going to have to lead," Smiley said. "I hope whatever you do, you do it with passion, purpose and principle."

Smiley was at Connecticut College in 2006 for the College's symposium on Cornel West's "Democracy Matters," the inaugural event celebrating the establishment of the College's Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity.

"I have visited this campus before, and I know from my interactions with students here that this is a class that understands what we mean when we say justice for all," Smiley said.



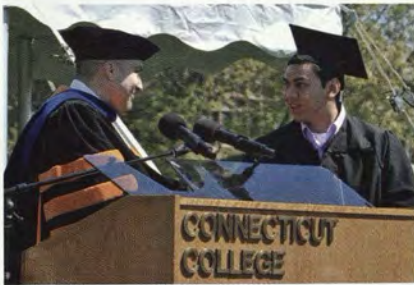
Prior to his address, the College honored Smiley with an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

During the ceremony, the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize was awarded to Scott Kingsland Borchert, a double major in English and history from Midland Park, N.J., for his honors thesis, "Against Accumulation: *Moby-Dick*, *Mason & Dixon*, and Atlantic Capitalism." The prize, named for a previous president of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed this year's most outstanding honors study.

**"We are sending you
out into the world
to be leaders."**

— Tavis Smiley,
90th Commencement speaker





The Anna Lord Strauss Medal was awarded to Sandro Aguilar, a psychology-based human relations major from Houston, Texas, for his outstanding record of community and public service work throughout his four years at Connecticut College. Through the College's Office of Volunteers for Community Service, Aguilar worked as a mentor and a tutor for a wide range of children and youth in the New London community; this year, he developed and implemented a new program focused specifically on Latino boys at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School. The medal, named for a former member of the College's board of trustees, is presented to a graduating senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service.

The College awarded the Connecticut College Medal to Virginia Slaughter '48, an emeritus trustee and parent of a 1977 Connecticut College graduate. Slaughter was recognized for her longstanding commitment to the College and her persuasive advocacy

for diversity and scholarship programs. The Connecticut College Medal is the highest honor the College can confer on those whose accomplishments and service have enhanced its reputation and nourished its growth.

President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. spoke about the accomplishments of the senior class, including their record 96-percent participation in the College's annual fund.

"This class has excelled in many venues: classrooms, athletic fields, arts exhibitions, theater productions. . . . I've seen this excellence in your dedication to environmental sustainability and stewardship of our planet and I've seen it with your passion around equity, diversity and inclusiveness and how we define this community," Higdon said.

Higdon also encouraged students to stay connected to the College, to continue to live by the Honor Code and to remain active citizens.



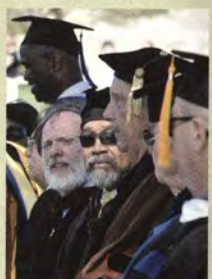
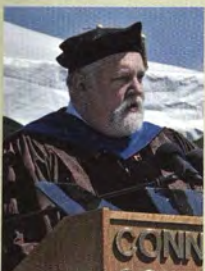
Virginia Slaughter '48

"Here at Connecticut College, you've engaged yourselves in the world around you, through community service here in New London and across the world," he said. "I encourage you to continue to pursue your passions in ways that help make the world a better place."



Senior class speaker Katherine Serafin, of Carmel, N.Y., encouraged her fellow graduates to use the lessons they've learned at Connecticut College to make a difference.





“Conn has taught us diversity, academic freedom and scholarship, social consciousness, change and willingness to take action,” she said. “It is now up to us to make use of these tools. If we can appreciate diversity, we can reduce hatred and war. If we believe that decreasing our carbon footprints will make a difference, we can fight the environmental crisis. If we continue to research, discuss and appreciate the arts, we can innovate and redesign our world.”

Senior class president Amanda Barrett, of Lake Forest, Ill., congratulated her classmates for being ambitious, eclectic and creative.

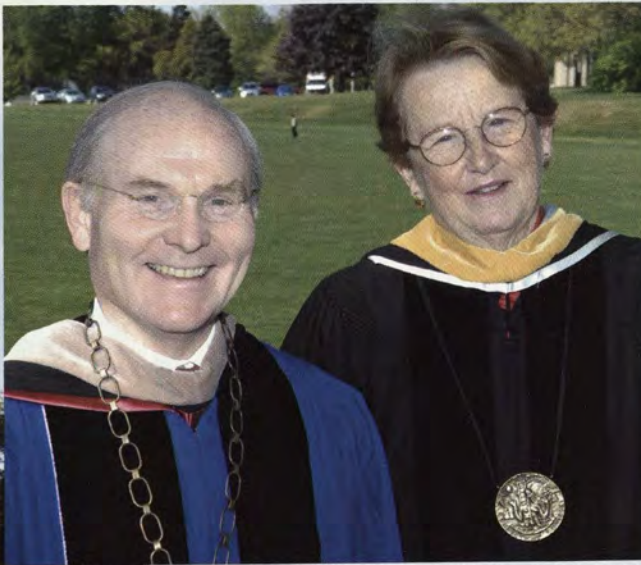
“We have surpassed the original parameters set forth for us when we matriculated, and we have emphatically raised the bar for future classes wishing to walk along this stage,” she said.

Each member of the class was presented with a white pine sapling, a tradition started with the Class of 1993. The trees are a gift of Athena Tsakanikas-Phillippides '86. Tied with a blue-and-white ribbon, the saplings represent the tree on the College seal and each student's continuing connection to the College as alumni.

— Amy Sullivan

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Jean C. Tempel '65 with President Higdon on Tempel Green

College Green is now 'Tempel Green'

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The Connecticut College Green has been renamed the Jean C. Tempel '65 Green, in honor of a distinguished alumna who has had an extraordinary impact on the life of the College. The announcement was made in May as Tempel stepped down from the Board of Trustees after 13 years of service, including five as vice chair.

"Jean's leadership has been a guiding force for Connecticut College over many years," said President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. "She has a deep and abiding love for the College that is evident in everything she does, from her leadership on the Board of Trustees to her tremendous generosity."

Over eight years as chair of the Finance Committee, she fostered a farsighted approach to fiscal management that involved all campus constituencies and laid the groundwork for the College's strong financial position today. Tempel has also been a strong advocate for the introduction and expansion of computer science. More recently, she has been a champion of


integrating the life sciences with mathematics and computer science.

Tempel has supported professorships, financial aid and development of new instructional technology. At a May 16 dinner celebrating her contributions to the College, she announced a \$3 million gift that may be used toward a new life sciences building, and offered to partner in the fundraising efforts for this key Connecticut College initiative. With this latest gift, her support of the College to date exceeds \$15 million, and she remains the College's most generous supporter.





Eric R. Carlson '81, University of Tennessee



Responding to
today's proactive
patients requires
a new protocol.

Here's what
five alumni
physicians want
you to know.

by Peggie Ford Cosgrove '73

**A CHECK-UP
for PHYSICIANS**



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dozens of practicing physicians, the road to “M.D.” started with “B.A., Connecticut College.” We invited several physicians — all alumni — to share their thoughts on how “proactive patients” are changing the way medicine is practiced.

How well did medical school prepare you for dealing with real patients?

Dr. Eric Carlson '81 *Professor and Chairman, Department of Oral, Maxillofacial and Head/Neck Surgery, University of Tennessee Medical Center – Knoxville, and University of Tennessee Cancer Institute*

“As a medical student, it was impressed upon me that the doctor’s greatest diagnostic tool is his or her ability to listen to patients and lay eyes and hands on them. In other words, a history and physical examination is paramount in medical diagnosis. In this great age of informational technology, doctors should never lose sight of this fact. I teach surgical residents that we should resist the urge to make medical diagnoses and decisions independently on the results of laboratory studies and sophisticated radiographic studies. Rather, these decisions must be made inclusive of a patient’s chief complaint, history of present illness, past medical and surgical histories, and physical examination.”

Dr. Evelyn Marienberg-Miceli '69 *Radiation Oncologist and Clinical Assistant Professor, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.*

“At Stony Brook Medical School, they would hire actors to role-play as patients, which was helpful in my early training. You meet all kinds of people in a teaching hospital, so that was good. We had clinical day once a week in med school, and I’ll never forget this particular day. The patient was a man with a rashy and uncommon sort of skin cancer. I was trying to ask him about his diseases and hospitalizations, but he wouldn’t talk. His wife answered every single question. I was quite nervous. I wanted to ask ‘When did you have the biopsy?’ but the words that came out of my mouth were ‘When did you have the autopsy?’

The silent patient roused himself and quickly replied, ‘I’m not dead yet!’

“Doctors should not be treated like gods. We all make faux pas.”

Dr. Anjali Basu '91 *Physician, Internal Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, San Raphael, Calif.*

“There is never a substitute for ‘real life.’ Health is intensely personal and can be very emotional for the patient and his or her family members. While the medical school ‘standardized patient program’ (with role-playing actors as patients) was very good, I am not sure that anyone can truly teach empathy, which is necessary when forming a partnership with a patient.”

Dr. Lucy B. Van Voorhees '71 *Cardiologist, Peninsula Cardiology, Berlin, Md.*

“I think that my liberal arts education (economics major) prepared me better for dealing with people than a traditional science background before medical school. I’ve always had a fairly outgoing personality, and I love talking to people, so some of it comes naturally. Interviewing patients successfully necessitates a comfort level with the patient. I never call people by their first name, and I try to put them at ease by sitting in a chair in the exam room or by sitting on the side or end of their bed when I’m talking to hospital patients.”

Dr. Michael M. Weinik '78 *Associate Professor, Associate Department Chair, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa.*

“I tell my medical students and residents that if they listen well enough to the patients, they will know the additional questions they will need to ask the patients.

ERIC R. CARLSON '81



Major: Biochemistry
DMD, University of Pennsylvania
MD, University of Miami
Professor and Chairman,
Department of Oral, Maxillofacial
and Head/Neck Surgery
University of Tennessee
Medical Center – Knoxville,
and University of Tennessee
Cancer Institute.

It became clear to Eric Carlson that having both a dental degree and a medical degree were required for him to meet his goal to practice head and neck surgery. Treating cancer is a majority of his practice. He sees children as young as a year old, as well as patients in all other age groups. Because he both teaches at an academic medical center and practices at a tertiary-care hospital, he is often called upon for a second or even a third opinion.

EVELYN MARIENBERG-MICELI '69



Major: French
MFA, University of California,
Los Angeles
MD, SUNY Stony Brook
Radiation Oncologist and Clinical
Assistant Professor
SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Evelyn Marienberg-Miceli came to medicine by a circuitous route. Her father was a family doctor on Long Island, but she hated that it meant "he was never home." A French major, she went to film school in Hollywood and tried to make it in the business, but found she "didn't have the temperament for it." She later decided she might be interested in medical school and thought radiation oncology was interesting and creative, particularly in its visual aspect. At her urban medical center, she both sees and treats patients and teaches medical students and residents.

ANJULI BASU '91



Major: English
MD, Medical College of Pennsylvania
Physician: Internal Medicine
Kaiser Permanente
San Rafael, Calif.

Anjali Basu left private practice less than a year ago to work for the HMO Kaiser Permanente. She sees both ups and downs in what an HMO can offer. "Patients are provided with a streamlined healthcare system that has the resources to incorporate technology into good health

care. As a physician, it provides me with administrative support so that I don't have the headaches of running my own office. The flip side is that with a large organization comes bureaucracy and that sometimes detracts from how personal the doctor-patient relationship feels. I think that this trade-off works for most people."

Basu became interested in medicine because it seemed to meld important social issues (such as poverty) with science. The "gentle nudges" from her mother, who is also a physician, did not hurt either.

She is board-certified in both internal medicine and pediatrics and practices both. Basu sees patients for a variety of conditions, anything from sore throats to congestive heart failure.

LUCY B. VAN VOORHEES '71



Major: Economics
MD, University of Tennessee,
Memphis
Cardiologist, Peninsula
Cardiology
Berlin, Md.

Lucy Van Voorhees went from a position as a cardiologist directing a large intensive care unit at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., to a "country" cardiology practice on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She also raises horses in her spare time.

MICHAEL M. WEINIK '78

Major: Child Development
MA, Tufts University, Childhood Studies
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As a physiatrist, Michael M. Weinik is triple board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Osteopathic Board of Rehabilitation Medicine and the American Board of Electro-Diagnostic Medicine. As a Doctor of Osteopathy, which is licensed and privileged on a par with a Doctor of Medicine, he focuses on the musculo-skeletal system.

He teaches medical students and residents and sees patients in the university hospital and in the hospital's professional clinic, including many "weekend warriors" with sports injuries. Weinik also takes care of professional athletes and has treated members of the Philadelphia Flyers, the Philly Phantoms and the Philadelphia Eagles; and he is the former team physician for the U.S. Rowing Team. One day a week, he takes care of children with cerebral palsy, spina bifida and various orthopedic problems at Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia.

"There is no substitute for a good physical exam. Medicine has become myopic. Look at all the MRIs that are done. If you just read an MRI, you are treating the test, not the patient. For a correct diagnosis, everything must match up: the symptoms, the findings of the physical exam, the medical history and the medical imagery."

How do you feel when a patient enters your office with a sheaf of papers printed off the Internet?

Basu: "It helps and hurts. The information depends upon the source and is mostly incomplete. As long as the patient understands this, there is no harm in looking at things online and bringing them to the attention of a doctor. But such research becomes problematic when people fail to realize that the Internet is the same place you can get a 2-percent mortgage. The Internet is not a substitute for a good physician. If you trust what you see on the Internet more than your personal doctor, it is likely time to find a new doctor. Certainly, however, you should discuss anything you read that you are concerned about."

Carlson: "The Internet is a source of information and misinformation. Having said this, I am happy when a patient is informed when appearing for a first consultation. A patient who has preliminary information regarding his or her diagnosis represents a favorable situation in my opinion."

"There are times, unfortunately, when patients will read an article published in a journal that is inaccurate. Medicine and surgery are not black and white. Rather, there are times when surgeons, for example, will have greater experience and wisdom about a procedure than the individual who published a paper about the technique. Nonetheless, patients may place greater confidence in the published word, and this can prevent them from receiving the care they truly require."

"I believe that www.webmd.com and www.merck.com/pubs/ are good sources of accurate information for patients as well as doctors."

"An informed patient is also one who has searched for information about his or her doctor. The electronic age permits the patient to know about the appearance of their future doctor, where

he or she went to school and how much he or she has published about a particular diagnosis."

How do you feel about relatives accompanying the patient?

Basu: "I am fine when people have others attend their visit. I just ask that that person allow the patient to tell his or her story and not constantly interject. Save any 'corrections,' concerns or additional facts until the end. It is helpful if the patient is an unreliable historian or has difficulty communicating. It is also helpful if having someone familiar in the room makes the patient more comfortable."

Marienber-Miceli: "We welcome it. Patients are so often overwhelmed by a diagnosis of cancer that they can't take in everything the first time around. Their apprehension means that what the doctor says goes in one ear and out the other."

"Since our patients' first appointments do not involve radiation treatments, we hand out instructional materials about the radiation treatments and suggest patients and family members write down their questions on a page left blank for that purpose at the back of the booklet, then bring it to their next visit."

Van Voorhees: "No problem. I really could have used some help when I saw a very demented lady for her three-month appointment recently. She's always 'fine,' so a history from her is useless. It's too bad her daughter is not interested enough to come with her for her appointments."

Are you put off when a patient asks for a second opinion?

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Marienber-Miceli: "Second opinions are a good thing. I often recommend them. I do worry with some straightforward cancers that the delay for a second opinion might affect the outcome, and I'll say that if I have a good rapport with the patient or family. On some rare cancers, people absolutely should get a second opinion. A doctor shouldn't

be offended if you seek a second opinion. If your question offends, that person probably shouldn't be your doctor."

Van Voorhees: "The physician should recognize when the patient needs attention from a tertiary care center and make the appropriate referrals. Even though we are in a small town way out here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, we have great access to teaching hospitals in D.C., Baltimore and Philly. Or if a patient is not comfortable with the care being received, he or she should request the next level of care."

Weinik: "My regular patients who are looking for a referral to a specialist ask me how much time they should expect for a 'new patient' evaluation. I tell them to call the doctor's office and ask the staff how much time is allotted. If the staff can't tell you that, find another doctor. Even if he's a great doctor, if you spend most of your time with a resident or a physician's assistant, it isn't worth it if the specialist doesn't perform the physical exam and take the medical history. You should be getting 45 minutes to an hour of the doctor's time and attention."

Some people have "white coat fever." If a patient becomes extremely nervous during an appointment, how do you put him or her at ease?

Carlson: "The first consultation with a patient should be conducted as an interactive experience. It is important that the doctor and patient ask questions. I believe in introducing myself to the patient and allowing him or her to vocalize what I can do to help. It is humane to permit the patient to give you as much information possible to make that individual understand that his or her history is important to the doctor. Numerous studies have indicated that most doctors interrupt the patient delivering a history within the first seven seconds. Depriving the patient the opportunity to completely vocalize his or her problem interferes with the primary objective of the interview process."

Van Voorhees: "You have to 'psyche out' the personality type and figure out how to structure their visit. I left my white coat behind in the city when

I came to a 'country' cardiology private practice. Nowadays, I enter the exam room with my laptop and tell all new patients that I'm inputting into the computer as we are talking. No one has ever objected; in fact most seem to like this sort of format. I have a good relationship with most of my regular patients. We spend some time talking farming, gardens, family, etc."

What common problem affects Baby Boomers as they age?

Weinik: "About 90 per cent of all of us will have a lower back problem at some time. Sitting at a desk all day causes muscle tightness problems in the trunk. And working out at the gym only addresses certain muscles. I know we'd all be better off if we continued to play as we did as children, running, jumping, kicking a ball and swinging on monkey bars. That's a total-body workout. Having said that, I recommend that if you do have a lower back injury, make sure your doctor traces the injury to the right place. A problem with your knee can trigger back pain, for example.

"Being informed and maintaining a positive attitude are keys to longevity and recovery from major illnesses." ●

"Doctors must place the welfare of patients above their own ego at all times. The Golden Rule must prevail in medicine."

by Lisa Brownell

Beyond the Playing Field

WHEN IT COMES TO MANAGING THE BUSINESS OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS,
THESE SIX ALUMNI ALL PLAY HARDBALL

What's the number one thing you should never, ever say in a job interview if you're looking for a management position in the multi-billion-dollar business of professional sports?

Five Connecticut College alumni who all hold executive positions from NASCAR to the NFL are unanimous in their response.

"Never say that you're 'a huge fan,'" cautions Kimberly Williams '90, who has heard that line more times than she can count. Williams, the chief operating officer for the National Football League, can't resist adding, "There are only about 200 million of those out there." Speaking on a recent campus panel to an audience of students and alumni, Williams explained that whether she is hiring someone for an entry-level or senior-level position, she's looking for the candidate's "point of view about their functional experience. I'm looking for passion and hard work."

The alumni executives, all of whom have made it to the top of their game, albeit sometimes by writing their own playbook, cite another common gaffe that can sour an interview: asking when you'll get your first promotion before you've even been hired.

"Young people don't understand the idea of paying your dues," says Keith Ritter '77, former president of the National Hockey League's Interactive Cyber Enterprises, who says a job applicant can't expect to be a vice president when he or she is just six weeks out of college.

Glenn Jacobs '92, a senior producer at ESPN, moderated the panel. He pitched questions to Williams, Ritter and three other sports cognoscenti: David Gross '88, the commissioner of Major League Lacrosse; Elizabeth Schlosser '88, senior marketing strategist for NASCAR; and Jonathan Katz '78, a psychologist who is a consultant to professional athletes, many who play on the international level.

The stories of how they reached their current positions are varied. Gross, for



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example, stepped up to the plate to lead a lacrosse league after essentially volunteering for the job and writing his own ticket. Williams, who jokes that “it should be obvious” how a Japanese major ended up managing the finances of the NFL, says that she was “industry agnostic” toward a career path.

Ritter, an English major, reiterates that the business of sports is first and foremost a business, one in which the industry leaders are looking for “the skills you can’t teach on the job” including critical thinking and the ability to write.

Schlosser, who has been at NASCAR since 1995, jump-started her career 20 years ago at the NBA. “I got my job by networking,” says the economics major, recalling handing out her resume to contacts she met while working at a pro golf shop. NASCAR was very much a male-dominated organization at that time.

“What was really beneficial to me was my ability to play golf,” she says. “A lot of business deals are done on the golf course.”

A sports psychologist who sees the world of sports behind doors that are closed to the public eye, Katz says that Connecticut College had a major impact in his decision to pursue a career in psychology. “I received an incredible training in psychology here, which prepared me well for grad school. . . . Even then I was interested in the role that physical activity plays in mental health,” he says. Today, as the confidant of professional athletes, he is well aware that star athletes suffer from the same insecurities, issues and problems as the rest of the population. “Sometimes, after a game, a 6-foot, 11-inch basketball player will be crying like an 8-year-old,” Katz says.

FROM THE LEFT: GLENN JACOBS '92, SENIOR PRODUCER AT ESPN; ELIZABETH SCHLOSSER '88, SENIOR MARKETING STRATEGIST AT NASCAR; DAVID GROSS '88, COMMISSIONER OF MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE; JONATHAN KATZ '78, SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST; KIMBERLY WILLIAMS '90, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE; AND KEITH RITTER '77, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE'S INTERACTIVE CYBER ENTERPRISES.

All of the alumni panelists are candid about the drawbacks of their career: hard work, long hours and strains on family life. If the divorce rate is 50 percent in the rest of the population it’s 90 percent in sports, says Ritter. “Most of the time you don’t even know you’re in sports. You’re selling a product in the entertainment industry,” he adds. Or according to Schlosser, “It’s 95 percent business, 5 percent sports.”

But asked why it is they love their jobs, each alumnus seems, momentarily, to forget the trials and headaches.

According to Gross, the best thing is being able to see the positive effect of sports on a young person’s transformation. For Williams it’s the relevance of the business. “I hear people walking down the street talking about the game. Going to a Super Bowl is an exhilarating experience. It touches people’s lives,” she says. Schlosser agrees that sports are a major part of our culture and that’s where the excitement comes from.

And for Katz, seeing the outcome of his work can be both extremely rewarding and sometimes painful. “That’s the wonderful thing about sports — it’s a binary experience — you win or you lose.”

Clearly, for these alumni, it’s not just about winning or losing, it really is how they play the game in the business of sports. ●

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yesterday's news

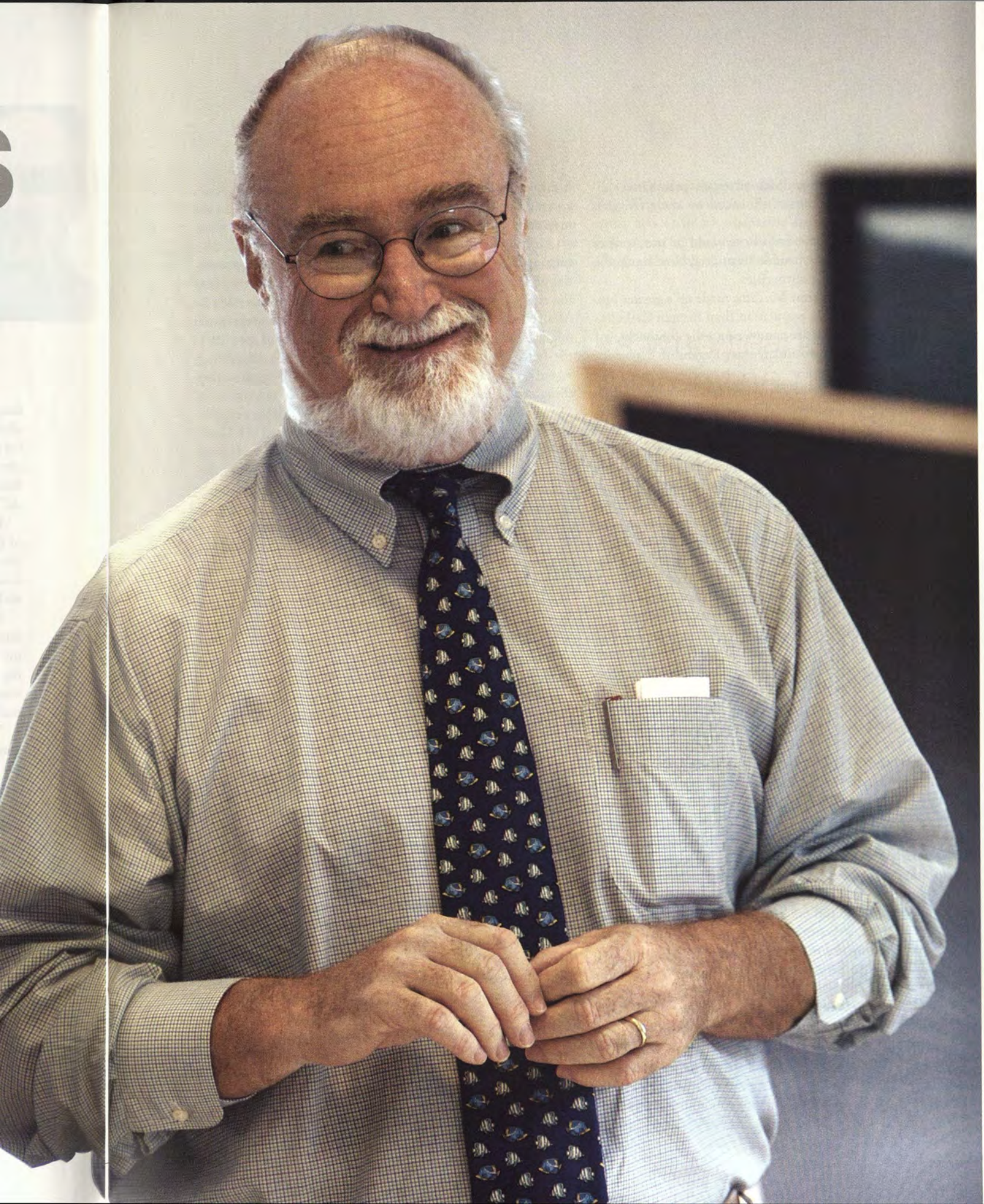
Only by understanding the history and power of religion can we comprehend current events that are shaping our own lives

From an April 2 lecture by Eugene Gallagher, Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies

Virtually all of what we learn about the world from newspapers, news magazines, Web sites, blogs and other sources of information comes to us already interpreted. The reasons for selection of evidence, choice of interpretive frames and specific conclusions may be explicitly stated or, more often, hidden from cursory view so that the conclusions presented appear self-evident. This is certainly the case with “news” about religion.

A quick review of some recent local and national news sources indicates that religion in various forms plays substantial roles in the stream of news that reaches our eyes and ears every day. Consider the following stories taken from various sources in one week this spring:

- › The king of Saudi Arabia calls for dialogue among the representatives of all monotheistic religions, because “we all believe in the same God”
- › Jeremiah Wright, the former pastor of Sen. Barack Obama, cancels appearances at three churches in Houston, as the controversy over some of his statements unfolded in March
- › A Dutch film that sets verses of the Quran against a background of images of terrorism spurs protests in Pakistan
- › The Pope sparks an ongoing controversy by baptizing a prominent Muslim journalist on Easter



- › Ivy League college students advocate practicing celibacy; many of them are influenced by their religious commitments
- › A group predicting the end of the world in late April or early May was told to abandon its underground bunker in Central Russia by the authorities
- › In 2006 for the first time Muslims made up a greater proportion of the world's population than Roman Catholics
- › British archaeologists are conducting a dig at Stonehenge, a sacred site for many contemporary Pagans, to determine the age of its stones
- › A letter to *The Day* of New London instructs readers about the writer's understanding of Christian forgiveness, in the case of former Connecticut Gov. John Rowland

Each of those items presents a vignette of religion entangled in a complex set of events. For the casual reader, it's easiest just to absorb both whatever details appear in the individual stories and the implied interpretations. Such a passive response is made all the more likely because Americans in general profess both a very strong attachment to and breathtakingly widespread ignorance about religion.

Stephen Prothero's 2007 book *Religious Literacy* details the stark contrast between how Americans respond to pollsters' questions about their own religious beliefs and how they answer questions about the most basic facts of the world's most prominent religions. Prothero concludes that Americans should not tolerate such widespread religious illiteracy. He proposes instead a sweeping educational initiative on both the high school and college levels — a sort of full employment act for religion professors.

While I agree with Prothero on the need for some basic literacy, I don't believe that he goes far enough or in entirely the right direction. Folks who read, listen to or watch the news need not only to know the basic references in the stories — the *what* of religion. They also need to know something about religious dynamics, mechanics and processes — the *how* of religion.

I'll offer a brief look at a way of understanding the dynamics of religions and then test it out on a few very current examples. Religions, in short, strive to offer to people a compelling presentation of **the way the world is**, a hopeful vision of **the way the world ought to be** and a variety of ways of **bring them into alignment**. An analysis of the way the world is often includes commentary about how the world we inhabit came about in the first place, frequently in the form of stories of origins like the Genesis accounts of creation or the Babylonian *Enuma Elish*. It also involves disclosure of the nature of human beings, as in Luther's classic formulation that we are all *simul iustus et peccator*, at the same time righteous and a sinner; and

it may include as well speculation about the nature of human community or the religious community, often expressed in the metaphor of family.

An analysis of the way the world ought to be involves contrasting the evident imperfection of this world with its potential perfection. Islam, for example, exhorts Muslims to follow the straight path (for human conduct) that was revealed by Allah through Muhammad in the Quran. The way the world ought to be is also given poignant expression in chapter 21 of the book of Revelation, when the prophet John hears God, seated on his heavenly throne, declare, "Behold, I make everything new" (Rev. 21:5).

Let me turn to the news for an example. Given the substantial heat they generated during the bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, I find it hard to stay away from thinking about the sermons of Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Two statements in particular seem to have stuck in the craws of various commentators. First, Wright is quoted as saying that the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 were America's chickens coming home to roost. Consequently he was accused of being unpatriotic and even anti-American.

A little poking around yields a more complicated picture. The key text in his sermon delivered on Sept. 16, 2001, is Psalm 137, which comes from the period of the Israelites' exile in Babylonia. It's probably best known for the plaintive question, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land," which crops up in the Rastafari-tinged "By the Rivers of Babylon." But it also concludes with a vivid fantasy of revenge, proclaiming to the Babylonians, "Happy shall be he who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock" (Psalm 137:9). That's the portion of the scriptural text that captures Wright's attention. He argues that "it spotlights the insanity of the cycle of violence and the cycle of hatred." Wright is actually urging his congregation to be critical of their own scriptural heritage. His next move, as he recounts it, is to seek guidance from the Lord: "I asked the Lord, 'What should our response be in light of such an unthinkable act?'" The response he argues for is for *everyone* to try to break the cycle of violent acts and violent paybacks. Just as he was critical of scripture, he is also critical of his country for engaging in acts of violence. In the particular instance of the chickens, he is actually quoting Edward Peck, a former ambassador to Iraq and deputy director of Ronald Reagan's terrorism task force. Wright is actually trying to make common cause with a white, establishment critic of American foreign policy, who himself was quoting Malcolm X — a complex series of associations.

Without a doubt, Wright has some sharply critical things to say about violent incidents in American history, just as he is critical of “people of faith” who resort to violence, whether in 550 B.C.E. or 2001 C.E. Wright’s points, however, are in the service of urging a stop to the cycle of violence, not its perpetuation; moreover they attempt to make allies across racial lines, and they urge the faithful to a critical examination of themselves and their own faith, above all.

Wright’s second statement, typically compressed into “God damn America,” was part of a sermon delivered on April 13, 2003. Wright’s central text this time was Luke 19:37-44. In that text Jesus is walking down from the Mount of Olives towards the city of Jerusalem. When he sees the city, he begins to weep. Addressing the city he says: “Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace. But now they are hid from your eyes” (Luke 19:42). The sermon that follows consistently warns against confusing God and government, because governments lie, change and fail. In contrast, God never lies, changes or fails. It is in that context that Wright proclaims, “No, no, no. Not ‘God Bless America’; God Damn America! That’s in the Bible, for killing innocent people. God Damn America for treating her citizens as less than human. God Damn America as long as she keeps trying to act like she is God and she is supreme!” In the next paragraph, as Wright’s anger recedes somewhat, he even urges the members of the congregation to forgive him “for the ‘God Damn,’ that’s in the Bible, Lord. Blessings and cursing is in the Bible, it’s in the Bible.”

To someone familiar with the Bible and its uses in various congregations, Wright’s statements are not particularly surprising. He is completely convinced that the Bible is *the* authoritative source. It tells him the way the world is. In the first case it reminds him of the sometimes overpowering human desire for violent revenge. And it tells him of the way the world ought to be; the passage from Luke exalts the seemingly elusive goal of peace. In his creative efforts to make ancient texts speak to contemporary questions, Wright acts as a prophetic interpreter of the still powerful words of scripture. Like his namesake Jeremiah and the other prophets in ancient Israel, he is not at all hesitant to criticize powerful people and institutions; like those ancient prophets he does not hesitate to speak on behalf of his people. Also like those ancient prophets on whom he appears to have modeled his ministry, he may well have made more enemies than friends.

I don’t have any particular interest in determining whether Rev. Wright is correct in his interpretation of the Sept. 11 terrorist acts or in his unsparing critique of American foreign policy or in his readings of the Bible — let alone whether Sen. Obama should have rejected him or embraced him. I do want

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to argue that the exercise of religious literacy in this particular instance appropriately complicates matters. It gives one pause. It forestalls hasty, and inaccurate, judgments. It unveils a number of interpretative contexts for the potentially inflammatory remarks that were lifted from Rev. Wright’s sermons and paves the way for a series of comparisons between Rev. Wright and other interpreters of scripture. Of particular interest would be other religious interpreters of the African-American experience, figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, James Cone, Cornel West and maybe even Bob Marley. Such analysis and comparison is a necessary preliminary to any persuasive evaluation or critique of what Wright actually has to say. It is, I suggest, a more intellectually compelling approach than simply asserting, with one commentator, “that church is a cult and the mainstream Christian churches want nothing to do with it.”●

»To read the entire text of this lecture, visit <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>

*"Stay, lady, stay with your man awhile
Why wait any longer for the world to begin
You can have your cake and eat it too
Why wait any longer for the one you love
When he's standing in front of you"*

The lyrics of "Lay, Lady, Lay" may have been written nearly four decades ago, but a new generation listened with rapt attention as Bob Dylan's coarse voice filled a Blaustein classroom on a blustery Thursday afternoon in February. After all, the words of Shakespeare and Keats still ring true in modern ears; why not those of a popular rock 'n' roll artist? The idea that Dylan belongs in the great tradition of lyric poetry is what professors Janet Gezari and Charles Hartman explore with 46 students each week in English 213B, "Bob Dylan."

"We're huge admirers of Dylan," says Gezari, Lucy Marsh Haskell '19 Professor of English and department chair. "This class has always been there as something Charles and I wanted to do. Dylan stands above the large majority of songwriters of his time. Everybody wanted to be Dylan — even John Lennon."

Though new to the Connecticut College classroom, the study of Dylan's work is not new to academia. College and high school instructors across the country have organized classes to explore and analyze the artist; Stanford University even held a Bob Dylan conference, 10 years ago, that drew scholars across many disciplines, from drama and classics to religious studies.

Hartman, a jazz musician and the College's poet in residence, says Dylan "creates an ideal integration of music and poetry in his songwriting. He is perfectly economical in his means. Whatever this melody or harmony or these lyrics need to do, he can do. It's never safe to assume that Dylan doesn't know something."

In fact, Dylan knows an extraordinary amount — not just about music and poetry, but about people, especially the people who surrounded him in the second half of the 20th century. Known as the "voice of his generation," a title he vehemently eschewed, Dylan was nonetheless "very much an American voice," Gezari and Hartman say.

"Dylan once said he couldn't live anywhere but in America," Gezari told her students on that Thursday in February. "His music depends on a shared American language. If he is the 'voice of his generation,' then he is also the voice of generations to come."

Dylan's music will be appreciated for years to come because "his songs matter," Hartman says later. "His songs are very particular to a situation and speaker. It is only through these particular situations that we get to the universal. The number of people he has inhabited and spoken for and the scope of his imagination are astonishing. You understand the songs because you've had the experience of being a human being amongst other human beings."

The present-day fame of the subject of English 213B no doubt contributes to the course's popularity with students outside the English department. Majoring in disciplines from philosophy to political science, all are upperclassmen, as they had priority during registration and the class filled before sophomores or freshmen had a chance. And there are as many reasons for taking the class as there are students. Matt Leers '08, an architecture major, became interested in Dylan a few years ago after watching some movies about him. The class offered him a chance to learn more.

"After (watching the movies) I couldn't stop listening to Bob Dylan's first three recorded albums, but realized I didn't understand what he was trying to say through his words," Leers says. "I was hoping to find some answers concerning Dylan's lyrics and to shed a little light on his mysterious persona."

"Never a huge fan of poetry, I remember being anxious (about this class), thinking we would be comparing him to Shakespeare or discussing iambic pentameter," Leers adds. "We have not done that yet, but we are looking at Dylan from so many perspectives I would not be all that surprised if it came up. This class has been a pleasure."

For Claire Dowd '08, an English major, the reason is even simpler: "I was born to take this class," she says.

"I grew up listening to Bob Dylan, and as I got older, I cultivated my passion for his music," Dowd continues. "My respect and deep appreciation for his talent and intelligence is

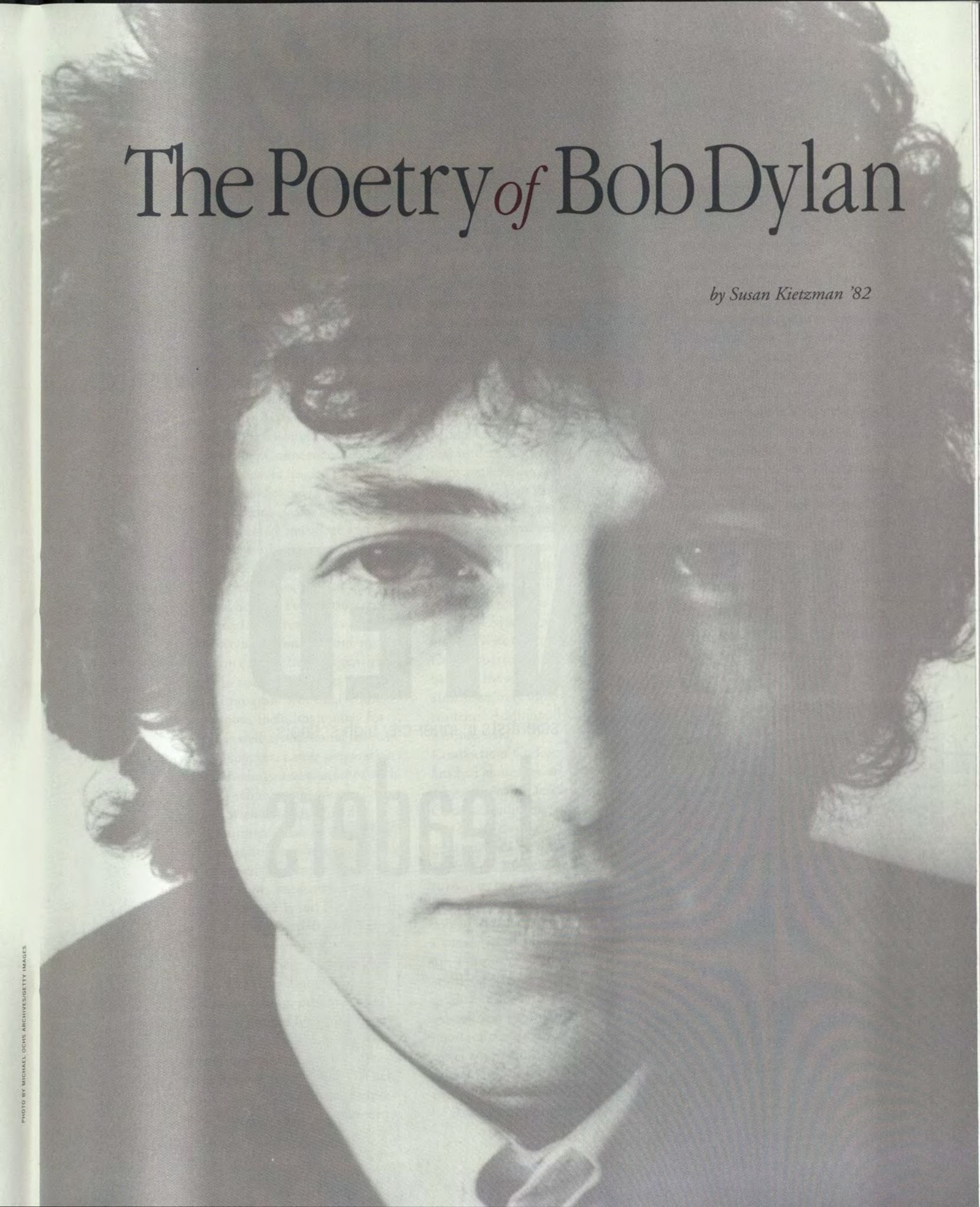
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— Professor Charles Hartman

really enhanced by this class; it is the perfect setting for analyzing his work. His lyrics and his impressive knowledge are simply astounding. It's my second semester senior year, and I'm enjoying this opportunity to revel in Bob Dylan's music."

The course syllabus is filled with music and song titles rather than books and chapters. And the homework is more listening than writing — although a five-page paper and a group project were required. Classes alternate between lectures and discussions; attendance isn't an issue.

"We're having a wonderful time with this class," Gezari says. "The students came to class knowing Dylan through their parents, but we're trying to give them a more detailed view of why Dylan's important. They're interested." ●



The Poetry *of* Bob Dylan

by Susan Kietzman '82



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The College is looking for future scientists in inner-city high schools

Science Leaders

What do you get

when you mix liquid nitrogen, sea urchins, strawberries, a giant ear and some genetically modified, glowing zebra fish? Exactly what you need to get 800 high school students interested in science.

On St. Patrick's Day, Marc Zimmer, the Barbara Zaccheo Kohn '72 Professor of Chemistry, and five other Connecticut College science professors headed to DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx to show 30 science classes what studying science is like in college and to spread the word about the College's new Science Leaders Program.

Science Leaders, funded by a National Science Foundation grant, is designed to increase the number of women and minority students graduating from the College with a degree in science. Students accepted into the program will receive financial support, including money for books, as well as additional mentoring and support, career preparation and counseling, and assistance with graduate school applications. There are 11 "Science Leaders" in the newly admitted Class of 2012.

Getting students interested in pursuing science can be a challenge, though. Students tend to think of science as too hard and too dull — myths that Zimmer and his team of professors set out to dispel with their "Science Day" visit to DeWitt Clinton.

Stanton Ching, professor of chemistry, poured liquid nitrogen on a classroom floor, creating a sea of gasps as students watched the nitrogen bead and evaporate. Then, for an encore, he smashed a frozen handball into little rubber pieces

and hammered a nail into a wooden block with a banana.

Deborah Eastman, assistant professor of biology, stood in the center of a crowd of students and stabbed a sea urchin with potassium chloride, causing it to release sperm. She repeated the process with a female urchin, and students used microscopes to watch as they became proud parents of sea urchin zygotes.

Zimmer showed students how to make fish glow, while Anne Bernhard, the George and Carol Milne Assistant Professor of Biology, had students collect jelly-like DNA from strawberries. Joseph Schroeder, visiting assistant professor of neuroscience, used jellybeans to teach students about their senses, and Doug Thompson, professor of physics, astronomy and geophysics, posed the question, "Is there life on Mars?"

Zimmer, who is heading up the Science Leaders Program, chose to visit DeWitt Clinton, a Connecticut College partnership school, in part because the school's population is almost entirely minority students. Additionally, Zimmer said, Connecticut College has had a number of very successful DeWitt Clinton graduates.

One of those graduates is Lorena Rodriguez '09, who returned to her alma mater to help her professors spread the word about Connecticut College. "I am a minority woman studying science who graduated from this school, and I think it is good for these students to see that," Rodriguez said. "They think, 'If she can do it, I can do it!'"

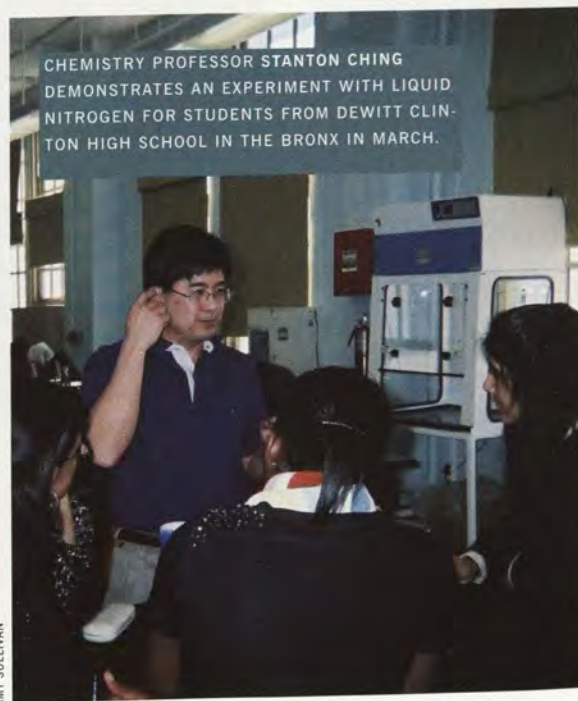
And after having so

by Amy Sullivan

much fun during "Science Day," some DeWitt Clinton students just might follow in Rodriguez's footsteps. Junior Britney Haase, for example, said she would consider attending Connecticut College after Ching showed her how to use superconductors and liquid nitrogen to make magnets levitate. Her classmate, Jason Bailey, was just as impressed. "I've seen this sort of thing on TV and in scary movies," Bailey said. "It is so cool to see it right here and to have it explained and experience it hands-on."

The students weren't the only ones impressed, though. Eastman said she loved the students' curiosity and excitement, and Bernhard said she was amazed with the students' content knowledge.

Ching added that he hopes some of the students do choose to attend Connecticut College and become Science Leaders. "The students are smart, engaged and interested," he said. "They are exactly the type of students I love to teach." ●



AMY SULLIVAN

by Mary Howard

Questions

for Associate Professor of Psychology

Ruth Grahn

She is a biopsychologist, a champion of student-faculty collaborative research and director of Connecticut College's Behavioral Neuroscience Program. Associate Professor of Psychology Ruth Grahn is also a popular teacher.

"It is her passion for learning and education that makes her a truly great professor, and it is her warmth and genuine affection for others that make her a wonderful person to be around," says Elyse Goveia '08, who is completing her honors thesis with Grahn.

An avid knitter and spinner and a founding member of the Camel Knitters Guild, Grahn teaches her Behavioral Neuroscience students to knit, and in the process fosters their knowledge of brain functioning.

"She creates a comfortable academic environment that lets me take risks and make mistakes without worrying about the results," says Caitlin Baptiste '08, who has conducted research with Grahn for the past two years.

CC: Connecticut College Magazine recently caught up with Grahn to ask her about research, teaching and, of course, knitting.

One. What led you to focus your research on anxiety disorders and how environmental stressors produce anxious behavior?

Once I abandoned the notion of going to medical school, I was free to focus on research and found ample opportunities as an undergraduate at Mt. Holyoke. My early research interests were focused on the biological basis of learning, specifically the neural mechanisms of classical and operant conditioning. This led me to a graduate program in Colorado, working with one of the founders of the concept of learned helplessness, Steven Maier. Most people view learned helplessness as a model of depression, but Maier and I were interested in the neural mechanisms involved when an aversive, uncontrollable event leads to anxiety



and interferes with learning. We did a series of studies that showed how the serotonin system is altered and how anxiety emerges as a result of this type of stress. Most researchers were expecting the serotonin system to be impaired by stressful events, but we showed that it is actually stimulated.

Two. What research projects are you working on now?

My students and I continue to focus on how stress affects anxiety, but with a concentration on the impact of naturalistic stressors. The neural mechanisms that allow a rat to respond appropriately to a cat are likely similar to the ones that allow a human to respond appropriately to a mugger, a car accident or a bothersome roommate. We are still trying to understand how defensive and coping behaviors are modulated by the serotonin system. In one study Heather Stanish '08 examined the effect of exercise on spatial learning. Kristin Mulrane MA '08 is studying how an enriched living environment affects a rat's defensive responses to cat odor.

We are also examining the neural basis of obsessive-compulsive disorder, using animal models. These projects developed from presentations that students gave in Psychopharmacology. It was then that I learned how much serotonin was involved in OCD. Caitlin Baptiste '08 is conducting studies in this area for her honors thesis.

Three. How does collaboration with students inform your research?

All of the research I do is with students, and this arrangement often brings me down unexpected paths. Take, for example, the honors project of Elyse Goveia '08. She is examining the effect of nicotine on spatial memory, and her project evolved into a very big deal, leading us to adopt all kinds of new research techniques and approaches. We are even using a different type of rat! While it's been more work than I anticipated (more than Elyse ever imagined), the benefits have been extensive. The new research approaches have expanded our options for future projects, and the results from the experiment are very exciting. We plan to present the work at a few conferences, and it's going to be a fun paper to write. This is the collaborative research approach that I enjoyed as a student and that gets me excited about my job now.

Four. Why do you have the students in your Behavioral Neuroscience course learn to knit?

Students don't expect to encounter knitting on the first day of a college class, so I like to surprise them with a lesson. It gets discussion started on all kinds of neuroscience topics. One that always comes up is memory. There is the oc-

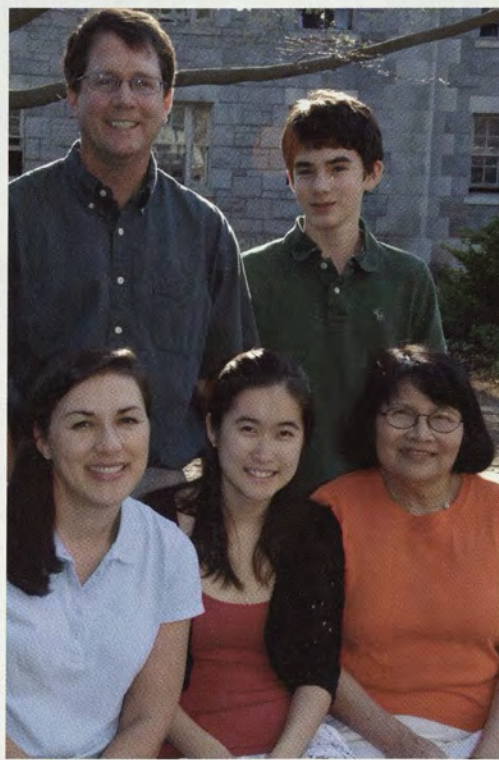
casional student who is an experienced knitter, so we talk about how the cerebellum has the capacity to store procedure memories and motor programs. We make the distinction between this procedural type of memory and declarative memory by asking the veteran knitter to describe when she learned to knit (still waiting to encounter a male knitter in this class) and who taught her. Then I explain how the cortex and hippocampus are necessary for storage and recall of that type of memory.

When we cover the motor system, traditionally the least exciting topic in the course, we relate the function of each motor area of the brain to the act of knitting. For example, the fingers need to convey lots of information about the position of the yarn and needles and the muscles of the fingers need to be capable of very fine, controlled movement. We relate this to how parts of the body are represented in the cortex and how the hands and face take up most of the cortical space devoted to motor and sensory processing, leaving very little brain space for less important body parts. Then we talk about plasticity and how the cortical space allotted to a body part can change with experience. Those students who keep knitting can imagine their motor cortex changing as their skill improves.

Knitting in Behavioral Neuroscience has turned out to be a very useful and fun way to begin the semester.

Five. What made you choose Connecticut College?

My own undergraduate experience at a selective, small liberal arts college led me to view this environment as one that suited me best, and graduate work at a large research university only reinforced that view. Now that I've been here for almost 10 years, I see that the distinction between a place like CC and a large university extends beyond class size and the personal nature of faculty-student interactions to include participation in college governance and residential life. It is surprising to me how much I enjoy being on the Priorities, Planning & Budget Committee. And my most favorite thing about being at the College is having the opportunity to direct our neuroscience program. We've grown from only seven majors in 1999 to 25 to 35 students majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience each year. This sustained interest in neuroscience has allowed us to add a new faculty member to the program, Joe Schroeder, visiting assistant professor of neuroscience. With funding opportunities designed especially for undergraduate institutions, it has been possible to do a lot of research as well. Neuroscience is a mainstream topic, and it's gratifying to know that we have the chance to prepare students to explore this field beyond the undergraduate level. ●

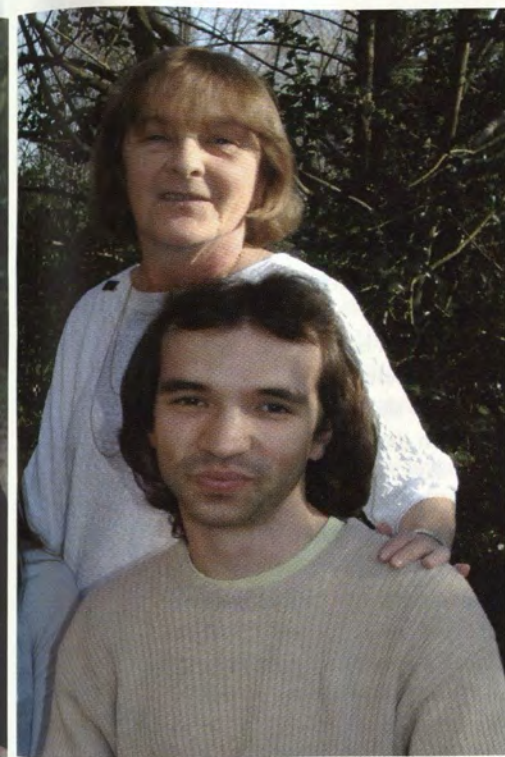


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Clockwise from top left: Khawaja Abdullah Saeed '09 with Dean Andrea Rossi-Reder and daughter Lucy; Maywadee Chinavanichkit '09 with Professor Page Owen and family; Andrea Mendoza '08 with Anne Buffman and daughter; Kamen Todorov '08 with Professor Leslie Brown; Tista Nayak '08 and Nayan Pokhrel '10 with Judy Schofield; Vikram Raju '10 with Professor Marc Zimmer and daughter Caitlyn; Nadezhda Radeva '09 with Gay and Joseph Buths; Xuefeng "Nick" Peng '10 with Professor John Anthony; Stanislav Andreev '11 with Professor Andrea Lanoux and daughter; and Andrea Burt '09 with Christine Simmons and family.

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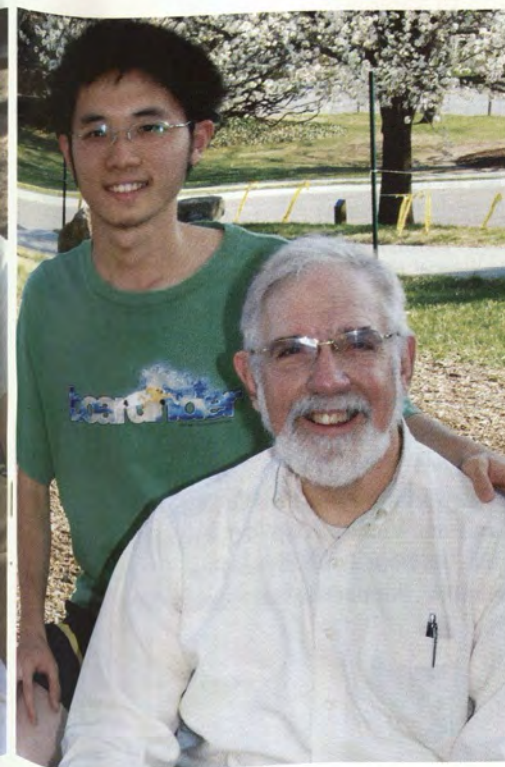




Host families
open their
homes to
international
students and
form life-long
connections

family

by Carolyn Battista



Doris Dekovic '09 likes having dinner at the home of Janet Spoltore, director of the College's counseling services. "It's just really nice to sit at a family table and have homemade food," says Dekovic, who's from Croatia.

Brais Louro Lariño '09, who's from Spain, visits the home of Cheryl Banker, a counselor in the Career Enhancing Life Skills office. "She's like a second mom," he says.

John Anthony, chairman of the music department, offers help and hospitality to students from China. "New friendships, new world views — it means a lot to me," he says.

International students are thousands of miles from their own families, but Connecticut College's Host Family Program connects them with staff and faculty families who help them feel at home in the United States. The program, which began in 2002, matches each student with the same family for four years.

This January, when Carmela Patton, instructor of Italian, took over as adviser, the program involved 33 host families and 38 students. By early April, Patton had "seven new families and students in touch," with more matches in the making.

"This program gives international students a family away from home — people they can talk with, rely on. It's key to integrating these students into our culture," says Patton, who notes that to be with a family is to really become immersed in American life. "The program is just as enriching for the host families," she adds. "It widens everyone's personal and cultural horizons."

While the program usually schedules two potluck dinners each year, it consists mostly of whatever suits

the families and students. They share meals, conversation, holidays, outings, cricket rivalry and more, often developing long-lasting friendships.

Even before the official program began, Anthony was aiding Chinese students. "It was serendipitous," he says. He simply got to know two who shared his interest in music; through them, he began meeting others.

"It's been very fulfilling," says Anthony, who not only provides practical help, like rides to the airport, but also regularly invites students to his house — to talk, to relax, to feel at home. He's especially known for preparing American Thanksgiving dinners for his students and for giving Lunar New Year's parties that have grown to include Chinese-American students, other Asian students and Chinese-department faculty. "They've become a tradition," he says.

"Technically," he adds, "I'm not a host *family*." But he's definitely part of the program.

Dekovic, who's used to living on her own, says, "I don't need extreme help, just a touch of home." She appreciates Spoltore's kind acts, from bringing her a birthday cake ("like my mother!") to providing her with storage space.

Using GoogleEarth, she has shown Spoltore's children exactly where she lives, in the seaside town of Porec. After a trip back home, she brought them a CD, with pictures and history about Croatia. Now the children await her return from studying in Germany, so she can meet their new puppy.

"My family has greatly enjoyed this program," Spoltore says. "I recommend it."

Louro Lariño says of Banker and her family, "We have so much in common." He goes to church with the Bankers and visits their home to have dinner, talk, watch TV, ride the family quad and "just relax."

At first, he worried that he might be intruding. The family made it crystal-clear that he wasn't. "We have a very large extended family," Banker says. "He fits right in with all the cousins."

Louro Lariño says that talking with Banker's family has made him feel more comfortable answering questions about his country, and that Banker has helped him to understand American life and to navigate an academic system that's very different from what he was used to. "I'm thankful," he says.

Marc Zimmer, a chemistry professor, and his family are hosts to two science students, Vikram Raju '10, from India, and Curren Mfofana '08, from Zimbabwe. For both, science is an important tie, but not the only one.

"Professor Zimmer is my host dad and my faculty adviser," says Raju, who took Zimmer's freshman seminar in 2006-07 and, as part of that, traveled to Puerto Rico with Zimmer and his family. He has enjoyed meeting Zimmer's children and going on local family outings, like one to pick apples. "That was new to me," he says.

Zimmer, who's from South Africa, says that he's pretty familiar with next-door Zimbabwe, but that he doesn't know much about India — except for one thing. "I know," he says, "that they can't play cricket."

Raju just smiles. "Professor Zimmer and I share cricket rivalry," he says, and they avidly follow important matches.

Mbofana also enjoys talking with Zimmer's children, who ask about her country, and going on family trips, including one to Boston to visit the Science Museum and watch New Year's Eve fireworks. ("Your first fireworks," Zimmer recalls.)

She has done independent study with Zimmer and worked with him during two summers on green fluorescent protein, isolated from jellyfish. "GFP has so many applications in medicine," Mbofana says. "Our research examines how the protein produces light."

Zimmer says, "I try to see things I can help with." His efforts have included helping Mbofana obtain an internship last summer with the pharmaceutical company RibX in New Haven.

He adds that after graduation, when Mbofana will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Yale, he and his family "will definitely keep in contact with her."

Connections often last past graduation. Bruce Carpenter, director of the College's technical support, and his wife, Carol, have visited Amrita Gupta '06 in her Stamford apartment (which they helped her find). He remembers four years of walks, talks and family get-togethers with Gupta, who's from Nepal, and notes that his wife, a teacher with an M.A.T. from the College, keeps Gupta's picture in her classroom. "Amrita's part of the family," he says.

Anthony has kept in touch with several graduates, including Jeff Wang '04. When Wang traveled back to China in 2006, he invited Anthony to join him. Anthony stayed for part of his visit with Wang's parents, went sightseeing in several areas, and with Wang visited the parents of three current students who couldn't go home for that summer.

"I had a wonderful time," Anthony says, adding that all the parents he visited "were tremendously apprecia-

tive" of his assistance to their children. Last year, when Raju's parents visited the campus, his mother, Vidya, said simply, "As parents, we love the program."

"The Host Family Program is appreciated by everybody," Anthony says. Louro Lariño says he knows students "who would love to be matched."

Patton, the new adviser, continues to take applications and make matches. She's even starting to look at the Class of 2012. "This program reflects Conn's mission to promote understanding and exchange among cultures," she says. "My aim is to involve as many students and families as possible." ●



Top: International student adviser Carmela Patton, Professor David Patton and Assistant to the Associate Dean Joyce Luce. Bottom: Host families gather for a potluck dinner on campus in April.

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MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, IN A LOCKED ROOM HIDDEN BEHIND THE WOOD-PANELED CIRCULATION DESK OF THE FORMER PALMER LIBRARY AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE, MARK SAMUEL LASNER '74 MADE A DISCOVERY — OLD BOOKS.

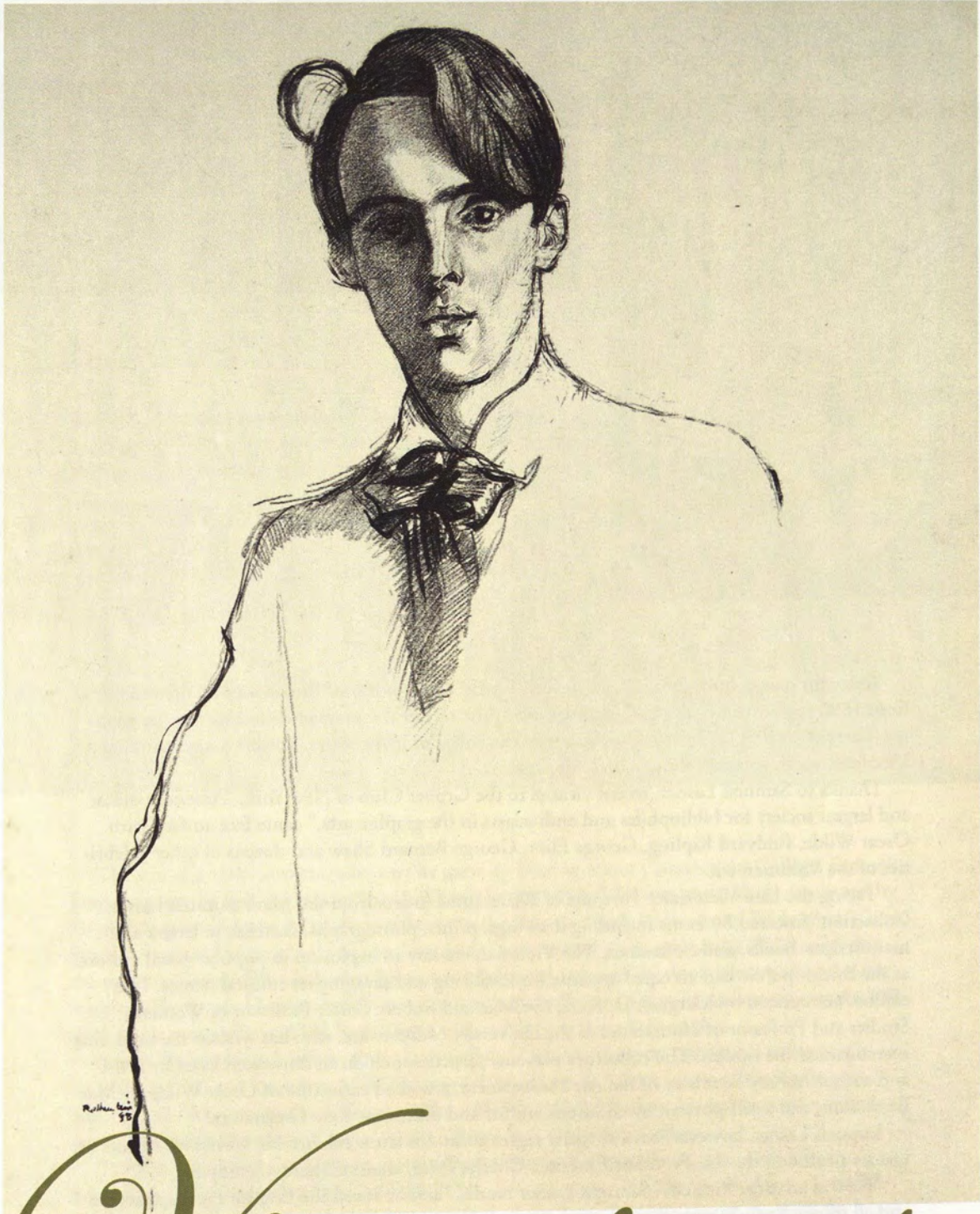
“IF YOU WANTED TO GO IN THERE, ALL YOU HAD TO DO WOULD BE TO ASK FOR THE KEY,” THE BIBLIOPHILE RECALLS TODAY. SAMUELS LASNER NEVER FORGOT THE JOY OF THAT DISCOVERY OR THE SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY HE FELT FROM IMMERSING HIMSELF IN THE COLLEGE'S RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION.

by Lisa Brownell

Facing the Late

THE COLLECTION OF MARK SAMUELS LASNER '74 IS A WINDOW ON THE WORLD OF THE WRITER

In a few spare strokes, portrait artist William Rothenstein captured the essence of poet William Butler Yeats as a young man at the end of the 19th century. Mark Samuels Lasner Collection.



e Victorians

AS, ARTISTS AND OTHERS WHO WERE "FAMOUS FOR BEING FAMOUS" IN THEIR ERA.



From the left:

- Playwright Oscar Wilde as caricatured in 1894 by Sir Max Beerbohm (1872-1956). Pencil, ink and watercolor.
 - The poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson as captured by the camera of British photographer Julia Margaret Cameron in this 1865 print.
 - Best-selling novelist of her era, George Eliot (the pen name of Mary Ann Evans) as sketched by George Du Maurier.
 - In her 1883 self-portrait, children's illustrator Kate Greenaway (1846-1901) envisions herself kneeling before the "Fates." Pencil and watercolor.
- All four: Mark Samuels Lasner Collection, on loan to the University of Delaware Library.

Today his own acquisitions, which include nearly 7,000 works of British art and literature from 1850 to the turn of the 20th century, comprise one of the premier collections in the country. There is no simple answer to explain why the collector loves books, but his many stories and anecdotes speak volumes about a lifelong passion.

Thanks to Samuels Lasner, recent visitors to the Grolier Club of New York, "America's oldest and largest society for bibliophiles and enthusiasts in the graphic arts," came face-to-face with Oscar Wilde, Rudyard Kipling, George Eliot, George Bernard Shaw and dozens of other celebrities of the Victorian era.

"Facing the Late Victorians: Portraits of Writers and Artists from the Mark Samuels Lasner Collection" featured 80 items including drawings, prints, photographs, sketches in letters and manuscripts, books, and caricatures. The Victorian era saw an explosion in popular visual culture, as the British public had an equal appetite for idealizing and savaging its cultural heroes. The exhibit was curated by Margaret D. Stetz, the Mae and Robert Carter Professor of Women's Studies and Professor of Humanities at the University of Delaware, who has written the book that accompanied the exhibit. The collector's personal favorites include an illustrated letter by artist and author Aubrey Beardsley of the Art Nouveau era, a wicked caricature of Oscar Wilde by Max Beerbohm, and a self-portrait by children's author and illustrator Kate Greenaway.

Samuels Lasner, however, has a singular regret about his latest exhibit: He wishes his former art history professor, the late Professor Emeritus Charles Price, were still here to enjoy it.

"He was an artist himself," Samuels Lasner recalls, "and he loved the English Pre-Raphaelites and all things English, even the desserts." Samuels Lasner had transferred to the College from Bennington and met Price soon after. The professor would become his senior thesis adviser for a work on "The Influence of the English Arts and Crafts Movement in the United States." In addition to using rare manuscripts in the College's special collections, such as Gustav Stickney's *The Craftsman*, the student and his mentor often searched used bookshops and book fairs together, looking for first editions and other treasures related to Samuels Lasner's thesis topic. Price, who even encouraged his student to attend a symposium at Princeton on the subject, died in 2003.



The son of a 1946 alumna, who says he grew up hearing about Connecticut College, Samuels Lasner reports he had “an Edwardian childhood in the 1950s.” He was particularly captivated by his grandparents’ Queen Anne Revival home in the historic Black Rock area of Bridgeport, Conn. Stories recounted by an elderly family friend who had crossed paths with artist William Morris, the novelist George Eliot and other Victorian luminaries, opened the door to the past and made it seem still present. He was already interested in book collecting when he arrived on campus and three years later graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in American studies.

Now a senior research fellow at the University of Delaware Library (where his collection is housed on loan) and a resident of Wilmington, Del., Samuels Lasner is one of the leading authorities on 19th-century book history and a widely published author. He has curated numerous shows, including two at the Charles Shain Library at Connecticut College.

“Through the years I’ve kept up a connection with the College library, first with librarian Brian Rogers and now, through Laurie Deredita, director of special collections. After all, my life would have not happened without Connecticut College,” says Samuels Lasner. Recently he began discussing a possible show at the Henry B. Plant Museum in Tampa, Fla. The museum is named after the railroad magnate who is famous in Connecticut College circles as the father of Morton Plant, one of the College’s founders and its first million-dollar donor.

“I’m always looking for echoes of the late 19th century in contemporary life,” he notes. “We are all fascinated by famous people. As they say, celebrities are people who are famous for being famous.” ●

Contemporary Chinese Literature: From the Cultural Revolution to the Future

by Associate Professor of Chinese **Yibing Huang**, 2007, Palgrave Macmillan, 240 pages, nonfiction

This book offers a nuanced perspective on contemporary Chinese literature by examining the work of four controversial writers: Duo Duo, an underground seer-poet; Wang Shuo, a “hooligan” writer; Zhang Chengzhi, an old Red Guard and new cultural heretic; and Wang Xiaobo, a chronicler of the modern world. Huang analyzes each author’s vision of a Chinese modernity against the backdrop of the Cultural Revolution.

Stanford University’s Ban Wang writes, “Huang’s work is a comprehensive study of culturally orphaned and politically rebellious generations in search of their voice and identity.”

Campaigns on the Cutting Edge

edited by **Richard Semiatin ’80**, 2008, CQ Press, 222 pages, nonfiction

With new technologies, the nature of political campaigns has changed, says Richard Semiatin ’80, editor of *Campaigns on the Cutting Edge*. Twenty-four-hour coverage through the Internet and media means that the pressure on candidates and their staff is unceasing. However, though technology gives candidates constant access to the public, it does not mean that campaigns will eschew the techniques of the past, says Semiatin.

Consisting of 12 essays by 14 political scientists, including Semiatin, the book analyzes the transformation that is taking place today and makes predictions about the future. “The authors have been asked to make informed speculations on the next wave of politi-

cal change, so that the book remains as relevant in 2010 or 2012 as it is today,” says the editor.

The Making of Americans in Paris: The Autobiographies of Edith Wharton and Gertrude Stein

by **Noel Sloboda ’95**, 2008, Peter Lang, 195 pages, nonfiction

Though they both lived in Paris at the beginning of the 20th century, American writers Edith Wharton and Gertrude Stein never met. They did cross paths, however, in print — both published autobiographical essays in *The Atlantic Monthly* in 1933.

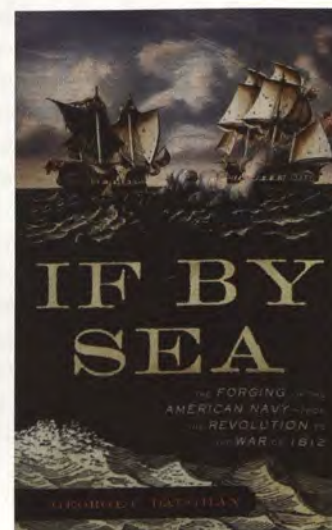
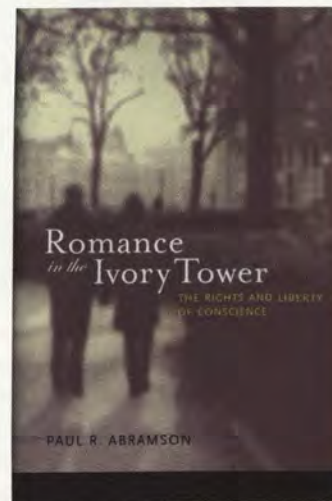
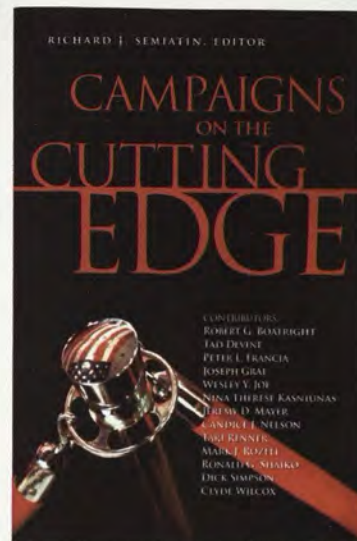
In examining these essays and the books they inspired, Wharton’s *A Backward Glance* and Stein’s *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*, Noel Sloboda ’95 concludes that the authors pursued many of the same professional goals.

In *The Making of Americans in Paris*, he analyzes the personal and cultural context in which these works were produced and illuminates a previously unrecognized solidarity between the two women.

Romance in the Ivory Tower: The Rights and Liberty of Conscience

by **Paul Abramson ’73**, 2007, The MIT Press, 172 pages

Faculty-student romantic relationships are often contentious issues at colleges and universities. Many institutions prohibit such relationships. In *Romance in the Ivory Tower*, Paul Abramson ’73 argues that regulations proscribing intimacy between students and faculty are unconstitutional. A professor at UCLA, where teacher-student romances are banned, the author sees the principal issue not as one of sexuality or romance but of liberty.



“... It is not whether campus romance should be encouraged or prohibited but whether the choice to engage in a campus romance should be protected or precluded,” says the author in the book’s introduction. By what authority, he asks, does the university become the arbiter of romantic etiquette among consenting adults?

After Prophecy: Imagination, Incarnation, and the Unity of the Prophetic Tradition

by **Tom Cheetham** ’74, 2007, *Spring Journal Books*, 183 pages, *nonfiction*

This book completes Cheetham’s trilogy on the philosophy and theory of 20th-century French Islamic scholar Henry Corbin. In the first book, *The World Turned Inside Out: Henry Corbin and Islamic Mysticism* (2003), the author presents an introduction to Corbin for the general reader. In his second book, *Green Man, Earth Angel: The Prophetic Tradition and the Battle for the Soul of the World* (2005), Cheetham explores various interpretations of some of Corbin’s most powerful ideas.

With *After Prophecy*, the author extends on his previous works, and makes accessible the ideas of this complex thinker. “Corbin was a mystic, a philosopher, and a theologian of the first rank as well as a prodigious scholar of Islam — a figure whose breadth and depth of knowledge presents difficulties for many people who could benefit from the liberating spiritual guidance his work contains,” says Cheetham in the book’s introduction.

Quiet Moments

by **Daryl Hawk** ’79, 2008, *self-published*, 130 pages, *photography and poetry*

For the past 25 years, international documentary photographer and explorer Daryl Hawk ’79 has traveled alone to some of the most remote and isolated places in the world, capturing the essence of landscapes and the pas-

sion of people with his camera.

But closer to his Wilton, Conn., home, he documents the woods, waters and small towns of New England and the people and buildings of New York City. His second book, *Quiet Moments*, is a compilation of 120 of these black-and-white photographs, interspersed with Hawk’s poetry.

This custom-printed, hardcover book is available through the photographer. For more information, visit www.darylhawk.com.

If By Sea: The Forging of the American Navy — From the Revolution to the War of 1812

by **George Daughan**, 2008, *Basic Books*, 576 pages, *history*

When the American colonies declared independence from Great Britain, they confronted the greatest sea-power of the age. In his latest book, historian and former Connecticut College professor George Daughan examines the U.S. Navy’s beginnings, from a fledgling fleet during the War of Independence to a respectable sea force in the War of 1812.

But the path to worldwide naval supremacy was not a simple one, says the author. “When Washington proposed building a new American navy in his second term as president, John Adams supported him, but Thomas Jefferson and James Madison strongly opposed,” he writes. Arguments over the opportunities and dangers of the naval fleet lasted through four administrations, ending when the Federal Navy proved indispensable during the War of 1812. Prodigiously researched and clearly written, *If By Sea* chronicles the course by which the Navy became a celebrated and essential American institution.

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Life, Love & Laughter

by **Joan Berson Mendell** ’52, 2007, *self-published*, 115 pages, *poetry*

In the epilogue of this short anthology, Joan Berson Mendell ’52 confesses to a lifelong habit of writing “frivolous verse.” But the poems in this volume deal with universal themes of love, loss, growing up and growing old, and their sing-song rhymes are charming, evoking a touch of Dorothy Parker.

In the poem “Lost Love,” she writes about cooling passion. In “Chance,” she looks at the unpredictability of attraction: “Sometimes it’s hard/ To understand/ That love and luck/ Go hand in hand.”

After losing her second husband, Mendell turned to poetry as a way to process her grief. “I have started to express in poetic form emotions — some personal, some imaginary — and these feelings of life, love and laughter have given me a deeper understanding of myself.”

“The Finest Small Museum in the Country”

by **Jackwyn Thompson Durrschmidt**, 2007, *iUniverse*, 363 pages, *nonfiction*

A docent at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Jackwyn Thompson Durrschmidt wrote this history of the museum at a friend’s suggestion. Through archival searches and personal interviews, she found “mysterious happenings in the collection, funny stories and serious squabbles. ... But most importantly, I found dedicated men and women who were determined to create a museum of significance.”

The book was not authorized or funded by the museum, but it contains extensive information on the museum’s history, from its opening in 1932 to the present day, including many references to Connecticut College.

Francesca Consagra '80

Preserving art for future generations

YOU MIGHT SAY that Francesca Consagra '80, the curator of prints, drawings and photographs at the Saint Louis Art Museum, was destined to fall in love with art.

Born in Rome, Italy, to parents who loved visiting museums and historic sites, Consagra grew up watching her father, Pietro, one of Italy's leading sculptors in the second half of the 20th century, sketch constantly. She was transformed by Michelangelo's *Pieta* when she was only 3.

"I remember feeling a sense of awe when looking at the whiteness of its



marble, as well as its beautiful form and moving subject," she said.

By age 9, Consagra was collecting postcards of famous paintings, sculptures and buildings, categorizing them in shoeboxes by nationality, period, type and maker. She knew she wanted to be a curator.

At the College, Consagra studied Western art from different periods of history. She admired Barbara Zabel, professor of art history, who opened her eyes to the many approaches to art-making in the 20th century; and Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash, the Lucy C. McDannel '22 Professor of Art History, who helped her understand better some of the historical forces that led to important commissions and radical shifts in styles in Italian art during the 14th and 15th centuries.

In St. Louis, Consagra oversees the activities of the museum's study room, which holds about 14,000 works of art. She also organizes exhibitions, writes catalogues and gives tours. The most challenging part of her job, building the collections, may also be the most exciting, she said. She was particularly proud of helping to acquire a cache of over 350 prints by the German Expressionist artist Max Beckmann.

"Sometimes the deal doesn't go through, which can be disheartening," she said. "When it does, however, it's exhilarating and you feel as if you've done your bit in preserving great works of art for the enjoyment and education of our visitors and future generations." — Rachel Harrington



Jamal Moss '97

Recognized nationally for marine research

AS A KID, if Jamal Moss '97 wasn't pretending to be an underwater explorer in a submarine made out of sofa pillows and bed sheets, he was returning home sopping wet and late for dinner after a day of tadpole trapping and bluegill fishing.

"Marty Stouffer, Jacques Cousteau and Aquaman were all heroes of mine," said Moss, who grew up in Wallingford, Conn. He is now a fisheries scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Juneau, Alaska.

Moss is both passionate about his work and good at what he does: in January he won the Kasahara Early Career Award, given by the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists to honor extraordinary young professionals at the beginning of their careers.

Moss will use his \$2,500 prize to

create a seminar on marine research in Alaska's Arctic region. He hopes the course will help young adults find opportunities in fisheries biology.

He is looking to his Connecticut College professors for inspiration as a teacher.

"Some of my personal favorites were professors Paul Fell, Phil Barnes and Don Peppard," he said. "All super

nice guys who were not afraid to challenge, support and expand the minds of their students."

Peter Siver, the Charles and Sarah P. Becker '27 Professor of Botany, also had a lasting impact. Before studying lake ecology with Siver, Moss had not considered a career in marine biology.

Instead, his sights were set on medicine. Moss now studies juvenile salmon

in the Chukchi Sea and the eastern Bering Sea. He wants to figure out why juvenile salmon are migrating to the Arctic Circle, where the ice is rapidly retreating.

"Things are changing with lightning speed in the Arctic and there is a huge need to document present day processes, conditions, and life existing there," he said. — *Rachel Harrington*



BRIAN ROBIE '73, SECOND FROM LEFT, WITH MALAWIAN COLLEAGUES ISAIAS LEO DAMBE, RHODA BANDA, ANDREW DIMBA AND SASHWELL KAYUNI.

Brian Robie '73

Training people to save lives

›FIGHTING DISEASE around the world is a job for people of many different backgrounds and professions. Thanks to Hollywood, we know only of the plucky young doctors dropped in the middle of mysterious outbreaks in tropical backwaters. But working behind the scenes is a very different kind of disease-fighter: people like Brian Robie '73, whose expertise in management training led him to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"My background is unusual here," admits Robie, the deputy chief of the CDC's Sustainable Management

Development Program. Robie studied psychology at Connecticut College and went on to earn an M.Ed. and Ph.D. in counselor education from the University of Virginia. He held various corporate jobs before landing at the CDC, where his background has served him well training public health workers from around the world to establish public health management capacity-building programs in their countries.

"It's our goal to help the participants establish sustainable programs," Robie says of the public health trainers who attend the program's Management for International Public Health course,

held each fall in Atlanta. "We want to help establish a program ... that people will continue to use after we stop working with them."

So after the six-week course is over, Robie becomes a mentor, traveling to participants' home countries to help them implement their training plans. For example in Malawi, which he visited most recently in February, the course graduates are training public health management teams from around the country to prepare health plans that are appropriate to their regions.

"One thing I really like about my job is that you can look at the results and see improvement," Robie says. In one Malawi district hospital, for instance, a team instituted a health plan that reduced the number of tuberculosis patients who began treatment late, which can increase the risk of spreading the disease, from 50 percent at the end of 2005 to 10 percent a year later. "We don't want to just train the managers," Robie notes, "we want to help them achieve results."

Robie says he feels "extremely fortunate" to have his job. "I feel like I'm doing something that's very worthwhile, that's saving lives and helping to reduce disease. It's really a great privilege." — *Phoebe Hall*



Why I Volunteer

Frank Suher '89

Longmeadow, Mass.

As a husband, father of two children, and vice president of E-S Sports, Frank Suher '89 admits that he doesn't always have a lot of free time.

"But the few things I make time for are important to me, and I think it is essential to carve out that little bit of time to dedicate to them," he said.

As a volunteer, Suher has always made room for Connecticut College. He currently serves his alma mater as a Class Agent Chair, keeping alumni up to date on what's happening at the College. Even as an undergrad, Suher worked with the Athletic Advisory Committee, served as a senior interviewer and volunteered to be an admission tour guide.

"I still feel very connected to the campus — partly because I am able to go back fairly often and partly because I do try to stay up on changes

that take place at the College," he said. "It's a great place."

For Suher, no request is too big or small. He even gives back to Connecticut College through his company, E-S Sports, which he uses to produce T-shirts, towels, tote bags, pens and more for the College, in a timely fashion.

"I love how volunteering keeps me tied to Conn, and it gives me a great excuse to stay in touch with so many of my friends," he said.

Many of the people Suher met at the College have had a lasting impact on him, including his professors, administrators and coaches. He made lifelong friends with people like Anne Mickle '89. They met during the first few weeks of their freshman year and continue to volunteer together today. Perhaps most importantly, he also met his wife, Hilary Schacher Suher '90.

"I had the greatest four years of college I could've imagined," he said. "By volunteering, I feel as though I am giving back a little bit."

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Why I Give

TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Major: Mathematics. Back in my college days there were very few, if any, double majors. What a delight it must be today to build one's own major.

Current home: Venice, Fla., where I enjoy absolutely beautiful weather almost all year 'round.

Why I chose Connecticut College: its outstanding reputation, nearness to my home on Long Island and beautiful campus.

My favorite spot on campus: my corner dorm room in Freeman overlooking Long Island Sound. What a spectacular view! Next favorite would be the entire campus in May.

My life today: Since retiring from teaching mathematics, I travel extensively. I have also served on numerous boards of directors (primarily related to education and social ministries), assisted in many ways through my church, and most recently have been one of a few alumnae to resurrect a C.C. Club in the Greater Sarasota area. I served on the Connecticut College Board of Trustees for 10 years (1996-2006) and am now a trustee emeritus.

Why I give: Connecticut College gave me an excellent education and the ability to never stop learning. I am grateful and wish to give back so that others may have the same opportunities.

As a teacher, I can say: This is an exceptional college with a great faculty and a wonderful atmosphere for learning. The internship programs and the Centers offer opportunities that few colleges can beat.

I endowed the Center for Arts & Technology because I wanted to reinforce and encourage what the Center had begun. Now that it is well established, students are coming to Connecticut College to take advantage of its offerings. I can think of nothing better than to support students' creativity in blending various forms of the arts with technology. The results that I have seen have been truly unbelievable.

My most recent gift to the College: My gift is directed primarily toward faculty salaries and endowing student scholarships and internships. Students should not be turned away from a Connecticut College education due to financial constraints.



JUDITH AMMERMAN '60

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Augusta Straus Goodman has been in her Westminster penthouse for several years now and cherishes her memories of Bob, enjoying many of the same people and card games he once did. "Westminster is fun: movies, bingo, poker, bonko and duplicate bridge. My bridge partner is great." Westminster is on Shore Drive, with a lovely view of the ocean and Bay Bridge Tunnel — 10 minutes from Lynn's and Rob and Martha's homes. Allison, whom Augusta sees often, graduated from Bennington in June and works there. Campe is skiing, enjoying Boston and working in finances. Maria uses her master's in business with a job consulting in London. Jake is a senior in high school, and Nathan is a sophomore. "I am fortunate to have five wonderful grandchildren."

39 Class Notes Editor, CC: Connecticut College Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, ccmag@conncoll.edu The Class sends sympathy to **Virginia Taber McCamey**, who lost her husband Dec. 25.

40 Correspondent: Frances Sears Baratz, 87 Plant St., New London, CT 06320, f.baratz@sbcglobal.net **Beryl Spruce Cochran** is the proud great-grandmother to 11 children, ages 3 months to 8 years. Most visit her in the

summer. Her recovery from a pelvis fracture in April '06 is stalled, so she is limited in activities. She and her husband live comfortably in a house in WI built by her grandparents in 1895.

Jean Smith Mason's year at CC was a highlight in her life. After her husband, Captain Asbury "Red" Coward, retired from the Navy and State Dept. in 1969, they moved to Whispering Pines, NC. Red died in '89, and in '91 Jean married a classmate of his — Rear Admiral Harry Mason. They moved to The Forest at Duke in Durham, NC, in '97. Harry passed away, but Jean is still at The Forest and loves it there. Her combined families are in CA; Annapolis; Washington, DC; and Sofia, Bulgaria.

Jerry Wilgoos Betts lives in a comfortable retirement community. She is "relatively" well but needs a cane outdoors. Her son is struggling with a very rare cancer. She visited **Pat Alvard French** last summer in ME and **Kay Potter Judson** at Thanksgiving in VT. Her sister, Alice Wilgoos Ferguson '46, visits from Denver.

Barbara Wynne Secor lives in a senior development in Vero Beach, FL. Although no classmates are there, there are a few CC alums who reminisce with Barbara. She is now a great-grandmother — son Fielding's daughter is mother to little Sophia. Barbara received a notice that our class scholarship fund is doing well, and the newest recipient is Alyssa Smith Irving '09.

Stuart Lesses wrote that his mother, **Priscilla Yozell Lesses**, died in March '04. The Class sends condolences to her family.

41 Correspondents: Ethel Moore Wills, P.O. Box 443, Northport, MI 49670, emwills@localnet.com and Kay Ord McChesney, 1208 Horizon Lane, Medford, OR 97504

I, **Ethel (Happy) Moore Wills**, received a lovely letter from **Chips Van Rees Conlon**, thanking me for my labors on behalf of my classmates in writing the Class Notes along with **Kay Ord McChesney**. Chips took a summer cruise on Lake Michigan, and I wonder if

that ship stopped in our town of Northport, MI. I live just a few blocks from the harbor marina, and occasionally we get cruise ships on their way to Mackinac Island. You must have gone under our famous bridge, Chips. Two CC graduates and husbands were on that trip: Chips and Jus Shepherd Freud '51, president of her class. They all met again at a reception on the Cape for CC President Feinstein. Several members of the Alumnae Association commented that we are keeping up a good column. So, help us out and keep the news coming. Chips finds it hard to believe how long ago we sang on the steps of Palmer Library. "I always say that if we get any older, we will be on the cover of the magazine."

Sarah Kohr Gregory is now in a nursing home. She is confined to a wheelchair as a result of an unsuccessful back surgery but is hoping for recovery and seemed very cheerful in her situation. Kohr has been widowed for 30 years. Her husband, Frank Gregory, was the first U.S. Navy (later Air Force) helicopter pilot. He was stationed at Wright Field, later known as Wright Patterson Air Force Base. They were married in 1944. After 30 years of service, Frank retired from the Air Force as a brigadier general. They subsequently lived in Washington, DC, and in France, where he was an air attaché in the diplomatic corps. Kohr has a daughter, a son and two grandchildren. Her granddaughter recently graduated from Baylor College and is teaching. Her grandson is in Afghanistan, serving as an emergency medical technician, supplying to troops in the field. Kohr started out in Windham as a freshman and transferred to Branford her sophomore year, where she thought "they were having more fun over there in the quad." (Note: She was right. I was in Branford, and we had a blast.) I hope those last comments will bring out some defensive responses from the rest of you regarding your college digs. Kohr remembers being at camp with **Sally McClelland Kiskadden** and still corresponds with **Ginny**

More than a meal

Dinner with 12 Strangers serves up closer alumni-student connections

by Meghan Ryan '97

ON A COLD Thursday night in late February I cooked a meal for 11 people, none of whom I knew. I was hosting a Dinner with 12 Strangers, one of five held that week to bring together members of the Connecticut College community — current students, local alums, staff, administration, professors — for food and conversation at New London-area homes.

The event was coordinated by the College's office of Alumni Relations in conjunction with the southeastern Connecticut chapter of the Alumni Association. Nine students carpooled from campus to my house in Mystic; we were joined by Eva Eckert, a Slavic Studies professor, and Holly Camerota, a Web content editor who works in College Relations. The three of us helped bring up the average age of the group to just over 25.

I'd lamented my choice of lasagna and salad — how very basic — but the students seemed to appreciate the home-cooked meal, followed by cookies and strawberries. But by far, the best ingredients of the night were the people in my living room. Four of them squeezed onto my couch to pore over a coffee table book while discussing global, ecological and election issues. I was impressed by the collective conscience of the students, many of whom volunteer for local organizations.

This was a well-traveled and sophisticated group: Maywadee Chinavanichkit '09 came all the way from Bangkok to study at the College. Laila Johns '10 has

citizenships in three countries — the United States, Israel and Belgium. Myles Green '09 had interned at a photography magazine in Florence, Italy.

After dessert, some of the students spread out on my living room floor, throw pillows beneath them, and chatted: about a performance on campus that weekend and life in the Plex, fully renovated since I graduated 11 years ago; about an imminent ski trip,

in fact, we have changed quite a bit.

They also couldn't believe that not only am I still in touch with my college friends, but that we remain so close. But it is that connection to my student days that inspired me to host the dinner. I am still physically close to the College as well, working at The Williams School and occasionally attending events on campus, from author talks and film festivals to my 10th reunion last year. I



Students gather in the living room of Meg Ryan '97 after dinner. Clockwise from left: Laila Johns '10, Sofia Ziegler '10, Myles Green '09, Leia Crosby '09, Rebecca Wells '08, Elizabeth Kaiser '10 and Maywadee Chinavanichkit '09.

about post-graduation plans. And, of course, they discussed academics. Laila wondered which math class to take; Myles, a double major in art and Italian, talked about studio art classes and sketching nude models.

I pulled a dusty photo album off the bookshelf and opened to pages of my freshman year. While I naively thought that my friends and I hadn't changed very much, the students couldn't get over "the styles" — an indication that,

hoped to convey to my guests my appreciation for everything Connecticut College has done for me, and is still doing for me.

By the time my guests left at the end of the evening, I felt that the name "Dinner with 12 Strangers" was a bit of a misnomer. After a few hours sharing our experiences at and enthusiasm for Connecticut College, they felt not like a group of people whom I had only just met, but like old friends.

Chope Richmond.

Christmas cards are a welcome source for news of classmates! From a retirement facility near Boston, **Mary (Mickie) Louise McKisson Merritt** writes: "I'm lucky to feel so well, but we get such wonderful entertainment, food, lectures and bridge that there's no time for feeling in the dumps!" Her latest excursion was to hear a Boston Symphony Pops concert — thoroughly enjoyable.

Barbara (Bickey) Hickey Metzler has 10 great-grandchildren! She lives on Cape Cod, near **Edythe (Chips) Van Rees Conlon**. For Chips, '07 was a much-traveled year. She spent last Christmas with her daughter and family in Seattle. Then she visited a son's family in MD. A private jet took her to CA, with a quick flight to Seattle. Chips' summer adventure was a cruise on a small ship on Lake Michigan. In Sept., Chips, with daughter Cindy and her husband, motored "down ME" for lots of lobster and charming B&Bs along the coast. She spent Christmas again in Seattle. Whew!

Joan Purington Davenport welcomed her daughter from the Midwest for Christmas in Medford, OR. Joan and her daughter traveled to Turlock to be with Joan's son and his family.

A tragic accident in Oct. changed the lives of **Kay Ord McChesney** and family. Her son-in-law, Al, died in a bicycle accident. Though his death put a big damper on holiday plans, they determined to celebrate Christmas anyway. "We rented a house at Yachats, on the OR coast, for a stormy weekend spent watching a wild, turbulent ocean from the fireside." Our condolences to Kay and her family.

As for me, your class co-correspondent, I am still up and about and lucky to be so. I have had a good year, adding another great-grandchild. In Oct., I attended a grandson's wedding in quaint Stanardsville, VA. I feel blessed to have been able to be there and am hoping to make three more family weddings next summer. My three children were at my home for Christmas, and my daughters made Yorkshire pudding to go with the standing

rib (purchased by selling some family artifacts).

Please contact Kay or me.

42 *Correspondent:* Jane Worley Peak, Vinson Hall, Apt. 306, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101, jwpeak@aol.com

Ann Shattuck Smith has moved to Charlottesville, VA, to be near daughter Barbie. Ann and husband Tony will spend the summer in NH with son Chip.

Ward Emigh, widower of **Eleanor Harris Emigh**, who died in '05, sent us news. Ward lives in a retirement residence in Kirkwood, MO. Both daughters are married; Emily is a teacher's assistant, and Mary is a head nurse in a local hospital. Oldest son Steve died of cancer in Dec. '07, leaving a wife and a daughter. Ward has two other sons, David and Donald. One granddaughter married last year, and one attends Cornell College in IA. Two granddaughters attend Missouri U. Great-granddaughter Hailey Emigh is 1.

Charlotte Craney Chamberlain met husband Chuck when he was at OCS at the Coast Guard Academy during the war. After returning to his home state of MI, he practiced law and then went into politics. In '56, he was elected to Congress, retiring in '74. They lived on 30 acres near Leesburg, VA, where they operated a Christmas tree farm. Chuck died four years ago. Charlotte sold their house and moved to Grand Rapids, MI, close to two of her three children. She is happy in a retirement community there. Son Charles is an attorney in Grand Rapids, with two children, a daughter at Miami U. in OH and a son in his senior year in high school. Daughter Christine also lives in Grand Rapids and has two boys; one lives in WA and is a lawyer, and the other is finishing at Washington State U. Daughter Ellen lives in MN and has a daughter and son.

Charlotte enjoys many activities in her retirement home; her favorite hobby is needlepointing.

Audrey Nordquist Curtis husband, Fred, turned 95 last summer and is in good health. They celebrated his birthday at son Peter's 167-acre farm in Ashfield, MA, with dinner under a tent for 36 family

members. Audrey and Fred live in Hamilton, NJ, halfway between Peter's farm and daughter Lynne's home in NC, where they traveled to the wedding of Lynne's youngest daughter.

Mary (Stevie) Stevenson McCutchan's husband, Herb, passed away on 11/25 at their home in Wilmington, DE, after a long illness. Stevie was a widow after the death of her first husband, Ted Stow, when she and Herb married 11 years ago.

I'm sorry to report the deaths of four of our classmates.

Elizabeth Swartz McCartney, of Wayzata, MN, died on 4/13/07. Born in NYC, she married William in '49, and they moved to MN a year later. She painted and sailed and was active in her church. After she lost her vision to macular degeneration, Elizabeth became a peer counselor with Vision Loss Resources, helping others adjust to blindness. She lived independently until a few days before her death. William preceded her in death. She is survived by children William Jr., Drew McCartney Kortum '76 and Peter, and her five grandchildren.

Mary Rita Powers died on 8/14 in Norwich, CT, where she lived most of her life. Her obituary was published in the Fall '07 issue of the magazine.

Florence Crockett Harkness died on 10/23 in North Kingstown, RI. She and husband Edward Harkness Jr. were married for 47 years before his death. She leaves five children, Loring III of Kauai, HI, Linda Williams of Denville, NJ, Suzanne of North Kingstown, RI, Gary of Baltimore, and Karen Amundson of New Port Richie, FL, and eight grandchildren.

Susan Dart McCutcheon died on 12/10 in Saluda, NC. A native of New Orleans, she and husband John lived for many years in Lake Forest, IL. Susan earned a master's degree from Northwestern U., taught school for a few years and then wrote a column on local events for a Lake Forest newspaper. After converting to an all-natural diet, she wrote a syndicated column on natural foods. John supported his wife's rather liberal and

unusual activities, but, as editor of the *Chicago Tribune's* conservative opinion pages until '82, he asked her to use her maiden name! She wrote several books on the history and architecture of Lake Forest, and after they retired to NC she wrote *The Old Home Place*, about a cabin on their property that is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Susan leaves her husband of 64 years; two daughters, Anne Lewis and Mary; a son, John III; and four grandchildren.

The class sends its deepest sympathy to the families of all of our classmates.

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44 *Correspondent:* Jane Bridgwater Hewes, wlhewesjr@aol.com, 236 Silver Creek Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

Many thanks to **Elise Abrahams Josephson** for all of her hard work as class correspondent. Please welcome **Jane Bridgwater Hewes** to the post with your news! She and the rest of your classmates would love to hear from you.

45 *Correspondent:* Ann LeLievre Hermann, 1803 Turban Court, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, alhermph@embarqmail.com

Greetings, classmates. I must report that Sooner Reunion '08 has been canceled. Instead we are pushing for attendance at our next REAL reunion, in '10.

In Lower Gwyedd, PA, **Anne McCarthy Garrison** and Earl enjoy life at a continuing-care retirement community, with many activities both on- and off-site. Last year ended on a high note with a visit from their daughter, who lives in AK and had hoped to see some family during her stay. "We managed a 30-member reunion for a whole day here. It was WONDERFUL!!"

Florence Murphy Gorman, who lives in Glen Allen, VA, wrote, "I'm so self-centered, trying to act like George Burns, living so long, trying to take care of myself, not to fall, not forget too much, etc. — takes all my time and energy!" Nonetheless, a friend "whipped me into enthusiasm for a trip to

Egypt. It was FABULOUS! and EXHAUSTING!! and I'm so glad I could do it!"

Joyce Stoddard Aronson has been "happy, healthy and busy enough to complain about it!" She happily runs the Trinity Towers library and participates in other activities. She says she is electronically challenged, so she spends a lot of time arguing with her computer and cell phone! Her recent travels included Orlando, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque and Bethesda.

Bernice (Bunny) Riesner Pepper sends greetings from White Plains, NY. She and Dan winter in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Dale Welles wrote from Riverside, CA, that, despite surgery in June, life goes on busily and happily. She loves to read updates on classmates, which bring back long-distance memories.

Mariechen Wilder Smith continues to enjoy life, reasonably good health, driving both day and night, and myriad interesting volunteer activities at Carolina Meadows in Raleigh, NC. She also travels — this year by small cruise boat with a friend on the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Charleston; by air to FL's east and west coasts and to ME, TX and IA; plus by ferry from Bar Harbor to Nova Scotia! She loved Nova Scotia and wants to return to the Canadian Maritimes. The other new area that she covered was Boston!

Elizabeth (Trimmie) Trimble Crossman has actually retired from her computer-oriented job, despite her bosses' objections! To celebrate her new freedom, she and friends plan to vacation in HI in May. Trim also plans to spend lots of time this summer at her family cottage in ME.

Virginia (Ginnie) Bowman Corkran shared news of Sewall's death, plus the happy news of granddaughter Heather's wedding last Dec. She is cheerfully ensconced in her Naples home with her two cats, Alice and Baby, who join her in keeping close watch on their neighborly birds, attracted by Ginnie's birdfeeders.

Patricia Feldman Whitestone lunched with **Constance (Connie) Barnes Mermann**. They missed their cheery

classmate, **Betty Barnard McAllister**, who moved to CT. Pat and Dorsey were in Sanibel, FL, for two weeks in March.

Barbara Avery Jubell comes to FL for most of two months every year to the same condo.

Constance (Connie) Barnes Mermann shared news of Henry and **Mary Watkins Wolpert**, who now winter in Tucson, AZ, and summer in the house they built in CO. Henry hikes and skis; Mary enjoys the views! Mary talked with **Shirley Jamar** recently; Shirley was in Vinal Cottage freshman year, and it is good to know that she and Mary still communicate. Connie also talked with **Edna Hill DuBrul** and learned that Bud and Edna want to visit her soon by taking the ferry across L.I. Sound and driving to Guilford. Connie loves her location near the village green; she can walk most anywhere and get to the library, where she volunteers.

Marjorie Lawrence Weidig had lunch in Feb. with **Beverly Bonfig Cody** and **Ethel Schall Gooch** to celebrate Ethel's birthday, along with Ethel's daughter, Diane, who is now home from Malawi. Marje and I plan to stay healthy enough to get to our 65th reunion in 2010. We encourage everyone to do the same!

Sad news: **Betty Barnard McAllister** died on Dec. 28 in Glastonbury, CT. We send our deep sympathy to her family. **Virginia (Ginnie) Bowman Corkran's** husband, Sewall, died on Christmas Day. We send our sincere condolences to Ginnie and their children and grandchildren. **Ethel Schall Gooch's** husband, Warne, died in Nov., and we also send our sincere sympathy to Ethel and her family.

46 *Correspondent:* June Hawthorne Sadowski, 2407 East Lake Road, Skaneateles, NY 13152, juneski@aol.com
I send warm greetings to you all for good health and joy. Thanks for your responses to my quest for class news.

Betty Lyman Warden writes of their wonderful family that live close by. She and husband Jim love teaching Bible classes, mentoring and "growing in their Christian walk."

Janet Potter Robbins urges us all to have the courage to speak out for what we believe.

Many of us write enthusiastically about changes in our home bases. **Thirsa Sands Fuiks** and her husband "feel as though we are on a continual cruise — albeit with the usual constraints of age and still living in Vero Beach."

Day Wilson Wheeler is delighted with their move to a retirement home in her old hometown of Hamilton, OH, on land formerly owned by her family. Day recently saw **Mary Ellen O'Brien Purkrabek**, who lives in a retirement community in Munroe, OH. She adds that "they are both on walkers. Mary Ellen has suffered with rheumatoid arthritis for 30 years, and I recently had a leg amputation due to a cancerous tumor in my foot." Day also sends news of her roommate, **Ellis Kitchell Bliss**, who is moving to a retirement apartment in Portland, ME.

Dana Davies Magee was sorry to miss the big 60th reunion due to grandchildren's graduations. She reported an unexpected and delightful evening spent with **Barbara Smith Peck**. They had great fun catching up and sharing many laughs. "Barbara looks great." Dana and her husband spent Thanksgiving in Seattle with their daughter's family. Their other two children live in the Boston area.

Mimi Steinberg Edlin had a fantastic trip back to Norwalk, CT, for her 65th high-school reunion. She spent a lot of time with **Sue Levin Steinberg**, her sister-in-law and classmate. Mimi is involved in community affairs, tennis and golf. She continues to endow the Joseph J. Edlin Endowment Summer Journalism Internship Fund, which she created seven years ago in honor of her late husband to offer journalism internships to area students.

Eleanor Tobias Gardner sent news of the death of **Ruth Seal** of Watertown, NY, in Aug. '06. The class extends their belated sympathy to her family and friends.

The Class also sends their sympathy to the family and friends of **Betty Finn Perlman**, who died in Sept. from Parkinson's disease. An obituary appeared

in the Fall 2007 issue of the magazine.

47 *Correspondent:* Ann McBride Tholfsen, 549 W. 123rd St., Apt. 10-G, New York, NY 10027, anntryg@lanset.com

Marie Hickey Wallace, who lives in Litchfield, CT, has been the registrar of voters for a couple of years and prepared wildly for the super primary in CT on Feb. 5. It's a fun job but consumes many more hours than she had anticipated. "LWV (League of Women Voters) remains a big part of my life, and involvement in lots of social work organizations is rewarding. I have served on the P&Z Commission for quite a while now and find it exciting and challenging. A favorite job remains marrying couples as a justice of the peace — since 1975 and still smiling."

I was delighted to hear from **Margaret Camp Schwartz** that she has been downhill-skiing five times this winter and went to CA in Feb. to ski with two young grandsons. That is wonderful news, considering that she had two serious health problems since Reunion. She is a real trooper.

Margaret Brown Goddu recently moved to Heritage Village in Southbury, CT, where she lives close to her daughter.

With no other reports of any special news, I'll report on mine. Sixty years after graduation and 60 years married to the same man, with three married children, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. We have lived in Morningside Gardens in NYC since 1980. The best thing about Morningside Gardens is that it is a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. There are several others in New York, and they receive state funding. This means that although we live in a large co-op complex, with residents of all ages, there are many services and activities available to the elderly, and we should be able to stay here forever. Since we have lived in NYC since '62, we are able to grow old in the Columbia area, our old neighborhood, with all of the amenities of a lively campus. We still spend most weekends and summers in our little house in Pine Plains in northern Dutchess County, an easy two-

hour drive up the Taconic. For now we have the best of city and country. I hope to visit my oldest daughter in Germany this spring, as she is recovering well from a serious illness, but those long flights are few and far apart these days.

I hope you all will write, call or e-mail me before the next deadline so we can have the latest news from our classmates!

48 *Correspondent:* Shirley Anne Nicholson Roos, 3 Czozens Court, Newport, RI 02840, caproos@frontiernet.net

Nancy Morrow Nee and I are writing this column together. But this will be Nancy's farewell, and again, Nancy, many, many thanks. Please do continue to send us the West Coast news.

Helen Crumrine Ferguson continues to enjoy singing in the Wallingford chorus and her church choir. One group did "Messiah" at Christmas with professional orchestra and soloists. All her children and grandchildren are thriving.

Muggins Yamasaki Harada reports from Honolulu that she is busy caring for an aunt and uncle but hopes to visit her son in Berkeley, CA.

Jean Ritti Miller went to AZ to stay with her daughter, Sue, for two months away from wintry NJ. She wrote, "It's harder to get organized for the trip than it used to be."

Barbara Witte Kauth has enjoyed searching out colleges with her grandchildren. She stays active despite back and hip problems.

Jane Tilley Griffin and Ed are leading a group tour to Japan this year. She wrote that the trip is difficult to arrange with the yen going up and the dollar going down.

Fran Ferris Ackema spent Thanksgiving at a resort not far from her home in CA. Her whole family came, all 24 of them, for three great days. She loves her annual timeshare in San Diego, but that is the extent of her travels.

When **Phyllis Hoge** came to San Francisco/Oakland for a too-brief visit last fall, **Polly Amrein** organized a mini-reunion dinner at her retirement establishment, with **Phyllis Barnhill Thelen** and **Nancy**

Morrow Nee. Phyl is publishing a new collection of poetry with illustrations by her friend, Maxine Hong Kingston.

Fran Sharp Barkmann fell while line dancing (!) at the local senior center but is back in good shape. She and husband Herman are still enjoying their home in the Nambe Valley near Santa Fe.

Barbs Kite Yeager sent a lot of news from Naples. (In fact, Shirley should admit that Barbs is a co-writer of this column as well.) She had visits from **Shirley Reese Olson** and **Merritt**, and **Chella Sladek Schmidt**. Chella reports that her son, Chris, has been sent to the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, a very different place to live than AL. Chella and Barbs went to lunch with **Nancy Head Bryant**, who lives across the pond from the Yeagers. Harry Bryant put a giant Christmas tree in their window that glittered across the water. All the neighbors sighed when it had to come down.

Jean Gregory Ince, in mild VA, sent out a Christmas card of her bluebird house covered in ice. The climate is changing, the once certain thing in this unsure world.

Annis Gilmore Williams visited her children and grandchildren in Jupiter from her home in Omaha. Barbs said her hair is white, but that she otherwise looks exactly the same.

Janet Morse took a long cruise from Russia to Burma.

Mim Ward Ferkes lives in TX with her daughter and granddaughter. And **Sallie Ward Lutz** had a mini-reunion with **Joan Williams Sokoloff**, **Bim Weigl** and **Virginia Rocke Grainger**.

The class sends its sympathy to the family and friends of **Prudence Tallman Wood**, who died in Sept., and to the family and friends of **Jane Fredrick**, who died in Oct.

49 *Correspondent:* Gale Holman Marks, 110 Blueberry Lane, Jamestown, RI 02835

Suzanne Brenner Geller and husband Jack, a retired M.D. professor, still live in La Jolla, CA, "in a house by the sea that

is way too big for us, but only laziness keeps us from setting things right by 'downsizing.'" Jack had an entire knee implant and patella removed in June because of infection. Suzanne still loves dogs and has two, and would have "a veritable team of canines if Jack would let me." They have four grandchildren who visit often. Suzanne and Jack recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home, and she hopes to make our 60th reunion in '09.

Gale Craigie Chidlaw took some exciting trips in '07. In Jan., Gale and daughter Margaret and three friends went to Antarctica with Quark Expeditions, making 17 expeditions in Zodiac (inflatable) rafts. They saw thousands of penguins, a minke whale and some humpbacks, lots of seals, and two research stations. She had high praise for Quark and especially their excellent naturalists. Gale had a hip replacement on 8/1 and by 10/12 was ready to join Margaret and friends, led by Linblad Expeditions, to the Galapagos Islands. Again, she had high praise. Husband Ben, meanwhile, home in CO, reached his goal of playing 100 rounds of golf. (Is this what you call surf and turf?) Gale reminds us classmates to save the dates of May 29-31, 2009, for our 60th reunion.

Gerrie Dana Tisdall continues to find the retirement set-up in Gwynedd, PA, entirely happy-making and anything but retiring. By the time I finish raking the leaves in my yard, I might join her.

Sue Farnham Ford had a fall in Oct. and broke her leg above the knee, which had been previously replaced. This resulted in hanging around a hospital seemingly endlessly before finding the magician surgeon to deal with such a complication. She is grateful that offspring Peggy, John and David were able to be most attentive throughout. She is back home and attending therapy and feeling lucky to have a bunch of caring friends eager to help and some, to play bridge.

I, **Gale Holman Marks**, miss singing so much that I have returned to the Jamestown Community Chorus rehearsals.

(They are almost as good as our college Double Quartet.) Regarding golf, as late as 1/9 I have managed to continue stealing nine-hole rounds from Old Man Winter, right here in RI. Now I understand the high that comes with pulling off a theft!

50 *Correspondent:* Ruth Kaplan, 82 Halcyon Road, Newton Center, MA 02459, rlkaplan@rcn.com

Your holiday/end-of-the year letters are a rich source of material for this column, so please keep them coming. Case in point: **Marlis Bluman Powell** tells us they have ceded their traveling adventures to the grandchildren's generation and stayed home last summer. The big project was rebuilding their pool, deck and fence in time for the Fourth of July. She went on a CC-sponsored dinner cruise with **Frances (Fritzi) Keller Mills** last year and later met **Beth Youman Gleick** for dinner after a performance at the opera.

Another loyal correspondent keeps in touch from Australia. **Marjorie Neumann Gosling** stays active by singing regularly in four choirs and studying German, and she took a cruise around South America into Antarctica. She was pleased that several people wrote to the magazine in response to her mention of wild camels. These and their drivers were imported in the 1850s at the time of the gold rush in Western Australia. The animals were set free when they were no longer needed and increased to the point that they are now being rounded up and shipped back to the Middle East.

Holly Barrett sadly reports from AZ of the death in Feb. of her adopted son, Steven Craig Harris, just a few months after the death of his wife, Jackie. Both were only 50 years old. Steven was a member of the Pima Indian Community at Sacaton, AZ, and was a direct descendant of the last chief of the tribe. Among his survivors are Holly's three daughters and son, her seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Packard Ham reports that five Emily Abbey-ites plus two husbands enjoyed

a mini-reunion in Merion, PA, at the end of Oct. **Mimi Woodbridge Thompson's** son offered us a place to stay, and for two straight days we laughed, laughed and laughed. **Virginia Hargrove Okell** and husband Bob, **Mary Bundy Mersereau** and husband Joe, **Janet Pinney Shea**, **Marilyn Packard Ham**, and of course Mimi rounded out the merry group."

Alice Hess Crowell dropped by briefly, and Marilyn spent a night with her at her retirement home. Marilyn is looking for a similar facility in the Baltimore area and welcomes suggestions. She has published a book of her late husband's articles. Called *Historic Oakland—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*, the book benefits community development and reflects his contributions to the community around the U. of Pittsburgh.

Priscilla Harris Dalrymple sadly reports the death of husband Stewart after five months in a nursing home following a car accident in Feb. '07. Many family visits in the summer helped her gradual adjustment to her new life. She spent Thanksgiving in Denver with her sister, Jane Harris Alexander '66.

The Class of '50 sends sympathy to the family and friends of **Rachel Ober Burrell**, who died on Oct. 10. A full obituary appeared in the Fall 2007 issue. We also send sympathy to the family and friends of **Joann Cohan Robin**, who died Nov. 3. Who now will lead us in song?

51 *Correspondent:* Barbara Wiegand Pillote, 3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., Apt. 517, Silver Spring, MD 20906, rpillote@aol.com

A note from **Bobbie Thompson Stabile** confirms that she and Ben have sold their house in Jupiter, FL, and now live in Willow Village, PA, a life-care community. They are happy to be closer to their children, and find they are so busy with all the activities offered that they wonder why they didn't do it sooner. Their advice? Find the right place, and move sooner rather than later.

After reading dreadful statistics on Alzheimer's in the

85-and-up population, **Jane Muir** decided to have fun while she still can. So she went on a two-week snorkeling trip in the South Pacific (Pohnpei and Palau) with the WWE. She snorkeled every day, picnicked on deserted islands, and watched as manta rays danced among thousands of fish and other underwater species. She'd love to go back.

Marge Erickson Albertson and Murray continued their traveling ways, with a cruise along the coast of South America — a three-week trip starting in Santiago, Chile, rounding Cape Horn and ending in Buenos Aires.

Last summer **Johnnie Johnson Haberstroh** and Dick, on vacation from their volunteer activities in Cleveland, had a grand two-week trip on the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Winter finds them enjoying AL in their motor home.

Nancy Libby Peterson and Pete divide the year between their lake house in ME and Naples, FL. Nancy enjoys golf year-round and gardening in ME, and she is now taking Japanese flower-arranging in FL. She and Pete get together for bridge weekly with **Mary Cardle Lowe** and Justy, who also winter in Naples. Several times a year they visit with **Phyll Hoffman Driscoll** and Frank, who live in Hilton Head, NC. A recent trip to Savannah charmed them all.

Late last year, **Roldah Northup Cameron Haecckel** and Jerry entertained **Sugar Sessions Spratley** and her daughter, Sandy. In Sept., Sugar was the "grandmother of the bride" when granddaughter Morgan was married.

In New Orleans, **Ginny Eason Weinmann** and Jack will soon be living in the first floor of their home, so devastated by Hurricane Katrina. They have been living on the second floor since Nov. '05, while extensive renovation work was going on below. With an under-the-counter refrigerator, a microwave, a two-burner hotplate, a toaster oven and one serrated sharp knife, Jack says "they are living in the nicest condominium he has ever seen." Ginny reports that

camels in the crowd

Jeff Berman '93 was appointed president of sales and marketing of MySpace, the popular social network, in January. In his newly created role, Berman will lead the development of content and marketing programs and the creation of advertising solutions for brand partners. Before joining MySpace, Berman ran his own strategic, political and crisis communications consulting firm. From 2001-2005, he served as chief counsel to U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, he was a public defender and served as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.



Lois Olcott Price '71 has been appointed director of conservation of Winterthur Museum & Country Estate in Winterthur, Del. Price has received degrees from both the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture and the Winterthur University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation. She has served as the senior conservator

for library collections since 1994. She also teaches in both of Winterthur's masters programs. In 2005, Price was a key member of the Winterthur conservation team that traveled to Biloxi, Miss., in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to assist two Gulf Coast museums devastated by the storm.

James C. Garvey '79 was named vice president of Development and Alumni Relations at Philadelphia University in January. Garvey, Ed.D., was previously the associate dean for Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Garvey earned a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.B.A. from Temple University and a B.A. from Connecticut College.

Leslie Margolin '77 was named the president and general manager of Blue Cross of California, a division of WellPoint Inc., in January. A former senior vice president for health plan and hospital operations at Kaiser Permanente, she also was named president of WellPoint sister company BC Life & Health. Margolin has worked in the health-care industry for more than 20 years.

Michael Dell'Angelo '94 was named as a shareholder in the law firm of Berger & Montague, P.C., in Philadelphia. His promotion was announced in September. Dell'Angelo, 35, concentrates his practice in the areas of antitrust, securities and complex commercial litigation. He was also named by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine as a "Rising Star," an honor conferred on the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state who are 40 or younger.

New Orleans' downtown area, Garden District, hotels and restaurants are going full force. She invites us all to "come on down." She serves on the board of the National World War II Museum.

Sally Buck Thompson has been elected vice president of her church board for the coming year, and she stays busy playing with a bell choir, driving two granddaughters home from preschool and attending physical therapy three days a week. She spent Feb. on Siesta Key, near Sarasota, FL, swimming, paddling a canoe and enjoying the scenery a lagoon on the Gulf of Mexico offers.

Rennie Aschaffenburg Christensen and Bob, **Harriet Bassett MacGregor** and Bob, and **Joan Campbell Phillips** and Doc were together for their annual New Year's Eve celebration at the Phillips' house in ME. **Pam Farnsworth French** and Jack were unable to join them and were missed by all.

Class President **Jus Shepherd Freud** and Don send greetings to all. They stay busy in neighborhood and church activities as well as local charities. They had a delightful trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville just before Christmas.

These notes were written on the eve of our annual trip to FL, this year visiting our granddaughter, who is at Nova Southeastern in Fort Lauderdale, studying for her doctorate in clinical psychology, as well as other friends who are now FL residents. I look forward to touching base with **Jane Keltie**, who lives in Boca Raton, and who sent me much of the material for these Class Notes. Happy Spring — write soon!

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In sunny CA, **Julie Griggs Marty** is still active at her

church in various capacities, from the altar guild to classes and fundraising. She's president of the Head Start Auxiliary and active in the San Francisco Symphony but still finds time to travel and play bridge (as so many of us did on campus). Julie and her husband traveled to the Italian Lake District with Alumni Holidays Inc., and she says the company takes very good care of its clients. Julie has nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Leta Weiss Marks still teaches, does docent work at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford and spends time with her 11 grandkids. Leta was in Vietnam and Cambodia this winter. She's looking forward to being with many of us at our 55th reunion this year.

Meg Lewis Moore is part of College for a Day, an event in Denver that has been going on for 30 years. Graduates from nine schools (Vassar, Wellesley, Mills, Sweet Briar, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Bryn Mawr, Skidmore and CC) invite professors, three at a time on a rotating basis, for a presentation. Invitations for this, as well as for the dinner the night before, are sent to all alums in the area. Money raised is presented to the nine colleges.

Em Howard Ryan loves living in Tucson and traveling far and wide — from Cape Cod (seeing her great-granddaughter) to Russia, Paris, Los Angeles and Kansas — that's a lot!

Rae Ferguson Reasoner is another of our travelers — to Asia and VA, Colorado Springs and San Diego. Rae also saves time for bridge. She goes to some CC events in the Sarasota area.

Did you all take pride in seeing our own **Pat Mottram Anderson** featured on page 50 of the Fall '07 issue of this magazine? Congratulations and thanks for all you do for the College, Pat. Many others of us have stayed involved with our alma mater over the years, and we should! The College gave us excellent educations as well as good times.

Joyce Heissenbittel Neill tries to keep up with various children and grandchildren. She plays golf as well as enjoys

sailing, tending her garden and curling. She and her husband cruised for three weeks on the ME coast and also spent time on Sanibel Island, FL, at a family reunion.

Sally Wing checked in with us from Bellevue, WA, where she has endured rain and snow for years. She's still involved in many health-care volunteer activities, as well working part-time supervising and consulting with other health-care professionals. Sally is a member of her church's Mutual Ministry committee, providing staff support. She has traveled to Chicago, MD and Denver and has updated archives for the Washington State Psychological Association, as well as being part of a cancer research project.

Jane Graham Pemberton spent time in England, as well as on the Cape. Jane is involved with development of a program in Amherst, MA, enabling older citizens (like us?) to remain in their homes in comfort and dignity. Her husband is currently curating an exhibition of beaded objects from Africa at the Smith College Museum of Art. Over the many years of writing this column, we have noticed our class' wonderful, continued volunteer and professional commitment to our communities. Certainly our lives have been richer for it. We have to believe some of this was inspired by our time at Connecticut College.

We are saddened to report that **Allie O'Brien Bates'** husband, Walter, passed away in February. We extend our deepest sympathy to Allie and her family.

54 Correspondent: Lois Keating Learned, 10 Lawrence St., Greenlawn, NY 11740, L5arned@optonline.net

Margie MacVean Finn was in Paris to help youngest daughter Katie after the birth of her first child. She spent four months there enjoying her newest grandchild, one of 11.

Christmas and New Year's cards brought lots of news: **Barbie Guerin Colon** and Cecil have a new, smaller place in Metairie, LA, as well as their home in the mountains of NC. In the fall they went to CT

to visit son John, his wife and three teenage children.

Claire Wallach Engle and Ray have adapted well to their new digs in OR, Rogue Valley Manor, even taking on leadership roles in the annual charity sale. Their travels have included a month to see old friends in HI; three weeks in Greece; a reunion of Ray's last sub command, the USS U.S. Grant; time on the East Coast to see Claire's family; VA with Capt. Andy's Navy ophthalmic facility; grandson Ray's Eagle Scout of Honor Award in MD (he's the third generation of Engles to receive it) — and that's just a few of the 17 states and four countries they traversed! Remember English classes and *Beowulf*? Son Rob worked on the 3-D version of it — cutting-edge achievement in movie technology. Tim, also involved with the movies (HBO & Showtime), took vacation due to the writers' strike.

Evans Flickinger Modarai was in Stuttgart, Germany, for seven weeks, visiting her son, who is stationed there, and his family. They also went on side trips to France and Switzerland, exploring antique shops and flea markets — "the croissants are the best anyplace you go."

Ann Reagan Weeks was in Africa at various animal parks near Victoria Falls, where she saw 33 kinds of animals and 120 kinds of birds. Ann also went birding in Jamaica, where she enjoyed the local ambience, guesthouses and great food — especially the coffee. Last March, she took an Elderhostel trip to Fernandina Beach, on Amelia Island, FL, to study the history and Victorian houses. In Sept., she went to L.A. to study various museums founded by J.P. Getty, Norton Smith and Henry Huntington. Ann traveled to Boston with grandson Will, an ardent Red Sox fan, and went on a whale-watching cruise. As for her children: son Dan works for Bloomberg News in the U.K., and Ann visits him twice a year; son Matt now has a Ph.D. from M.I.T.; Neal is with the F.B.I.; and Cynthia works for AstraZeneca.

Sue Greene Richards and Elmer are hopefully selling one of their four homes. Elmer is

still actively sailing and was written up in *Sailing World*. Sue feels lucky she was able to meet with Dr. Dick Goodwin before he died in Sept. at 96. "He was still sharp as a tack."

Some of us are fighting the frailties of advancing age: **Nancy Maddi Avallone** had a knee replacement in Jan. '07, but is still actively involved with the Naval Academy Chapel and the Charles Carroll house in Annapolis. Gene keeps busy with the USO, the Annapolis Visitors' Center and the board of a local retirement home.

Nora Kearns Lundquist is in remission from lymphoma, feels great and celebrated her 75th birthday in San Antonio with her five children, their spouses, nine grandchildren, and her husband, Dick.

Our dear classmate **Dudy Vars McQuilling** succumbed to intestinal cancer on Nov. 4. Her caring family — daughters Cathy and Carol, sons Tom and Andrew, and her loving husband of 53 years, Jim — took turns keeping her company 24/7 for more than six weeks. Dudy was devoted to her family (16 grandchildren) and enjoyed her winters on John's Island, FL, and summers in Manhasset, NY. Until Aug., she continued to play golf and bridge and read the latest bestsellers. While in a NYC hospital, she persuaded Cathy to wheel her down to the street, where she noticed a street vendor selling purses and promptly bought up his total inventory and distributed it to the appreciative staff at the hospital! How typical of her generosity and sense of fun. Dudy's roommate for four years, **Carol Lee Blake Joslin**, her husband, Brooks, and **Libbets Alcorn Holt** attended the interment in Danbury, CT, which was followed by a country club lunch with the family and some friends. The class joins me in sending our deepest condolences to Jim and his family.

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Cynthia (Buzzi) Reed Workman left Boston for

Portland, ME; she tossed her computer, TV and alarm clock and bought a new car and a condo with a garden. Needing more to do, she started attending hockey games, specifically those of the Portland Pirates, and has a box seat among the regulars. Her three sons and six grandchildren are close enough for frequent visits.

Dorothy Rugg Fitch and Harold Blood divide their time between MA, near their various offspring, and FL. Both talented musicians, they sing year-round in choirs, and Harold plays sax, often brightening the worship services. Dot is excited to play golf.

Norm and **Adrienne (Jonni) Audette Feige** gave up suburban NYC to run his family's Homestead Farm in IN, where they raise Black Angus cattle. Jonni sings in a church choir and comes east annually to join the Alumni Choir at Northfield Mount Hermon. Three sons in OR, AK and ME keep them on the move. Changeable weather last year made farming challenging, but Norm and Jonni downsized a little and changed some crops.

Blair and **Louise Dieckmann Lawson** traded their old farmhouse and the vagaries of New England weather for San Diego's constant warmth and proximity to daughter Laura and her family. They are involved in church work, Blair helping with finances and Louise with liturgy, especially music. When not with their eight grandchildren (from toddler Christopher to Janine in the Coast Guard), they travel, visiting New Zealand and St. Maarten last year.

Pete and **Cindy Russell Rosik** moved from WA to OR upon retirement, closer to their children in CA. Community projects and traveling (to WY, CA and Williamsburg, VA, last year) keep them on the go. Cindy continues to swim, slowed a little by health issues, but still competing.

Ann Appley tried retirement but "failed." Now working for the United Church of Christ, guiding seminary students towards ordination, she qualifies for denominational housing — a lovely old house with a community garden right near

Claremont School of Theology. Her four children are nearby, and all gathered for her big 75th birthday celebration.

Remember **Jane Dornan Smith** rounding us up for impromptu sports during exams? That love of sports has passed on to the next generation, as the sports pages carry news of Bill Smith, new general manager of the Minnesota Twins. Kathryn is in her seventh year chairing CC's Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. Beth, after 25 years teaching all over the world, has been named principal of the International School in Tbilisi, Georgia. Jane, in addition to keeping our class organized, plays tournament and recreational bridge and volunteers as a driver for cancer patients.

Carol Hilton Reynolds volunteers for her library and the Humane Society. Last winter was a challenge, as her responsibilities included seeking out and feeding feral cats in record snows. She spent the holidays in NM, trading the snowiest Dec. on record in MA for the chill of Santa Fe. Combining a visit with her daughter and family with Elderhostel gave her a terrific vacation.

Polly Milne Budridge lives in Olathe, KS, near Kansas City, near her younger daughter. Her other daughter is in TN. Grandchildren range from age 4 to 24. Polly is the volunteer coordinator for the Olathe Library.

Beverly Stevens Prakelt writes from northern VT that two of her four children live near her and her grandchildren range in age from 5 to 20. Bev volunteers at her church.

Linda Berkman is still working, dividing her time between her job at Fordham in NYC and weekends in Milford, CT. She remarks that being so busy keeps her organized — no time to procrastinate.

Sister Matthew Marie (Anne Marie Shaughnessy) teaches math at a girls high school in NJ and, inspired by a popular retired teacher who still substitutes at age 84, she shows no sign of slowing down.

As for me, in addition to chasing down news from all of you, I volunteer in the Springfield schools, which are

far different from what my children experienced. I read aloud at elementary level and help in the guidance office at a middle school. It's great to be among kids again.

Finally a correction on the last issue's notes: **Marilyn Smith Noll** was the sole recipient of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society's Chapbook Award, chosen from among six poets.

Bitsie and I plan to alternate writing this column, but we need our classmates to keep us updated. Please keep the news coming!

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Just a note: If you are placing news on the College Web site, would you also e-mail it to your class correspondent, so the news can be printed here, too? If you send news to the College via mail, it, too, will appear on the College Web site. Many classmates do not have Web access and should not be deprived of your news. ... Conversely, if you do have access to e-mail, would you send Jan a line about your latest travel or favorite at-home doings (house or garden, volunteering, relaxation, writing, crafting, daydreaming, etc.), or whatever you might want to tell? Remember the 50th reunion and all the telling we did? If you couldn't be there, perhaps you could do some "telling" now!

"Still on the move!" **Betty Smith Tylaska** and her husband spent 20 days in Turkey. They sailed and hiked "and saw so much." All that, and they traveled with a group of just 10 other people.

Eight '56ers gathers for their annual holiday luncheon on 12/20/07 at the Metropolitan Museum Trustees Dining Room: **Jill Long Leinbach**, **Laura Elliman Patrick**, **Suzanna Martin Reardon**, **Marge Lewin Ross**, **Suzi Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer**, **Marie Garibaldi**, **Prudy Murphy Parris** and **Joyce Bagley Rheingold**. "Do join us next year," Marge writes.

Co-correspondent **Barbara Jenkinson's** life has filled up to the point where she is topped

out with responsibilities: She has a full-time job, has become treasurer and resident manager of the Portsmouth (NH) Women's City Club residence: "living in this lovely 1910 'club' house ... takes me back to college days, and I love it." It is a busy place and keeps her stepping. Hence, the need to resign as co-correspondent. Although her youngest grandchild was 8, now there are two new grandchildren, aged 14 months and 9 months (different parents). "Life sure is a trip!" She says she "must pass the baton. I do hope one of you will be willing to take it and carry on."

The word is out: We need a replacement for Barbara. Many thanks for her volunteer service as our correspondent.

57 *Correspondent:* Elaine Diamond Berman, 72 Stanton Lane, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, elainedberman@comcast.net

Judy Allen Summersby has been a tutor in the Cambridge, MA, public schools since retiring from teaching. She tries to incorporate art into her literacy teaching. "For example, one can read about Van Gogh and paint sunflowers, and then write about them." Judy says it is wonderfully rewarding to do this, especially since art has been cut from the school curriculum. "I did not know it when I was in college, but art is my love and passion." Judy and her husband travel to MN every summer for an extended stay with her kids and two grandchildren, ages 7 and 12. She is currently researching the history of MN and its indigenous people. Many of us missed Judy and talked about her at Reunion, and it was great to hear from her.

Mimi Prosswimmer Longyear came to Reunion without Russ, many of you may recall, because his 50th from Bowdoin was the same weekend. After Reunion, Mimi and Russ celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Inn in South Egremont, MA, where they have their summer home. **Toni Titus Frary** and her friend, Walt Roecker, and **Ann Henry Crow** and Harte (both Toni and Ann were bridesmaids) joined the

Longyears. Then Mimi and Russ celebrated the actual anniversary date during a trip to Scotland and London with Russ' cousin and wife, who live in London. They are enjoying their home of two years at Heritage Ranch, in Fairview, northeast of Dallas.

Sadly, we must report the deaths of two classmates, along with the passing of the spouse of a classmate.

Carol Dana Lanham died 11/6 of a brain hemorrhage, with Richard, her husband of 50 years, at her side. Carol was born in Englewood, NJ, and was educated at Marblehead, MA, high school. She graduated from CC cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She took her Ph.D. at UCLA in '73, with a special field in Medieval Latin. She subsequently was a visiting assistant professor of classics at Brown U. and tutored in Latin at the Getty Center. From '78-87, she was senior and then principal editor at the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. She was a member of the American Philological Association, the Medieval Latin Association of North America and the Medieval Academy of America. She authored many scholarly works. Her best essay, in her husband's estimation, is "The Bastard at the Family Reunion: Classics and Medieval Latin," which appeared in *Classical Journal* in '75. Although her name does not appear on the title pages of her husband's books, her learning and good sense appear on almost every page of them. Carol is survived by her husband, an aunt and cousins. Our condolences to the family.

Elizabeth (Libby) Kirch Seaton passed away 12/13 from pancreatic cancer at her home in Bellevue, WA. Libby grew up in Des Moines, IA. She married John Seaton in '61 and they lived in Bronxville, NY; St. Louis; and, finally, Bellevue. They had three daughters: Catherine Seaton McCabe, Elizabeth Seaton Lynch '87 and Anne Seaton Scott '89, all of whom survive, along with Catherine's three sons. Libby's husband predeceased her. She was a homemaker and volunteered

for various organizations wherever she lived. She was also an avid reader, bridge player, knitter and traveler. Much of this information came from Libby's older sister, Catherine Kirch Dietrich '52, who is her only other survivor. Deepest sympathy to the family.

My freshman roommate, **Susan Adam Myers**, lost her dear and devoted husband, Sidney, in early Jan. after a long illness. Sidney was associate university counsel of U. of Massachusetts-Amherst for many years. Besides Susan, he is survived by son Adam and his wife, Karen, and two grandsons, Jacob, 11, and Zachary, 8. In Sidney, Richard and I lost a very wonderful and kind friend. Condolences from the class to Susan and family.

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Judy Ankarstran Carson and David are guest services volunteers at Beaver Creek Mountain, CO. "Proving that CC is everywhere, we have been delighted to meet Arlyn Clore Berlinghof '56, a Vail Valley veteran and a member of our Thursday volunteer team."

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Olga Lehovich writes that NH was "crawling with candidates, volunteers, politicians and related personnel" for the primaries, and she met several of the candidates. She loves living in another New London because she has lots of relatives and friends nearby. She is learning to cook such things as chocolate pecan pie. Olga's looking forward to our 50th reunion, and I hope all of you are planning to be there in '09.

In New Zealand, **Anne Earnshaw Roche** is already getting her plans together for her trip to Reunion. She and her husband have hiked on a three-day Gisborne Walk, done

a two-week mission trip to Fiji with a team of young people, and spent time in Melbourne and Tasmania. On Anne's 70th birthday, all her friends and family went on a cruise around Manukau Harbor. She and her husband are hiking, sailing, skiing, doing music and church activities, and working at the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Anne is also teaching English as a second language and painting.

Jean Alexander Gilcrest had a birthday at a spa with her daughters. Her son and his wife had a baby boy, so she traveled to Chicago to visit them and to Las Vegas to visit her daughter.

Judy Petrequin Rice now goes to Scottsdale, AZ (where her daughter lives), from Jan. to May. To celebrate their birthdays, she and Don headed to Mexico with her daughter's family. They visited Judy's brother and then went to IL to help their youngest son move into a new home and to welcome another grandson. They now have eight grandchildren.

Ann Seidel Craig has adjusted to life without Chuck with the help of her family. She is still teaching.

Mimsy Matthews Munro has eight grandchildren, and they and her children celebrated her birthday at Avila Beach.

Marcia Fortin Sherman lives in Clemson, SC, and takes advantage of events and courses on campus. She is recording secretary for two groups, serves lunch to seniors at a health-care center, leads a basic skills course in a women's shelter, teaches some Sunday school classes and is chairman of her subdivision social committee. Occasionally she stays home to take care of the house! John finished chiring the building of a Habitat house and, now into woodworking, is turning our good bowls and such. They have been to MI to visit their children and four grandchildren and have come through OH, where we connected. They had a great trip to Italy, spending time in Tuscany and the hill towns, as well as Rome, Padua and Venice.

Gail Glidden Goodell now has four grandchildren, who

keep her busy. She returned to her company to fill in for someone, and then went to Tucson, where she saw some of her business friends. As usual, Gail has been traveling: to FL, Egypt, ME, Cape Cod, NH and NY, and then she and **Carole Broer Bishop** celebrated their birthdays with a trip to Lima, Peru, and to the Amazon, where they saw several species of birds, reptiles and other animals, and where they fished for piranhas and ate them. They also ate with a native family and swam near freshwater dolphins. She is involved in an all-woman investment club, swimming and water aerobics, running monthly bean suppers at her church, and playing in the hand-bell choir.

I (like my classmates above) have been blessed with good health and good times with my six grandchildren, who live nearby. I still work part time with 3- to 5-year-olds in a daycare center, which is a nice walk from my home. I also volunteer at the hospital, the hunger center, a nursing home, church, and our theater complex as an usher. I like to walk every day, work out and read, but I would especially love to hear from all of you about what is happening in your lives. We need to reconnect and begin setting up plans to travel together to our 50th reunion.

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Gary Griffiths' garden was featured in the Oct. issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*. "Getting a garden ready in Sept. for a national magazine is not fun — you feel you need to polish leaves! It was kind of full of music metaphors. When not gardening or thinking about it, I am still making music at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, where I have been music director for 15 years!"

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Nancy Schoepfer Sanders looks forward to Reunion. Nancy, **Susan Hall Veccia** and **Marcia Mueller Foresman** represented the class at a mini-reunion last summer in Chatham, MA. "Marcia agreed to play piano at Reunion, and now you all need to get your voices ready for a sing-along!" Nancy lives in Naples, FL, full time. She spent Aug. in Chatham and went to Greece last year. She loves visiting her seven grandchildren in MA and MI. Retired, Nancy enjoys bridge, tennis, biking and travel. As president of the CC Club of Southwest FL, she's met many wonderful alums and renewed friendships with **Jane Engel Francoeur**, **Eleni Tsandoulas Gillis** and **Joan Snyder Abelson**.

Nancy is playing quite the hostess! Both **Nancy Allen Waterfill** and **Marcia Rygh Phillips** visited her while in Naples recently. Nancy and Joe Waterfill are enjoying retirement. They travel, play bridge and golf. Nancy traveled with her garden club last July. After garden tours to England, France, Scotland and Italy, they returned to England for a tour of Somerset and Dorset. Marcia Phillips is finishing her last year at the Literacy Institute at Virginia Commonwealth U., though she will likely consult in the future. She plans to visit daughter Sarah and her husband in Atlanta and son Matthew in Boston. Marcia still sells Doncaster — they keep designing clothes she wants for herself! She definitely plans to attend Reunion.

After 33 years in Denver, **Barbara Drexler Lockhart** moved to Stratford, CT, in '04 to be closer to her sisters, cousins and extended family on the East Coast. She runs the office for a young financial advisor who works for Ameriprise.

Barbara saw **Gail Illsley Apple** last year while visiting her son (a personal trainer with his own business) in Tucson. In April, Barbara visited her daughter in Ho Chi Minh City, where she has been teaching English for the past year. They took a trip to Angkor Wat and toured within Vietnam. Barb takes jazz piano lessons and is reacquainting herself with New England. She tries to get to Denver yearly to see friends and colleagues.

Connie Cross joined classmates **Susan Young**, **Ginny Olds Goshdigian**, **Helen Frisk Buzyna** and **Chantal Le Houerou** (plus husbands) for a week in France. Chantal, who lives in Paris, organized the reunion and was the tour guide in Paris, the Normandy coast and Brittany. At home in ME, Connie is still involved in land and lake conservation.

Andrea Leader Brown enjoyed teaching ESOL to high-school students from all over the world in Bethesda, MD, for 25 years. She retired three years ago, and she and her husband have been traveling, hiking in the French Alps and cross-country skiing in Europe. Their four grandchildren give them great joy.

Lonnie Jones Schorer asks, "When we still feel so spry, how can our children be turning 40?!" Last year saw a new book, *Kids to Space Mission Plans*, go to press; a new grandson (#3); a new adventure (hiking and camping in Peru with youngest daughter); and a new expedition (TIGHAR's Amelia Earhart expedition to Nikumaroro Island). Dave still works full time for the government. In Oct., **Lonnie**, **Carolyn Boyan Raymond**, **Susan Hall Veccia**, **Debbie Morris Kullby** and **Linda Osborne Bennett** got together for a weekend reunion in Severna Park, MD. They talked, laughed, reminisced and appreciated being together. "It is both inspirational and moving to reconnect. Come to Reunion!"

Last summer, **Roberta Slone Smith** and husband Steve hiked in the White Mountains in NH. Roberta also spent a week on Cape Cod, which included a lunch with **Carole**

Hunt Iwanicki, and in Sept. she lunched with **Carolyn Boyan Raymond**. In Nov., she visited **Bonnie Campbell Wauters** in Stowe, VT. They had a great time sitting in the outdoor hot tub catching up. Bonnie and Joe had sailed the north coast of Newfoundland in the summer. Afterwards, Roberta continued on to the Shelburne Museum for a rug-hooking class.

After many years of vacationing in WY, **Nancy Holbrook Ayers** and husband Doug moved to Jackson, WY, in July. They enjoy their new life, especially all the outdoor activities: photography, biking, hiking, golf. During winter, when the mountains had 325 inches of snow by the end of Jan., they spent much of their time on the ski slopes. In July, they welcomed a granddaughter to the family, and they had a wonderful Thanksgiving in Scottsdale with son Douglas and his family.

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Leslie Setterholm Curtis retired from Travelers Insurance Co. in June '05, and while she enjoys retirement, she looks forward to Sept., when husband Tim will join her as a full-time retiree. In '07, they traveled to Scotland for a few weeks and to Sonoma County wine country for a week, both wonderful, highly recommended trips. In CA, they visited **Susan Hardesty Christy** and husband Marlon at their home in Pinole. In Colchester, Leslie runs the tasting room at Priam Vineyards on Fridays and sells cheese at Cato Corner Farm on Saturdays. "It's fun to have these great farms with their wonderful local products practically in my backyard, and I enjoy helping to build and educate the clientele for these agriculturally based businesses." Leslie volunteers as vice president of the Colchester Land Trust, which has just paid off its first land purchase of 18

acres along the Airline Trail and received its first conservation easement donation on a gorgeous 62-acre farm.

The Class of '65 extends our condolences to the family of **Adele Brewer Nelson**, who died in July.

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Bridget Donahue Healy reports, "Spirits ran high on Jekyll Island, GA, in early Jan. as **Katherine Curtis Donahue**, **Bridget Donahue Healy**, **Jane Brown LaPrino**, **Deborah Nichols Losse**, **Caroline Davis Murray**, **Jan Davison Peake**, **Terry McNab Rixse**, **Lee Johnson Stockwell** and Susan Mabrey Gaud '68 spent one glorious week together."

Marian Silber was in FL for the winter — and didn't miss the cold at all. **Ruth Zaleske Leibert** and husband Burt bought a place nearby, so Marian saw them there as well as in NYC. Every few weeks in NYC, Marian gets together with Ruth and **Rona Shor Chernov** for a museum and lunch or theater and dinner. And — small world — one of Marian's friends in FL recently moved next door to **Asia Rial Elsbree** and husband Hugh!

Marian went to a "fabulous" Christmas party in NYC at the Asia Society, where she saw **Patt Dale**. Patt had major back surgery in July and is on the mend, but it was an eight-month recuperation. CC President and Mrs. Higdon were there, together with many alums. Marian found him to be quite a dynamo; he has outlined a creative and ambitious plan for CC. He has specifically targeted an upgrade of the buildings and said that we would not recognize the place now, as the improvements have already started and will continue over the next five years. As a result of his energizing personality and contacts, annual giving has been much higher this year, both in terms of dollars and in number of participants.

Mae Concemi Bradshaw is psyched to assume the

presidency of the Rotary International Club in Exeter, NH; they plan to participate in the Gates Foundation \$100 million match program to eradicate polio globally. The Rotary club also supports a food pantry, scholarships for local students, a Water-for-Africa program and numerous other civic activities. Mae is busy with her law practice: start-up businesses, estate planning, family disputes and probates. In March, she gave a seminar for a continuing legal education program, and she continues to serve on the board of her county bar association as a past president. In her "spare time," and adding to her challenges, she is co-chair for fundraising for her class at Phillips Andover. Mae's home in Rye, NH, is bordered by a salt marsh and a lovely harbor on the wild Atlantic coast. It offers a refuge from the turmoil of the other lives that touch her. And, saving the best for last, she has a new partner who, she says, has survived her antics for the past year and a half. Dr. Burt Dibble is a family physician who currently works for the Veterans Administration Hospital. Together, they fly around in his Beechcraft Bonanza; Mae is about to learn to "land," if not to fly...

Anne Barnard spent most of last summer at her family cottage in Humarock, MA, as it was to be sold. (As luck would have it, a cousin, whose father was bought out by her dad in the early '70s, is buying in, so Anne is delighted to keep her share of the cottage!) **Liz Leach Welch** saw the CT car in the driveway and stopped by. Anne had a nice supper at Liz's recently expanded home in Marshfield. **Martha Blanchard Twigg** couldn't join, but Anne bumped into her and her husband at the Irish Moss Museum in nearby Scituate later in the summer. Anne is still reffing volleyball (high school and college) in CT and western MA. "Stay well, and pray for peace and some changes in Washington!"

In late Jan., **Betsey Staples Harding** heard **Kate Curtis Donahue** on New Hampshire Public Radio's "The Exchange" with Laura Knoy, as Kate dis-

cussed her recently published book, *Slave of Allah: Zacarias Moussaoui vs. the USA*. As professor of anthropology at Plymouth State U. in NH, Kate examined the case of Moussaoui, the first person to stand trial in the U.S. for the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Kate's book looks at the case from an anthropologist's perspective. She stated that we all can benefit by a better understanding of what drives a terrorist into actions against innocent people. Her presentation was truly excellent and informative.

Finally, **Lois Maclellan Klee** and **Betsey Staples Harding** can't simply make up class news — we need to hear from you! Send us anything you'd like friends to know about; please use our class correspondent e-mail address: ccnotes66@gmail.com.

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Dori Lee Reiley and Bill enjoyed 12 days in Brazil last summer with Vallis Musicae, a composite choir from three churches. They performed five concerts in historic churches and at the Manaus Opera House. They sang an impromptu mini-concert at the foot of the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio, overlooking the whole city, and spent their last night on a boat on the Amazon River.

Dick Michaels is a graduate of USCGA '57, where he taught physics from '64-68 and attended CC to earn an M.A.T. in physics. Married over 50 years to wife Shirley, Dick has two children and two grandchildren. He retired after 26 years in the Coast Guard in '78, then taught middle-school physical science for 18 years. He fully retired in '95.

Ricki Chapman McGlashan is an active cyclist and volunteer (mostly for Sustainable San Mateo County), but grandmotherhood is now her favorite role. She babysits one day a week for both sons' families.

She has four grandchildren under 4 — endless amusement! Doug continues teaching.

They will celebrate their 40th anniversary right after the CC 40th reunion and will revisit their honeymoon destination — Banff and Lake Louise.

Ally Cook Gall is still executive director of the American Jewish Committee for NJ, doing intense lobbying for a variety of issues. She plans to retire to the Berkshires, close to her organic-farmer daughter, who has 73 acres. All three grown children and partners are terrific people, but the only grandkids are daughter Rachel's goats. They love active travel (Costa Rica, Peru, Israel, Baja, Ireland) and take ballroom dancing. There's lots of room for visitors at their home in Morristown, NJ!

Dianne Sanborn attended a mini-reunion this summer at a historic NH inn with **Suzanne Sanborn O'Cheskey**, **Melissa Frost Whitlock**, Vera Idel Gierke '69 and Claire Eldridge '69. She continues to take art classes and to show (and sometimes sell) her work locally. She recently traveled to ID, Yellowstone and Salt Lake City.

Helen Reynolds is still in Dallas running an economic consulting firm and teaching economics at SMU, with no plans to retire. Son John, 18, graduates from high school in May, and daughter Alice, 14, is in eighth grade. All is great, but John's graduation from high school trumps Reunion, and she will miss it for the first time ever.

Shirleyanne Hee Chew is retired and took a trip with Pam Pastore Kennedy '69 to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in Oct. They had a great time exploring and shopping. They took the "Lord of the Rings" safari in New Zealand and had some excitement when their Jeep stalled in the river and started to sink.

Leslie Rosoff Kenney gave up her career as an advocate for the National Institutes of Health to care for younger daughter Elizabeth, who sustained a traumatic brain injury when she was struck by a car in July '06. The bright spot was the birth in March

'07 of Leslie's first grandchild, William Otis Butler, to older daughter Leah. She and husband Robin live in Peterborough, NH. Reach her at lrkenney@aol.com.

Robin Salzberg Stark is dean at a private high school in NYC, as well as head of the art department. She also designs and fabricates one-of-a-kind, high-karat gold jewelry. Husband Jonathan is a partner in a large architectural firm in NYC. Robin maintains a home in the city as well as in Woodstock, NY.

Victoria (Vicki) Hsu has been in L.A. since '79 doing film and TV production, after 10 years in advertising in NYC. She volunteers at the Natural History Museum and lives in a Spanish house in the heart of L.A., bordering Beverly Hills and Hollywood. She is dating a high-school classmate who is an artist in NYC's SoHo; they reconnected at her 40th high-school reunion.

Midge Auwerter Shepard retired from Mercedes-Benz a year ago and then moved to Houston, TX, where her husband has a new job. She enjoys retirement and all the activities that Houston offers. Her two sons live in Darien, CT, and her daughter is in Boston. She welcomed a second grandchild (a boy) in Oct.

Joan Burrows Burnett's work as a clinical psychologist at the Pentagon brings her great fulfillment; her home over the Potomac River great serenity; and her friends — near and far — great joy. The highlight of '07 was participating in the first reunion of her eighth-grade class from Campo Allegre School in Caracas, Venezuela, where she saw old friends for the first time in 45 years.

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Bob and Lynne Cooper Sitton sold their south FL home of 17 years in Dec., downsizing to a newly renovated townhouse just a quarter-mile away. They managed to move in a month, despite an extended Christmas visit with family in NJ. At a 60th birthday party organized for her by son Jay Sitton '96,

"my sister Barb Cooper Neeb '72 toasted me with a wonderful poem. And my mother, Midge Wicoff Cooper '41, attended just weeks after her mastectomy. She turns 89 this year and has recovered completely."

Joan Dimow and husband John spent a week in Baja California with Linblad Expeditions and found it very different from the AZ desert where they have spent many vacations. "I finally bought a digital SLR and am having a lot of fun editing (and discarding) pictures."

Sincere condolences to **Gail Goldstein** on the death of Stormie, her beloved partner for 22 years. Gail retired from public education in Dec.; serving as a mentor for teachers in the NM pre-K program is helping her deal with her loss. She also continues to run their B&B, El Penasco.

Anne Hutchinson frequently organizes volunteer trips to New Orleans, assisting with reconstruction efforts by finding contractors to come as crew bosses and then filling out a workforce of 20 with volunteers. "We have worked on houses, a nursery school and a church."

Philip and **Susan Judd Harris** became grandparents for the first time with the arrival of Emerson Kate Harris on their 37th anniversary.

Ellen Lougee Simmons and her husband spent two weeks in South Africa and Kenya just before Christmas and brought their youngest home from Nairobi. A junior and a human rights major at Duke, she was studying health and development there. "We are so happy to have her home with all the problems in Kenya now."

Jill Monchik Farrer finds work as a children's librarian at Westfield Memorial Library more challenging than ever. "Digital downloads of films, sign language in story hour, writing for the house org, dynamic programming and exciting reference, plus a beautiful remodel with Internet lounge, all make me happy, and my colleagues continue to be interesting. My husband is well, fascinating and fun. And my son is doing very well in a

program for special needs kids in CA, where he will be going to college."

After working for 34 years, Steven and **Susan Naigles Rosenzweig** retired in the summer of '06 and "are really enjoying having time to travel and relax." In addition to fitness activities, Susan is a hospital volunteer. Travel has included Italy, Croatia, Vietnam, the Dominican Republic and Aruba. They plan to visit Morocco next, and Susan will join friends on a volunteer trip to Zambia this summer to train teachers. Son Seth is married and recently returned to his alma mater, George Washington U., as one of the directors of development.

Alice Reid Abbott's holiday letter was full of news about trips to ME and France, flight lessons, successful real estate accomplishments despite the market trends, and the fun of reconnecting with a classmate from high school who, although he lives in AZ and she in IN, has become an important part of her life.

Last year, both of **Ellen Robinson Epstein's** parents died within weeks of her birthday. This year, she happily awaits the birth of two more grandchildren, the third to her oldest son and wife and second to the next son and his wife. Her third son was married in Nov., and her two daughters share a townhouse while one attends law school and the other grows a successful real estate business in the DC area. Husband David is still working "as much as he wants to," and Ellen's own Concierge America continues to thrive. "I am very thankful in many ways, most especially that four of my five children (and so far all of my grandchildren) live in the area. My children grew up with my parents about three miles away, and they had an incredibly intense relationship with them. I hope they want to recapture that now with their children and us."

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Mary Sarosi Stuart is serving her seventh year as the coordi-

nator of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Orange County, NY. She and her husband welcomed their first grandchild, Thomas Jackson Snodgrass, over a year ago. Youngest son Michael graduated from Brown in '07. Last fall, they enjoyed a wonderful two weeks in HI.

In May, **Kathy Thompson Otte** received a master's degree in social work. "It was quite an adjustment after being out of school for 30 years. But I am happy to say that I did it, and it was a very rewarding experience." Kathie is now working as an adoption consultant. People interested in adoption may visit www.adoptionlady.com.

Though **Laurie Schaffer Disick** and husband Ellis live in Scarsdale, NY, they also spend a good deal of time in Delray Beach, FL. Ellis is a dentist, and Laurie works part time in his office. Son Grant, a urologist, lives in NYC with wife Tia and 3-year-old son Noah. Son Evan and wife Ritu live in San Francisco. Both are dentists. Laurie and Ellis are best friends with Peter and **Dale Ross Wang**.

In Southport, CT, **Pam Pollak** practiced employment/labor law for 25 years, then left the practice and earned a master's in special education. She now teaches English to children with special needs. At CC, she started the sailing team with Lucy Johnson, and she played the cello. She still sails and plays the cello, and "spends as much time as possible on the Penobscot Bay with husband, two teenagers, three dogs and two cats — all adopted — in a boat." Pam is "awaiting 1/20/09 with great anticipation and fervent hopes that we don't blow it again."

Lee Griffiths Paul lives in Newton, MA, with husband Steve and daughter Lizzy, now in high school. Lee works part time doing clinical social work in a private practice. She also attends reading groups, serves on the board of the All Newton Music School, takes painting lessons and practices piano. Last summer, the family took "an adventurous tour" of St. Petersburg with an added week in Scandinavia.

Priscilla Newbury writes that “school seems to dominate our family and guarantee my indentured status in the workforce. Luckily, my end of the residential mortgage business is unscathed by the current crisis.” Her oldest daughter is an art history doctoral student at Yale. The next daughter graduates from Colby this June and hopes to continue her education in geology at a western university. The youngest daughter, 17, is spending the school year abroad, in a small town outside of Rome. The family visited her over the Christmas holiday.

Rachel Sherbourne Cooney lives in Newport, RI, and works as a school social worker in the South Kingstown school department. She also has a private counseling practice and runs a small B&B in her home. “My kids are successfully ‘launched,’ having completed college, and are in the process of discovering their life’s work and life’s partners.” She remains friends with **Cynthia Howard Harvell**, **Mary Keil**, **Leslie Dahn Sundberg** and **Nancy Morgan**.

Since ’81, **Russ Josephson** has been living primarily in AK, but also, briefly, in HI. Right now, Russ and Vera own a parcel of land on Kauai. They plan to return to HI in a few years to build a small, self-sufficient home, hoping to have a summer-long building party. Russ hopes to work for a local attorney to finance the project. Meanwhile, they camp out during visits there. Russ has worked at a variety of teaching positions; currently he teaches basic composition, world history and law in Bethel, the regional hub. “Unfortunately, Vera has stayed with her job working for a local native village corporation in Kodiak. Fortunately, Bethel has jet service, which makes meeting in Anchorage occasionally doable, if expensive.”

Myrna Chandler Goldstein’s first grandson, Aidan Zev Goldstein, was born on 2/8 to Brett Goldstein ’96 and Sarah Duggan Goldstein ’97. “Since he is also the first grandchild in Sarah’s family, there is a good deal of excitement.” Myrna and Brett

are developing the Web site “Doing Good, While Doing Business.” It identifies businesses that donate a portion of their profits to charities or otherwise leave a positive imprint on the planet. Visit <http://changethemold.com>.

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Jim Berrien is busy fundraising for CC. He loves being on the board, as well as seeing the progress the college is making with Lee Higdon as president. One daughter is a senior at Middlebury; the other daughter is at Scripps. Jim has been at Forbes for 10 years and still enjoys it. He thinks it’s strange to find the word “retirement” coming up in conversation. He and Mary Jane visited **Mark Vokey** and Melissa, and then Alexander Farley ’75 and Mark had a mini-reunion with the Berriens at their home last summer. Jim recently attended the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Sherry Alpert of Canton, MA, has stayed in touch with **Peter Paris** of NYC ever since they met at their 30th reunion in ’04. She has also seen a lot of **Caroline Cole** of North Andover, MA, since the ’06 CC holiday party in Boston, and they attended President Higdon’s reception on the Cape in Aug. Caroline, Sherry and Peter had dinner in the spring when Peter was in Boston. Sherry runs Sherry Alpert Corporate Communications, a PR consulting firm. Caroline is a journalist and freelance writer and editor, and Peter is in the financial management business.

Marianne Casey Reinhalter’s oldest daughter,

Kate, was married in Boston last June. In attendance at the wedding were CC friends **Susan Snyder Cloninger** and **Ann Jacobs Mooney**. Marianne and husband Emil live in Duxbury, MA.

Cheryl Freedman loves living and working in Atlanta, where she’s been for seven years. “It’s a mild winter and early spring with all the spectacular dogwoods and azaleas. The mountains are within an hour’s drive of the city.” She lives in Buckhead, where “the shopping and restaurants are just great.” Work at her executive search firm keeps her busy. Cheryl’s most recent travels include AK and Tahiti.

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Donna Thomason is the event producer and creative director at Epic Entertainment, a Kansas City event production company. A critically acclaimed theater actress and director, Donna joined the company in ’01 as entertainment manager. As primary creative director, Donna creates and produces live entertainment and serves as scriptwriter and director for myriad corporate and nonprofit events, both locally and in major cities across the country.

Kacey Jones Ratterree and husband Clay live in an empty nest. Son Joe (USFA ’06) is in flight training, currently at Columbus AFB in Mississippi but never anywhere for too long! Daughter Katie is a very happy first-year student at the U. of Virginia. Kacey still works part time for a local school and is very happy to report the publication of two books, *Around Savannah: Where to Go and What to Do with Children*, and *Around Savannah: More to Do with Children*. Co-authored with a good friend, these books are useful companions to those vis-

iting Savannah, which is found on more and more travel itineraries these days. Visit www.savannahwithchildren.com.

Iris Newman Stone has lived in the San Francisco Bay area for over 25 years and is a senior vice president for Bank of America. She has a consulting and oversight role addressing execution risks for large projects and is currently working on the integration of LaSalle Bank into Bank of America. Iris will celebrate her 25th wedding anniversary this fall with husband Patrick. They love to travel and will report back to us on their planned trip to China.

Malinda Powers Berardino and husband picked up roots after 26 years and moved. “Yes, we upsized, like idiots, instead of doing the normal thing — downsizing.” Their son just graduated from Penn State and is working in a securities firm. Their daughter is a freshman in high school. Malinda still works for an investment company/brokerage firm. She sees **Jill Feinberg**, **Susan Gallant**, **Linda Sittenfeld ’77** and **Leslie Whitcomb** on a fairly regular basis. They enjoy summers at the beach in Bay Head, NJ. “And of course the ravages of aging have not bypassed me; my defense is kickboxing, tennis and golf. The latter is most frustrating but addicting.”

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The Stockholm sun, refracted through the ice, cast golds and ambers, reds and deep violets onto the silver parkas that **Linda Sittenfeld** and **Leslie Whitcomb** ’76 wore when visiting Sweden last July. They sat at the aptly named Ice Bar, where everything — the seating, the “glasses,” the bar itself — is made of ice. In spite of the cool 20-degree temp of the place, they report that the parkas helped to keep the teeth-chattering to a minimum. The two friends joined **Tom Howland**, who lives in Stockholm, not at the bar (as

far as we know). Linda and Leslie met Tom for the first time at our 30th class reunion last May. A lesson to all who have been reticent about coming to reunions (and that includes this class correspondent): the get-togethers are great fun, and you meet the nicest people!

Phil Farmer was finally allowed back into the country after traveling for a week in New Zealand and three weeks in Australia. We don't know all the details — any of them, in fact — but Phil was certainly in good company on his travels with lovely wife Gretchen and children Austen and Mallory. Phil's daughter had been studying at the U. of Wollongong, south of Sydney. Incidentally, "University of Wollongong" T-shirts only come in extra-wide sizes, for some reason

And who was that man roaring through the lanes of Dedham, MA, in his 1931 Bugatti Grand Prix? Our own **Sandy Leith**, of course. Sandy is still working hard to keep the economy going through his employment in the "retail, high net-worth end of investments" (one day, this correspondent will have enough money to know what that means exactly) at RBC Dain Rauscher. The family is apparently keeping Sandy's commute relevant: son Christopher studies at the U. of Richmond, daughter Alexandra '11 continues the family legacy in New London, and youngest son David attends St. Sebastian's School (where Sandy's wife Eileen volunteers ... thank you, Eileen!). Sandy is also a Town Meeting member and runs EVERYTHING historical in Dedham. OK ... we're paraphrasing, here. The point is that now we know how Sandy gets away with speeding through suburban towns in vintage racecars. Stay involved, boys and girls. Support your local law enforcement.

When not finding trouble to get into — such as writing nonsensical Class Notes articles — **Jim McGoldrick** (along with spouse/writing partner Nikoo) still writes novels and teaches. Their new Jan Coffey thriller, *The Deadliest Strain*, published

in Jan., has been described as "*The Kite Runner* meets *Cold Mountain*," because part of the story follows the adventures of a Kurdish woman finding her way home through war-torn Iraq after spending five years in a CIA ghost site. At the time of this writing, Jim's son Cyrus, a junior at Columbia, is traveling in Morocco, and son Sam is hopefully paying attention in class at the Taft School in Watertown, CT, where he is a junior and *thinking* about the possibility of getting into college.

Come on, classmates ... send in your news so that we can put some mangled version of it in these Notes! Ann is *desperately* hoping that a good response from you all will curb her co-correspondent's penchant for making things up. And we WILL make things up. Are you listening, Jim in Germany, Pam and George in Framingham, Colleen in Weston, Andy in Mystic, Leslie in Altadena? Cheers!

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Robert Powell, finishing in first place, won the gold medal for indoor archery in the Olympic/adult division at the 20th annual winter Badger State Games. Rob also planned to participate in the WFAA state indoor championship in Feb. and the NAA Indoor Nationals in March. After the "indoor season" Rob trained for the summer Badger State Games in June, shooting at 40, 50 and 60 yards.

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Robert H. Gardner was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge of the state of New Jersey in Essex County on 1/11. "I am still happily married, with two daughters, and living in Essex Fells, NJ."

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In Aug., **Laurie Anderson Warnock** embarked on a master's program in public health at U. of New Hampshire and had to beg her teenage babysitter for a secret crash course in Internet search tools and APA format software. "Talk about feeling you were educated in the Land before Time. Albeit the Small Ivy Land before Time." Laurie and husband Will have two girls, ages 9 and 4, which means days filled with Brownies, gymnastics, trying to score Hannah Montana tickets, etc. On Saturdays, Laurie escapes to Italian lessons at the St. John School in Boston's North End, followed by a good lunch, and then listens to NPR all the way home instead of Radio Disney. With 27 years in the fire service, Will is "threatening to retire, hence the motivation to get my degree and get a job outside the home so we don't kill each other." Laurie caught the all-a cappella show on Emerson College radio last week and "thought about the ConnChords and all the laughing, drinking and singing we did, in that order. I think it was someone's cover of 'California Dreamin'" that threw me into the Way Back Machine. Judy,

Sharon, Gina, Valerie, Holly, Sarah (and you, too, Lucy), I hope you're all well and happy. I still laugh and drink, so drop me a line if you are within 150 miles. I go just about anywhere to get away from my kids for a few hours."

Katherine (Kaci) Kinne Carolan still lives in the Midwest, but spent much of the fall back in CT with her dad, as her mother passed away in early Nov. "**Stephanie Muson** was a godsend during this time — I don't know how I would have managed without her." Kaci is a licensed attorney but doesn't practice; instead she works in the surgery department at a major teaching hospital. She serves as managing editor for a specialty surgical journal and faculty liaison for promotions, tenure and annual reviews, as well as a host of miscellany. "My running joke is that I'm the department's utility infielder." Contact her at kaci_carolan@hotmail.com.

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Sue Fox Buchele is currently a Fulbright Scholar teaching and researching at Ashesi University College in Accra, Ghana (on leave from Southwestern U. in Georgetown, TX). Her Fulbright grant was renewed for a second year, so she will be there with her family through June. Her husband, Steve, is a pastor, and they have three children: Fox, Grace and Anna. Anyone interested to read more than you could ever possibly want to know about their time in Ghana is welcome to visit their blog: www.buchele.blogspot.com.

Laura Hayes Morgan's daughter, Fiona Grace, was born July 22 and joins older brothers Jack, 5, and Henry, 2. Laura and Reg live in Chapel Hill, NC, where they are ardent supporters of the Tar Heels basketball team. They hope any friends visiting the area will stop in.

Dan McCarthy keeps in touch with John Shea '86 and recently attended the christening of his second child, Ryan Shea, in West Yarmouth, MA. John named Dan and his wife,

Janet, as godparents, an honor Dan had given John 14 years ago.

Class Correspondent **Kathy Paxton-Williams** is always happy to hear from class members. In an attempt to "drum up more business," as it were, please consider the following question: When you think back to our time at CC, other than your friends, what do you miss the most?

86 *Correspondent:* Barbara Malmberg, 560 Silver Sands Road, Unit 1303, East Haven, CT 06512, malmberg2@aol.com

Alice-Jennifer Normand Groome and Tim welcomed son Alexander on 5/5/05. Alex was born three months early and spent three and a half months at L&M's NICU, but he is doing great now. He loves going to campus to chase squirrels, play in the leaves and go to Make We Joy. "I'm probably the first of our class to announce this (other than RTCs) — but I'm now a mother-in-law!" Alice-Jennifer's older son, Ian, was married in Oct. '06. She works two days a week as an instruction librarian at U. of Connecticut and loves being home with Alex the rest of the week. She still Morris dances with Mystic Garland, while Tim and Ian dance with Not For Joes. "Alex loves Morris dancing and can't wait to join us at dawn on May Day and at Make We Joy."

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Chris Philippi was in New London for the CC Alumni Basketball Game last Jan. "Other than all those young kids running way too fast, I managed to compete without doing irreparable harm to myself or others. No one else there was over age 32 — the question is: where are all the other old-timers?" Chris enjoyed returning to campus and seeing all the changes. He lives in Kingston, RI, with his wife and three "beautiful girls," ages 5, 6 and 8. He works as a regional sales manager for

a chemical manufacturer and spends his spare time coaching his oldest daughter's ball team. Chris also recently took in a CC vs. Johnson & Wales basketball game with Terry Fracassa '89 and Aaron Guckian '97.

After 16 years in San Francisco (eight in the city and eight in Marin County), **Leissa Perkinson Jackmauh**, husband Phil, and children Sarah, 10, and Matt, 7, are picking up stakes and moving to Dublin, Ireland, in June. Leissa and her husband "are very excited — the kids decidedly less so — but I'm optimistic that they'll come around (eventually). If anyone has a hankering for warm beer, great golf and white-knuckle driving, please look us up."

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the friends and family of **Anne (Nan) Robertson McLean**, who died Dec. 16. Nan will be forever remembered as a sweet person and a wonderful friend. Please see her obituary in Winter issue of the magazine.

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Amy Darwin and husband Everett Ayers are back in AR where Amy is repaying her debt to society by practicing medicine in a rural area. "Our town is tiny, (in)complete with convenience store and a feed store. The only café burned down. But it is beautiful here, with lots of water and hills, horses, cows and deer." Amy spent a weekend in Dec. in Memphis with **Kim Fletcher**, who is a physical therapist in Nashville. She also spent Halloween with **Jen Peace**, **Jen MacLeod Murray** and **Louise Mitinger Torbert**. Jen Peace is married to Joel Howe '92 and has two sons. She finished her Ph.D. and works at EDC in Cambridge and teaching seminary courses. Jen Murray lives outside Philadelphia with husband Steve and two children. She enjoys teaching

third grade at a Friends school. Louise and husband Trip have a daughter and live in Pittsburgh. Louise teaches ESL, which she enjoys (minus the classroom politics). Over the holidays, Amy got together with **Amy Brown** in Little Rock. Amy Brown is still in NYC in the world of high finance. "Amy Brown and I decided neither of us had the stomach for the other's job — I am thrilled not to be dealing with stocks and bonds, and Amy Brown really isn't interested in discussing headaches, chest pain and other sordid topics."

Formerly employed by Anchor Optics as a senior manager, **Matthew Kriebel** recently accepted a position as an owner at Spectrum Scientifics in Philadelphia. This is a new telescope and science store in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia.

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The Class of '91 is looking for a class president! If you are interested in this fun and easy volunteer position please call the alumni office at 800-888-7549.

Todd Ritter and Janette announce the arrival of their new son, Joshua Reeve Ritter, born 3/15 and weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz. "Josh has turned our lives upside down, and we couldn't be happier!"

Stephanie Braun lives in Chicago with her husband and 2-year-old son. She continues to work at Accenture and would love to hear from anyone traveling through or living in the Midwest.

Deb Michelson and her husband, Jeff Miller, founded a charity after visiting Kenya in '01. "We were inspired by the unique programs that a safari camp had initiated to protect the environment and to provide and improve healthcare and education for the Maasai who lived in the area. Our charity, The Maasai Foundation of East Africa,

has kept me super busy over the past few years, and it has turned into a huge success with the help of generous donors and a few celebrities! Last year's NYC fundraiser was co-hosted by the actor Edward Norton and John Grisham and also attended by actress Kristin Davis from Sex in the City. We were featured in an article on Elle.com (<http://fashion.elle.com/blog/2007/10/october-15-2007.html>). Deb still lives in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands and enjoys life there with her two daughters, Isabel, 5, and Sophia, 2. She accomplished a lifelong goal, with the help of her island running group, of finishing a marathon in Washington, DC, in Oct.

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Greetings to the Class of '92! After almost 16 years of service as our faithful class correspondent, **Liz Lynch Cheney** has turned over the reins to me. We all thank Liz for her hard work! Whether it is a promotion, book publishing, wedding or new baby (just to name a few examples), I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Let your classmates know what you're up to and maybe reconnect with some long-lost friends. Send your latest news and photos to me at lisamfb@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Also, an update: My husband, Randy, and I welcomed our first child, Oliver Friedrich Becker, on 9/23. He's a happy, healthy little boy, and I returned to work after the New Year. I have been a senior designer at an interior design firm in Georgetown for almost eight years.

Joanne Guerrero-Georgalos and Jorge Georgalos welcomed a new addition to their family, baby Sofia, who joined big sister Eleni on 7/1.

Andrew Hope married Marzena Andrysiewicz on 8/14 in Warsaw, Poland. Andrew is a board member of Secus Asset Management, and Marzena is the personal assistant to the CEO of insurance company PZU SA. They live in Warsaw, where Andrew

has lived and worked for 11 years. Andrew has some very occasional contact with the CC rugby team and alumni such as Anton Malko '91 and **Andrea Pandolfini**. "Last I heard of **Andrew Hebler**, he was in Albania."

Claudia Krugovoy married Sean Brewer on 9/29 on Block Island, RI. Alumni at the wedding included **Cristy Stoddard Walsh** and **Kimberly Taylor-Vatel**. Claudia is a psychotherapist in private practice in Manhattan, and Sean is an attorney with Goldman Sachs. They live in Brooklyn, NY. Claudia was happy to have two CC friends celebrate with her and enjoy a great weekend.

Andrew Snyder and wife Gayle welcomed their first child, Julia, on 1/18. Julia was born via Caesarian section after 24 hours of labor, weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 19 inches long. "She is a delight to hold, and it is universally agreed that she looks just like me. Life's been good. My hair hasn't fallen out, and I can still play squash, so no complaints."

J.R. Boisclair lives in Nassau, Bahamas, and works as the managing director for Starbucks Bahamas. His wife and two kids (ages 2 and 4) love boating around the many islands and certainly enjoy the weather, "but living here can be a real test of patience!"

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Jeremy Beard and Lindsay Schmidt were married on 11/3. Alumni present included **Eric Sensenbrenner**, **Jean-Paul Duvivier**, **John Bartlett**, **Kevin Henderson** and many others.

Patrick Sartor and **Carter Wood Sartor** welcomed son Roberts Alexander Jacques Sartor on 12/20. The couple married on 12/2/06 in Louisville, KY. Camels in attendance included **Bern Hoffmann**, **John Jessop**, **Rebecca Green**, **Melanie Hughes**, **Suzanne Walker**, **Nicki Hennessey** and **Laura Tseng**.

John Faigle and fiancée Kimberly moved to Hong Kong last summer for a two-

year assignment for Fidelity Investments. In July, they met up with **Todd Whitten** and wife Tara, who led a group of Boston school kids through China, and in Oct. they saw **John Ardell**, who was in H.K. on business.

Josh Visitation now lives in Syracuse, NY, after several years in CO and UT. He is interning in emergency medicine and hopes to move back to the mountains when he's finished. John is married and has a son, Sam, 1. Josh has been a firefighter, a climbing bum in Jackson, WY, and has traveled on international mountaineering and skiing trips. In '05, he summited Mt. Vinson, Antarctica's highest peak.

Don and **Laura Ewing Mei** welcomed daughter Grace Madeline on 1/16.

Susan King Danos and husband Robert welcomed son Henry Spencer on 10/7, joining big sisters Marie, 4, and Liza, 2. They live in the NC mountains.

Doug Gellman is now the hard-goods buyer for the specialty outdoor retail chain Blue Ridge Mountain Sports. He lives in the mountains outside of Charlottesville, VA.

Laura Manzano opened a NYC office for Auberge Resorts in Jan. '06. She traveled to Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand in '07 and ran into **Mike Herman** in Tokyo last summer. Laura caught up with **Carrie Higginbotham Mainelli**, **Carter Wood**, **Laura Ewing**, **Laura Tseng** and **Mike Carson**.

Aimee Christian and **Paul Cullen** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in Oct. They live in Basel, Switzerland, with children Seth, 5, and Fiona, 2. Aimee works at the global headquarters of Novartis Pharmaceuticals. They are in touch with **Jill Norris Demetri**, **Matt Shea** and **Anne Carlow Shea**, **Majja Wysong Dennis**, and **Olga Tolskic Uszynski**.

John and **Lisel Allen Hettinger** welcomed daughter Anna Grace on 12/4.

In Greenfield, MA, **Amy McMahan's** restaurant, Mesa Verde, celebrated its fifth anniversary.

In St. Louis, **Annie Bain Epling** and Terry welcomed daughter Charlotte on 11/29. She joins Henry, 9, Tommy, 7, and Julia, 5. Annie still works full time.

Marc and **Jennifer Ahlen Carroll** welcomed daughter Emory on 10/26. They live in Houston, where Jen works as a lawyer. They hiked throughout Machu Picchu and Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia before the baby came.

Michelle LaGrave is in a master's of divinity program at Andover Newton Theological School, preparing for ordination in the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

Lou Ungemach Panetta and wife Ewa welcomed daughter Aniela Aleksandra on 10/2, joining sister Zosia, 4. They live in Glastonbury, England. Lou teaches biology and music in a high school for dyslexic students.

Megan Hanson lives in the SF Bay area. A professional chef, she is taking her renegade nutrition road show to schools, homes, offices and social service organizations to get people interested in healthy food. Contact her at mehatsa@hotmail.com, and read an article she wrote about her first foray into South Central L.A.: www.chefann.com/blog/?p=920.

Chad Mead is global head of infrastructure security at JP Morgan Chase and a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars. He lives in Columbus with wife Robin and daughters Suzanne, 10, Kennedy, 8, and Cassidy, 5. Contact him if you're in the area.

Catherine Noujaim lives in Farmington, CT, "still single, no pets, no kids." She's involved in community theater and works at the local library. She sees **Dan Mathews** occasionally and would love to meet up with anyone in the area.

Jen Bayon lives in Libertyville, IL, where she moved in Aug. after eight years in Paris and Rome. She heads up marketing for Yes To Carrots, an all-natural line of hair/face/body products. She returns to Rome once a month to see her husband,

who is completing his post at the French Embassy. Jen would love to connect with alums in the area.

Beth Fiteni is the program director at a local environmental organization on Long Island. She is on the board of the U.S. Green Building Council L.I. chapter and was chosen as one of the L.I. Business News' "Top 40 under 40." She sings and subs as a cantor at various churches. She'd love to hear from anyone in the area.

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David Tretout continues to work with husband Benjamin (the owner) at Jolie Restaurant in Brooklyn, NY. Jolie is in its fourth year and continues to be a favorite among Brooklynites and bon vivants throughout the globe! "Our new entry into the noted Michelin Guide celebrates what Jolie does best — good friends, good wine and good friends! Thanks to Camels and friends all over..."

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Keri Sarajian and **Rick Stratton** are the proud parents of Beckett Asador Stratton, who turned 1 on Feb. 8. They live in Milwaukee, and Keri works with SC Johnson.

Rachel Benoit and James Brucker were married on 2/1/08 at Kona Village on the big island of Hawaii. Additional alumni at the wed-

ding included **Jennifer Geller**. Rachel is a graphic designer in the hotel industry and James is a librarian at Northwestern University. They live in Chicago.

Fox Reutlinger Ritchay lives in Louisville, KY, with husband David and children Barton, 4, and Virginia, 2. David is a project manager for a housing developer, and Fox has been working on a few art commissions.

Vin Farrell has taken on a new position as head of production, digital studio, for a company called R/GA. He lives in Manhattan with wife Gretchen and daughter Lola Jane, who turned 1 in Sept.

Laura Bayon Ross is also a mom now! Daughter Emilia Grace turned 1 on March 13.

Laura Pearl Shapiro was married in Sept. Apparently she and her new husband, David Shapiro, grew up two towns apart from each other but never met until '06! Camels present at the wedding were **Lisa Peraner**, **Brooks Wales '97** and **Molly Nolan**. Laura has finished her second master's degree in organization and leadership and now works in an admissions office.

More baby news! On 12/31 at 7:37 a.m., **Sarah Davies Kim** and husband Andy welcomed Eleanor Saehwan Kim into their family! She was a very healthy and happy 7 lbs. 8 oz., and was 19.5 inches long.

Angela Mandelfino got married last year—she and husband Ed Riley celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 17. Alumni in attendance at their wedding included **Stacey Donahoe** and **Katherine Guilault Hass**.

Braden Hammer was married on 7/14 to Renee Vical. Luke Cavagnac '95 was there with his wife and son. Brady works at the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Gwen Fairweather Varady and Eric welcomed son Windsor Ian on 4/14/07. "He's turned our lives upside down, but we couldn't be happier." The Varadys live in Newtown, PA, and Gwen is an associate director at Bristol Myers Squibb in NJ.

Finally, in fabulous wedding news, it thrills me to report that this past Aug. **Gretchen Shuman** married Ethan Platt on

a gorgeous sunny day up in ME, where Gretchen has been sum-mering since she was a kid. In attendance were many Camels, including **Amanda Watson Hicks**, **Kate Barker Romm**, **Sarah Davies Kim**, **Meghan Clay Hamilton**, **Louisa Heller**, **Kiernan Warble**, **Sonja Weissbach**, **Anne Hinsman** and, of course, yours truly! Meg and her husband, Nate Hamilton, brought their new daughter, Amelia, who had arrived in July! Unable to attend were **Dana Mann Pedro** and husband Jeff, who had just welcomed new son Max less than two weeks before.

And by the way ... just in case any of you find your way out to Nantucket, please look me up — because I have moved back! I am the general manager for a company called Annie & the Tees, Inc. So just wander off the boat and yell "Paone!!!" I will come running.

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Emily Joyce Oakes and **Ryan Oakes** live in Norwalk, CT, with their two daughters, Morgan (born Sept. '05) and Addison (born in Aug.). Ryan is a partner with Accenture, and Emily has taken a career hiatus to stay home with the girls. "We are lucky enough to have many 'aunties' come visit and babysit, including **Meg Hammond**, **Lena Borst**, **Valerie Martin**, **Megan Tucker Gimbel** and **Margaret Siegel**." They also see fellow Norwalk neighbors **Wendy Waesche Lavallee** and daughter Kate, and have playgroup with **Darcy Devin Amann** and daughter Anika. The Oakes catch up with **Nick Henry** and **Emily Cobb Henry** and daughters Ella and Annie when they're visiting the NYC area.

Ginger Warner Bunn and husband Rob welcomed triplet boys on 7/25. Their names are Winston Robert, Wesley James and Charles (Charlie) Raymond.

Jamie Diane Brooks loves living in Ottawa, Canada. She and her husband bought a house there two years ago. They still have a lovable boxer/rottweiler, Tiger. Jamie works in a

private psychology practice and is registering as a psychological associate with The College of Psychologists of Ontario. Her work focuses mainly on cognitive assessment. The winters are cold (minus 40!), but Jamie enjoys the cross-country skiing and ice skating. They have the longest outdoor skating rink (4 miles) in North America, and she can ski at the end of her street all winter long.

Karen Tseng DeVita and **George DeVita** live in OH so that George can be golf pro at Muirfield Village Golf Club. Son Connor was born in Feb. '07. They see **Ryan Fox** and wife Emily every New Year and miss New England very much. They said it was OK to print that they hate OH!

Carter Page Catalano and Paul announce the births of Abigail Page on 12/16/05 and Benjamin Paul last 9/20. They are still running the Ice Cream Smuggler, located in Dennis, Cape Cod, and they see many CC alums and parents, including **John Melillo's** parents and George and Karen DeVita.

Ryan Eschauzier married Meredith Dunn Murray on 8/11 in East Boothbay, ME. She is a paralegal, and he is a high-school graphic arts teacher. Ryan's twin brother, **Chase Eschauzier**, was best man.

Kara Cicchetti married David Anderson on 6/23. She earned a master's degree in historic preservation from Boston U. and is a project manager for Architectural Heritage Foundation in Boston. David teaches at Olin College of Engineering and is president of Exact Engineering in Wellesley, MA.

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Eileen Sullivan married Salvador Hernandez on Nov. 16 in Nashville, TN. She completed her master's degree in counseling at Vanderbilt U. and is employed with Metro Nashville Public Schools, where she is an elementary-school counselor. Sal practices law in Nashville with the firm Bowen Riley Warnock & Jacobson PLC.

Sam Vanderlip and Julia Dobrokhotova celebrated the arrival of daughter, Ekaterina (Katya), on 11/23 at 8:25 a.m. Moscow time.

Pilar Vahey and Matthew Digan were married on 8/25/07 in Mattituck, NY. Additional alumni at the wedding included **Cassie Marrs Levesque**, **Nonie White**, **Anna Stancioff** and **Molly Carrott Taylor**. Pilar is an art consultant and Matthew works at Time Inc. Interactive. They live in Williamsburg, NY.

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Sara Whitman Burns married Matthew Forbes Davis on 1/19 in NYC. She is an assistant vice president/meeting planner with Wachovia Corp. in Manhattan. Matthew is the director of sales for NYC & Co., a city marketing and tourism organization.

Elizabeth Wohl and Rebecca Balint announce the arrival of their new son, Abraham Balint-Wohl, on 11/24. Elizabeth and Rebecca live in Brattleboro, VT, where Elizabeth practices law with Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC.

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Erik Gammell married Samantha Anne Tardiff on 5/19/07 in RI. The Camels in attendance ranged from the groom's mother, class of 1971, to the groom's sister, class of 2010, and many in between. They included: Tyler Mills '02, **Tomas Burcaw**, Amy O'Donnell Burcaw '01, **Timothy Hanson**, **Matt Cipriano**, Erik Woodhouse '98, **Matt Maher**, Waker von Berg '01, Laura-Hope Gammell '10, Janet Howland '74, **Rachel Godfrey** and Frances Howland Gammell-Roach '71 P'00 P'10.

Andrea Salvatore and Andrew MacDowell were married on 8/25/07 in Baltimore, MD. Alumni in attendance were **Jennifer Barsamian**, **Deborah Bry**, **Kate Elliott Moccioia**, Janet Esquirol '99, **Kim Hoffman** and **Madeleine McChesney**. Andrea is pursuing

a graduate degree at Georgetown University while Andrew continues to develop their new media company, Good Screen Media. Several Camels had a hand in getting them to the altar. Deborah Bry set them up on their first date after meeting at a party in the NYC apartment of **Rob Savage** and **Jordan Kaplan** back in 2001.

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Stephanie Matthews lives in England, where she's completing her Ph.D. She and fiance Lt. Jonathan Parker, Royal Navy, visited South Africa in Feb.

Fred Yeon is working on his M.B.A. at Bentley College, considering a dual degree in Human Factors in Information Design.

In Oct., **Delia Dubois** was promoted to operations manager at Verizon Wireless in the Mall of New Hampshire (Manchester). She joined the company in March '06. She sings with the Merrimack Community Chorus and WomenSpiritSong.

Kevin Wilkinson completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently working on his post-doc. He spends time with fiancée Flor de Maria Evangelista Montoya.

David McMurtry is in India where he recently spent time with Justine Barush '03. See them at www.thefrasticycogi.com.

Connie Mosher married Souki Syharat on 7/28 at Wickham Park, Manchester, CT. On 7/21, they were joined in a traditional Lao wedding and blessing ceremony in East Hartford. Connie teaches Spanish at Simsbury High School, and Souki is a guidance counselor at Killingly Intermediate School. Camels in attendance were **Leslie Woodis McLaughlin**, **Liz Dalton Honer**, **Jess Benoit**, Christy Thompson '00 and Andrea Morris '00.

Jaimie Atlas works in the experiential education department at the Oakley School, a therapeutic-based boarding school near Park City, UT. She helps high-school kids deal with

addictions, family conflict, substance abuse and other challenges. She works with **Chris Hawk** and Beth Ketainck. Jaimie sees **Anne Babler Hoagland**, who lives in Salt Lake City and just had a baby girl. **Jenny Mazner** visits her from San Diego, where she is a social worker.

Elizabeth Norton married Matthew Woods on 7/14 on Cape Cod. She received her master's from Lesley U. and teaches fourth grade in Pembroke, MA. Matthew is a manager in the mergers and acquisitions department at Deloitte Touche. The couple honeymooned in HI and live in South Boston.

Bess Gildersleeve married Mike Alviar on 9/8 in Portland, CT. Camels present were maid-of-honor **Sona Alboycian**, **Rebecca Bodfish**, Josh Neiman '00 and Ceara Mahoney '02. Bess and Mike live in NYC. Bess is completing a master's in adolescent education in English at Hunter College (CUNY).

Maggie Goldwasser graduated from George Washington U. last spring with her master's in environmental policy. She is an environmental consultant in VA.

Erin Gates started an interior design company, Element Interiors, and a style blog, www.elementstyle.blogspot.com, which has been featured on AOL Living. She was asked to become a contributing writer for the "Living" section of The Huffington Post.

Aid worker **Kate Tomkins** finished a year in Aceh, Indonesia, last fall. Next stops: Afghanistan, then Sudan.

Cindy Erickson is an assistant attorney general in the Child Protection Division for the CT Office of the Attorney General. She loves her job!

Sarah Dashnaw Burton works for Sonalysts in Waterford, where she met husband Patrick. They were married in Harkness Chapel on 4/17/04. Son Noah was born 7/20. Sarah is "doing the mommy thing and loving every minute of it."

Amy Lynch is a senior research associate in the biochemistry department at Sirtris Pharmaceuticals, Boston. She was one of the first authors of a paper recently published in *Nature* on type-2

diabetes treatment.

Claire Olivier lives in Guatemala, working for Pop Atz'iak to increase the participation and leadership of indigenous women in their communities. She contributed to the new book *Psycho-Political Aspects of Suicide Warriors, Terrorism and Martyrdom*.

Eric Welch and **Kristin Kling** were married 9/1. Eric completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at U. of California-Berkeley and is working on his post-doc at Princeton. Kristin is an associate scientist at Palatin Technologies, Cranbury, NJ, working on projects ranging from sexual dysfunction to congestive heart failure.

Becky Nyce is pursuing a master's in education at Harvard. After graduation, she hopes to return to the nonprofit world, partnering with schools to serve urban youth and families.

Amanda Mochan and **Anthony Fratta** ran into each other at 3:30 a.m. at a Manhattan bar. They're glad to be back in touch after seven years.

Since '01, **Joshua Keeney** has spent much of each year on Martha's Vineyard. For the last three years, he's worked at the Winnetu Oceanside Resort, most recently as the front office manager/concierge. He completed his master's in organizational psychology at Springfield College last May. Recent travels include Montego Bay, Jamaica; Jackson, WY; FL, Costa Rica and the US Virgin Islands; and he traveled to HI to volunteer in the jungle at an eco-spa/yoga retreat center.

02 *Correspondents:* Katie McAlaine, kmcaine@gmail.com; Melissa Minehan, 7533 Buckingham Drive, Apt. 2E, Clayton, MO 63150, melissa.minehan@gmail.com and Lylia Tyrrell, 418 Saint Asaph, Alexandria, VA 22314, lytynrrell@wulaw.wustl.edu **Emily McDonald** will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina, until Sept., undertaking research on medical tourism with the support of a Fulbright-Hays grant. She would love to meet up with any Camels who are traveling or living in the area!

Yomaira Taveras Escano and Charles Escano celebrated the arrival of their daughter, Alicia Maribel, on 8/17.

After Peace Corps in Guatemala, **Katlyn Stillings Morris** earned her master's in environmental international policy at Boston U. While in the program she met Bill Boykin Morris. They were married on 6/30, and Camels in attendance were Evan Allen '01 and **Carolyn D'Alessio**. Katlyn is now pursuing a Ph.D. at the U. of Vermont; she and Bill live in Burlington, VT, and enjoyed skiing last winter.

Adam Boros is earning his master's in development studies at the U. of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He continues to work at Joint Aid Management, now as the head of South African programs. He recently visited the States, prompting a "Pole-Alia" New York 2007 with **Don (Kelts) Kelton**, **Josh Katz**, **Wilbert Quintanilla**, **Jeff Oviedo** and Dan (The Pole) Kujawinski '01. And yes, there were T-shirts made — too bad you missed them! Don is a Miami Teaching Fellow, teaching middle-school history; Josh is earning his M.B.A. from the U. of Michigan. Wilbert is working at the Latin American Youth Center in Washington, DC, and Jeff is recruiting for Bank of America. Pole is working for a social health service that aids the homeless. Adam ("Tomato") also spent a week in Eleuthera where he visited **Kate McAlaine**, who continues to teach social studies and art at the Deep Creek Middle School.

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Jocalyn Emslander and Mike Embrey were married on 7/6 in Cincinnati. Alumni at the wedding included **Sophie Archangeault** (bridesmaid), Laura Knisely '02 (bridesmaid), **Abi Kornet**, **Lindsey Hellmann**, Peter Wetzel '01, **Libby Mirabile** and **Margaret Guernsey**. Jocalyn is a nurse working in the medical intensive care unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Mike graduated in Jan. with a dual degree in economics and urban planning. They live in Baltimore.

Rachel James and Jordan

Ullman were married 11/3 in Philadelphia. Alumni at the wedding included Evan Cooper '00, Amy Lieb Cooper '01, **Jeremy Dobish**, **Molly Lippman**, **Jim Quinn**, **Andrea Socha**, **Chloe Schon** and Jordan Geary '04. Rachel is a kindergarten teacher and Jordan is a fifth-grade teacher. They live in Ewing, NJ.

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Eileen Ridge ran the 112th Boston Marathon on 4/21. She joined the Run for Cover Team to help combat the rising rate of melanoma and melanoma deaths by collecting pledges for the Melanoma Foundation of New England, which provides educational programs targeting the prevention and early detection of skin cancer and melanoma in both children and adults. Eileen lost her mother to the disease in '06 and feels personally invested in raising the awareness of the dangers of the sun. The Class sends sympathy to Eileen on the loss of her mother. Contact her at Eileen.ridge@yahoo.com.

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After graduating early, **Ursula Bailey** relocated to NY, where she studies medicine at Columbia U. She spends time with other alumni throughout the city.

Since Aug., **Kelly Barkley** has been working as a marketing fellow and development director for the Patrons Program, a nonprofit that helps improve NY public schools. She enjoys her job, which involves writing grants, planning and executing fundraising events, and much more.

Intrepid scientist **Kerri Casey** works as a research assistant at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts U., where she studies behavioral neuroendocrinology.

English major **Sarah Currie** is now on the other side of the

desk, working as a sixth-grade English teaching aide at the Brookwood School. She lives in Cambridge, MA, and is pursuing an education degree at Lesley U.

Ten days after graduation, **Concetta Duncan** moved to NC to begin her first job as press and marketing associate for the American Dance Festival. Rushed into the whirlwind of the festival's busiest season, Concetta found the experience incredible. She saw the familiar faces of CC professors David Dorfman and Lisa Race and met new choreographers from across the globe, including premier artists from Russia, Argentina and Cambodia. Months after graduation and a summer after meeting half of the choreographers in her dance history textbook, she is now hard at work preparing for the festival's 75th anniversary.

Emily Gagen is employed at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern U.'s Chicago campus, where she works in the department of preventive medicine as a research assistant and coordinator on two studies about depression interventions in primary care and on a study about stress and multiple sclerosis.

Biology major **Alyse LaLiberte** lives in her home state of RI, where she is a researcher in the Psychiatry and Human Behavior Department at Brown U.

Ian Leue is putting the knowledge he acquired as a music and technology major to good use as a technology associate for Bridgewater Associates, a CT-based global investment company.

Amy Martin is back home in MD. She works for the Human Rights Campaign, a DC group that advocates lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equal rights.

Native New Yorker **Sophie Mathewson** is also back in her hometown, where she works as a hostess at Rain, an upscale Thai restaurant, and as a waitress at Sarabeth's, an American-style restaurant.

Neil McGowan is attending Cleveland State U., where he is continuing his studies in law and business by pursuing his J.D./M.B.A.

NJ's **Alexis Meisels** has moved one state to the right, where she works at a nonprofit called the Municipal Art Society of New York, which has been enhancing the culture and livability of NYC since 1893. Alexis enjoys doing marketing and event planning in the fundraising department. Last fall, she coordinated seven panel discussions all over the city on topics such as "Is New York Losing Its Soul?"

Since graduation, **Brenna Muller** has been traveling the East Coast with the Back Porch Energy Initiative, a nonprofit group that she co-founded with several students from the College of William & Mary. The group educates students and others about the importance of environmental sustainability and how to make their communities more eco-friendly.

Elizabeth Parillo is also hard at work on environmental issues, studying renewable energy at the U. of Oldenburg in Oldenburg, Germany, where she has been since the fall. E-liz plans to return to America at the end of spring, at which time she will continue her studies in MT.

Class of '07 blogger **Jaime Pepper** splits her time between watching the skies and watching a 1-year-old (no, she's not already a mother). Jaime works part time at the Harvard Observatory and part time as a nanny in Newton, MA. You can read more about her life at <http://lifeafter.conncoll.edu>.

Cammie Phelps is working at Phillips Academy in Andover, MA, as a teaching fellow and loves it. On her weekends off, she often goes to Boston to hang out with CC friends and plans on visiting campus this spring to see some water polo games.

Brenna Sulat is living in Boston and working at Berklee College of Music as a donor records specialist. She enjoys helping to raise money for Berklee and spends plenty of time hanging out with other Camels.

Mary Butler Melcher '32, of Redlands, CA, died on Jan. 31.*

Drusilla Fielding Stemper '32, of New Harbor, ME, died on Jan. 25. Drusilla was the first baby born in the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London, CT, in 1912. After graduating from Connecticut College, she served as secretary to presidents Katharine Blunt and Rosemary Park. Drusilla was predeceased by her husband of 14 years, Herman Stemper. She leaves two sisters, Ruth Fielding Henard '42 and Elizabeth Fielding '38; a brother-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Cary Bauer Bresnan '34, of Wethersfield, CT, died on Jan. 2. She leaves her daughter, Eugenia Bresnan Seybold '68.

Marjorie Anne Fulstow Price '42, of Vero Beach, FL, died on Feb. 5. She designed houses for her husband's company, Price Construction. She enjoyed painting watercolors, traveling, horses, Native American culture, gardening and spending time with her family. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert C. Price, a brother, and a daughter. She leaves two daughters, three sons-in-law, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane Dole Morton '43, of Watsonville, CA, died on Dec. 8. She was a teaching fellow at the University of Virginia and University of Washington, where she met her husband, John Stephens Morton. After living in Tokyo for 12 years, her family moved to the United States and planted avocados on a small farm in Aromas, CA. She also served as a commissioner on the Aromas Fire Board for 32 years. She was a fan of traveling, and her family explored the Taj Mahal, visited Jerusalem, and saw the sphinx and pyramids of Giza.

Elizabeth (Libby) Massey Ballinger '44, of Newtown Square, PA, died on Jan. 22. Libby worked as a pastoral care counselor and helped the terminally ill cope with dying for more than two decades. She was predeceased by her

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Nellie Fuller Mattacotti '29, of Colgate, WI, died on Dec. 24, 2006.*†

husband of 57 years, John Montgomery Ballinger, and her son. She leaves four children and seven grandchildren.

Betty Gilpin Marshall '45, of Vero Beach, FL, died on Jan. 24. In Maryland, she was a volunteer for many organizations, including the "Gray Ladies" at the National Institutes of Health and the Girl Scouts of Maryland. In Florida, she facilitated the Widows and Widowers Support Group at the First Church of God. She was preceded in death by her first husband of 47 years, Walter Griffith. She leaves her husband of 12 years, Alvin Marshall, three daughters, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Charlotte (Polly) Beers Perrault '45, of Silver Spring, MD, died on April 8, 2007.*

Elaine DuCharme Fowler '47, of Silver Spring, MD, died on March 20. She worked as the associate dean of women at Miami University in Ohio where she met her husband, Walter Fowler. She enjoyed bingo, canasta and Nintendo Wii bowling. She leaves her husband, two children, daughter-in-law and grandson.

Jacqueline Dorrance Mehlhop '47, of Orinda, CA, died on Dec. 2. She was recruited by the American Red Cross shortly after graduating from the College and provided programs for the United Nations troops in Korea. After becoming a parent, Jackie used her spare time to volunteer as a Girl Scout troop leader and area cookie chairperson. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister. She leaves her husband of 48 years, Carl Mehlhop; three children and their spouses; six grandchildren; two siblings; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Prudence Tallman Wood '48, of La Jolla, CA, died on Sept. 12. She was a professional non-fiction writer and earned many awards for her work. Prudence was also an active volunteer and was involved in animal advocacy and clean ocean projects in her community. She leaves four children and seven grandchildren.

Sharon (Shannie) McLean Doremus '49, of Morristown, NJ, died on March 6. She was active in historic preservation and co-authored several historical books. Shannie enjoyed the opera and spending time with her family in the Adirondacks, Pennsylvania and Florida. She was also an avid tennis player, golfer and gardener. She was predeceased by one sister. She leaves her husband, Richard Doremus, two daughters, two siblings, and four grandchildren.

Rosamund (Roz) Connolly Barber '52, of Charlestown, RI, died on Nov. 29. Before starting a family, she worked in the biology department at Brown University. Roz enjoyed classical music, needlepoint, playing bridge and working in her garden. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Barber. She leaves three children and three grandchildren.

Phyllis Waldstreicher Mond '52, of Freeport, NY, died on Nov. 9. She was predeceased by her husband, Bertrand Mond.

Mary Lou Weppner '53, of Buffalo, NY, died on March 8. She was predeceased by a sister. She leaves her daughter, three grandchildren, seven siblings, and nieces and nephews.

Marianne Somers Maxwell '54, of Pinellas Park, FL, died on April 6, 2005.* †

Judith Pearce Bennett '57, of West Hartford, CT, died on Feb. 11. She was an active volunteer, serving as a founding member of the Bridgewater United Methodist Church in New Jersey and a Special Olympics organizer. She recently worked as a tax preparer and tax software tester. She leaves four children and their spouses and seven grandchildren.

Adele Brewer Nelson '65, of Bernardsville, NJ, died on July 22, 2007. Adele was an expert in matters of interior design and wedding planning. She also owned an advertising agency and travel service. She leaves her husband, Francis Nelson; her father and his wife; a brother and his wife; a daughter and her husband; a son and

his wife; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews including Andrew Skeen '88.

Jeanette Chao '78, of Lebanon, PA, died on March 20. Jeanette was born in the Republic of China and came to the United States when she was 5 years old without knowing any English. A devout Christian, she was committed to faith and actively involved in her church.

John Muller '80, of New York, NY, died on Feb. 5. John was a writer and producer. In 2000 he co-produced *The Oldest Gig in Town*, a documentary finalist in the Tribeca Film Festival. He worked for the Financial News Network as a cameraman, engineer and producer in addition to creating his own works. Also an authority on Internet marketing and real estate, John served as chairman and president of Inhaven Online and president of Edax Realty.

Henrik Takkenberg '90, of Madrid, Spain, died on Nov. 25, 2006. He was a producer and member of the Spanish music group Chambao.†

Virginia Knauff Kelly '92, of East Lyme, CT, died on March 4. Before marrying John Kelly in 1956, she worked as an X-ray technician at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London, CT. She and her husband later ran Kelly's Refrigeration Service for about 50 years. Virginia also volunteered in the New London Trolley Building where she narrated tours and provided local history to visitors. She was predeceased by her brother and her mother, Mabel Barnes Knauff '32. She leaves her husband, two sons, a daughter-in-law, a brother, two sisters-in-law, and six nieces and nephews.

Diane Donaldson MA'67, of Allentown, PA, died on Feb. 22. She was a school psychologist for the Northampton Intermediate Unit in Stroudsburg, PA, for many years before retiring in 1997. She was a fan of *Xena: Warrior Princess* and enjoyed watching the series with her nephew, Shane. Diane was predeceased by a nephew.

She leaves a brother and his wife, one niece, two nephews, and numerous cousins.

Grace L. Denison, of Waterford, CT, died on March 9. Grace retired from Connecticut College dining services in July 1994. She was predeceased by four sisters and two brothers. She leaves her son and his wife, Cindy Denison, who works in accounting; three daughters including Judy Schofield, who works in information services; two sons-in-law; 26 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and her extended Connecticut College family.

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics **Ernest Carl Schlesinger**, of New London, CT, died on March 3. He taught at Connecticut College from 1962-1996 but maintained strong ties to the College with his wife, Gabriella, after retirement. Professor Schlesinger continued to be a regular attendee at mathematics department seminars and teas up to this past fall semester. In addition to his wife of almost 50 years, he leaves his two children.

Jeffrey Smith, of New London, CT, died on March 31. Jeff worked as a horticulturalist the College since 1993. He was predeceased by his first wife, Abbie Morasky. In 1995 he married Linda Lee Kolada Brine Smith, who survives him. He also leaves his mother, two brothers, two stepdaughters and their husbands, and two grandchildren.

CORRECTION: Norman L. Pollock is the son-in-law of **Sylvia Hendel Irwin '32**. He was misidentified in the Winter 2008 issue of *CC: Magazine* in the obituary column. We apologize for the error. Sylvia passed away on Oct. 28. She leaves two children, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

* Full obituary unavailable at the time of publication.
† The College only recently learned of this death.



Class of 1956 alumnae gather for their annual holiday luncheon at the Metropolitan Museum Trustees Dining Room. Top row: Jill Long Leinbach, Laura Elliman Patrick, Suzanna Martin Reardon and Marge Lewin Ross. Seated: Suzi Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer, Marie Garibaldi, Prudy Murphy Parris and Joyce Bagley Rheingold.



Michael Hackett '00 married Nancy Rhea Steedle on 7/21/07 in Lititz, PA. Front row, l-r: Irina Telyukova '99, Alyssa Yeager '01, Michael, Nancy, Margo Walerysiak '03, Mariyan Zumbulev '01 and Eleni Lampadariou '00. Back row: Michael Schindler '99, Adam Flynn '99, Brenda Flynn '00 and Christopher Portante '01.



John Trimble '99 married Jessica Rumpf on 10/13/07 at the Massachusetts Audubon Nature Sanctuary in Belmont. L-r: Virginia and Masayuki Takahashi '99, Jessica, John, Elise Carpenter, and Clay Bennett '99.



From left, Jeff Oviedo '02, Adam Boros '02, Wilbert Quintanilla '02 and Dan Kujawinski '01 get together in New York last year.



Aighleann McKiernan '04 (center) hosted Annie Tselikis '04 and Chelsea Hanson '04 at her home in Scariff, on the west coast of Ireland, during Thanksgiving 2007.



Oliver Friedrich Becker, born 9/23 to Lisa Friedrich Becker '92.



Brian Newell '05 and Natalie Prestiano '05 married 6/2/07. Front: Sarah Folsom '05, Dana Grande '05, Colin Foote '05, Mallory Kowal; back: Chris Mastellone '05, John Mancarella '05, Eric Plapper '08, Ross Morin '05, Brian, Ryan Harnedy '07, Natalie and Tim Ley '06.



Jeremy Beard '93 married Lindsay Schmidt 11/3/2007. Front, l-r: Edward Vietor '99, Eric Sensenbrenner '93, Jeremy and Lindsay, Jean-Paul Duvivier '93, Damien Robinson '97, John Facenda '97. Back: Ashish Shah '97, John Bartlett '93, Richard Grasso '96, Ribby Sensenbrenner '92, Stephen Bartlett '97, John Howard '74, Vaidas Nutautas '02, Elizabeth Schmidt '64, Brendan Jones '97, Heather Henderson '92, Kevin Henderson '93, John Mozena, Megan Gimbel '97, Elizabeth Delaney '06, Bradford Dolan '97, Elena Dolan, James Gimbel '97 and Adam Gimbel '91.



Alumni, faculty and staff celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of religious studies professor Gene Gallagher, at table, and Jennifer Brosius Gallagher '78, next to him, in February. Also pictured: Jane Engelke '82; chemistry professor Marc Zimmer; retired professor Scott Warren; retired dean Beverly Kowal '90; Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks; Bridget McShane, director of Alumni Relations; Jesse Fink '05; and Kathy Gardner.



Ricki Chapman McGlashan '68 with her two granddaughters, Eliza and Kira. Ricki says, "Maybe they will become third-generation Camels!"



Mason Bogert, son of Amy Gleason Bogert '76 and Robert Baldwin, associate professor of art history, in Lake Michigan in Aug. '07.



Jonathan Marks '76, left, visits with Charles Chu, professor emeritus of Chinese, at an exhibition of Chu's paintings in Middletown in April.



Lisel Allen Hettinger '93 with husband John and daughter Anna Grace.

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Isabelle Madoff, Jeannine Riley Madoff '84, Neil Helman '84 and Alec Madoff '83 (l-r) enjoy dinner at Round Pond, ME, in August 2007 during their annual summer trip to Maine.



Winston, Wesley and Charles were born on 7/25/07 to Rob and Ginger Warner Bunn '97.



Braden Hammer '96 married Renee Vicerol on 7/14/07 in Los Angeles.



Eric Welch '01 and Kristin Kling '01 were married on 9/1/07.



Jennifer Ahlen Carroll '93 with daughter Emory, born 10/26/07.



Gretchen Shuman Platt '96 married Ethan Platt in summer 2007. From left: Sarah Davies Kim '96, Louisa Heller '96, Amanda Watson Hicks '96, Anne Hinsman '96, Robb Hicks '96, Gretchen, Ethan, Sonja Weissbach '96, Kiernan Warble '96, Lisa Paone '96, Kate Barker Romm '96 and Meg Clay Hamilton '96.



Karla Heurich Harrison '28, seated at center; her daughter Jan King Evans Houser '54, standing, in blue shirt; and her daughter Karla Evans MacMahon '80, seated far right, gather with their family to celebrate Karla Harrison's 100th birthday.



Robert and Susan King Danos '93 with their children, Henry, Marie and Liza.



Katlyn Stillings Morris '02 married Bill Boykin Morris 6/30/07.



Lonnie Jones Schorer, Carolyn Boyan Raymond, Susan Hall Veccia, Debbie Morris Kulby and Linda Osborne Bennett (l-r), all from the Class of '63, get ready for a sail on Chesapeake Bay in October.



Zoe Klein Henriquez '99 married Jorge Henriquez on 10/27. L-r: Katie Minor Kheel '99, Sarah Weir Iosco '99, Christian Iosco '99, Jorge, Zoe, Wes Harris '98, Crystal Carton '99 and Adam Larkey '01.



Elizabeth "Libby" Friedman '80 and Elizabeth "Lee" Stack '79 enjoy cocktails at the Kona Inn in Kona, HI, in December 2007.



Alicia Henderson Speaker '43 and Susan Manley Price '53 met on a trip in the Atlantic Coastal Waterway in fall '07.



Gale Craigie Chidlaw '49 with daughter Margaret Chidlaw at Deception Island off Antarctica in January 2007.



Andrew Snyder '92 and his wife, Gayle, welcomed Julia to the world on 1/18/08.



Linda Sittenfeld '77, Tom Howland '77 and Leslie Whitcomb '76 at the Ice Bar in Stockholm, Sweden.



Connie Mosher '01 married Souki Syharat on 7/28/07 at Wickham Park in Manchester, CT.

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DEAR FELLOW ALUMNI,

After careful consideration of the Alumni Association's needs and a broad pool of candidates, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of directors for the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for the 2008-2011 term. The candidates named are presented as a single slate according to the bylaws of the Association. Please indicate your support by either calling 1-800-888-7549 or e-mailing the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@conncoll.edu no later than June 25.

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Thank you,
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- *Prescott Hafner '80, Santa Rosa, CA*
- *Ryan Chan '00, Brooklyn, NY*
- *Anne Mickle '89, Stevenson, MD*

- *Travis Reid '03, Elmwood Park, NJ*
- *Kathryn D. Smith '84, Worcester, MA*
- *Robin Wilson '82, New Haven, CT*

CURRENT DIRECTORS

Carol Blake Boyd '72

Serving on the Alumni Board since 2005, Carol has participated on the Board's women's decade committee, the mentoring committee and the Annual Fund committee. She serves as a Class Agent Chair for her class. In the past, Carol has also been a class co-correspondent, from 1978-1986, and a Class Agent. Carol is very active within her community, serving as vice president for Youth Haven Inc. She is a wealth strategist at Northern Trust and a vice president in the Personal Financial Services division. Carol lives in Naples, Fla., with her husband, Peter, and their two sons.

Andrew Bogle '94

Andrew has served on the Alumni Board since 2005. He has participated on the Board's programming committee as well as the Annual Fund committee and the '90s programming committee. Andrew volunteers as an alumni admissions representative, Reunion co-chair for his 15th reunion and Class Agent. He works in New York City for the Robin Hood Foundation.

Christy Burke '93

Christy has served on the Alumni Board since 2005. She has chaired the

programming committee, which has launched new alumni programming including the Distinguished Alumni Networking Series. She has been involved with her class most recently as a Reunion committee member. Christy owns and operates her own PR/marketing firm and lives in New York City.

Connie Smith Gemmer '80

Connie has served on the Alumni Board since 2005. She chairs the Reunion/awards committee and has also worked on the programming committee. She has served the college as a Class Agent, class correspondent and a parent fund committee member. Connie is also co-chairing her class' 30th reunion. Connie is a partner of Barton & Gingold, a public affairs consulting firm in Portland, Maine, where she lives with her husband, Fred, and their four children, including Annie, Class of 2010.

William Kane '84

Will joined the Alumni Board in 2005. He has chaired the mentoring committee, has been a Reunion committee member, and has volunteered as a Class Agent Chair for more than 10 years. Will currently works at Keryx Biopharmaceuticals as vice president of Commercial Operations. He lives with his wife,

Tanya, and their two children, Morgan and Alexander, in Westport, Conn.

Chris McDaniel '94

A member of the Alumni Board since 2005, Chris has participated on the Annual Fund and '90s programming committees. He has also served as Class Agent and Class Agent Chair and on the Annual Fund council. Chris is a vice president at JP Morgan Chase and lives in Rye, N.Y.

Rick Stratton '96

Rick joined the Alumni Board in 2005. He has served on the nominations committee and the '90s programming committee. Rick has served as a class correspondent for his class. He is currently creating a software system called Feed.Us. Rick lives in Milwaukee with his wife, Keri Lynn Sarajian '96, and his son, Beckett.

Jean Tierney Taub '58

Jean has served on the board since 2005 and currently serves as the Class Agent Chair and is an active member of her Reunion planning committee. On the board, Jean has worked with the Annual Fund committee as well as the women's decade committee. Jean owns an insurance agency and loves the challenges that this entrepreneurial life has presented to her. Jean and her husband, Donald, have two daughters,

Kate and Susan, and a son, Robert, as well as five grandchildren.

NEW DIRECTORS

David Ewing '89

An economics and government major, after graduation David received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University. David is involved within the Nashville community, serving on the board of the Nashville Symphony, Nashville Opera and Friends of Warner Park and on the advisory board at Montgomery Bell Academy. For the past six years David served on the board of Capital Bank & Trust of Nashville, which was sold last year to Renasant Bank. He works as an attorney in Nashville, where he lives with his wife, author Alice Randall.

Stephen "Knute" Gregg '94

After a double major in political science and Hispanic studies, Knute went on to receive his J.D. from Lewis & Clark College. An active member of his class, Knute has served as a Class Agent, Class Agent Chair, admissions representative and Reunion committee member. He also worked as an alumni fellow at the College after graduation. Knute is an associate in the Corporate Finance Group of Morrison & Foerster's Palo Alto office. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, Jillian Goldberg.

Usman Sheikh '04

Usman grew up in Pakistan and after graduation decided to stay in the United States. He double majored in economics and international relations. Usman was involved with SGA, J-Board, CISLA and various other committees while on campus. He lives in New York and works for UBS in Stamford, Conn., where he trades Latin American derivatives.

Thomas Usdin '79

Armed with a bachelor's in history, Tommy earned his J.D. from Tulane in 1985. Tommy has been active for many years on several community boards. He currently practices commercial mediation at MAPS Inc. and is also an adjunct faculty member at Tulane Law School. He lives in New Orleans with his wife, Sarah, and daughter and son.



Dean of Multicultural Affairs Elizabeth Garcia, prospective parent Delaris Ramos, prospective parent Paulina Lee and Emily Zubkoff '12, l-r, socialize at an event about diversity at the College held in New York City in April for alumni, parents and the Class of 2012.



Abby Carlen '00 and Connie Wang '02 at the New York event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are continually adding new events to our Alumni Community Calendar. For the latest information please visit our online calendar at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

Oct. 24-26

Fall Weekend. Make plans to come to campus for this fun-filled weekend for College alumni, students, parents and friends.

The Campaign Launch will coincide with Fall Weekend 2008. Join the campus community in celebrating this exciting endeavor that will help shape the future of the college.

For more information about these events call the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-888-7549 or e-mail alumni@conncoll.edu.

The Alumni Association Congratulates Legacies in the Class of 2008!

Leigh Ahrensdorf, daughter of Beverly Alfano Ahrensdorf '72

Sarah Baumann, daughter of Vivian Segall '73

Bethany Boles, daughter of Lisa Podoloff Boles '77

Linnea Camerota, daughter of Holly Camerota '98 MAT

Jacob Jerome Daniels, grandson of Nancy Pribe Greenfield '42

Claire Toshiko Dowd, granddaughter of Jane Lewis Engelke '82 RTC

Avery Ellsworth, son John Ellsworth '92 MAT

Catherine Flint, daughter of Peter Flint '79

Emily Heller, daughter of Penelope Howell-Heller '75

Matthew Jacobs, son of William Jacobs '73

Taylor Katz, daughter of Jonathan Katz '78 and Toby Mardis '78

Mackenzie Moll, daughter of Robin Wright '78

Heather Munro, daughter of Lynda Batter Munro '76

Peter Musser, son of Peter Musser '79 and Loredana Regolo Musser '80

Sarah Noble, daughter of Stephanie Bowler Noble '77

Jenna Petok, daughter of Marcie Tennen Petok '78

Caroline Roosevelt, daughter of Thomas Roosevelt '78

Renata Shypailo, daughter of Romana Figol Shypailo '81

Carley Spencer, daughter of Lisa Allen Spencer '77

John Swig, son of Susan Monzani Johnson '72

Jacob Tisher, son of Paul Tisher '74

David Tucker, son of Henry Tucker '75



Lynda Batter Munro '76 P'08, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and a Connecticut College trustee, and Ventrice Shillingford '93, president of Connecticut College Alumni of Color, at the Legacy Reception, held the night before Commencement.

Alumni Award Recipients at Reunion

College Medal

Dr. Robert E.L. Strider and Susan D. Kronick '73

Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award

Roberta Slone Smith '63

Harriet Buescher Lawrence '34 Prize

LaShawn Jefferson '88 and Anne DeLaney '83

Alumni Tribute Award

Peter Hallarman '78

Goss Award

Nancy Schoepfer Sanders '63

BRIDGES PROGRAM SEEKING ALUMNI MENTORS

The Alumni Association Board of Directors continues to gauge interest and gather names of alumni interested in mentoring a current student for the Bridges alumni mentoring program. Bridges seeks to build substantive, sustainable relationships between students and alumni. Mentors will be asked to share advice on their own career and educational and life experiences. The student then can see how the college experience is linked with subsequent academic and professional pursuits.

Matches will be based on similar personal and career/post-graduate interests. For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2300. You could be matched with a student as early as next fall.

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT OFFICER NEEDED

The College is seeking an energetic and dedicated professional to direct College Advancement programming including Reunion. Working with his or her Alumni Relations and Development colleagues, this professional will direct comprehensive programs that achieve ambitious programming and fundraising goals.

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree and relevant

experience. Relevant experience includes event planning, staff and volunteer management, and strategy development. Direct experience in College Advancement, including campaign experience, is preferred. College Advancement is looking for a team player with exceptional interpersonal skills, attention to detail, professional drive and a strong work ethic.

We welcome applications from the Connecticut College community. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to: Claire Gadrow, Assistant Vice President for College Advancement, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320.

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN REACH YOU!

Please submit any change of e-mail or mailing address to alumni@conncoll.edu so that we can continue to keep you updated about the College.

If you move seasonally, we want to make sure you're on our invitation list for alumni events we hold in your area. Please let us know your seasonal mailing address and phone number as well as the start and end dates of your stay so that we can keep our records current. Contact us at alumni@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2300.



Students enjoy lunch at Eclipse Weekend 2008 in March, an annual multicultural celebration sponsored by Connecticut College Alumni of Color (CCAC). The two-day event included a performance by poet Roger Bonair Agard and the 33rd annual Eclipse Multicultural Talent Show.



Allyson Kurker '97, Sarah Holmes McBride '97, Ianthe Hensman '06, Professor Don Peppard, Max Housman '07, Professor Bill Frasure and Shannon Senior '00, l-r, in Boston in April at a presentation by Professors Frasure and Peppard about the College's SATA and TRIP programs in Vietnam.



Jane Muddle Funkhouser '53, Marg Watson '61 and Wilma Parker Redman '43 (l-r in photo at left) along with Connie Smith Gemmer '80 (r in photo at right) and prospective students attend a presidential reception with College President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. in South Portland, ME, in April.

Thank You!

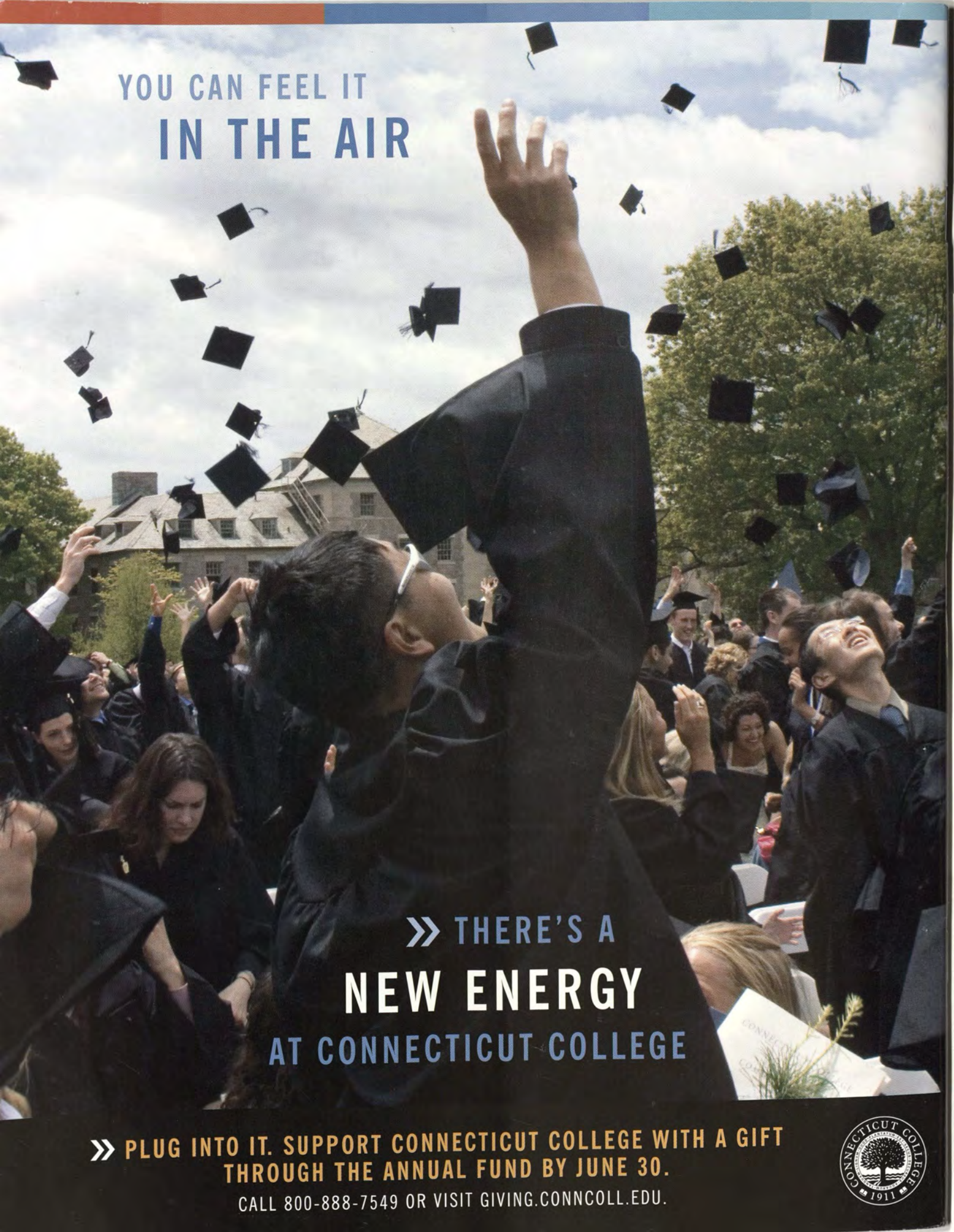
The College and the Alumni Association would like to thank the following individuals for assistance or participation in recent alumni events. We appreciate you taking the time to share your expertise with our alumni and students!

- Judith Ammerman '60
- Sara Asselin '03
- Kimberly Carron '03
- Peggie Ford Cosgrove '73
- Paige Diamond '05
- Connie Smith Gemmer '80
- Paul Greeley '79
- Doug Haynes '78 P'10
- Susan Haynes P'10
- Ianthe Hensman '06
- Bonnie Burke Himmelman '66 and Harold Himmelman
- Genie Hindall '64
- Jeff Idelson '86
- Glenn Jacobs '92
- Usman Khosa '04
- Kristin Stahlschmidt Lambert '69
- Ron LaRocca '04
- Bryan J. MacDonald '81
- Tika Martin '94
- Sara Meyers '98
- Anne Mickle '89
- Brian Oduor '06
- Leigh Semonite Palmer '78
- Chris Perkins '92
- Elisabeth Rohrbach '06
- Meg Ryan '97
- Nancy Schoepfer Sanders '63
- Tedd Saunders '83
- Matthew Simmons P'04
- Matt Smith '01
- David Stern '79
- Ryan Woodward '04



"DISAVOWAL: IT'S LOUDEST WHEN SOMEONE IS LISTENING" WAS PERFORMED AS PART OF THE COLLEGE'S RACE, SPACE AND MEMORY SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY (CCSRE). THE WORK-IN-PROGRESS WAS CONCEIVED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY DAVID DORFMAN IN COLLABORATION WITH DAVID DORFMAN DANCE AND WITH CONSULTING BY DAVID KYUMAN KIM. DORFMAN IS THE WILLIAM MEREDITH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DANCE; KIM IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND INAUGURAL DIRECTOR OF CCSRE. LEFT TO RIGHT WHITNEY TUCKER, KARL ROGERS, DAVID DORFMAN, PATRICK FERRERI, KYLE ABRAHAM, LINDSAY ASHMUN, JENNA RIEGEL





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